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David Jackson,

fashionable man, a sound freak, electric saxophonist with Britain's most fashionable band — Van

fashionable band — Van der Graaf Generator. They are talked about in endless circles, and recent tours have produced legions of fans for this remarkable band. And they don't have a guitarist. Jackson, a B.A. in Psychology, is one of the new form of audience idols — and he neither sings, nor plays guitar. Instead he is the first genuine purveyor of the complete electric saxophone. Jackson has large pockets of fans throughout the country, and Van der Graaf, the dream of leader and writer, Peter Hammill, have at last broken through.

through.
"I know we are fashionable, but I'm glad, because I've believed so much in this music for so long," says Jackson.
MM writer Roy Hollingworth travels with Van der Graaf, talks with them, and presents a two-page close-up on pages 28 and 29.

# plans encore

AN EXTRA London concert has been arranged for Ella Fitz-gerald and the Count Basie Orchestra this

month.

Ella and Basie were to have played only three dates together here — at London's Royal Festival Hall (8), De Montfort Hall, Leicester (9) and the Dome, Brighton (12). But Ella will now return from her Contines tho

## Nyro

LAURA NYRO flies into London on May 5 to ful-fil her commitment to record a programme in BBC2's "In Concert"

BBC2's "In Concert" series next day.

She was to have taped the programme following her British debut at the Royal Festival Hall in February, but was forced to return to America suddenly because of a death in her family. She will make no other superances during



DAVID JACKSON of Van der Graaf Generator: electric saxist with a "fashionable" band.

RITA COOLIDGE — the "Delta Lady in Joe Cocker's Mad Dogs and Englishmen — will accompany the Byrds, who flew into Heathrow Airport from Los Angeles today (Thursday), on their first British tour.

from Los Angeles today (Thursday), on their first British tour.
Previously the Byrds have only visited Britain for occasional concerts. Their lest British appearance was at last year's Bath Festival—when they were forced to play an acoustic set because of rain.

The group visited Britain in 1968 as a sixpiece for two London concerts — but the line-up has changed considerably since then. Current line-up is Roger McGulinn — the only original member of the group left — Gene Parsons, Skip Battin and Clarence White.

This line-up appeared at Bath — but it is the first time that British audiences can see them using electric equipment.

The tour opens at Colston Hall, Bristol next Monday (May 3) and continues at Fairfield Hall, Croydon (6), Ciry Hall, Newcastle (7), Liverpool University (8), Ciry Hall, Sheffield (9), Free Trade Hall, Manchester (10), Town Hall, Birmingham (11) and Royal Albert Hall, London (13), and continues at Fairfield London (13), and continues at Fairfield London (14), Free Trade Hall, Manchester (10), Town Hall, Birmingham (11) and Royal Albert Hall, London (13), and the continues are the continues at Fairfield London (14), and the continues at Fairfield London (15), and the continues at Fairfield London (15), and the continues at Fairfield London (15), and the continues at Fairfield London (16), and the continues at Fairfield London (17), and the continues at Fairfield London (17), and the continues at Fairfield London (18), and the continues at Fairfield London (18), and the continues at Fairfield London (19), and the continues at Continues at Fairfield London (19), and the continues at Fairfield London (19), and the continues at Continues at Fairfield London (19), and London (19)

### Rod's hit-trick

ROD STEWART'S third solo titled "Every Picture Tells A Story," has been completed and will be released in July, a month after the Faces return from their American tour. Label has not

from their American tour. Label has not been set.

Rod is backed by the Faces on one track and on the rest by drummer Micky Waller, and guitarists Ron Wood and Martin Quittendon.

The Faces, with Rod, appear at Camden Arts Festival, London, and on BBC TV's Top Of The Pops tonight (Thursday).

Other dates are: Watford Town Hall (May 6), The Fox Sussex Sports Club (7), Leicester Polytechnic (8), Nag's Head, Wollaston, Northants (14), Crystal Palace (15), Birmingham Town Hall (18), Loughborough University (21), Liverpool Stadium (22), Victoria Hall, Hanley (23), Winter Gardens, Bournemouth (26), Fillmore North, Newcastle (28), and Greyhound Club, Croydon (30).

DAVID CROSBY: HYPE OR HERO? SEE PAGE 15

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# Head, Hands fall on their Feet

HEAD, Hands and Feet, the group fronted by guitarist Albert Lee, re-graded from last America week where their showcase concert at the Los Angeles Troubadour re-

Birmingham Town Hall (12).

Forthcoming British dates for Head, Hands and Feet include Blackpool (May 13), Sheffield (14), Barnet (18), York (20), Wellington (21), Clacton-on-Sea (22), Farx, Southall (23), Whitley Bay (28), Liverpool Stadium (29) and Redcar Jazz Club (30).

#### **COLLINS TOUR**

DAVE AND ANSIL COL-LINS, whose "Double Barrel" single is coming up to the 250,000 mark, arrived in Britain last Friday for a cabaret and ballroom tour. The tour opens this Satur-

Troubadour received rave reviews.

The Los Angeles Times described Head, Hands and Feet as the best British group to visit America for four years — and among the audience were Frankle Valli, Nell Diamond, Gordon Lightfoot, the Everly Brothers, Tim Rose and the Crickets, who invited Albert Lee to join them in a jam session.

The group are returning to America in July and have been offered concerts at both Fillmores. Whilst over there Capitol boss Arty Mogali gave the group and each member of the group £1,000.

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#### New progressive channel?

# Radio Three may rock this autumn

PROGRESSIVE music may be featured on the BBC's Radio Three channel in the autumn.

Discussions are currently in progress with Radio Three controller Howard Newby, chief assistant Peter Dodd and radio three producers—and the outcome is likely to be an hour's programme featuring progressive rock either once weekly or fortnightly.

The BBC told the MM this week: "This is in its very early stages. What we are talking about is a programme to feature new trends in pop music We would present the best in pop, but it won't be until the autumn because of programme schedules."

Certain Radio One discockeys, including John Peel, have been campaigning for progressive music on a diffect of the progressive music on a diffect thannel for some time.

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#### **NEW DANA SINGLE**

DANA, currently touring with Engelbert Humperdinck, has recorded another Paul Ryan composition for her follow-up to the chartrider "Who Put The Lights Out," also by Paul.

rrom May 23 to 30.

On June 7, Dana starts rehearsals for a summer show with Frank Iffield at Scarborough.

The film Flight Of The Dove, a pantomine-fantasy starring Dana, is due for release on August 1.

#### **BLUE MINK SIGNED**

BLUE MINK have signed a three-year contract with EMI

released on the Regal Zono-phone label. A single, "The Banner Man," is scheduled for release on May 7.

MARK ALMOND BACK

MARK ALMOND return from
their first Stateside tour this
week and have a week's rest
British Uniting a month long
between the long of the long
tour during May.

The tour opens at Aberdeen
University on May 6, and
ends at the London Lyceum
on May 30, Rest of the dates
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(24), Isleworth
Fleachers Training College
(25), Exeter University (26),
and York University on May
28.

#### ARMADA SAIL

ARMADA, the new Sammy Rimmington group, begin four weeks of engagements tomorrow (Friday). They play the Philippa Fawcetr College. Streatham (April 30), term of the Park University (May 1), Lancing College (2), Brighton College of Education (4), London's Bumpers (5) and Horseshoe, WI at unchilime (7) and Leeds Polytechnic the same evening.

## More Mountain

MORE dates have now been been set for Mountain, who arrive in Britain midway through May.

The group will play four British dates at Crystal Palace Bowl (May 15). Kineth: Circ George's Hall Liverpool (22) and Lyceum, London (23).



# IoW FOR U.S TV

RICHARD ROSCOE -- rival Isle of Wight Festival organiser to the Foulk brothers — this week announced he had arranged 150 outlets in America for televising of the festival he intends to promote on the Island during the last weekend in August. The band will be called NATO, and DeJohnette will bring Bill Wood (bass). Don Elly (percussion), and Juma Santos (Conga). Here hell meet up with Jeff Lee (alto) and Jerry Flüggerald (guitar) and Devid Allen, former Soft Machine guitarist who now leads a band called Gong in Paris.

There's a possibility that they'll be joined by two other Davis alumni, pianist Chick Corea and bassist Dave Holland, for the recording, which will take place In Advision Studies, produced by Martin Rushant.

It's hoped that NATO will

Seating capacity in the various cinemas and theatres is over 1,000,000 per day, who will receive live transmission of the

Assisting Roscoe in the enture are Eric Blackstead, roducer of the Woodstock burn, and former Beatles' and manager, Mal Evans.

#### YES SOUNDTRACK

YES have been invited to write and play the entire sountrack for a market programmer of the contract of the co

#### **DeJOHNETTE DUE**

Cheap Stefan

ROY Orbison flew into Britain

STEFAN Grossman, the American guitarist and songwriter is to return to England in May for a budget concert tour and begin work on a new album.

Stefan, who has been working with Paul Simou, returns to Europe on April 29 for concerts in Germany. Sweden and Denmark.

Dates set for the British concerts are Kings Theatre, Barnstaple (May 17), Bath Pavilion (18), City Hall, Newcastle (19), Caird Hall, Dundee (20), Glasgow City Hall (21), Guildford Civic Hall (22), St George's Hall, Bradford (26), and Guildhall, Southampton (28).

Grossman will be supported by Unicorn and tickets will cost 40p.



TYGER HUTCHINGS: OF Hall gig

# Funk in a football ground

GRAND FUNK Railroad are set for a London Concert on July 3 — probably at a major Football Ground. The group's manager was in London last week negotiating a suitable venue for the group. The London date is part of a European tour which include dates in Hamburg (June 18), Disseldorf (19), Frankrut (20), Munich (21), Nuremburg (22), Rotterdam (25), Paris (26), Brussels (28), Milan (30) and Rome (July 1). Milan (30) and Rome (July 1), Milan (30) and Rome (July 1), Sheat Stadium in New York, followed by a concert in Tokyo on July 18. Shows at the Yale Bowl and Los Angeles follow, and each of these four venues hold 100,000 people.

#### **NEW MAC MAN**

FLEETWOOD Mac have replaced Jeremy Spencer, who left the group in the States to join a fanatical religious group during their last Stateside tour, with San Francian guitarist, vocalist and composer Bowleth.

can guitarist, vocalist and composer Bob Welch.
Chifford Davis, Fleetwood Mac's manager told the MM that Bob Welch had been playing with a French-based American banging with a French-based American banging with a French-based American banging with a first playing were put in contact with him by Glern Cornick's wife.
Fleetwood Mac are rehearsing and recording at the moment, and will start gigging at the beginning of June before going back with the beginning of June before going back of the start of the seventh tour Jermy Spencer was due to return to England from the States last Monday with a couple of Children of God followers, but failed to arrive. "He was booked on a flight is with Repoise records in Los Angeles, I expect he forgot to get that sorted out."

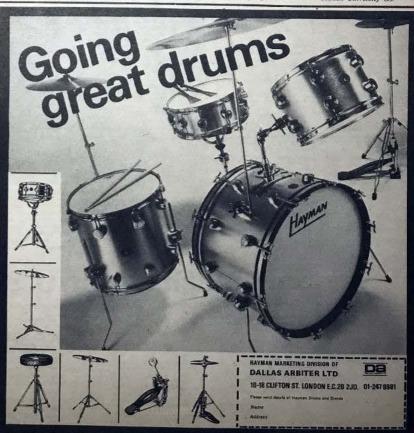
# Steeleye for Whit Festival

STELLEYE Span, who are appearing in a stage version of the play "Corunna" at the Royal Court Theatre, London, from May 17 to 23, are set to play the Saturday night concert during the Whit Festival at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, London, on May

29, with the Strawbs,
Following the concert they
will go on the road with the
Corunna Company. The dates
for the tour are Young Vic.
London (May 30), Kent University (June 1), Hornsey
Town Hall (2), Fairfield Hall,
Croydon (3), St George's Hall,

Liverpool (4 and 5), Bedford University (7), Southampton University (8), Harrogate Opera House (9), and Manchester University (11), The group are also set for an hour long John Peel Sunday Show on Radio One, which is being recorded on

spectacular for Granaua reversion.
Other dates for the group without the Corunna company—are University of Essex (May 6), Trent Polytechnic, Nottingham (7), and London University (8).



## jazz news

THE RED River Jazzmen, who were featured in the first presentation of Jazz Worth West at Woodford Community Centre in 1961, will be a gag for the society's bloom on Saturdation Chris Barber and his Band.

Dance on Saturday (1) supporting, star attraction Chris
Barber and his Band.

On May 15 Jazz North
West will present the Terry
Lightfoot Band — for charity,
of coursel Bob Downes Open
Music is performing with the
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Swan Inn, Horsham, is now
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TONY Faulkner's Big Band provides the music at the Sunday Swing Club. Osterley Motel, on May 2, and the resident Maurice Earle Big Band will be back at the club on May 9. BBC Jazz Club recorder Johnnie Hawksworth's Ensemble there last Sworth's Ensemble there are the last Sworth's Ensemble there are the last Sworth's Ensemble there are the Sworth's Ensemble the Ensemble

worth's Ensemble there last Sunday (25) for transmission later.

Birmingham's Opposite Lock Club announce the return this month of Salena Jones and her trio. She appears there for four days, from May Edward Horough (15) and the Lock Hampton Court, on Saturday (1), the Black Prince, Bexley (3), and the Lord Napier, Thornton Heath (4), Speaking of the Napier, this was the scene of a special tribute session on Monday evening to trumpeter Bill Brunskill. Among those present were a number of the musicians who have worked the session on Monday evening to trumpeter Bill Brunskill. Among those present were a number of the musicians who have worked the session on Monday evening to trumpeter the session on Monday evening to trumpeter the Bill Brunskill. Among those present were a number of the musicians who have worked to the session of the musicians who have the session of the contest and his place has now been filled by a traddier session of the contest and this place has now been filled by a traddier outfit from Switzerland.

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Switzerland.

Several out-of-town attractions are lined-up for the Birmingham Arms in that city. The Frog Island Jazz Band are due there tomorrow (Friday) and future bookings include Ken Colyer's Jazzmen (May 21) and the Dud Clews Jazz Orchestra the following Friday (28).

#### Reed arrives

The show, screened at 6.15 n, also includes guest pearances by Sandie Shaw, att Monro, the Alan Haven io, and Fantastics and courants Filnt.



# No Beatles appeal - McCartney leaving

to leave the group and will not appeal against the recent court decision to appoint a receiver to look into their affairs.

Mr Morris Finer, QC, representing Apple Corps Ltd, Lennon, Harrison and Starr, reported to the Apple Court on Monday that his clients considered in the circumstances that it was in the best interests to consider means whereby Mc-

Cartney could disengage himself from the partner-

himself tranships, and the state of the Appeal would be hostile to the atmosphere best suited for negotiations, and accordingly asked for thir appeal to be dismissed. McCartney's QC, Mr Jeffrey

■ The Groundhogs, whose latest album "Split" jumps up to No. 13 in the MM chart this week, are set for their first American tour from May 26 to July 10. Actual dates have not been set yet — the tour shedule opens in Los Angeles for the second half of May and moves on to San Francisco in early June. Upcoming British dates include Wake Arms, Epping (Saturday), Winning Post, Twickenham (May 5), Sussex Sports Centre, Brighton (7), Race Course, Lincoln (3), City Hall, Newcastle (11) and Country Club, Hampstead (14).

# A BOOK of poems by Marc Bolan, leader of T. Rex, goes Into Its third reprint this week. The book, entitled "The Warlock Of Love," contains 62 poems by Marc — and has sold a total of 7,000 copies in the British Isles. Soft Machine for U.S.

(29), and the Van Dyke Club, Plymouth, on May 31.

To coincide with the tour, Harvest are releasing the band's third album titled simply "Edgar Broughton Band." It cost over £10.000 to produce and features a thirty piece orchestra arranged by David Bedford and the Ladybirds on three tracks.

**BOLAN POEMS** 

A TOUR of the States is scheduled for TheSoft Machine after their appearance with Miles Davis at the Newport Jazz Festival on July 5.

Their manager, Sean Murphy, told MM that it was not yet certain whether the band would do both East and West coasts, but at least one of the Fillmores was on the cards.

It is a side to substantiate a rumour, begun in the States, that wo or three weeks and the venues will be concert halls.

Murphy said the band was something a sill regarded as "something the selection of the sel

London on May 10, will be recording a live double album during his European tour, to be released later this year for Mercury.

Recording begins in Mon-treux on May 2, Hamburg (May 5), The Paris Olympia (May 8), The Albert Hall (May 11), and Birmingham Town Hall (May 12),

MILES RECORDS

Miles' ten-piece band will also be playing at London's Speakeasy on May 13.

The decision of the other three to allow McCartney to

go his own way strengthens the likelihood that Lennon, Harrison and Starr may re-cord together again — pos-sibly with Klaus Voorman playing bass.

