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EMI's Manfred Mann television album

THE NEXT television-advertised album from EMI will be a Manfred Mann 20 Greats of the '60s package which includes seven tracks

Titled Semi Detached Suburban (EMTV 19), the album will be

released on August 24 backed by a £30,000 marketing campaign, most of which will go on nationwide TV advertising.

Compiled by Tom McGuiness, bass player and guitarist with Mann in the '60s, tracks taken from the period 1964 to 1969, include 13 Top 10 hits including Doo Wah Diddy Diddy, 5-4-3-2-1, Pretty Flamingo, My Name Is Jack, Mighty Quinn and If You've Gotta Go. It is almed at the 25 to 30-plus age group as well as younger fans of the new

Brian Berg of EMI's commercial developments division has worked for a year in negotiations with Mann and Phonogram to put the album together and he says: "I believe this is one of our strongest potential hit albums. It will have wide appeal to anyone who was buying rock records in that era, and of course Earthband fans will want to hear the band's roots.'

With a RRP of £5.29 (dealer price £3.45) the album will also be available at the same price in cassette and eight-track and dealers ordering in August will not be invoiced until September.

Police probe tapes

record dealer has resulted in more than 2000 cassettes being seized by than 2000 cassettes being seized by the police. Three people have been helping the police with their enquiries and may be charged under the 1958 Performers Protection Act. The tapes include Bob Dylan, Saturday Night Fever and ELO's Out of The Blue.

Charlie Hayes who runs the Record Exchange in Glasgow's Jamaica Street, became suspicious when he was offered large quantities of the tapes and alerted the police.

CBS, EMI and Jet have all contacted

CBS, EMI and Jet have all contacted Hayes to congratulate him on his promopt action and a BPI investigator has been to Glasgow to help the Serious Crimes Squad.

MW has a copy of the ELO Out Of The Blue cassette. The inlay card appears to have been photographed from the album sleeve. Nowhere on the cassette does it mention Jet Records or the country of manufacture. And a Jet spokesman said the sound quality suggested that said the sound quality suggested that it had been recorded directly from a

CBS deposes EMI as top albums company

FOR THE first time since 1971, EMI has been knocked off the top of the leading companies albums league table in the Market Survey based on placings in the Music Week charts.

Figures for the quarter April to June 1979 show CBS as top albums company with a market share of 19.3 per cent, ahead of EMI with 18.3 per cent and WEA with 10.3 per

Broken down into labels, CBS is top with 10 per cent, but significantly the fast-growing independent Chrysalis takes second position with 6.2 per cent ahead of Polydor in third place with 5.9 per

In the singles league EMI takes back its leading position with 18.8 per cent with CBS second (18 per cent) and WEA slipping to third place (17.3), compared to the previous quarter's placings with WEA first, CBS second and EMI

Expressed as labels, CBS had 8.4 per cent of the singles market, Polydor 8.3 per cent and Atlantic

In the music publishing section based on singles chart success, ATV Music take top honours for both individual and corporate leagues. In the singles performance survey Art the singles performance survey Art
Garfunkel was top male artist; Amii
Stewart top female; M top group.
Leo Sayer was top male albums
artist, Kate Bush top female and
Blondie top group.

• The Market Survey is compiled
by Music Week and the British
Market Research Bureau and is
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Imports; dealers face increased pressure

THE MANUFACTURERS' against importers and dealers selling "unlawful" imported stock gained momentum last week.

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Polydor issued High Court
injunctions against Harlequin
Records, Simons Records and
Downtown, of Romford.
WEA, following Polydor and
CBS, sent out a warning letter to
dealers and importers. In the letter,
director of constraint Mile Visible director of operations Mike Hitches says: "We have been advised by our lawyers that the business of importing or selling without our permission foreign copies of our recordings is an infringement of our rights under the Copyright Act, 1956. The purpose of this letter is to alert you to risk involved in importing or dealing in such records. For this reason you should take care not to deal in any imported copy of any of our recordings which has come directly or indirectly from a place of manufacture outside the EEC and, in particular, from Portugal, Canada or the USA."

idle threat. We shall definitely take legal action if we have to. We are really going to take a firm line."

Imports from Canada have severely hit WEA's catalogue sales of Fleetwood Mac and The Eagles Hitches added that they would be

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Chart action

THE BOOMTOWN Rats rise 15 places to take over the No. 1 spot from Tubeway Army. ELO leap from 71 to 21. Also moving well: Knack (24 to 6), Donna Summer (22 to 14), Abba (23 to 12). The eleven new entries are headed by Showaddywaddy (50), Cars (51), Nazareth (54), Earth Wind &

Company execs to attend protest meet

SEVERAL RECORD company executives were attending this week's Dealers' Protest Meeting in London organised by the MTA's Gramophone Record Retailers' Committee

Among those planning to be at the meeting were Pye's sales director Trevor Eyles, CBS sales director John Mair and RCA's sales manager John Howes, EMI was sending "observers", and Decca/Selecta and Phonogram said they would not be represented.

At presstime Polydor and WEA were undecided.

The meeting was discussing variety of problems current variety of problems currently affecting dealers' trading conditions and MTA secretary Arthur Spencer-Bolland promised that the meeting would be advocating positive action on certain issues

A full report of the meeting will appear in next week's Music Week.

Returns poll

DEALERS ARE given their chance to make their feelings known on the thorny subject of five per cent returns this week in a poll organised by the MTA and published in Music Week's Retailing page (see page 12). MW retail readers whether they are members of the MTA or not - are asked to indicate which of three returns alternatives they would prefer.

Answers should be mailed to the MTA and the result will be published in a future issue of Music Week.

BPI tapes victory

TAPE HARDWARE and blank cassette manufacturers who openly encourage

TAPE HARDWARE and blank cassette manufacturers who openly encourage in-home taping in their advertising and point-of-sale material were sharply criticised last week by John Deacon, Director General of the BPI.

Deacon's comments followed a decision by blank cassette manufacturer TDM to immediately withdraw the controversial copyline in TDK's current advertising campaign — "For the price of a good double you could have 30 sensational singles." Following complaints from the BPI, the company agreed voluntarily to stop using the copyline.

Commented Deacon, "Naturally I welcome this move by TDK and have been extremely impressed by the way in which the company has responded to our requests. Unfortunately, however, the same cannot be said of many other companies.

companies.

"I would like to see a much more responsible attitude taken by some of the other companies when it comes to advertising and promoting their products. I strongly feel that these companies are under an obligation not to encourage the general public to break the law, which in-home taping does.



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LETTERS

Is this the time to put an end to price-cutting?

I DON'T enjoy saying I told you so, but what is happening now in respect of trade discounts is exactly what I prophesied about three or four years ago.

Can anyone blame Polydor or EMI — or any of the

what I prophesied about three or four years ago.

Can anyone blame Polydor or EMI — or any of the manufacturers for that matter — for seizing a larger share of the cash available at a time when they are up against it (for whatever reason) when they have seen dealers giving

(for whatever reason) when they have seen dealers giving away so much of their margin for so long.

Surely it is quite logical for them to assume that if dealers can do without 10 or 20 per cent of their gross, they may as well make a corresponding increase in their own gross. EMI has done it by simply increasing the RRP. Polydor has done it by charging them more and hoping that their RRP will be maintained by the dealers.

Those dealers who have managed to keep alive and kicking on radically reduced margins will comfort

Those dealers who have managed to keep alive and kicking on radically reduced margins will comfort themselves knowing that it can be done. Assuming that the manufacturers have been truthful when insisting that extra discounts have not been given, some dealers have been able to maintain profits through vastly increased turnover at their cut-prices at the expense of extra staff and the associated problems of wages, holiday rotas, sickness, redundancy payments and large expensive premises in prime shopping sites.

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I am very curious to know how their turnover figures will be maintained when they can no longer afford to knock off the odd £1 and 75p, for it does really look as though much of the cutting will have to stop. The

when the realistic margins which have been thrown away, instead of a percentage of the profits being used to make shops smarter, cleaner and tidier and generally more

efficient.

This could be the beginning of the end of RRP because some of us are just not going to be able to manage on a margin of 30 per cent. It seems that the main stumbling block against the abandoning of RRP is that artists' royalties are based on the RRP of their discs (notwithstanding the fact that many of their records have never sold at the full RRP).