Wishbone

concerts

TAYLOR DATES

JAMES TAYLOR is set for six concert dates in Britain during the summer to Opening show at London's Royal Festival Hall on July 9 is in aid of Release. Other dates are Colston Hall, Bristol (10), Manchester Free Trade Hall (11), Glasgow City Hall (14) and Fairfield Hall, Croydon (16).

# Summer shake-up for Luxembourg Also from May 2, the 208 Top 30 Sound Survey chart will be broadcas on the conwill be broadcas on the coninghts at 10.30 pm with Paul Burnett chairing, followed at midnight by Kid Jensen's Progressive Top 20. Replacing the Sunday Sound Survey show, listeners will hear the Top 10. Hit Pick, Power Plays, Name The Pick, Fower Plays, Name The participation on the steners on Fridays, between 1.00 and 3.00 am, a new programme of revived 45s and album tracks will be featured.

RADIO Luxembourg are giving their schedules a New Look shake-up for the summer months from this

summer months from this Sunday (2). Phil Henderson, arranger-composer and MD has produced a new package of lingle's and station identifications, and wide use of the Moog Synthesiser has been used.

#### No Dust on peace show

WARM DUST, who hit the world's front pages with their audience with the Pope ten days ago, have the page of the pa

ANGEL DELIGHT.

A Fairport Convention's first album for almost a year, will be released on June 11th on the Island label. New songs written by Fairport are included along with traditional numbers rearranged by them.

They return from their tour of Hungary on June 1, and play in the Sligo Music of Hungary on June 1, and play in the Sligo Music Holland, and Jonovan's exhaud, are ad, Donovan's exhaud, are ad, Donovan's exhaud our of the group 'Candy' John Carr, Mike Thomson, Barry Husband and Simon Lamzon with songs. The group are making an appearance at an Implesion at London's Roundhouse on May 16 becture a proposed tour of the country.

MUNGO JERRY have been refused permission from the Musicians Union to tour South Africa during July, Reason for the ban is that the concerts would be played to white audiences only.

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Al Stewart and Dr Strangely Strange are to appear in
concert it Theatre.
Driving Lane, London 18, 24
has written a 40 minute work
in eight parts which he will
be performing for the first
time. For the Strangelies it
will be their first appearance
in the country after a seven
week tour of the Continent,

PREDA PAYNE, due to fly
to Britain from Paris
this Saturday, will record a
Top Of The Pops on May, 5
for possible screening the
next day.

As announced in the MM
last week, Freda plays
cabaret in Birmingham for six
days from May 3, Three at
the Cavendish Club followed
by three at La Dolce Vita.

The Strawbs, currently on their first British tour, are appearing at the London Lyceum on May 9. Their fourth album, From The Witchwood, will now be released by A&M on May 21.

L'ULU's forthcoming BBC.

TV series kicks eff on July 17 at the peak-viewing jime of 8 pm on Saturday evenings. First of the eight weekly shows is recorded by Lulu on July 12.

Lulu starts her new series following a stint at the Las Vegas Riviera, where she opens a season on June 16.

This Sunday, she makes a quick return to the Val Doonican TV show following a guest spot only 10 days ago. Tonight (Thursday), fault will feature her new single, "Everybody Clap" on Top Of The Pops."

Tony Christie flies to Yugoslavia for the second year running to compete for Britain in the Yugoslav Song Festival in Split on June 27.

Christie, whose "Las Vegas" follow up, "I Did What I Did For Maria," has just been released by MCA is featured on ATV's Golden Shot on May 30.

"I Did What I Did," another Mitch Murray-Peter Callander composition and production, will also be the opening track on Christies first album, set for release of May 21.

May 21.

Tony Christie dates include Webbington Country Claberstol (week of May 2), Pictadilly Hotel, Manchester (week of May 15) and Queet of Hearts, Cardiff (week of May 23).

Heavy **DON'T** make 'em happy

Edmunds, the Equals, Status Quo and Stade are all set to appear at a "light" festival to be held at Weeley near Clacton-on-Sea on August 28 and 29.

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a survey among young people.
"Eighty per cent of the answers preferred the pop groups to bands like Black Sabbath or Deep Purple." Vic Speck, vice-chair man of the Round Table festival organiser told the MM this week.
"The festival will start on the Friday evening and run non-stop until the early hours of Sunday merning. We are hoping for about 12,000 although we can cope with 50,000," he added.
"We have never had a festivent word in the start of the start



a success we shall repeat it next year and perhaps have bigger name groups on the bill."

Tickets, which will be available at the end of May, will cost £1 before the day and £1.50 on the day.

Also on the bill are Demon Fuzz, Raymond Froggatt, Gentle Giant and Kiss.

# Chairmen's full dates

THE FULL itinerary of the Chairmen of the Board's tour was announced this week.

Board's tour was announced this week.

The group, making its first trip to Britain, arrive from New York on May 13 or 14 and open on May 15 at Normal College, Bangor.

Dates then follow at the USAF Bases at Upper Heyford and Croughton (16), Locaro, Stevenage (17), Top Of The Pops, recording (19), Ballison (19), Ballison

The Chairmen then play a week from May 31 at the Fiesta, Sheffield.
They double the Orchid Putley with Tiffany a, liford on the night of June 10, then Rebe another double date at Sheffield and the Sheffield Sheffield

The tour winds up on June 12 at the Civic Hall, St Al-

#### MIXTURES' SEASON

# band on the road

DRUMMER Pete York is planning to take his percussion band on the road in the summer, but it is doubtful whether it will include the stars who have appeared in it at their two sessions at London's Bumpers Club.
"We will start at the end

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#### MELODY MAKER REPORTERS COVER THE WIDE MUSIC WORLD IN THE USA

#### from VICKI WICKHAM in NEW YORK

asked to come in to advise, choose material and produce their next album.

B, S & T have been burn rapped and the last album was nowhere near either the one Al did or the second produced by Chicago's producer, James Guerich. So Al's back and very happy about it all.

Diana Ross is everywhere five TV special "Diana" is on this Sundano, we man is on the Sundano, we man is on the Sundano, we have succeeded by the sibum soundtrack, so I guess there's nobody doesn't know it's on. And strong rumour has it she's pregnant and looking a little chubby.

And she has a magnificent, beautiful new single about to be released. Nick Asthord and Valerie Simpson produced it. They wrote and produced the "Reach Out and Touch;" "Remember Me" and "Ain't Not they wrote and produced the "Reach Out and Touch; "I have the four Tops' golden oldie, extended it, re-arranged it, pushed it and pulled it, coaxed Diana and come out with a brand new sparkling, inspired and delicious sounding. "Reach Out — I'll Be Three." It makes you jump up and down, because you just never thought of the song that way.

Just as the combination of Paul Buckmaster, Elton John,

Just as the combination of Paul Buckmaster, Elton John, Bernie Taupin and Gus Dug-eon made a perfect second album for Elton, the combin-ed talents of Jerry Wexler, Arif Mardin and Donny Hathaway have made this year's stunner. Donny had an album out last year called "Everything Is Everything" and everyone I knew dug and raved about it, particularly a track called "The Ghetto" but it didn't get through.

He's a jack of all trades.

but it didn't get through

He's a jack of all trades.
He's a singer, composer,
musician, arranger and producer. Wearing one or a combination of these hats he's
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Lena Horne, The Staple Singers, Curtis Mayfield, Aretha

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# CHICAGO at Carnegie Hall, every night and two shows on Friday and Saturday, were great, From being "show-bandish" they are now very interesting "live" and have perfected their recording sound for stage — but, gosh it was loud — too loud. They played a lot of familiar numbers, doing "I'm A Man" which they said they hadn't done in a long time. The evening was divided into two sets and from the first part my favourite was "Doesn't Anybody Know What Time It Is?" with piano intro by Robert Lamm. Part two gems were "Free," "25 or 6 to 4," and "The Travel Suite" with drummer Danny Seraphine's fantastic solo. The most outright musical evening I've heard in a long time. Blood, Sweat and Tears began it all, and their creator, AI Kooper who formed the group, produced their first album and split for a nervous breakdown, has now been asked to come in to advise, choose material and produce their next album. B, S & T have been bum returns to BS and T

Hottest selling single in the US is "Battle Hymn of Lt. Calley" by Terry Nelson and C. Company.

Calley" by Terry Nelson and C. Company.

There it is, first week of release in the charts in the mid-forties, with bullets, stars and a huge chunk of sales. It's interesting that more and more here the lyrics of a song are newsworthy, but saleable entertainment — "Ohio" last year by CSN and Y after the incident at Kent State University where students were shot to death by the State Police, on a much lighter level the current rush to mention "Hot Pants" in the title (the old Royal Teens" "Short Shorts" has been resurrected as Hot Pants), and now a sentimental and pro statement concerning the recent conviction of LL you of murdering 21 civilians at the Mai Lai incident in Vietnam.

nam.
Lyric-wise too, the commission who "censor" what we hear played on the radio and well of the collar about mentions of drugs. They're suddenly reading hidden meanings into brownie meanings in chocolate-fudge cake, as recorded by good old all -American niceguy Lou Christle.
"He means upper pills," they say, Even though Step-

for CLASSIC value!

The Doors' new single "Love Her Madly" is back to rock music, and they also have a good new album "L. A. Woman" released last week — but it's their last for leiktra the label where they've been since late '66, and the label which helped give them is good-albums, and coment on a new label has yet been issued.



AL KOOPER: happy about it all

## New Joe Cocker single soon

from JACOBA ATLAS in LOS ANGELES

in LOS ANGELES
TWO OF the now dissolved Spirit are forming a new band: Mark Andes and Jay Ferguson. The duo will open at the Golden Bear (a small club on the outside the season of the season of the control of the season of the

only. After that they will go their separate ways.
Heads, Hands and Feet surprised everyone in the city by absolutely, "wowing," the near sell-out audience at the Troubadour, vertisen, as single and with only little advertisen, and the sell-out about Albert Lee brought the fans in mouth about Albert Lee brought the fans in Peter Jamesen, expected paris and Peter Jamesen, recording a live babum during their Troubador stint.
Carole King, has refused a very lucrative tour offer to stay home with her two daughters aged 9 and 11.

from Leonard Feather in Los Angeles and Jeff Atterton in New York

DRUMMER Tony Williams has been busy cutting his third album for Polydor. Entitled "Ego," it will feature two other percussionists, Don Alias and Warren Smith, along with Ted Dunbar on guitar, Larry Young (who now calls has been been supported by the control of the control of

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vention and Tourist Council of Kansas City, sponsoring the event, promised that no rock or pop groups would appear. Among those booked were the Buddy Rich orchestra: Gene Harris and the Ray Brown and Herb Ellis with two local musicians, Frank Smith on piano and Richard Ross on drums; Joe Thomas; also Jimmy Rushing with a group led by Jay McShann that includes Fabenias on saxophone and Paul Gunther on drums.

Tommy Vig, the vibraphon-list, composer and conductor, has signed with the Stangard wi

defunct Los Angeles Neophonic Orchestra in 1985-6.

Veteran Jazz trombonist J.
C. Higginbotham, 65, a star of such early bands as Luis Russell, Fletcher Henderson and Louis Armstrong, and winner of many Jazz polls in New York. Friends and well-wishers may drop him a line-care of Harlem Hospital, 9th floor, 135th St. and Lenox Ave., New York City.

Willie Anderson, the legendary jazz pianist who was a World War II Army buddy of John Hammond, died March 15 in Detroit at the age of 49. He had suffered a stroke a year ago.

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Plans are now being consolidated for Gil Evans' first European tour, which will begin in mid-lane and run to begin in mid-lane and run to the plant of the plant of

an opera, "Escalator Over The Hill," subtitled "A Chromotransduction," which she has been working on for three years. She is set to take part in a three-record album version of the project under the substitution of the project under the substitution of the project under the substitution of the project of



Hedley Caliman, the former Gerald Wilson multi-reed and flute man, has signed with Mainstream Records and recorded with his own combo in San Trancisco.

In San Tranc



30th April



# Map = GC THE INVASION



TAKES PLACE AT:

Wintergardens, Cleethorpes (for Grimsby College of Tech.) - May 4th Grimsby College of Tech.)-May 4th Speakeasy, London-May 5th Lanchester Polytechnic, Coventry and Kinetic Circus, Birmingham-May 7th The Lincoln Festival (Lincoln Race Course)-May 8th Roundhouse, Chalk Farm-May 9th Cooks Ferry Inn, Edmington-May 10th Assembly Rooms, Tunbridge Wells-May 12th

May 12th Locarno, Leeds-May 13th Liverpool Polytechnic-May 14th Kirklevington Country Club-May 15th Quaintways, Chester-May 17th Fox At The Starlight, Crawley-May 18th Country Club, Haverstock Hill, N.W.3-May 19th Kursel B/R, Southend-May 20th University Cardiff-May 21st Village Roundhouse, Dagenham and Temple Club, Wardour St. London-May 22nd

The Fox at the Greyhound, Croydon-May 23rd

and wash their hands before reading this note." Dear Lucifer, we're so hip we don't wash, man. Also the depicted blood on the letter looks more like Passion Nights amazmy lipstick from Goya, so who's bidding here's a tale of Fred Munt. Now our Fred, tour managing the Charisma roadshow, surprised all members on the coach travelling up to Southport by leaping to the door when the vehicle passed a flock of sheep off the MI. Fred whistled loudly, the sheep nearly gathered together, and left the field. Here we have the said Fred whistled loudly, the sheep nearly gathered together, and left the field. Here we have the said Fred whistled loudly, the sheep nearly gathered together, and left the field. Here we were ceases to amaze ... "Dear Raver, I have my English A level, Grade A. I'm very worried. Does this mean I can no longer be a fan of Dave Crosby's' Gillian, try a solution of soap liquid, pepper, and lemon julce, and shake before putting it away. Complaints department. The stone of the stone

IT HAS come to our attention, per the medium of press hand-out, that the above recording artistes, namely the Flirations, have signed an exclusive contract with Gem Music Productions — as their contract with Decca has recently expired. More fax and info: They will be produced by Don Hunter, and discussions for distribution are currently taking place. But who cares? Not us. Certainly not you. Probably not even the Firitations. Still, they make a nice Raver page picture in a lean week, right? Or maybe, any week. **Country** comedy

WHAT a treat BBC gave us on Saturday evening, large sassy helpings of hogsgrits and sourmilk from the cream of Country and Western. Wasn't it absurdly funny?

absurdly funny?

Without any snide words, all we had to do was sit back and watch C&W hang tiself from the Empire Pool, Wembley, at the Third International Festival of Country Music. Never has there been so much bad music.

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Abaurd showmanship from Hank Williams Jur, on "Memphis Tennessee" almost Irensessee". almost Irensessee" with Irensessee with Irensess

hey're all a load of frustrated lumberjacks, but extremely time comedy entertainment. Yee hal tive at Leeds — or was it thicage. Which prompts the live at Leeds — or was it thicage. Which prompts the live was Woodstock to the live were held? Come lack Stoneground, we need you because you were fine and funky. Judging from his Roundbouse gig, Ron Geesla knows what it's all about. But several others in the Camden Festival audience didn't — the Yes dressing room was broken into, and wallets lifted. Now that's a real No. No. (ughb).
Advert in the Braintree and Witham Times reads: Johnny Dankworth and P. O. Lese ... Someone must have got their

lines crossed, eh what?
The next item in the Raver's folder is a pair of Joag sticks,
PAIR of Joag sticks,
Rogar Dalirey and John Entwistle at raver-in-chief Keith
Moon's party at Reith's hotel
in Chipping Norton, at the
weekend.
Also spotted in
the melce, Faces Ron Wood
and Ronnie Laine, Legs Larry
Smith and new Mother Marthi Lickert. Popular hooker Dick Jordan, after one year
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Tucker's Rubber Duck?
Vinquiries department
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Mother Tucker is another band
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and Miles.
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Raver and MM staff this week
from British Rock and Roll
Fans. Commander Lucifer
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cherubs — who have been
making hip noises and sneering — trying to boot the Rock
and Roll Allstars in the you-

## Raver's guide to the week

Activoty, Swindon, today, hersday): In true style the 3B start their first four in small club taking their volutionary message to masses. The mind bog-

opportunity to see the Coppers folk group.
RENAISSANCE II (Hydraspace, Watford, Saturday):
Many groups have tried to combine classics and rock.
Renaissance have succeeded. combine classics and rock Renaisance have succeeded HELP YOURSELF (Roundhouse, Degenham, Saturday): Help Yourself to a little down home music pardner and get along to see this country influenced band.

COLIN SCOTT (The Friary, Plymouth, Sunday): Basically a folk singer, part of Scott's interest is his use of rock

and roll songs.

THE BYRDS (Colston Hall, Bristol, Monday): The Byrds have only played a coupie of dates in England before.

COUSINS LAMBERT (Isle-worth Polytechnic, Tuesday): With the Strawbs gone electric, Dave Cousins is playing a few wooden music playing a few wooden music sets with a friend, Dave Lambert, a raspy-voiced guitarist.