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Perhaps if the pessimists are right and records do not sell as well at £5 and over, the artists will find their belts being tightened along with ours. Maybe the artists should be squeezed in any case, to help ensure a healthy manufacturing and distribution chain — without us they are well and truly up the proverbial creek.

I see some dealers are already congratulating those manufacturers who are examining the possibility of reducing the price of albums to between £3 and £4. How many times does it have to be emphasised that in 1979, with our increasing costs, we require more cash profit and

with our increasing costs, we require more cash profit and not more work to earn what we earned in 1978?

Never mind, it may well work out in the end. Perhaps we shall see a self-imposed retail price maintenance if any more margins are reduced. It did use to be such a nice be in! Brian Whitehead, Central Records, St

EMI wrong

I'M AFRAID the EMI 50% sell-out looks to me yet another wrong decision in a series of wrong decisions which have damaged and crippled its music

Artists should never have been Artists should never have been allowed to control the executives, accountants and lawyers. Acquisitions should not have been made at a time when the international industry slump could be observed and international industry slump could be observed and anticipated. And now — when England is at last again a hotbed of new, young talent — any British based record company would be seriously ill advised to sell out at a time of potential sell out at a time of potential

Jonathan King, UK Records, Grafton Way, London W1.

High prices cause imports

SIX MONTHS ago in Music Week I wrote with reference to the possibilities of major influxes of imports into this country during the latter half of 1979 and said that many companies involved either in exporting or simply wholesaling in England might flip the coin and start importing at a considerable rate.

Actually I hate to be proved right in this case! But I am wondering whether any sales managers, managing directors or company chairmen took any notice either of my letter or of many subsequent letters on this particular subsequent teters on this particular subject. We have seen now over the last few weeks many examples of panic decision making by the majors all of which appear to be continuously aimed at sustaining a continuously aimed at sustaining a theoretical profit margin but allowing in practice for diminishing sales of finished product manufactured in this country.

There are at the moment to my knowledge about five companies or people who are involved in bulk

importing from anywhere and everywhere — including EMI product from New Zealand! There have also been rumbles of possible legal action which may be taken against companies or people involved in importing from outside the European Economic Community.

This is a complete farce, not because some of the majors may have been legally ill-advised, but rather that in this business not only do companies come and go at a considerable rate, but also there are many people involved on the fringe of the record business who are permanently willing to take a gamble at anything and therefore any decision to take legal action will probably be put into operation well after thousands of copies of the offending article have been already sold to the public. If you wander through any major shopping centre in this country you will find records in the browsers from as far away as Israel and

The net result, therefore, at the

reached No. 5. And there ain't no stoppin'

"Do You Want To Dance"

their new single from the new album.

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moment is quite simple. Importers are getting sharper and wiser by the day; the record companies are becoming increasingly frustrated and the public may be benefiting from cheaper records being made available to them or alternatively the retailers may at last be making

I do not claim to be a prophet, but I do think that the regulation price increases that have gone on in this country over the last three years have resulted in the exact situation many of us who work at street level have predicted for so long, and there is no way that the senior executives within this business can claim that the situation as it stands today is blameable on any outside factors other than their own total lack of understanding of the world market

I certainly hope that it is not too I certainly hope that it is not too late for everybody here, especially when you consider that, as the world record industry develops from year to year, there are an increasing number of sources for product which can be purchased cheaply and in most cases nowadays at a good enough quality for the average punter.

Christopher Stylianou, Caroline Exports, Standard Road, London, NW10.

Don't call on me!

MAY I use your correspondence columns to request the management of both Polydor and EMI to stop sending their representatives to my shop? I must emphasise that this should not be seen as any criticism of the reps in question, however I do realise how imperative it must be for the companies to save money and this might help in some small

have come to this decision reluctantly for the reps have kept me in regular personal touch with two companies which have provided my companies which have provided my livelihood for some 20 years. Believe me, I was proud of the fact. Now I shudder when I read of EMI having to dispose of 50 per cent of its empire as a result of a temporary setback.