STEALERS WHEEL (Ballerup Hall, East Kilbride Civic Centre, Wednesday): A folk "super" group, what next

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WE ARE NOT OF YOUR WORLD WE MEAN YOU NO HARM

Richard Williams reports from Paris on the band who hit Britain next week ...

# Santana—the people's band

HOW'D you like it if, the next time you strolled up to London's Albert Hall to see your fave rave rock 'n' roll band, you were greeted by the sight of several dozen riot police masked by MACE-proof

visors and toting greasy car-bines and polished nightsticks? Not much, I'll be bound. But that kind of welcome for rock fans seems a matter of course on the Continent, almost the rule rather than the exception.

Continent, almost the rule rather than the exception.

Yet there they were, in all their pomp and circumstances, outside the hallowed precincts of the Olympia Music Hall in Paris last Sunday night, facing the crowds preparing for Santana's concert.

Driving along the leafy boulevard, one ould see a crowd of kids running, half on the sidewalks and half on the street. Chasing them, rather half-heartedly, was a posse of files, who gave up the chase after a couple of hundred metres.

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In the control of the control of hundred metres and transled out to guard ... what? ... against ... what? Paris is a city built for street-fighting men — the easily removable paving stones of handy throwing size, the trees and kinsks conveniently situated for temporary shelter, the wide streets in which it difficult of the control of the c

in reasonable proximity to his pyramid tomb.

Few bands around can create such a rapport with an audience. Parily it's because they come across, in some indefinable way, as a people's hand; they enjoy themselves, show it, project it, but, unlike so many others, never overdo the projection at the expense of their main strengths, of course, is in the percussion section; it's their trademark, and the drum extravaganzas are what gets the crowd on its feet, I've heard some African drummers put them down, but I think they've missed the point Santana's polyrhythms come only indirectly from Africa, filtered through the cultures of Cuba and Puerto Rica, and that's an important difference.

and Puerto Rica, and that's an important difference. Instead of being an alternative to the front-line. Santana's drums lay down the

bedrock, mainly for their leader's guitar. The variation is there, for sure, mainly in the congas of Mike Carrabello, a fiery tubulumper who shifts the accents somewhere in between the matrix of Mike Shrieve's conventional kit and Coke's timbales.

(Perhaps, at this point, I should explain that the band has two new members since their last London gig. Coke (no other name, apparently) has taken over from Chepito Areas, who's been seriously ill after a fall, and another guitarist has been added, name of Neil Schon. More of him later.)

Shrieve has to be one of the best drummers in rock, despite the fact that he's woefully underrated. Apart from possessing a lovely technique which allows him to float over the heads (drum) with unfailing smoothness, he can also put it together into a logical statement. A mediocre drummer wouldn't ruin this band, because of the strength of Carrabello and Coker Shrieve is something approaching a great drummer, so you can judge for yourself the catalytic affect he has.

His solo, inevitably on "Soul Sacrifice." was a gem of logical development, the packed audience with roars of joy and appreciation. Don't make the mistake of thinking that his playing's simplistic, either, it takes brain as well as stamma to play as he does.

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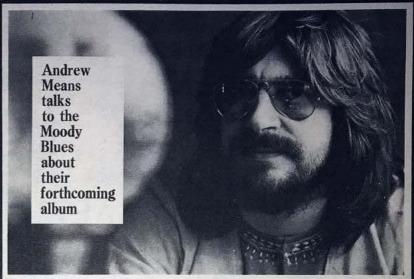
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instrument is a spearhead of some kinded
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use of a long, even tremelo on the long
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a second lead playing most rewarding,
somehow managing to soothe and entrage
simutaneously.

Schon has a long way to go before he can
match Carlos, but he's very young and he's
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bands around can create such a rapport with audience."



GRAEME EDGE: you have to be simple

#### THERE was I, and across the table, that was Ray Thomas. Decca studios halfway through the new Moody Blues album.

I'd just asked Ray what the new album was about, and he'd just replied that he didn't know. In fact, they

hadn't even de-cided on a title.

But I'd always thought that those interwoven album themes resulted from intensive prefrom intensive pre-liminaries of rap and hard thought. Well no, it wasn't quite like that. Besides al-

thought, Well no, it wasn't quite like that. Besides all-bums were getting more difficult. After all this one was the sixth — the sixth time they'd "bared their souls." — and it could be a problem not repeating previous ideas.

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# MOODY NEWS

sound on stage.

Come September when the group go on the road again, Graeme Edge will be playing a percussion moog. Ray Thomas will have an electric flute that can reproduce numerous woodwind and stripe sounds and produce numerous wood-wind and string sounds, and Mike Pinder will be sur-rounded by a new mellot-ron, electric piano and two moogs. Consequently they will be able to reproduce their studio sound on stage The scope is virtually limit-less.

ess.
"In certain parts I can

play Iwo bongos, a brass section and a standard drum kit — not a drum kit a drum kit sound," explained Graeme. Although he will still use drumsticks he's worried that people may think that a moog is soul-less.

less.

Despite the capabilities of this equipment Graeme assured me of the importance of melody in their music.

Would they be exploring what might be called experimental sound to any average.

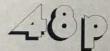
"Definitely no." Graeme

came electronics and they ignored them."

Obvlously one or two guitarists were really great. It was the innovators that mattered — people like Fric Another point that annoyed him was that musicians sometimes criticised their audiences for not knowing much about music. You couldn't expect that The musicians were there because they were meant to be "Oxperta" be a could be a couldn't expect that the musicians were there have because they were meant to be "Oxperta" because they were meant to be the people hear music the way a musician hears it. You have to be simple." "What we do is play all the harmonics for the audience."

audience."
With the advent of the percussion moog did the concept of druns providing thythe, guitar the lead, still remain?
"So far as I'm concerned yes. I get my kicks from backing and making the guitarist go for something he's never reached before."

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# Hip-swinging, leg-cocking, flirting Tom Jones still has a long way to go ...

LAS VEGAS — They say you can't argue with success and it's certainly true in the case of Tom Jones, Today he is the hottest singer in Las Vegas' glittering galaxy of stars. At nine o'clock every morning lines of anxious people stretch past the card tables and routette wheels—almost as far as the eye can see. They're hoping to book reservations for the Jones Boy. One woman said she paid fifty dollars just to see Tom — and that didn't include dinner and the price of the show!

And there's, no doubt that include dinner the price of day Jones the

see Tom — and that didn't in the show!

And there's no doubt that to-day Jones the superstar has as much pulling power as an Elvis Presley. No-one has caused so much excitement at this hotes lince Sinatra played the Circus Maximus showroom. They say the gambling town is in a grip of an economic depression but while Jones filled the hall there was no sign of hard times.

Ceasar's Palace entertainment boss Sidney Gathrid, who enticed Tom away from the International Hotel, pointed out: There are many stars who are outstanding performers and do good business in town but there is something about the very top stars that makes their presence felt throughout the hotel. They bring in an excitement to the hotel. Tom Jones is one."

Absolutely true, in the Nosh-

Absolutely true. In the Nosh-orium at three in the morning, on Cleopatra's Barge at ten o'clock at night and as the limousines draw up at the pil-lared hotel entrance, the talk is all of Jones.

she paid fifty dollars just to clude dinner and the price of A performer he certainly is, but as a polished entertainer in the Sinatra league he still has a long way to go. After more than three years of the still has a long way to go. After more than three years of the still has a long way to go. After more than three years of the still have been a long way to go. After more than the still have been and the star-studded opening flow went through also routines. At the star-studded opening flow went through all you with hardly a variance. His action of the star-studded opening flow went and the star students of the star students of the star star flow of the star star flow and the star star flow of the st

can say Pontypridd, he smiles, winks and flirts with the girls, begs a drink of water, something to mop his brow with and the property of the

a leg and go into his next number of the design of the ladies of America have an awesome power. Even if some of their men don't quite see from as the virile male sex symbol their wives do—and American women often get their way.

"God how he works — how does he do it," gasped one astonished New York housewife who had persuaded her husband to vacation in Las Vegas during the Jones engagement. "He works so hard — I'll need at least an hour to recover from his, act." — BERNARD BARRY.



TOM JONES: push-button performer

IN JUNE, with luck and a fair amount of energy, we'll see the 50 or so young British musicians, Barclay James Harvest, and Rosetta Hightower embark on a new phase of live music presenta-

or what have you.

"I spent six years in Army bands. Six wasted years, says Green, longhaired, bearded, and suited. From that he got a band together called Platform Six, rather advanced for their time because they had brass. Only Fame and the Rebeil Rouser's had similar. Green played organ, "I was never all that good."

Then time was spent with a band that turned out to be the original Grease Band. "We were well into a rhythm thing, sort of Santana at that time. Then followed a phase of being a sideman, with people like Tony Jackson and the Vibrations." And then

Green joined the New Vaudeville Band, and stayed with them for five months. "I left before they went to the States, because I didn't want it the way they wanted it. If wanted a Lovin' Spoonful and Lovin's They wanted to be clowns. They wanted to be

# made orchestras hip

Hollingworth

money-making machine."
Time passed, and he did
charts for a Terry Kennedy
album. It was never released.

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charts, I realised the potential. My income trebled overnight, and suddenly I had
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IAN GREEN: Imagination fired.

Barclay James Harvest, and Rosetta Hightower embark on a new phase of live music presentation.

Orchestra and group is nowt new. The concept has been cackled. We've seen Deep Purple gig with a stageful of humanoid penguins, and we've been told that barriers between the straight orchestra players, and the rock guitarist nave been lowered a little.

But for Barclay to take their Orchestra on gigs means money, a rhythm section and orchestra with no barriers, either in age or musical interpretation. Imagine bassoon pl'vers, and violin players looking like freaks, digging anything troum Wagner to the Rolling Stones — and there we have our contemporary British orchestra. It exists now. We are on the verge of playing 'Sgr Pepper' for real.

The orchestra has atracyd worked frequently with Barclay James. The success has not been enormous — but it has succeeded in its first quest to make group and orchestra on the verge of playing 'Sgr Pepper' for real.

But for Barclay to take their Orchestra on gigs means money, or more than likely the loss of it. They have needed help, needed more people to see the possibilities of amplified orchestra. One of our young league of arranger producers, fan Green is one whose imagination has been fired.

Green produces and arranges for Rosetta Hightower and Barclay James or Rosetta Hightower and Barclay James or Rosetta Hightower and Barclay James or Rosetta Hightower and Barclay James seemed possible and James seemed possible and James seemed possible and James seemed possible and land of the producer and arranges for Rosetta Hightower and Barclay I realised i could do charts, I realised i could do charts, I realised i could do charts, I realised in could of charts for a Terry Kennedy album. It was never released.

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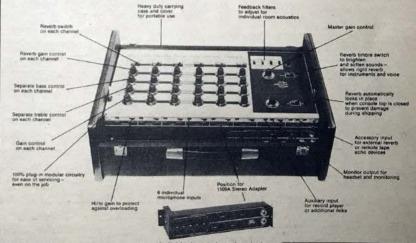
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# **Seals and Crofts** alias The Champs

HALFWAY up the bill at the Roundhouse the other Sunday there was this band with a decidedly curious instrumentation.

curious instrumentation.

One does not often see the musical juxtaposition of an electric bass player with a guitarist-cum-fiddler-cum altoist, plus a mandolin player who also leatures his instrument with an electric pick-up. Just that. No percussion, and the volume kept down to the minimum, with even the bassist providing only a very restrained backdrop.

It sounds like self-conscious

Michael Watts

when to such good effect such a semi-electric context, It is in such a beautiful and "different" instrument in rock terms, substituting a sharp hucidity for the heavy insistance of the electric guitar.

Jimmy Seals and Dash Crofts, who were making their first appearance here with their back-up man Bobby Lightig have been featuring this instrumental lineup for the past two years and with some success. They have put two albums in the States "Seals and Crofts" and "Down Home," which is also re-leased here, and are due to appear in the New York Philarmonic's "Great Artist" concert series in November.

played, and we got together. That'd be in 1934.

"Then a friend of ours in California said he was getting together a group because he had some material, and he called Jim and me. There were three others already and we called ourselves The Champs. So we recorded some esselons and one of the cuts was esselons and one of the cuts was vessions and one of the cuts was vessions and one of the cuts was recorded to the cuts was recorded to the cuts was recorded some esselons and one of the cuts was recorded some esselons and one of the cuts was recorded as the cuts was recorded as the cuts was recorded as a candal when he brought over his 13-year old wife, and after that they said, no more Americans. We never made it.

"The Champs finally dissolved"



SEALS & CROFTS: drums drown everything

in '64 and we all went on to different things. One of them was Glen Campbell, who was the gultarist, and you know what happened to him. The reason it dissolved was that the record company was alrald to let us turn into a vocal afraid to let us turn into a vocal

as back-up artists for a long while. But we'd been writing a lot of stuff which we didn't think any body else could use. Our manager then, Marsha Drake, decided the songs had a certain appeal so we put them all together and about two years ago we set ourselves up as a group, just the two of us.

"It was at the beginnir soft rock and the timing perfect. In fact, Crosby, 's and Nash were recording the studio next door whe made our first album, were tired of real hard and we wanted to relax play some easy stuff."

play some easy stuff."

Surprisingly, Crofts' as
ton of the mandolin in portion of the must be sarching for so long. From the more interestingly, he only been playing electrimandolin for a year, withstanding his incredictility on the instrument.

EREE: "My Brother Jake" (Island). A

change of pace and mood for the merry men of Free.

Poles apart from "All Right Now," it has a summery two-beat feel on piano and guitar that strikes a warm and refreshing note. Not

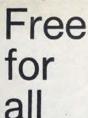
merely a smash hit — an exceptional sound.

sound.

The of the highlights of last year's Isle of Wight festival was the amazing moment when the massed millions spontaneously freaked out to Free's first hit relayed by gramophone. If they have a similar event this year, the patrons might well respond to this by linking arms and swaying slightly from side to side, while remaining in a seated position.

a seated position.

LEON RUSSELL AND THE
SHELTER PEOPLE:
"Stranger In A Strange
Land" (A&M). Leon
boogle in Cocker-she
mod. Not surprisingly in
view of their past association. ("What are you on
about now?") queries
reader Isadore Snappe.
("Everyone knows of the
English singer Cocker and
American planist
on on now — a penetrating
on now — a penetrating
analysis. There's no room
for shallow nonsense
when dealing with sincere
and important rock.")



Winds.

GRAHAM BOND WITH
MAGICKE: "Twelve Gates
To The City" (Vertigo).
Holy organs — it's the
Mighty Bond, back in
action with shapely Diane,
his lovely wife, and a new
band. Graham is greatly
concerned with the right
it, may lead him up the
causeway of rock to new
success.

CAT STEVENS: "Tuesday's Dead" (Island). A track from Cat's forthcoming album, and an obvious hit Produced by Paul Samwell-Smith, it has a calypso feel with neat accoustic guitar backing to Cat's emotive vocals.

coustic guitar backing to Cat's emotive vocals.

WILSON PICKETT: "Fire And Water" (Atlantic). And now for some useful and water of the state of the American fit and Andy Fraser wrote the A side and the B side is the American fit "Don't Let The Green Grass Fool You." There are some who contend that this should remain ever the Free side is an interesting performance which makes fine material for the Pickett style. Taken at mid-tempo it doesn't really sound like a hit however.

On Grass of the Free side recorded in Phisadelphia, produced by the team of Gamble and Huff, features some superb octave guitar and a typically billing brass section. In my opinion, if is more likely that disc lookey and fool in the property of the prope

derground," but a tender ballad which gives full rein to lan's restrained and sensitive vocal style. He retains the country steel guitar sound for which he obtained a con-siderable degree of popu-larity, culminating in a "number one hit."

The number one hit.

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BLUE MINK: "The Banner Man "(Regal Zonophone). Madeline Belline). Man "(Regal Zonophone). Man "(Regal Zonophone). Madeline Belline Belline). Man "(Regal Zonophone). Madeline Belline Belline

THE SUPPORTERS: "On The Bail" (RCA). Here is an unusual recording which captures the excitement of the football match, one of the most pursue of the "king of sports." The Supporters sing in most amusing fashion, and indeed on the for God's sake lsadore, of for God's sake lsadore, of the most pursue of the most pursu

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and the common man.

JOHN KONGOS: "He's Ganna Step On You

Again " (Fly). A startling new talent from South Africa, John brings to our ears a sound destined to give Fly another nit, the label which brought you "Hot Love," and "Ride A friends, for quality and the latest in up-to-the-minute excitement, get Fly. Actually, this really opening up with some incredible drumming of African lik.

credible drumming of African lik.