What a travesty when one considers the effort put in to the organisation by people such as Sir Joseph Lockwood and in particular Len Wood. As for Polydor, how can

management so completely misread

management so completely misricad the trade's attitude to their action?
Gentlemen, there were other alternatives open to you and no doubt these will be discussed at many levels. It's all very well for Tony Morris to say there is no going back. I really can't see Polydor as a securit of the decision count forward result of its decision going forward,
Any executive can make a mistake

— but the first class ones accept the fact and quickly put it right. Fred Exon, Exon's Record and Tape Centre, Oxford Street, Westonsuper-Mare, Avon.

is going to Ring Your Bell'again with her new single won't be stopped. Their last single, "Ain't No Stoppin' Us Now"



It's the follow-up to her No.1 single "Ring My Bell" from the album "Songs of Love" by Anita Ward. TKR 83371.

TKR 7755

"Do You Want To Dance" PIR 7744 From the album & cassette McFadden & Whitehead.





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Captain Video expands in Europe

PROMOTION COMPANY Captain Video has signed two distribution deals which form part of the company's plan to break into the European market. Managing director Bruce Higham recently returned from Norway where he completed negotiations with Arne Bendikson in Oslo, one of the largest independent records labels there, which will result in Captain Video films being seen in 60 major

Higham also finalised a deal with rish Lydband A/S, a Danish company, which will see Captain Video films in stores in Finland, Sweden and Denmark. The films have already been seen in Scandinavian stores but from August a total of 120 Denmark outlets will be showing Captain Video films, 65 in Finland and 130 in

Ian Collette has left Island Records where he was assistant sales manager to join Captain Video. His manager to join Captain Video. His role will involve co-ordinating activities with the record companies. Also new to the company are May Bee and Clive Richardson who will both work on the production side. Richardson has been stage set designer for Yes for the last five



Carpette baggers!

BEGGARS BANQUET has signed The Carpettes, a Newcastle group who have previously had two singles released on the Small Wonder label. They are currently recording their debut album for the label

RCA HAS signed Landscape, the instrumental rock band, to a long-term worldwide contract. Their first album for the label is due in October, with a single to be released in September.

RIALTO RECORDS, currently enjoying chart success with the Korgis hit single, If I Had You, has Korgis hit single, If I Had You, has signed a long-term deal with Moskow whose first release is The Man From Uncle on August 10. The band comprises David Ashmore, David Cole, Michael Cartland, Jan Kaliki and Trevor Valentine. The Man From Uncle was previously released as a single on the band's own independent Moskow label in November 1978 when it also attained a fair amount of success including a fair amount of success including Radio One airplay.

GREENSLEEVES RECORDS, the GREENSLEEVES RECORDS, the independent reggae label, has signed a national distribution deal with Spartan. The label's entire catalogue, previously distributed by EMI, will now be available through Spartan. First new release under the deal will be the single UK deal will be the single UK Skanking/Run Run Run by Capital Letters, released July 30.

LATEST SIGNINGS to Ariola are Delegation who release Eau De Vie, Delegation who release Eau De Vie, a Ken Gold-produced album in November, and girl-singer April Love who's debut single, Switchboard (ARO 177), is released

LOGO RECORDS has signed singer/instrumentalist Clive Culbertson to a recording deal. His first single, Time To Kill/Busy Signal will be available soon.



TONY STRATTON-Smith has signed singer Lee Curtis to his Charisma label in a worldwide deal. Curtis is also signed to Derek Bowman for management, and is his first signing since he became manager of David Essex 12 years ago. Pictured at the signing are (1 to r): standing, Derek Bowman, David Hitchcock (Charisma A and R), Tony Stratton-Smith, Tony Seddon (lawyer). Seated, Lee Curtis Brian Gibbon (Charisma managing director). Curtis, Brian Gibbon (Charisma managing director).

News in brief

ROTAVATORS, A Chatham-based new wave band, has signed a long-term recording and publishing deal with Voyage International Records. Their first single, Meat (Sheep May Safely Braise) is to be released soon.

BEGGARS BANQUET is making re-available all early Tubeway Army record which were previously deleted. The first album, known as the Blue Album, will be re-released on August 4, as will the singles That's Too Bad and Combers, twinned as a double pack and selling at £1.60

A NEW free monthly music magazine, The Gear Guide, has been launched by Chris Simmonds, Tom Stock and Howard Rosen, all of whom used to work for Beat Instrumental. The editorial, comprising instrument reviews on guitars, drums, amplifiers, effects, keyboards and PA is handling its own distribution to selected musical instrument dealers throughout the UK, all of whom are being supplied with free dispensers. The first issue is out this week.