BLACK SWAN: "Echoes
And Rainbows" (Ember).
Zut alors, a French ippie.
The French, being daft,
have apparently only just
sussed the beads and bells
sussed the beads along
with unimpressive kazo
backing, and what sounds
like a Watkins Copycat.
Amazing lot our neighbours
across the sea. For years
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gesticate about Jonny
Hey discover rock and
start wrecking our
festivals with a load of
unconvincing tosh about
being anti-capitalist, as if
they know anything about
the workers' struggle.
Clear off Froggles and
stick to driving on the
wrong side of the road
and blowing whistles!

BUFFY
Soldles Rhas "Extractions."

BUFFY SAINTE-MARIE:

"Soldier Blue" (RCA). A
sad, beautiful interpretation by the beautiful
B u ff y from the
magnificent movie.

magnificent movie.

LEE LYNCH: "The Call"
(Ember). Holding a necktie party Lee? With many
a sob in the throat, Lynch
warbles a pleasant cnough
country ballad. Not the
harmonica and string
backing, preferably with a
biro on one side of the
paper only. A hit? Right
on.

paper only. A hit? Right on.

ELGINS: "Heaven Must Have Sent You" (Tamla Motown). A classic from Tamla, light, swinging and cheering to such an extent, that I am induced the control of t

#### **Electrified**

anyway."

The "Down Home " album, in contrast to their live performances, has percussion (and generally more instrumentation) on it. Seals maintains that in person they are better using just three people because that line-up facilitates the tyrics getting across and furthermore, if the p.a. goes wrong with the other instruments, it avoids the disastrous situation of having the drums drowning out everything.

"It's different for a drum."

"But a lot of people have said please don't use drums because we like to hear what you're playing, although that's no real excuse."

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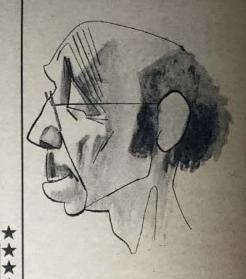
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#### with Ivor Cutler

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In or Cutler is a man of many parts; a singer, my (mainly harmonium on stage), poet, novelist, car and — perhaps above all — a teacher. Yet he is who eschews intellectualism — is not even stare it noteligent. If one had to pick out the single qualir runs through his work and his personality it would healthy scepticism, a reaction, as he himself adm his early days of wishy-washy liberalism. His involve with the pop scene is haphazard, touching it o certain points. If you want to go and see him look a Soft Machine concert some time. He could be promewhere on the bill. You can't miss him.

THIRD WORLD WAR: "MI 5's Alive" from the album "World War" (Fly), (Listens with head sunk in hands), can you say about that? (bewildered smile). It's nice to dance to, I suppose. It's completely dance music hear the gimmicks. His voice, for instance, is very us it must be funny getting his tonsils fixed in such a ps he can make this crock (swallows hard and demonstra was impossible, though, to hear the lyrics. If they're to the quilty of the lyrics and the singing, my den bring his voice forward over the noise?—Oops! Sorry, I mean that! Instruments I should've said. It's original.

mean that! Instruments I should've said. It's original.

NICO: "The Falconer" from the album "Describa (Reprise). (Repeats his previous posture, hunched in his of I've no idea who it is. It's a not vice but what really me is how you can sing right if not vice but what really me is how you can sing right if only the harmonium she uses sounds as if they've built, it wan plified the sound. I'm very irritated. It started off as a idea but the things which make it interesting have become repetitious (winces at a false piano note from Cale). I'm looking for a structural quality, and it's just good enough. The thing with the piano was aboutedy a ing: It was just out of sympathy with the rest of the sign. I'm a superior of the plant of the plant of the week and he to the plant of the plant of the week and he veryone started off using electronics as an auxiliary in panish, the they take over, and this, I think, is what's pened to that.

JOHN CALE/TERRY RILEY: "Hall Of Mitrors" from album "Church Of Anthrax." I like the basic harmonic which is using the tonic and the dominant. I can see sometime, you'd have to listen to a long fine before you of the control of the

ROLLING STONES: "Sister Morphine" from the album "Fingers" (The Rolling Stones) Lofter 30 seconds). Of such crap after that previous one! This is so corny, 20 such crap after that previous one! This is so corny, 20 such crap after that previous one! This is so corny, 20 such crap after that previous one! This is so corny, 20 such crap after that previous one! This is so corny, 20 such crap after that previous one! This is so corny, 20 such crap after the part of two records the other way round so we could've got this with. (Bursts into laughter when told who it is, 50 co glad! I san't it pathetic after the last one? It's like listen. Show Me The Way To Go Home "after hearing Mahl people do enjoy this it seems to be a cult thing. But what reaction could you expect from a sophisticated musicial suppose a could be said to be snobbish, but I don't spee a suppose a could be said to be snobbish, but I don't spee a suppose a could you expect from a sophisticated musicial suppose a could be said to be snobbish, but I don't spee a suppose a could you expect from a sophisticated musicial to that. Man, Beautiful! I was just so irristed thaving to the thing. Beautiful! I was just so irristed thaving to the suppose of the suppose

# Suggestive **Slade tone** down the blue jokes

THE difficulties of transferring an exciting act to record came home to Slade last week, when, for the third time the group had to make the trip to Olympic Studios in Barnes, London, to alter the words on a recorded song.

Polydor — their recording company — had objected to the "suggestive" lyrics on a number called "Do You Want Me." Each time they made an alteration, Polydor said no — until finally, they hope, an acceptable version had been produced.

said no — until finally, they hope, an acceptable version had been produced.

"We'll still put our lyrics in the stage act though," cheerting to the same line over and over sugains in they booth. "John Lennon got away with much worse on his solo album didn't he? But we're not John Lennon."

Slade, under the guidance of Chas Chandler, the old Animals' bass player and former manager of Jimi Hendris, have built up a promising following up and down the country on the strength of their extrovert stage act. They're a band who enjoy themselves on stage — possibly to the detriment of the music — and make sure their audiences go away with a smile and come hack next time.

"If it doesn't get into the top three, I'll become a monk," says Chas Chandler with some sincerity, and after I heard the taptes at Olympic, I think it's extremely unlikely that he'll be and the past at Olympic, I think it's extremely unlikely that he'll be and the past at Olympic, I think it's extremely unlikely that he'll be and the past at time, but surprising then, that their recent four of Scotland pulled in the kids irom far and wide.

This good time attitude is reflected in their next single — due out at the end of May—which is a simple 12-bar, with an immediate chart appeal. Nothing pretentious, just a good-time song which is destined for Radio One airplay in the same way that Dave Edmunds did with "I Hear You Knocking."

"It's an old Little Richard thing which we put new lyrics to." Noddy told me. "We heard a disc jockey playing it and

Radio One airplay in the same way that Dave Edmunds did

"It's an old Little Richard thing which we put new syrics
to," Noddy told me. "We heard a disc jockey playing it and
decided to do it ourselves. It's just a 12-bar which goes down
well on stage. We all thought it would make a good single."
Slade have been absent from the charts since "Shape Of
Things To Come" almost a year ago. Their follow up "Rhow
Who You Are," failed to register and there's been a considerable dealy in this register and there's been a considerable dealy in this register and there's been a considerable dealy in this register and there's been a considerable dealy in this register and there's been a considerable dealy in this register and there's been a considerable dealy in the stage of songs which we thought we could
put out, but never anything which was really commercial.
With this one we can get the live atmosphere from a single
point of view. We had people in the corridors clapping and
stamping while we recorded it.
"The last single got into the top 50, but "Shape Of Things'
did very well. We got Top of the Pops and a load of Tv,
but the company couldn't get the single into the shops, There
were 8,000 orders one week, but no records. It sold over a
long period but failed to make the charts in any one week.

#### Objection

"That was why we left Fontana and went over to Polydor, but they objected to the lyrics on the "B" side. We have had to alter them three times now, but this time it's just word I see that the like of the like o

#### **CHRIS CHARLESWORTH**



AST WEEK'S review of David Crosby's first solo album, "If I Could "Only Recember My Name," prompted an almost unprecedented flow of letters and telephone calls — without exception, abusive — into the Muse of Market of the Market of Mark

I HAVE admired David Crosby for six years and found your review of his album rather harsh. David is indeed an artist but in a unique sense of the word which your reviewer obviously has failed to discover. If this album had been a disappointment I would have been one of the ones to feel it most because I've seen on edge ever since the first rumours of a Crosby solo album began to circulate in 1968. The album is merely David playing with some friends, playing the way he wants to and if people condem him for it perhaps it would be best if he did just sail away on his schooner.—CHRISSIE REEWER (Byrds Appreciation Society), 19 Ravenscourt Road, Patchway, Bristol.

PERHAPS: the explanation is that R.W.'s wife has just walked out on him fa fact that, if he's normally like this review, would hardly be surprising)—PAUL BARNETT, 15 The Avenue, London N.W.S.

RICHARD WILLIAMS REPLIES: Ouch! You really know how to hurt a guy, Paul Barnett. All I can say is that I remain totally unrepentant, stick by every word I wrote, and yah boo sucks to the lot of you. I did forget to mention that "Triad" is one of the best Songs with the state of the lot of you. I did forget to mention that "Triad" is one of the best Songs with the state of the lot of you. I did forget to mention that "Triad" is one of the best Songs with the state of the lot of you. I did forget to mention that "Triad" is one of the best Songs with the state of the lot of you. I did forget to mention that "Triad" is one of the best Songs with the state of the lot of you. I did forget to mention that "Triad" is one of the best Songs with the state of the lot of you. I did forget to mention that "Triad" is one of the best Songs with the lot of you. I did forget to mention that "Triad" is one of the best Songs with the lot of you. I did forget to mention that "Triad" is one of the best Songs with the lot of you. I did forget to mention that "Triad" is one of the best Songs with the lot of you. I did forget to mention that "Triad" is one of the best Songs with the lot of you. I did forget to mention that "Triad" is one of the best Songs with the lot of you. I did forget to mention that "Triad" is one of the best Songs with the lot of you. I did forget to mention that "Triad" is one of the best Songs with the lot of you. I did forget to mention that "Triad" is one of the best Songs with the lot of you. I did forget to mention that "Triad" is one of the lot you. I did forget to mention that "Triad" is one of the lot you. I did forget to mention that "Triad" is one of the lot you. I did forget to mention the lot you. I did forget to mention the lot you. I did forget to you. I did forget to you. I did forget to you. I did forget t



# Crosbyphiles

A defence of David Crosby's LP—from angry MM readers





# pop albums

# More sad tales from Taylor...

JAMES TAYLOR:
"Mud Slide Slim And
The Blue Horizon"
(Warner Brothers):
When a musician becomes as fashionable as

comes as fashionable as James Taylor, he is in danger of sounding like a parody of himself. Stylistically, this rushreleased album is no great departure from his last more an extension, and while the songs are rich in words and moods, it strikes the Taylor admirer, on first hearing, as being rather too passive.

But then, melancholia is

who relies on his songs and voice be so capable of complementing these with such a warm instrumental touch. His guitar work really does work as well as his unique vocals in creating the action of the surface work as well as his unique vocals in creating the action of the surface work as again handled by his friend Danny Kootch, probably the most adaptable and understanding guitarist on the West Coast, and a man who totally understands the non-again of the work of the wo



JAMES TAYLOR: doleful despair

WILLIAM BELL "Wow William Bell" (Stax Select), Despite the silly (tite, this is personal to the sill of the sill o

A.I.

STORYTELLER: "More Pages" (Transatlantic). Having achieved acclamation very auddenly, Storyteller seemed to drift into exile. This album is unlikely to prompt the same degree of public attention that accompanied their rise to fame, but a folid musical unit. These twelve tracks certainly give a fair indication of their capabilities and shortcomings. The danger is that the group will produce a caricature in place of an identity. For instance, their current single standards and their current single standards and their current single standards. But there is a quality in Caroline Attard's voice that suggests parody. The strength of their material varies considerably, from the ephemeral poetry of "Singular Day" to the interest and substance of "Bosworth Day" to the interest and substance of "Bosworth Page" (Transath Page 1) and the product of the congest of the story with the power of the story of the story sound, besides writing some of the songs. A.M.

ROY HARPER: "Stormcock"

edly aided the group's sound, besides writing some of the songs. A.M.

ROY HARPER: "Stormsock" (Harvest). Nailing the essence of Roy Harper is an everissing proposition. It's as well to recognise that benefits come from the search rather than any hope of conclusion. The songs, the voice and the arrangements all have Harper's-berates with character and individuality. Take a universal theme like "Me And My Woman." The arrangements fight with Harper's voice like wind and the sea, tearing and tangling with each other in the sea that the

disserver 2 wide hearing.—

A.L.

MAY BLITZ: "The 2nd Of
May" (Vertigo). Eavy. You
know wot I mean like? Can
Jimi Hendrix and the Cream
have been aware of the many
headed hydra they created?

Since their demise there
have followed a whole breet
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audiences, each managing to forget the musical
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headrix when the Experience
deafened us at Blaises in
1967. May Blitz open up with
two grotesquely repetitive
themes with lashings of Black
Sabbath-type menace. Then to
prove they arent all Deep
home the state of their
more subdued mood with
"The 25th Of December
1969," which in truth is quite
good. But there is a mechanical quality about this type of
band that is at once distressling and unconvincing. Tony
and they vary the machine
gun guitars with occasional
flute sounds. But if they sat
down, thought about the music
and came to any conclusion
other than the obvious attempt
to cajole audiences into submission with pointiess noise,
important to try and play
some music—C.W.

ALEX TAYLOR: "Alex

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ALEX TAYLOR: "Alex Taylor With Fiends and Neighbours" (Atlantic). The Taylor With Fiends and Neighbours" (Atlantic). The Taylors tend to bread like some rather randy species of rabbit and the general feeling that passes around is that they are all good. That's really not so, because Alex ain't. Alex, who is pretty fat, as an identical voice to James and Livingstone (in sound), but not really in feeling. The album in really in feeling. The album in really in feeling. The album in the state of th

YOUNG: "4 Way
Street " (Atlantic),
4 Way Street is the
perfect title for the
first official CSNY live album, a double set that lets their singular per-sonalities shine through rather than their collec-tive music mak-

David Crosby, the romantic looking for his lost lady, Stephen Stills, the polo playing Southern gentlemen, Graham Nash, the simple politically mixed up Englishman, and lastly Neil Young, the loner whose songs are deeply personal. That's the appeal with CSNY, identification with one of the group members and their lifestyle. Only four of the songs included have not been recorded before, the rest drawn from the first and second CSNY studio albums and solo records. Side One opens with 25 seconds of

Side One opens with 25 seconds of "Suite: Judy Blue Eyes," and sets the mood for the acoustic set, which was mixed by Crosby and Nash. Most of the acoustic half is solo with the band harmonising as one of them takes the lead and each of them comes up with one excellent treat.

Graham Nash's "Chicago," political naivety dedicated to Side One with 25 sec

names. In fact the more I hear, the worse this album gets. I reckon Alex ought to be kept in at night, serve an apprenticeship at a steady — because this doesn't do the Taylors any good at all, — R.H.



"It's nice to hear the words for a change."

> Once in a while, an album comes out which actually lets you hear the lyrics. A little more rarely, the lyrics are worth

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# CSNY: a touch deja vu

The electric set — mixed by Stephen Stills and Neil Young, with assistance from drummer Johnny Barbata, and electric bass guitarist, Calvin Samuels — has electric music at its best and at its most self indulgent. "Ohio," and "Long Time Gone," come over well, but both "Southern Man," and "Carry On" are stretched to the fullest and the long blowing sessions could have been replaced with a couple more previously unrecorded material. MARK PLUMMER.

BRIAN AUGER'S OBLIVION EXPRESS (RCA Victor): The phantom organist returns—with a fine new group and steaming album. Brian has steaming album. Brian has since the heady days of the trinity, but he has zoomed back with a team of excellent young musicians who adopt far more than a mere backing role. Brian's keyboard artis. The properties of the properties

BOB AND EARL (Jayboy Special). Re-release of a 1969 set cut during one of their "combacks" and featuring a mixture of new material and re-makes of old material like re-makes of old material like the set of the

class Jerry Butler's 1963
"Just A Little Bit" as belonging to the rock and roll era. — AL.

BILLY ECKSTINE: "Stormy" (Stax Select). What's this—
Mr. Eckstine, he of the dignlifed dark-brown voice, and the selection of the dignlifed dark-brown voice, and the selection of the dignlifed dark-brown voice, and the selection of stay's current symphonic soul "style. The result is a beautiful album, with Eckstine's rich, warm tones set against some of the most subtle and imaginative arrangements. Hayes, originator of Stax's current symphonic soul "style. The result is a beautiful album, with Eckstine's rich, warm tones set against some of the most subtle and imaginative arrangements. Hayes and his brooding presence comes over stronger of songs, too, by Mann and his brooding presence comes over stronger, a good choice of songs, too, by Mann and Welli, Bacharach and David, Jim Webb, Stevie Wonder and Hayes and Porter.—
AL.

in brief

DELANEY & BONNIE:
"Home" (Stax). A reissue of
the set of rock and soul
hatched by Leon Russell D&B
and friends. Here is tasteful,
strangely predictable musle,
that leaps along safely and
competently. Strings Of My Heart," "Too Close For Comfort" — tradi-tional ballad songs, quite well arranged, but there's an uneasy feeling that he's trading on physical attraction, which never permeates the record grooves. (RCA Inter-national).

EDDIE COCHRAN's name has long been established in the Rock Hall Of Fame, and from the opening, definitive version of "C'mon Everybody," the title track of an LP of reissued tracks, we have the sound of an original.

"BUDDAH IN MIND," naturally on the Buddah label, features gens like "Summer In The City " and "Jug Band Music" from the Lovin' Spoonful as well as Melanle's "Tuning My Guitar" and tracks by Captain Beefheart, Impressions, Edwin Hawkins and others.

VARIOUS ARTISTS: "Dr Kitch" (Trojan). This album is described as a "collection of ribald Calypsos," which it undoubtedly is. Trouble is, it's not particularly good calypso, and it's not very ribald — for this day and

# pop albums

JOHN MAYALL: "Back To The Roots" (Polydor). The original intention was to release an album containing contributions by every musician who has ever worked with John.

This proved impossible, nevertheless he has managed to assemble, at least on tape, if not actually in physical proximity, an impressive roster of talent.

Eric Clapton makes several welcome appearances and putcome appearances and putcome appearances and putcome with his old rest. Listen to his authoritative solos on "Prisons On The Road," and particularly interesting is an instrumental exchange of phrases between Fric and Sugarcane Harris (violin) made when both musicians were several thousand miles apart in studios in England and America. The packaged with me of the packaged with me of

chayers, C.W.

CAROL HALL: "If I Be Your Lady" (Elektra), in this day and age, I guess you'd expect any emergent lady singer to be a spokeswoman for spokeswoman for



ones her boy can't wear no more but they're almost good as new"), and the lyric of "Why Be Lonely" is imaginatively put together from "lonely hearts" ads in the Village Voice. Miss Hall's voice isn't really like anyone else's, and the arrangements, by David Horowitz, produce else's, and the arrangements, by David Horowitz, produce or the strain and unusual devices. This album bodes well for the future. — R.W.

and unusual devices. This and unusual devices. This album bodes well for the future. — R.W.

KEEF HARTLEY BAND:
"Overdog" (Deram). Keesems to me to be sublimative qualities as more inventive qualities as more inventive qualities as many devices of laying down a heavy back beat, which tends, rather unfortunately to lend a somewhat "samey" quality to the various, arrangements to choogaloo beat; is evident most of the time, and the band are much more interesting when they are freed from the company of the company

BRIDGET ST. JOHN: "Songs for the Gentle Man" (Dandellon). When the withdrawn Miss St. John periodically emerges with a new album it is a creation worth listening to. Her songs are both romentic and ephemereal, and

this serves as a strength and a weakness. For attractive though the lyrics are, their subjectivity hinders community to some extent. The arrangments incorporating brass, strings and woodwind, are superbly geared to Bridget's songs, and the record owes not a little of its effect to superbly geared to Bridget's songs, and the record owes not a little of its effect to had in five of the arrangments. Form past experience one should be prepared for Geesin's work, but it's still impossible to escape surprise, particularly the sharp edges way "and "Seaguil-Sunday". Characteristically, the basic melodies are subordinate to lyrics, and this is why the backing expands the attraction of Bridget's songs so greatly. — A.M.

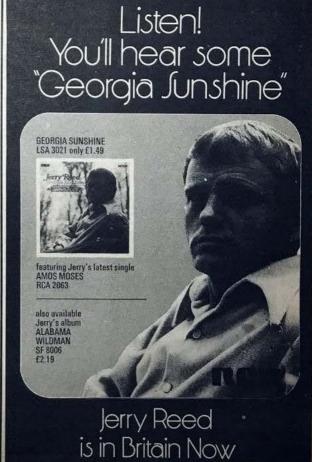
DOUG KERSHAW (Warner

DOUG KERSHAW (Warner Bros). This is Kershaw's third

album for Warner, the successor to "The Cajun Way" and "Spanish Moss." Once again he's returned to producer Buddy Killen, and the emphasis this time is on a very rounded brand of Louisiana rock (whereas Moss., producer by And Moss., producer by Moss

before he becomes a hero. — R.W.

STONEGROUND: "Stone-ground" (Warner Bros). If you should do, Stoneground were been and the stone of t



# KSCEME

A LAN SHORTER is the excellent flugelhornist who turned up first on Archie Shepp's "Four For Trane" and Marion Brown's ESP album, and later on several more outings by various Shepp

ings by various Shepp bands.

He's Wayne's brother, and inevitably that fact has been more of a hindrance than a help. Despite Alan being the elder by a year, it was Wayne who first made an impact on the jazz scene, and Alan's career has been hurt by this overshadowing.

career has been hurt by overshadowing.

Alan is in London at the moment. What's he doing?

Relaxing ... and I've done a bit of writing. But the main reason was to see my woman — she's here."

He left New York on June of last year, and has spent most of the time since then in Paris, playing and recording with various bands. So far, he hasn't done any playing here yet.

with various bands. So far, he hasn't done any playing here yet.

"I haven't been in the geography of London, just the geography of myself. It's to be able to write, which I can't do in Paris."

There is, he says, no real the says, and they are with the says and they try to relate it to that. When it comes to them as a pure art form, they can't he says, and of "politique," and they try to relate it to that. When it comes to them as a pure art form, they can't happen in Ansierdam, too, at the Peradiso.

Of his band in France, Alan

# Everybody is a leader

**Flugelhornist** Alan Shorter

Richard Williams

else going."

Likewise, presumably, the Young Tuxedo and many other Crescent City unsicians who have relied on tourist dollars at the Hall since it opened ten years ago.

No. 516, Bourbon Street, apart from Preservation Hall just down the road, was the only reasonably-priced show-was the only reasonably-priced show-was the only reasonably-priced show-the control of the preservation that the control of the present City men.

Certainly there are plenty more bars

vouchsafed the following: "I try to use the best of the land. When you want to do something, you get the heaviest cats you can find.

Everybody is a leader, there's no sidemen any more sidemen are decadent. Free music has a kind of lead-detablp of its own ... "I remember one time in New York, my first date at Slugs with Shepp, Grachan Moneur, Beaver Harris, and Wilhur Ware." I interpolated that Ware was one of my mever could understand that he's old - fashiomed," Shorter replied.

"We were rehearsing my

JAZZ in New Orleans has been hit by a new crisis. Black Power caused cancellation of street parades. Now the economic recession has closed Dixieland Hall on Bourbon Street, one of the city's major jazz centres.

And veteran blues artist Sweet Emma Barrett is looking for a new home.

And veteran blues artist Sweet Emma Barrett is looking for a new home.

For the past being crippled down her parade by a grow. Sweet Emma courageously sattle hall's major draw for the past two years.

Said Emma: "I guess I'll have to stay in the house till I get something else going."

Inflation

hits Dixie

and clubs in the French Quarter to satisfy the most demanding jazz gournet, but these offer younger jazz. Main blow to the Dixeland Hall seems to have been an increase in union rates.

Hall chief Al Clark said: "The increase was the last straw, it called for a 20 per cent rise in pay and our roussiclans had to stick with the Coupled with falling attendances, it proved a crippling blow.

Once the hard wooden benches were packed, with more crowded in to stand at the back, but from two years ago attendances, sumped and the most Clark could hope for were half-filled and the most clark could hope for were half-filled.

tune, 'Coral Rock,' line by line. We did the first bar, played it over and over again, not for technical reasons or note value, but for feeling responses, emotione. We note that the first and played that over many times then added it to the first and played that over again. Then we added the third so on and so forth. We must have played that a million times, not for note perfection but for emotional perfection.

we knew it needed more attention.

"Then, when we got to Slugs, we played nothing that we'd rehearsed. We played clover Man' for a whole set, and that tune went competely out. We ended with a little rill, the three of us its state of the set of the set

slump in America. He said: "There's little money about now. We still have plenty of conventions in town, but the expense accounts of visitors have been cut to the bone."

expense accounts of visitors have been cut to the bone."

During the past few weeks, usually an Easter boom time, audiences were 50 per cent down and record sales — LP's of all the New Orleans favourites — also dropped.

Finally, last week, Sweet Emma swung out on one last version of The Saints and that was that. One more nail was driven into the coffin of Crescent City Jazz.

Clark sald he's had offers of financial help to stay open, but nothing deficially the sale of the building is up shortly and the sale of the s



ALAN SHORTER: music as pure art

album for Verve, about three years ago, thanks to the help of producer Esmond Edwards and the second and the second and the second artist, and they agreed."

The album was to be called "Orgasm," and featured five of Shorter's compositions, with reedman Gato Barbieri, bassist Charlie Haden and Reggle Johnson, and drum-mer-brothers Raschied and Mohammed Ali, As an aid to

the said discographers, the tunes were "Rapids," "Straits Of Blagellam," "Al-teroids," "Joseph," and "Orgasm."

However, something hap-pened within the hierarchy of Verve, and, in Shorter's words, "they stepped on the 'No' button."

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Musicians answer part A. Fans answer part B. Only women between the ages of 16 and 25 need answer part C.

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  1 (a) What is your present address?
  (b) What was your address yesterday afternoon?
  (c) How come you split without paying the rent?
- 2 (a) (b) (c)
- How many groupies share your pad? How much bread do they scrounge from you on average a week? How many LPs do they nick on average a week?
- Does your group van have an outside toilet? (Excluding vans with overhead toilets and emergency vents). Is your van driver a homicidal funatic; a death defying maniac or a madman at the wheel? State approximate number of near fatal accidents he causes per hundred motorway miles. 3 (a)
- (b)

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- Does your favourite group play music while performing? Did your parents ever have any children? Are you in possession of cloth ears; tin ears; solid teak ears? (a) (c)

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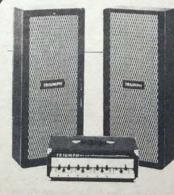
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the cut, the focus is diffused. I can't forecast how well it'll do, but I'm sure it would've done better if they'd put, say "Brown Sugar on one side, plugged buyers to discover the side, which might have been something more contrasting. I guess that there are two types of perfect single: the "produced," and the "natural." Each may, in fact, be the other, but that's how it appears to fall in fact, better the other, but that's how it appears to fall in fact, better the other, but that's how it appears to fall in fact, better the other, but that's how it appears to fall in fact, like "Loving Feeling," "Baby I Love You," and "The Boy I'm Gonns Marry, plus Brian Wilson's "Good Vibrations", "natural." She's Not There, Ben Carruthers "Jack O' Diamonds" (although what Shel Talmy does here



The second flawless record is the oldie, recently released by Philips: Frankie Valli's "The Proud One." The Four

it.

(P.S.: I've just heard it, and it's a very narrow miss, Phil's one man who'll keep trying, though).

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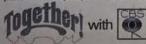
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RITA COOLIDGE: sensual voice

Richard Williams talks to

# RON—the guit behind Dylan and Cohen

A RGUABLY the best instrumental solo on any of Bob Dylan's records is somewhere in the middle of the title track of "New Morning," where a silvery guitar comes bursting out to play a passage so beautifully constructed that is sounds as if it were written out in advance by a master of form and content.

ter of form and content.

The man behind that solo is one Ron Cornelius, the other kind of American (i.e. he doesn't come from New York, and proves it by being consistently pleasant, polite, talkative and non-supercool). Ron was in London last week, doing some mixing on his first solo album down at Trident Studios. Studios.

P Ronettes were three highly-coiffeured teenage girls who swept up the charts on a furious wave of Spector sound. Their lead singer, Veronica Bennett, was also the most striking; mascara ringed her eves like

# the Delta Lady is out on her own

idge, singing 'Superstar,' "
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ging with what one critic

Rita Coolidge is now out on her own, backed up by the Dixie Flyers who used to play for Aretha Franklin, Tony Joe White and others. Her plaintive, strong countrified voice is featured on her first album for A&M produced by David Anderle; and she is about to make her first solo appearance in concert . . . on the Byrd's English tour.

Starting in Engiand wasn't realty planned," she explained in her slow drawl of a volce, "the boys (Byrds) asked us to come along and I love England, so it seemed right. It's a good tour too, not too long. Fill have the chance to break in what I do.
'I'm really scared," she laughed. I've never had to carry a show before. Now I've had to learn all the words to everything, no more just humming along. There are so many things I just don't know."

see, Florida and sang professionally in Memphis before making Los Angeles her home. "I always wanted to be an artist, but when I was studying art at College and singing for extra money on weekends I found that my art was becoming the work and the singing was becoming the fun. So I wanted to change that. So far music hasn't ever become work."

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itia's music is firmly rooted in the country gospel tradition that has infilitrated rock and roll, but she doesn't see here seed staying within any seed staying within any seed to stay the seed of t

#### **Feeling**

is something emotional ties happen to me inside," she explained.

If have to feel right singing it, I have to feel right singing it in the singing it in the singing it in the singing it is to feel seemed there were more of us on stage. It often seemed there were more of us on stage, it often seemed there were more of us on stage, it often seemed there were more of us on stage, it often seemed there were more of us on stage, it often seemed there were more for us of the singing free was really hasane, it should have been illegal."

The pressures of the road are not intriguing to Rita grit your teeth and bear it attitude.

"It's the long plane rides and the hotel food. I mean I'm a skinny chick have to force myself to eat. And trying to get to sleep right after a show, and not being able to sleep right after a show, and not being able to sleep right after a show, and not being able to sleep right after a show, and not being able to everything's great, but it's those times in between that ge you down."

#### England



JOE COCKER: "We were a freak show

me as arone could be, And he's great organist for Dylan."

Okay, that's enough about Dylan, and about Chenh "I met him in shville, when he was cutting there do so was I, with West, in the lumbia studios. A year later West as splitting, and I joined him. I not know much about his work, eey that I dug a few of his tunes, ee 'Suzzanna,' so I showed up for tour. It was a more disciplined yof life and a more refined way playing for me, a year of softer sice.

'Oh man, we really worked.

an so much.

Oh no, man, I could talk about to guy all day. Y'now, I was in Francisco when I was called, I told 'em I'd walk to New ick to make that session. That's



RON CORNELIUS: soldering with Cohen

RONNIE SPECTOR: kinda weird song

# voice that brought Spector back

thought was up to his standard.

Take the Shirelles: they a Take the Shirelles: they a Take the Shirelles: they a Take the Shirelles: they are the shirelles; won't play their material. But I'm sure that if the Ronettes put out a record now, in 1971, they'd play it — because we were more convergenced. People they are the shirely and the shirely and the shirely and they are they are the shirely and they are they are

ZSCEME

TUESDAY, April 6, was Noah Howard's 28th birthday. He spent it listening to old Charlie Parker Savoys and practicing his horn in an apartment just off the Boulevard des Invalides in Paris. For the alto saxophonist who is here leading his own group, L'Arche Noire with trumpeter Ambrose Jackson and drummer Jerome Jackson and drummer Jerome Cooper, it was a day like any other and part of a lifestyle he'll be living into the foresee-able future.

"I'm here to stay until further notice from the Gods!" quipped Howard, he rejected the suggestion that choosing to live in Europe is a cop-out. "I don't feel that's true because music is my job and it's not necessarily about the States, it's about the world, Given the time and lifespan, 'I'd like to travel the world, but I don't feel that vour influence comes from your environment, it comes from your environment, it comes from your environment, it comes from your surfuenced that I am creating my own thing." Howard, who started his musical career as a trumpeter and has worked that I am creating my own thing." Howard, who started his musical career as a trumpeter and has worked some strong horself that I am creating my own thing." Howard as the quarter with pianist Bobby Few and drummer foil to Frank Wright's rhythmically aggressive tenor in the quarter with pianist Bobby Few and drummer foil to Frank Wright's rhythmically aggressive tenor in the quarter with pianist Bobby Few and drummer foil to Frank Wright's rhythmically aggressive tenor in the quarter with pianist Bobby Few and drummer foil to Frank Wright's rhythmically aggressive tenor in the quarter with pianist Bobby Few and drummer foil to Frank Wright's rhythmically aggressive tenor in the quarter with pianist Bobby Few and drummer foil to Frank Wright's rhythmically aggressive tenor in the quarter with pianist Bobby Few and drummer her howard has not perfect with pianist Bobby Few and drummer her howard can pist the pianist Bobby Few and drummer her bewey Johnson and Ornette Coleman's frontline marter-hours sessions on the working in the States," he said, "But I never could Jet make al trying."

In Europe, Howard can just about get by. It's his third visit here, but his career as a hour get by It's his third visit here, but his career as a hour get by It's his third wish fellow alto saxophonists Byon Allen and Sonny Simmons, and played with trumpeter Dewey Johnson and Ornette Coleman's frontline marter-hours sessions on the come ware of the importance



NOAH HOWARD: gotta have a pattern

# Noah: feeling for his roots

"But tone in itself is not the important thing, it's the person that counts, You can practice to develop a tone but it's not the same thing as if it comes naturally. To me, it's something inherent in a per-son. I mean, I hear a lot of

people that imitate Bird, but they don't have his sound. There's something unique about the great people that can't be imitated. Sonny Stitt copied Bird and was as close as anyone, but he didn't really have that thing."

Howard heard Ornette, his major influence, for the first

time in San Francisco, "During that time everybody was like freaking on him, but what he was doing made sense to the idon't mean I could understand technically what he was doing, but I understood him. That's not to shough. The think dig beloop a county of the bloop is not the music but the imitators — you dig?"

In the background, Bird was wailing on the tracks cut with Tiny Grimes in 1944. Howard learnt forward and turned up the sound. "The interesting thing is that I feel from an improvisational standpoint that Bird was a lot freer than Ornette," he said. "Ornette was at his freest when relying on the blues, but Bird didn't have to, he could improvise on anything.

#### Shame

And I'll tell you, what's more, people should really listen to Jackie McLean. He can do anything; he's got it down from bebop to free but he's hardly working now the should be should be

RONNIE SCOTT—club-owner, tenor saxophonist, bandleader and man of dry humour — sat for the MM's Reaction interview in the dressing-room of his own club while lilinois Jacquet rehearsed outside with the other two-thirds of the Ronnie Scott Trio: Tony Crombie (drums) and Mike Carr (organ).

COMEDIANS: There's not many English ones I like — not many English stand-up comedians. I think Benny Hill's quite funny, but he's more of a mimic than a stand-up comic. It's something a stand-up come. It's something I'd very much like to do here at the Club: put on somebody like Don Rickles. I saw him in Las Vegas; he's very funny and makes a fortune. Another good one is Jack E. Leonard, and Mort Sahl-there's a possibility we'll be presenting him later in the It's nice to hear people laugh in the club.

ENOCH POWELL: Well, he's all right I suppose, but I wouldn't like him to marry my sister.

LAMBORGHINIS: What can you say about those? I can't see myself getting one out of running a jazz club or playing the saxophone. But we have an Italian chef, and that's the first step.

and that's the irrst step.

LADY SINGERS: There are very few singers I really enjoy listening to after. Billie Holiday, And there's a great shortage of 'em over here certainly. I think Esther Marrow is one of the best girl singers we've had at the Club, Most of them, to me, don't seem to have any idea of what's the right material for them. But Blossom is one who always chooses good tunes. In the old days with my band we had some incredible girl singers. . . but we needn't go into that.

NIGHT CLUBS: I never go to night clubs as such. They're very boring I think this club reflects the following the f

WAITRESSES: Most of them stay. We employ eight waitresses I believe and about half of them work here. Most are rejects from the Playboy I think.

LADY MADONNA: Yes, that is my main claim to fame. I was on a couple of Beatles' records, that one in particular. I played a solo on "Lady Madonna." I thought it was quite audible when the time was played back while we were sold to be a solo on the solo was a solo on the solo on th

THE GAMING LAWS: They don't concern me; casinos don't interest me. I like Saturday afternoon horse racing on TV, and I find it difficult to watch a race without having a bet. That's another way of never getting a Lamborghini.

of never getting a Lamborghini.

CHARLIE VENTURA: Oh yes. When I visited New York for the first time, it was with Tony Crombie, we went straight from our hotel to the Three Deuces on S2nd Street. I don't think I've ever got over that kick of hearing an American group in an American club for the first time in my life. And it happened to be Charlie Ventura's group, with Bill Harris I remember. I think it had quite an effect on e.e.—the atmosphere of the place and the sound being produced. Possibly the Old Place in Gerrard Street was a result of that night. Ventura. . . . yes, a very colourful tenor player.

TONY CROMME: One of my favourite.

colourful tenor player.

TONY CROMBIE: One of my favourite musicians and, for me, the best dranmer in the country — in the city, too, we work together at the moment with Mike Carr. Tony's not only a superb drummer, he's also a composer who's written some very nice tunes. We've worked together in the trio since September, which is about the longest I've worked steadily with a group since the Jazz. Couriers. A superpose the country of the

CLARINET: I must qualify for one of those worst-clarinettist-in-the-world awards. Years ago I was doing a session for Bob Farnon, with about 80 strings, and I had a very short clarinet passage to play. Couldn't get it right, and I remember he



# with **Ronnie Scott**

stopped the whole orchestra to hear it. Well, I got as close to it as I could and he accepted that Don't think I ever got it right — not on the actual take, I used to like Artie Shaw quite a lot as a clarinet player. And Benny Goodman.

player. And Benny Goodman.

THE HALF NOTE: I worked there once—
the only American club I have worked in.
I can't remember very much about it, but
it's a funny place because the bandstand
is quite high, about five feet off the
ground, and in the middle of the room.
There's a bar down one side, and if you
drink too much or suffer from vertigo, It's
a bit difficult. It never seemed to bother
Zoot or Al very much, though. As far as
I was concerned it was a bit inhibiting
Rollins were liable to drop in while I was
playing. A bit terrifying, but still a good
experience.

#### Interviewer: MAX JONES

AUDIENCES: It's great to get a reaction from the audience. Few things are more depressing than doing your thing and getting nothing from them. There is an interplay between a musician and the audience, and I don't understand the autience, and I don't understand the autience is unimportant. That strikes me as a self-indulgent attitude. In the trio, we play the kind of music we want to play; we're not playing down to the listeners. If what we do did not get a reaction, then I wouldn't deliberately play something different. I'd prohably go out theiving.

MYSTICISM: No. I've never found anything

MYSTICISM: No, I've never found anything to make me believe in anything like that. I like to see things proved sclentifically—or to the best of present day sciences ability—before I believe in them. It's difficult for me to have faith in any religion or dogma.

religion or dogma.

TED HEATH: Ted's was the first big band played with, when I was 18. I thought i was the absolute pinnacle of achievemen in those days. I was fred affer about nin the property of the prop

listener. "It depends on the way you do it. Take Bird again — although I wasn't around then, I'm aware enough to know that he went through some of these changes that we go through all the time. People were turned off by him sometimes, but he had hig way of playing something to lead people in.

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# Van der Graaf

#### If it's Thursday, it must be Ormskirk

AN extremely short story of a ride in Millwall's team coach, South-port laid bare, and what turned out to be a duff Van der Graaf

Dear reader, if only you knew the trials of having to travel to Southport. Not only is it not near Portsmouth, it also exists in a far corner of Laneashire, nay, a far ar corner of some surrealistic wilder-ness pocked by sleepy towns, old tadies, and a lack of ale houses.

old ladies, and a lack of ale houses.

Far from what people think of group life, all gigs aren't at Fillmore West, or on the banks of some sun-drenched lake in Switzerland. In Britain lies our roots, and the Charisma tour has sought out all corners of human existence have also brought Van de Graal to the forefront. The Millwall team coach has never had such longhaired, weird travellers. It's good that we have run dry of conversation, for the gig is near, night is falling, and another many conversation, for the gig is near, night is falling, and another such that is arising. The Floral Hall, South is germs for nearly appeara

but hort.
But it seems few people in outhport were aware of the gig. and a mere 300 line the echoing

South of seems few people in Southport were aware of the gig and a mere 300 line the echoing had a mere 300 line the echoing Hammill hunts around stage during "Killer." He dresses in white, Hugh in a nondescript colour, Guy in red and blonde and Dave in New York blue. It's a rambling, viclous rill, topped by seetling, gnawing riffs, and slicing to ground the seed of the produce an album on stage, but at times they are a little lethargic. Something's not gelling too good tonight.

Nevertheless, Hammill's voice is an instrument, following the riff, and offering something unique to the seed of the seed



GUY EVANS: "we've all developed together."

# **Drummer of drama**

scene is small reading room in a Southport hotel. It's rain-ing, and the rather un-kempt looking figure near the windows shivers and groans. Yet no matter what time you meet drummer Guy Evans, he always looks as though he's just fallen out of bed.

"I played semi-pro at school and university, and had a brief excursion with The Misun-derstood — to learn how to be tunky. After University I got into lorry driving, and things like that. I couldn't really decide what to do, and had this thought about going to Morocco. Three

days before I was to set off, I got this phone call regarding Van der Graaf. I decided to give It a try," Guy, who is forever coated with wool cardigans and pumps, which the gradient of the color of t

sed with what's going on. Not only is he full of emotion himself, but that feeling spreads throughout band and emotional playing in all sorts of ways on frams. Peter's songs require drama, and as a drummer you can underplay that, and build up to a very strong effect, like the guy with Procoi Harum. It's one thing to play for maximum effect or to be incredibly elaborate—but I use both depending on how I how much satisfaction does he find with Van der Graaf? "An awful lot, but wherever you are, you are always aware of what you want next. I think we have all reached a point knowing we can further the band best, if we have outlets into different areas, and I hope we can maintain that freedom."

## **Barton** the bomber

SCENE: a bar typical of nearly all bars on a pier. David Jackson sips grapetruit juice and eyes the sunset. He talks to Hollingworth.
Jackson: "There never has been four walls around this band. We are allowed to work freely on the outside, and really record for who we want. I've been doing things for Brinsley Schwarz, and dug it. They are so groovy to blow with. One day then blow with them for nine hours. Finally I had to be dragged away, with my lead still plugged in."
Hollingworth: "Do you ever feel you might get too freaky with electric sax?"
Jackson: "I know I'm far too freaky for most bands. With having to do so much with Van

oer Graat, I wouldn't be able to leave spaces for other players in different units. There's so much freedom with Van der Graaf, and no as much with other bands. Conclusion: with other bands I'd have to play less."
Hollingworth: "David are you a freak?"

a freak?"

Jackson: "Yes, but a controlled freak van der Graaf is a band in the true sense of the word. We expand music, no end. But at the moment I feel limited to what I can do, Not limited because I can't play enough, well enough, but sometimes when we aren't playing so well. Maybe that's why we change numbers so much."

Jackson: "There are vast areas in my playing and writing, and only patches are suitable for Van der Graaf. I mean the stuff I

write couldn't possibly be sung, because I use the sax as a voice. My solo track on the album is either going to be an incredible success, or a failure. It will be me, and my girlfriend, who's a classical planist. As for me with the band, well I suppose we are a little fashlonable to talk about now."

Hollineworth: "What do you.

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DAVID JACKSON: "we work freely "



HUGH BANTON: " maybe I'll electrocute myself."

# The controlled freak

ORGANIST Hugh Banton is cultured, cool, and rather curly. Like the others he's prone to outbursts of uncontrollable mirth, but if there is a quiet one in the band, it's

Banton is a master of sound. He is deeply into electronics, his organ is litered with gadgets. You see, Banton used to be a BBC engineer. I've been playing organ since I was II, and play the school organ, and do the services at the school chapel.

"Van der Graaf have been my one and only group. My brother

knew Peter at Manchester, and when the original group organist tually no experience, and in fact used to keep it quiet that I was into folk music. Since then I've found out that my classical training hag maybe been too adequate —my technique is dropping off as I secome more involved in electron or the second of the second

"As a player I wouldn't say I was like anyone in particular. With the bend having no guitarist. I find myself usually doing about four things at once, which is often the ease in classical music. Because of this similarity, I began to realise what I have

lost. I'm hardly influenced by rock as such, most of my style comes from the way I've been taught. What I do enjoy about the band is the freedom for us to work outside the band as well as within."

the band as well as within."
For the next album Banton
will also be doing a solo track,
"I can a solo track,
strange, as I'm very much into
the '2001' thing, you know,
throwing away rhythm and meidoy, If there is to be a step forward in organ playing, then this
will be it. I want to build up a
complete sound from beginning to
end, a thing you won't be able
to break-down, or pick out parts
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Do Is Wave To Each
Other" (Charisma).
"H To He Who Am
The Only One"
(Charisma).

The Only One" (Charisma).
Forthcoming: fourth album, and also Peter Hammill solo album.
Van der Graaf are one of those bands who don't remain for any length of time at one position.
Even their latest album, "H To He Who Am The Only One" represents another temporary step achieved by the unit. At the same time no phase is totally removed from the next. Any listener to TTae Least We Can Do" would immediately know which band he were listening to on just hearing the opening of "He

to He." This third album is indeed superb. Each Hammill song remains in its own pool of isolation, the vocals become bitter, while the music bursts and spreads. "The Emperor In His War Room," a terrifying, emotional track, "House With No Door," subtle, soft, "Killer," pouncing, prowling, diving and biting — each is one. Hammill's writing is one. Hammill's writing is one. Hammill's writing is emotionally enjoyable, the lyrics being poetic and strong. The music is not only the torment on Jackson, but the glory of Banton, thick-chorded, flying, heavy and vibrating when it wishes — and it follows no visual shape, stops against no foresceable wall. The music of Van de Graaf en shape, stops against no foresceable wall. The music of Van de Graaf has pace music. Space has no barrier, and neither does this band. There are music of van de steel wall a flery flash of a shining axe. — R.H.

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# enerator

words by Roy Hollingworth pictures by Barrie Wentzell

THERE's a Sopwith Camel perched on Peter Hammill's piano, or maybe it's an SE5. I can't see too clearly, because Peter's way down in the studio, and the control room is way up. Whatever, it's a First

in the studio, and the control room is w War fighter, and Peter sings and growls. Now Peter Hammill, who wears flat caps from Accrington, is one driving quarter of what is known as Van der Graaf Generator. Frequently they meet and together make music, live and on album. They are a group, but not a group full stop. With them a group is not a case of four people, a name, and a neat little pigeon-hole. In Hammill's words, Van der Graaf is a meeting place.

place.

Peter is deep into his solo album, Bob Fripp was round helping the day before. In the studio sit Guy Evans (drums), and Dave Jackson (who blows things). We listen to Peter sing, sing HIS songs, and they are purely songs. They couldn't be done by Generator, and they can be done by HIS songs, and they are before the done by Generator, and they can be done with Generator. They were songs that had to be done.

In the two vears that has led up to the present Generator form, this band have cracked barriers. They have sung and played in a wilderness, a wilderness that is now becoming populated. They are becoming recognised, at last it seems to be working. It is some the contrained of the seems to be working. They will be the seems to be working from the song the seems to be working from the seems to be working from the seems to be working from the seems to be working they are the seems to be working they are the seems to be working from the seems to be working they are the seems to be working they are th

# Not so much a band, more a meeting place

tours. The thing that surprised me was the music, it was satisfying, growing—and it didn't offer total satisfaction. Total satisfaction is the death of music. Yet there is satisfaction in seeing people dig it now.

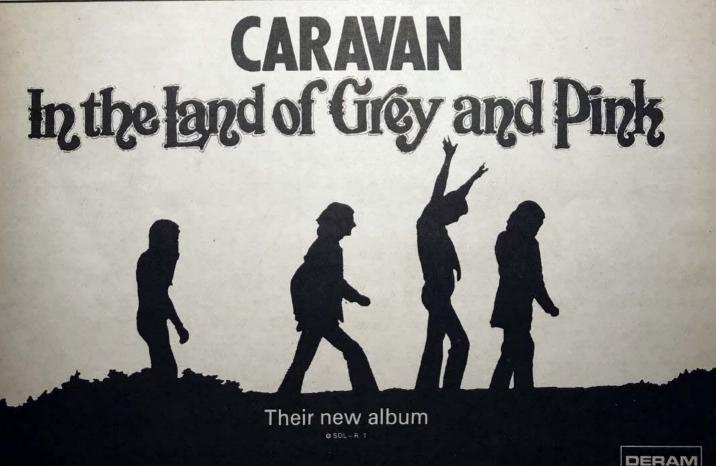
"I guess the best hopes I had were for a hit record, you know a catchy tune catching on—and that's so divorced from where we are now. The reason for that is before now. So we've had two years to breath, grow into each other, and now we are here together. For a start a lot of people are writing about us, there are people in the dressing room after gigs, people know our songs, not just popular things like "Riller," but others.

The band have completed the people in the dressing room after gigs, people know our songs, not just popular things like "The band have completed particularly well, there have even no singles. But audience reaction has at last reached an excellent level — mainly due to the success of the



PETER HAMMILL: the writer, the leader.

style of the band is rather op-posed to what we play. We are not so much a band, as a meeting place. We are four nusicians. If we had our heads completely away from each other, then the similarities would not be so obvious."



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WHAT instruments are played by McGuin-ness Flint? — Harold Jones, Bedford.

Tom McGuinness plays a Fender Telecaster and a Gibson electric, both with Fender rock 'n roll strings, plus a John Bailey acoustic with Picato and Clifford Essex ultra light gauge strings, and a National, He has a Selmer Chieftain 200-watt with Elkatone 50-watt with Fender rock 'n' roll strings, a very old Vox six-atring electric with Fender rock 'n' roll strings, a very old Vox six-atring electric and a Yamaha 12-string electric, a Suzuki acoustic, a Suzuki mandolin with Gibson manolin strings and a banjo ol unknown make. Hs amps are a Selmer Compact so unknown make. Hs amps are a Selmer Compact so mandolin strings and a banjo ol unknown make. Hs amps are a Selmer Compact so guitars with Gibson bass guitar with Gibson bass

WHAT instruments does Maddy Prior of Steeleye Span, play? — Judith Meredith, Blackpool.

Apart from her excellent vocals, Maddy plays tabor, bodhran, banjo, spoons and tambourine, — SANDY

MADDY PRIOR: spoons

ON the Caravan tour I saw a marvellous new group called Gringo. Have they recorded an album and what make of organ does their keyboard player use?

Lithit

and a Gibson Les PaulON the LP. "Mr Fox." there is a track titled "Join Us in Our Game." I'd like to know what instrument is being of this tune. — (I. Maryon Colchester). Which instruments are played by the Earnsthaw, Bowl. When will their next album be available? (Mary Denning, Plymouth).

The instrument used on

able? (Mary Denning, Plymouth).

The instrument used on "Join Us In Our Game" is a terrapin, a small pottery instrument, similar to an instrument, similar to an Gemidi one-manual organ and a tin whistle. Carole Degg plays an electric fiddle with an acoustle pick-up built by Cabin, They both sing, Earry Lyons plays a bear of the control of the contro

WHAT amplification is used by Cochise? — Cyril Martin, Coventry.

Coventry.

Two Wallace AC 5677
XT amplifiers, one used by
the bass guitarist, Ricky
Wills, with two double 15
inch Wallace SE 215/100
cabinets, and the other by
lead guitarist Mick Grub-

Man Nemt, Newcastle.

Man Will be releasing the first album by Gringo towards the end of May low you cowards the end of May Cox and titled simply "Gringo." Henry Marsh is the organist and lead guitarist. He plays a Holner Planet, a Fender Telecaster and a Gibson Les Paul.

WHAT has Andy Roberts heen doing since the split-up of his group, Everyone, last November? — Harold Setter, Wigan. Setter, Wigan.

If Yee been chiefly engaged in session work, plus occasional gigs with friends.

If yee been chiefly set in the control of th

HOW does Ian Gillan produce the very effective screaming effect in "Child In Time" from the LP, "Deep Purple in Rock"?—Melanie, Isle of Wight.

Melanie, Isle of Wight.

Thanks for the compliment, but I haven't the faintest idea how I manage it, although lots of people regard it as incredible and ask me how it is done. It's do it every night on siage, considerably melangering whealth. Pve never had any special training but I think it helps that I wear very tight to users! — IAN GHLASN.

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"I CAN hardly believe it," said Seam Spinwright. "We've made some money. After all these years! The royalties for the first album have come through, and the act is now going out for 500 a night. AND we've got an advance for writing the film score for Zabrisky's next epic." "Wonderful," said an ecstatic Boots, eyes shining. He stumbled around the room, dazed, knocking over small ornaments.

"We're goma celebrate tomisht!" exclaimed Sean danc-

ham, with a 4 x 12 Wallace SE 412/80 speaker cabinet.

SOME of the frets are coming away from my solid guidar and causing buzzing. Can you advise if there is any way of effecting a repair at home? I've tried tapping them down, but they soon work loose again.

David Elliott Putney.

again. — David Elliott
Putney.

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COLOSSEUM apparently use a Schaller Leslie for their Hammond, is this forthe unit Rosetti began to import around 1969, and if so, why has nobody ever taken any notice of such a labour-saving device which I thought at the time was a gas?— James Wilmer, Tony Scot Quintette, Northampton.

Scot Quintette, Northampton.

As far as we know, it can only be obtained in Germany, where it is made and where we bought it. It is quite a common product in all the music shops over there and retails at about 245. To describe its function, let me explain that a left of the common product in the common products to the common products to the common produces the top common produces of the organ is reproduced by a stationary speaker which half directions by revolving in front of it. This produces the unique Leslie cound, but we found it rather diffuse, because the sound source is constantly on the move. The Schaller on the move that is the cound source is constantly on the move the schaller of the cound source is constantly on the move. The Schaller produces it in our case via a large Laney account electrically and cound electrically and any cound electrically and cound electrically and any counter the counter the counter that is not the counter that the co

ornaments.
"We're gonna celebrate tonight!" exclaimed Sean dancing in ungainly fashion on top
of the TV set.
"We're gonna celebrate
every night!"

"We're goma Celebrate night" exclaimed Sean danoing in ungainly fashion on top of the TV we goma celebrate every might" chipped in Boots. "I'm goma spend, spend, spend, spend spend spend spend, spend spen

A slightly indignant mana-ger was placated by having money pressed into his hand, assured that the damage, in excess of £4,000, would be

assured that the damage, in assured that the damage, in excess of £4,000, would be covered.

Fig. 10 and 10

#### Bishop

"Where in hell was the

"Where in hell was the Bishop?" demanded Boots, clutching his skull.
"Apparently your mob were only prevented from breaking into, Westminster Palace by a squad of Household Cavalry who happened to be marching past at the time. There's going to be the devil of a row, we should be supposed to be marching past at the time. There's going to be the devil of a row, we should be supposed to be suppos

"Oh knickers," snapped Boots,
Later that day, when the 'phone had stopped ringing, and Boots' head had stopped spinning the unrepentant youth, clad in gorgeous robes, strode arroganity through the streets, spitting at traffic wardens.

stroets arrigantly through the streets, spitting at traffic wardens.

It was planning a dinner pay for some friend, Princess Margaret, Georpie Best, Sir Francis Chichester, Lord Stokes, and Glenda Jackson.

"I'll get something special," he multered to himself, still slightly drunk and irritable. He kicked his way into the gigantic supermarket.

Snatching a brace of trolleys he press-ganged some be-wildered assistants in a rape of the shelves Rare meats, fine wines, parcels of caviar exotic vegetables, spicese and foreign delicacies were hurded into the calvacade.

"Lumme, he's spent two hundred quidt already, and we haven't got the yoghurt,"



## **Boots** sees the light

breathed one teenaged shopgirl

"Come on, come on, snap it up!" blustered Boots un-pleasantly. There seemed to be some hold-up at the check-

some hold-up at the checkout.

Through the mountain of
food he perceived the cause
of the delay.

A little dol lady, hidden beneath a shabby shaw! was
depositing her weekly shopsisted of a bar of chocolate, a
small pot of jam and twenty
cigarettes.

"That will be forty new
pence," said the assistant.
And hurry up dear, MrBoots is in a hurry to get
through.

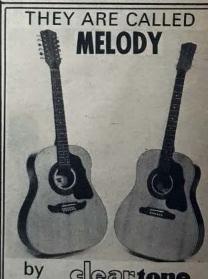
through.

Mr Boots stared at the old lady. Her face turned humbly towards him, lined with years of work and worry. "I'm sorry to be in your way," she apologised with quavery dignify. apologised with quavery dig-nity.

A cold hand clutched at Boots heart. He became aware

of a silence that had fallen over the normally bustling supermarket. All eyes seemed to be boring into him. The mountain of luxuries piled up-behind him were a shouting testument of green and self-testument of the self-testument of luxuries and self-testument of luxuries and self-testument of green and self-testument of green and the self-testument of green and the street. She gathered her purchases and tottered out to the street. The self-testument of green and self-testum

street.
"Two hundred and fitteen pounds, please," said the assistant.
"No, no, there's some mistake, I don't want it," began Boots desperately, Then he was struck by an idea. "Lock was struck by an idea. "Lock hearest old people's home Ive a feeling my dinner party has been cancelled."
Boots dived out of the shop and drove home, thinking furiously.
"Given it all away?" Sean stared at Boots blankly, Ising, ger's reaction. "Given all our money away to charity? Sold the house and cara? Rented a flat in Fulham under an assumed named?"
Boots nodded dumhly. "Well done mate! I couldn't stand all this flash lark anyway. Let's go and have a brown ate to celebrate!"



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The first of the three was also a trio album, wand Roy Haynes, and it's instructive, maybe, to compare them, "Now He Slops, Now He Slops, Now



# Hot and heady Corea

conversation. Holland produces a huge tone and mobile, fluid drive, bolstering and emphasising. Corea's statements as well as moving the music hie way when he wants. Alt-schul is tonally and textundly resourceful, and plays a needous, scurrying solo on Thyre's a whole lot of heat in the music (dig the power of Flesh) statisting in 10 many directions), and there's no way it tould be accused of being over-cere-ral. These are all master nusicians, exploring themselves, and if the three of hem sound as good as this what in heavens are they coing to sound like with a faxtor? I look forward to that do the produce of the country of the state of the country of the c



#### PHAROAH SANDERS

THE inside of a studio of pharoah Sander's recording sessions must look like a small drum factory somewhere in Africa, judging by the amount of percussion mentioned on the sleeve and heard on the album.

Pharoah seems to have his thing pretty well sorted out now: a strong riff, played by plane and bass, reinforced by a squadron of percussionists, over which he and the other horns can get into an incan-tatory bag.



CHICK COREA: extremely fine record

of El Kafirum or The Rejectors of Faith (noa-believers)."
Like most forms of religion, it all sounds a little dictatorial, Fascism with the mysterious added ingredient — PEACE!
The difference is that Pharach's branch of healing faith swings like a mother, and presumably that's the reason why he's valued so highly by several otherwise intelligent persons of my acquaintance.

For myself, only on odd

nighty by several charming intelligent persons of my acquaintance. For myself, only on odd on the control of th



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ing jazz with a strong blues and Latin flavour.

This set, made about a year later, is better to my mind. The set was a strong better to my mind. The set with red wi



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CULTURAL interchange between peoples is a wonderful thing, particular

#### **BLUES** albums

ANOTHER newish name to many of us, though well known on Chicago's West of the control of the con

extra to keep things moving in an interesting way. — M.J.

THE BORDERLINE between sacred and secular Negro folksong in America was always a bit nebulous, though no doubt sharply defined in social terms, and the subject of blues performers' participation in gospital musical to negro folksong in America was always a bit nebulous, though no doubt sharply defined in social terms, and the subject of blues performers' participation. A new Biograph release of religious music, THIS OLD WORLD'S IN A HELL OF A FIX (BLP12027), helps to show what the sinful singers (ie the bluesmen) were doing with sermons and gospel music along the way from 1925 or thereabouts up to present the sermons and gospel music along the way from 1925 or thereabouts up to present some "Cebruary, 1989) are the most modern tracks, with sneaky side guitar on the latter. Skip James' falsetto is represented by a '64 version of "Let Jesus Lead You'," Black Billy Sunday (the Rev NicPherson) preaches to a congregation of the Robert Wilkins fills out Side One with four Sixties vocal-guitar tracks, on the second side we get Jaybird Coleman's voice and harmonica (1927), guitarist Sam Collins from the same year, the Rev Moses Mason (known as Red Hot Old Man



SKIP JAMES falsetto represented

Mose when he was backsliding musically) from 1928, Washington Phillips with a remarkable bit of moralising from '29, "You Can't Stop A Tattler," and finally three (some good) from Blind Lemon Jefferson (circa 1925-27). Lemon, and some of the others, are better on blues and I won't pretend different. — M.J.

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#### MOLE

ly when those peoples are separated by political barricades. But for the life of me I'll never understand why the Charles Lloyd Quartet was selected to trave to the selected to trave the selected to trave the selected to trave the selected to the selecte

time.
Licyd was probably chosen because his band was the his band was the hispest "jazz group during that year; hippest meaning that year; hippest meaning most fashionable. They were the first in the jazz sphere to rock, both musical and sarrentes the result was a series of the result was a series which ensured that the micks which ensured that the band quickly dipped out of sight once the vogue was over.

Anyone who's heard "Per-

sight once the vogue was over.

Anyone who's heard "Passin' Tru," by the Onico
Hamilton (Quintet, will know
that Lloyd had a lot of potential, both as a tenorist and
more especially as a composer.
Unfortunately, he never fulfilled this early promise, turncoltrane impatture medicare
Coltrane impatture medicare
Coltrane intro and a writer
of slight lines.

Coltrane imitator and a writer of slight lines.

This album is probably the band's heat, although it's a long time since I heard the band's heat, although it's along time since I heard the others now. With only four longish tracks there was time to get into something, and Lloyd's solo on the supersonic "Sweet Georgia Bright" is quite involved, particularly his Interplay with De-Johnette. Heat is a continuous with a halved-time sequence of stomping Garner-esque words.

I wouldn't say that this is a startling album, though, or even a particularly good one, and readers would be better advised to spend their money advised to spend their money estimated the month—RW.

P.S.: the Russian audience goes wild after every number, bless 'em, But how would they have reacted to Miles or Coltrane?

MOLE Mill Mole's Mole's Molers — 1827. "Alexander's Molers — 1827. "Alexander's Molers — 1827." Alexander Swest Day; Hurrican: Davenport Blues — 1828. "The Old Town Tonght; The Old Town Strutters; The Old Town Strutters; The Old Town Strutters from You; Fifty Million Frenches — 1828. "Alexander of Moley M

recorder tracks of the articulate soloists on trombone, and the many recordings he made with various members of the New York Golden Age school in the middle and late Twenties contain a high proportion of accurately played and remarkably flexible trombone passages. One of the numerous studio groups in which he worked with Red Nicholas was Miff Mole's Molers, whose 1927 records — we are told by Parlophone in this country' as quickly as the masters could be about the control of the country' as quickly as the masters could be the country' as quickly as the masters could be the country' as quickly as the masters could be the country' as quickly as the masters could be the country' as quickly as the masters could be the country' as quickly as the masters could be the country' as quickly as the masters could be the country' as quickly as the masters could be the country' as quickly as the masters could be the country of the cou

tic."
These well-recorded tracks begin at January 26, 1927 (the begin at January 26, 1927 (the Molers consisted of cornet (Nichols), trombone and three rhythm. Cleverly arranged and performed, they seem not to suffer from the absence of sax or clarinet, Dick McDonough's guitar is skilfully employed as an extra melody

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Mole displays nice tone and ideas on "Some Sweet," as does McDonough, but it would be true to say Mole stands out on nearly every track.

Jimmy Dorsey, and Track.

Jimmy Dorsey, and Track.

Jimmy Dorsey, and "Hot Jime." The Dorsey Calrinet ("Darktown") sounds superior to the allo.

The incomparable Eddic Lang takes over guitar duties from "After You've Gone" on, but his and the following three tracks have town on, but his and the following three tracks have town on, but his and the following three tracks have town on, but his and the following three tracks have town on, but his and the following. Then things look up again with two Fud Livingston tunes, "Imagination" and "Feelin' No Pain." — M.J.

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THE ARGUMENTS about group prices go on. And on. Graeme Scott, of the University of Strathclyde, says all the talk is notsense. If universities and colleges, he remarks would stop complaining and join a national campaign the would stop complaining and join a national campaign the stop of the says of the Birmingham University newspaper "Red Brick," would all get on better.

He singles out the reference in this column three weeks ago to the Birmingham University newspaper "Red Brick," which quoted The Fleyd as going out for two grand.

"I just wonder," he says, "If the article was written by their entertainments convening, and if so, it is my reckoning that he should not be organising entertainments the understandable after the release of "Atom Heart Mother." Did The Brum not see where it landed in the LP charte?" He states, incidentally, that his entertainments committee have come across more pitfalls than some in For matanera t limit for the cance hall); an apathetic bunch of students, and a ceiling of £200 on any band. For bands charging anything of students, and a ceiling of £200 on any band. For bands charging anything of students, and a ceiling of £200 on any band. For bands charging anything of students, and a ceiling of £200 on any band. For bands charging anything of students, and a ceiling of £200 on any band. For bands charging anything of students, and a ceiling of £200 on any band. For bands charging anything of students, and a ceiling of £200 on any band. For bands charging anything of students, and a ceiling of £200 on any band. For bands charging anything of students, and a ceiling of £200 on any band. For bands charging anything of students, and a ceiling of £200 on any band. For bands charging anything of the students of the stud

that 600 was usual ngure there. He points out that they have only had 600 once in the current academic year (1970-71), and the usual at-tendance is 400-450 in the tendance is 400-450 in the 350 in the Spring. "With groups charging 252-520, a disco at £6, lights at £6, janitor over £8,



PINK FLOYD: two grand?

# Floyd are worth it

together with cost of drinks for the workforces and printed posters, the usual profit on 400 people would be usual profit of the usual profit of t

because we realise all the colleges have a difficult time in the summer term we want to go out for as low a price as possible. We're confident they'll book us again when they see the hand."

confident they see the again when they see the band."

Armada will be playing Armada will be playing Philippa Fawcett College on Friday, York University (Saturday), Lancing College,

Brighton (May 2), and Brighter College of Educa-tion (May 4), if anyone wants to take a look-see. Alan can be contacted at 499/4645.

BACK to Pink Floyd. Bob Hall at Stirling Uni-versity says that for the first time in the University's history it can afford to put

#### This week's dates

THURSDAY (April 29): Child wall Hall County College Liverpool: Trilogy, Confucius.

wyn Garden City, Gary Farr, Angst, 3,000-watt P.A. (Youth Anist 5,000-wait P.A. (Youth Wing) SATURAY (May 1): Strath-ore University Footo-tion of the Control of the Otto Control of the Control Otto Control of the Control of Control of the Control of Control of the Control of the Strawbs and Al Stewart in Strawbs and Al Stewart in Concert Oldham College of Control of the Control of the Vin and The Thunderbolts (at vin and The Thunderbolts (at Oldram Callage of Technology, Rockdale Band, SUMBAY (May 2): University of Stirling: The Bonzo Dog Band University of East Anguerestry of East Mike Westherook performing "Copan." Contral Foly, London: Sed Central Foly, London: Sed Central Foly, London: Sed Contral Foly, London: Sed Contral Foly, London: Sed Country of Contral Foly, London: Sed Contra

a band on like that. The reason is that, since Stirling only has 1,200 students at present, they are advertising extensively outside the campus and attracting the local kids.

The Floyd are playing there, by the way, on May 18.

PORTSMOUTH Poly finished last term with £650 to the good so they are going to make this term pretty cheap, without losing overall on the year.

"Not many people manage that but I've had a few lucky breaks," says Paul Munson, social secret-Wish he'd pass on the in-

formation how.

Don't forget that Soft Machine and Traffic are appearing at London's Central Polytechnic, on Wednesday, May 5 for the benefit concert in aid of the Oz obsenity trial. Tickets will be £1 for NUS card-carriers, £125 for others, and are available from the Regent Street office.

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The Criteria Studio has just lost its resident session men, the Dixle Flyers, who are now on the road with Rita Coolidge. The Studio, highly rated for its recent work with Aretha Franklin, Wilson Pickett, Dee Dee Warwick and others has a new outh inculding Mack Rebenack (piano and guitar), Mike Utley (organ) Jesse Boyce (hass) and Freeman Brown (droms). It's all happening for Ray Charles' Tangerine label. Charles himself is in the U.S. pop charts with his biggest hit in ages, "Don't Change On Me" written by Jimmy Holiday and taken from Ray's "Love, Country Style " album. Meanwhile, the Holiday and Jackie de Shannon) and the Ray Craw (Counted by have a hit with "Booty But," from the album "My Kind Of Jazz." Ray's next album, "Volcanic Actino Of My Soul," includes. "Long And Winding Road," "Something." "Wichita Linesman" and "Down in The Valley."

Former Motown writers/producers Clarence Paul and Mickey Stevenson one run their own label, Pride. Their first act is a female trio called Lovin' Stuff.

At 56, Muddy Waters is finally getting some of the recognition that has eluded him (in his home country, if not in Europe) with TV, radio and nightchub appearances and, would you believe, an appearance on David Frost's US television show. For the first time in several years he is returning to the studios in Chicago to cut new material, including some ow Willie Dixon songs, and he says there!! he no electronic gimmickry a la "Electric Mud". His new harp player is a Dyke (Lester Christian) of Dyke and the Biazers was shot dead in Phoenix, Arizona, three weeks ago. Police said his including the orignal version of "Funky Broadway," which was also a big hit for Wilson Picket.

Bluesman Freddy King has cut an album for Leon Russell's Shelter records. . Steve Cropper is producing an album for country-rock band Poco.

Flip of the new John Lee Hooker single in the States on ABC

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#### Tam Fiofori concludes his interview with B. B. King

T.F. — Right now though there are lots of very good Black Blues musicians that are not being nationally exposed. Do you think that the fact that it took you so long to think that the fact that it took you so long to get nationally ex-posed has something to do with why we don't see or hear about young Black Blues musicians com-

about young Black Blues musicians coming up?

B.R: Well that had a lot to do with it, because had it (the Blues) been exploited like other types of music, we would have been heard of. But by its not being a popular thing, nobody cared about it.

It was almost like a bad laste in the mouth, almost like using profanity ... if you said Blues, was alliterate completely, he didn't know anything, and this was the lowest form of music, and that anybody could play it, which is so flar from being right. And it is a some shadown of the pust bypassed it. Should be specially young people thought of it as a low form of music, something that didn't require any skill or anything of that sort, so they just bypassed it. When the specially had been shadown that has caused us to beheard, and I'll be honest and tell you the truth, what has caused us to beheard, and I'll be honest and tell you the truth, what has caused us to beheard, and I'll be honest and tell you the truth, what has caused us to beheard and I'll be honest and tell you the truth, what has caused us to beheard and I'll be honest and tell you the truth, what has caused us to beheard and I'll be honest and tell you the truth, what has caused us to beheard and I'll be honest and tell you the truth, what has caused us to be heard, and I'll be honest and tell you the truth, what has caused us to be heard, and I'll be honest and tell you the truth, what has caused us to be heard, and I'll be honest and tell you the truth, what has caused us to be heard, and I'll be honest and tell you the truth, what has caused us to be heard, and I'll be honest and tell you the truth, what has caused us to be heard, and I'll be honest and tell you the truth, what has caused us to be heard, and I'll be honest and tell you the state of the work of the whole of the whole

doors for us for the guys, that have really been slaving with it for years and years, eating sardiness and pork and beans, trying to live. Now it's something like I read, where somebody mentioned that unless certain people put their stamp-of the something like I read, where somebody mentioned that unless certain people put their stamp-of really exploiting anything like it should be, because we don't own the radio stations or the television stations or the television stations or the television stations or the newspapers or the many media to really get it all over. We don't have the facilities to combe coming in from the other side, but what has been, is that it's been a help, it think. Like the days of Boogie Woogie, we had a lot of giants in the Boogie Woogie field that started it. Mead Lix Lewis and many opeople accepted it was when they had somebody in that field that was very good too, you dig, and so this spens the doors though for the other guys where they can be heard too, and some of them gut to be really in the same thing happened with Rock-n'Rod. Now I was a disc jockey when Fats Domino started, same with Chuck Berry, Little Richard and all these guys was a disc jockey when Fats Domino started, same with Chuck Berry, Little Richard and all these guys was a disc jockey when Fats Domino started, same with Chuck Berry, Little Richard and all these guys was a disc jockey and to used to play their records on the radio station where I worked, until Elvis Presley came out, there wean't too much happening as to where the guys could really make goods in the radio station where I worked, until Elvis Presley came out, there has the same thing with a lot of the groups like the Dominos.

# KING'S HEAD



the Drifters, I could go on and name quite few others had until the Hill-toppers and many of the offier groups, the Ames Brother's and many others, opened the doors, they didn't let them in. So it's been the same way here with the blues gish guntil the same way here with the blues gish guntil came over here and started being played up all around, well like the Blues guys like 48. B. King, Muddy Waters, and quite the few of the came over here and started being played up all sround, well like the Blues guys like 48. B. King, Muddy Waters, and quite a few others well, the only one that was being played was Jimm's folk singer. Now that more

Reed, and they called min a folk singer
T.F. — Now that more people all over the world are hip to the Blues, and are listening to them, do you think that it will

become more and more difficult economically for say young Black people to be supported by the support of the su

what we would need to survive. This is what I'm taking about. Because as you grow, it's just like a child, when you are small you can get a suit for eight dollars, ten or twelve dollars, when you grow up to become a miner of the control of the co

do that now.

T.F.: I notice that a lot of people give the while Blues mulcians credit for having hrought about a mass interest in the Blues and that in their interview, they say that B, B, King is the Boss, and from you and so many other Black Blues musiclans, I wonder why say if you play at the Fillmore with some of these groups, you don't top the bill?

B.B.: I have topped the bill there.

T.F.: Financially as well as

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#### An occasional series by Barry Fantoni

VIVALDI: THE FOUR SEASONS. The Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields. Directed by Nev-ille Mariner. Alan Love-day (violin). Simon Preston (organ and harpsichord). 2 RG 654.

VIVALDI'S Four Seasons perhaps joins Beethoven's Pfth Symphony and Bach's Toccata and Fugue in D Minor as suffering from over-popularity through over-record-

through over-recording.

This is not to say that they are not very fine works, but due to the fact that so many performances are — to say the least — dreadful, one finds it hard to hear the work as the composer intended.

Vivaldi, thought of by many as the father of barroue, wrote the Four Seasons as a meditation on four sonnests and it is interesting to note that the seasons have inspired many composers since — the most not able being the magnificent or draying the seasons have inspired many composers since — the most not able being the magnificent or draying the seasons have dispired many composers since — the most not able being the magnificent of the seasons have dispired many composers since — the most not able being the magnificent many composers since — the most not able to being the magnificent many composers since — the most not be the seasons have inspired many composers since — the most not be all the seasons have inspired many composers since — the most not seasons have inspired many composers since — the most not seasons have inspired many composers since — the most not seasons have inspired many composers since — the most not seasons have inspired many composers since — the most not seasons have inspired many composers since — the most not seasons have inspired many composers since — the most not seasons have inspired many composers since — the most not seasons have not seasons ha

magnificent Oratorio of Haydn.
Neville Mariner, directing the Academy of St Martinin-the-Fields and Alan Loveday as solo violinist do for Vivaldi's old chestnut what long thought impossible. I long thought impossible to the treated as a result of players attempting to be so literal in their approach that the music became obscured by the effect.

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At last: Someone does Vivaldi

favour

orchestra do has great subtlety and charm. Hats off to the Ancient Mariner and his merry crew for this is an extremely fine record!

THIS recording came as a complete surprise. Again, the playing is superb and the sonata by Handel further impresses the listener as to the stature of his often neglected chamber works.

contain some perfect moments in a form which is predominantly flight. But the 
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## FOCUS ON FOLK

GILLIAN MCPHERSON wants to be a rock singer. Right now be a rock singer. Right now she's a contemporary folk singer/ songwriter/guitarist, and the im-mediate impression is that she could go off in any one of a dozen directions at a moment's notice. She has an energetic eye sparkle, and that's always a good sign.

and that's always a good sign.

"I would like you to stress that I'm relatively new and don't really know my direction," she said. "It's very important to me to be as versatile as I can so I can develop one particular style if I think it's going at last."

It's also very important to her to be recognised as a good musician. One only needs to watch her playing guitar to appreciate that. Comparatively few female singers venture beyond the rhythmic chord patterns of the guitar. Gillian co-ordinates both hands and uses her fingers to provide an intricate backing when it's needed.

"I had a thing about it when I was younger because it was always the boys with the guitars. I said that I had a hand as big as a boy's — which I have — so I was bloody well going to play the guitar as well as they could."

Coming from Belfast Gillian virtually had.

as they could."

Coming from Belfast Gillian virtually had to begin from the start again when she reached London towards the end of last

year.
"I was very well known in Belfast and had my own television series there. Coming to London you're just a tiddler in the

"I turned professional in November last year and I still don't know which direction I'm going in. My writing is now very soft. I feel like putting a bit more guts into my writing."

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She had secontly signed a contract with KCA trace and the resulting single, to be issued very shortly ("My Own Way"), is representative of her softer, subjective side. Backing musicians are Richard Thompson, Pat Donaldson and Gerry Conway. In contrast, she also sings Stones' numbers and one of these together with Neil Young's "Southern Man" are likely to be on her first album.

"This single is purely an introduction. "When you meet somebody you can't judge their person to the property of the propert



GILLIAN McPHERSON: it was always the boys with the guitars

# Gillian wants to rock

love the acoustic guitar and I want to play it better."

Her enthusiasm for rock music has only developed while she has been in England Eventually she would like to have backing musicians and play an electric guitar. Nell Young impresses musicians and play an electric guitar. Nell Young impresses that "Southern Man" was the type of song she'd like to end up doing.

"I only started writing about nine months ago, so I've got to feel my way.

"What I want to do in future with my lyric writing is move more outside my ended to be a bit emotional. Lam the audience won't know what you're talking about.
"Personal songs tend to be a bit emotional. Lam emotional so obviously it comes out in my songs."
Belfast being such a heated area, I asked Gillian how issue.

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issue.

"The reaction I had for Belfast was strong and very close. Understanding the prob-

What was wrong with movice?
"Breath control. I do have the notes, I have a low range and a high range. If I had singing lessons obviously that singing lessons obviously that exertaile and interesting."
Gillian wasn't too impressed with some of the London folk clubs she had played at. She felt that the music war

## At last, a Bert Jansch album as good as his first.



Apart from playing with Pentangle, Bert Jansch has made six solo albums.

"Rosemary Lane" is the sixth. This is what Jerry Gilbert said about it in the March 27th issue of "Sounds".

"... Rosemary Lane is the most satisfying work of Jansch's that I have heard since his early days. His style has matured and mellowed considerably - there's none of the flourish and flamboyance which characterised his early work, although the voice and guitar are unmistakable. One song "A Dream, A Dream, A Dream" could easily have appeared in context on the first album..."

"Rosemary Lane" is on Transatlantic Tra 235.

MUSICAL instrument wholesaler John Hornby Skewes has opened a new 6,000 square feet £23,000 office block and showroom at his HQ in Garforth, near Leeds. He distributes musical instruments of every description and his best-known trade names are Terada, Kasuga, Zenta and Gretsch guitars, Eko, Giaccaglia and Zenta organs and Royal Standard accordions.

A new handbook listing the names and addresses of members of the Association of Musical Instrument Industries has been produced and can be obtained by anyone connected with the musical instrument trade from the secretary of the Association instrument trade from the secretary of the Association of Musical Park View, Hatch Agnetic Agn

# Trade

## **FOCUS ON FOLK**

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o days earlier (May 5) or sy Wheel play at rup Hall, East Kilbride Centre. This concert is organised by The Forum Club, East Kilbride Trows and the Hall of the Country of the Characte their third anniversion, Ginagow blues singuitarist, On May 23 they putting on a concert at puttarist, On May 23 they putting on a concert at East Kilbride, J.S.D. Band, Stuartison and Dave Howard, unedain, British tradial male quartet and resists at the Hanging Lamp, and the Hanging Lamp, an

lor Lodge's forthcoming on Vertigo was mis-ly referred to as "Lady's ing House" last week, correct title is "Lady's ing Home." The group he heard on Night Ride ay 5. Mr Fox's second

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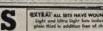
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it clear in his letter whether he wished to buy the records he mentioned by Yes, Medicine Head, Barclay James Harvest et al., or whether he merely wanted to listen to them

merely wanted to listen to them.

My experience of working in a record shop showed me that progressive fans do not make as large a contribution to sales as the schoolkids who buy one crap single a week, but they put in many more man-hours in the listening booths.

Beyond that, however, the progressive fans exhibit a progressive fans exhibit a man-hour fall their transcendental makes the progressive fans exhibit a grant of the fact that their heroes (who excess of six cherds as

NOW DEEP PURPLE are a teenybopper group. Remembering group. Remembering party of the property of the property

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Welchselstrasse , many, SO SANTANA are to grace us with only one British concert on this tour. Their live appearances to date in these fair isless have been virtually mon-existent and they don't seem too concerned about

The frequent headlines in MM over the past few weeks have generated a lot of interest and Santana must consider the annoyance they will arouse from fans in the provinces. So come on all you west Coast myths, show a little enthusiasmi — MICHAEL DARBYSHIRE, 13 Earls Way, Doontoot, Ayr.

Loan Market Market, 13 Earls Way, Doontoot, Ayr.

Wheat MAPATHISE whole-stripe with the complain of their tapes and demo-discs being lost or mislaid by people in the music business. Unfortunately, the only way it is possible to get some idea of anyone's potential is by listening to their table to get some idea of anyone's potential is by listening to their table to be returned to the only way it is possible for the tape to be returned to its original owner is for the owner to label the tape to its box.

box.

I just hope that this letter is read by some of the people who have sent me unmarked tapes.

Tim SATCHELL, Beautiful Music Ltd., 23 Haymarket, London, S.W.1.

## Robert and Jimi were brothers. . .

I HAVE made a comparison between the lives of Robert Johnson and Jimi Hendrix, and I think there is a marked similarity. Those who believe in reincarnation might find it interesting.

Both were light-brown skinned slim and about saisoned they played their own, highly original material. Musically, they had an almost appernatural sense of feel and timing. They both revolutionised their respective musical fields and yet off stage they were quitted to opinion and the saisoned slim and the sais

# Re-release the gems

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In those days we didn't hear enough about, or of, the new rock music to seek out the real gems, and becoming acquainted with later albums we find that the earlier ones by the same groups have been deleted.

Surely there is still a market.

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Surely there is still a market
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units which isn't available:—
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Underground," "Spoonful" etc?
Those of us who still hanker after these historic albums would dash to buy them if they were re-released, so why don't the companies cater for the customer instead of ripping him off, and make some money at the same time! — A. J. GUNDRY, 20 Westbury Road, Lelecater.

"HE MOST annoying fashion" of late is the re-ease by progressive artists

of a single to promote the album from which it has been taken.

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