TO COMPENSATE for the increased price (RRP now £5.49), future copies of the ELO album, Discovery, are to include a full colour poster.

JEREMY THOMAS has decided to peg the prices of Electric singles at under £1. To this effect, the new John Williams single, Air On The G String will carry a sticker on the sleeve saying "maximum retail price 99p". The single is the follow-up to Cavatina and is released on August 13, catalogue no. Cube

POLYDOR IS holding down the price of the new Charlie picture disc LP, Fight Dirty (PPD 1) to £4.99 until the end of August when the RRP reverts to £5.31. A picture disc single, with the same title (POSPD 62) has an RRP of

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Hall joins MCA

LAURIE HALL has been apointed business affairs manager of MCA International Records Operation and MCA International
Distribution. Hall takes up his new
position at the beginning of
September and his responsibilities
will cover all aspects of the British and international operation. He joins MCA from EMI where he worked in the legal and publishing departments before a three-year period as business affairs manager

Munns move

DAVID MUNNS, general manager of Capitol UK, leaves at the end of this month to take up a senior appointment with Capitol-EMI in Toronto, Canada. He will be replaced in the UK by Martyn Cox, currently sales and special projects manager of Capitol UK.

Mercury marketing

PHONOGRAM HAS combined its Mercury marketing department with the international division and Gibson Kemp who was formerly Mercury marketing manager, now



becomes general manager international.

Kemp will be responsible for the exploitation of the repertoire from Phonogram Inc. (US), and to assess the potential of all group artists /product for the UK market. Working with Kemp will be A and R manager John Holman who takes on responsibility for international repertoire.

SIMON HILLS, who has previously worked on Record Mirror and Popstar Weekly, has joined the editorial staff of Music Week. . . Stuart Lee, producer of Nicky Horne's programmes on Capital Radio, is leaving to join Capital Radio, an unrelated company hared in Transkei South company based in Transkei, South Africa, as deputy programme controller. Capital's head of music Tim Blackmore is now seeking an experienced music producer to replace Lee. A production assistant is also being sought . . . Former independent promotion man Dave

King has set up a comprehensive promotion company with partner Dez Cleary. Called Korks Plugging Company its 10-strong staff will aim to cover radio, TV, discos and retailers in England, Scotland and Wales. The company will operate from 59 Latchmere Road, Battersea, London SW11 (Tel: 01-228 7596) . . Ray Still to Infinity Records as London promotion manager with responsibility for national TV and radio as well as London-based local radio. Still was formerly promotion manager with Anchor and before that was with Arista . . . Annie Benson from Arista's dealer liaison department to press officer Infinity Records Phil Smith to Pye as regional promotions co-ordinator, Brian Martin joins Pinnacle as promotions manager reporting to Tony Berry. Martin has previously worked for Arista and Phonogram . . . Also at Pinnacle, Sherrie Metcalf has joined as receptionist/secretary to Tony Berry. Newton Wills is staying with the company and will be involved with TV promotion, artists' liaison and some international coordination . . . Alan Bellman to marketing manager Hurricane Records from Pickwick where he was assistant to the general was assistant to the general



Manfred Mann's Earth Band **Current Hit Single** DON'T KILL IT CAROL BRO 77 ON BRONZE RECORDS, AVAILABLE FROM EMI

news

Cheerful Dury

IAN DURY and the Blockheads release their follow-up to Hit Me With Your Rhythm Stick this week (July 27). Titled Reasons To Be Cheerful (Part Three), it is available in both 7" and 12" forms, both coming in picture

Catalogue numbers are BUY 50 and 12 BUY 50. B-side is Common As Much. Neither track is on the As Much. Nettner track is on the recently released Do It Yourself LP. Marketing plans for the single include advertising in the consumer music papers, 5000 leaflets to dealers and

Bournemouth franchise

AFTER INTERVIEWING the five groups who applied to provide an Independent Local Radio service for the Bournemouth area, the Independent Broadcasting Authority has offered the contract to Bournemouth Independent Radio Limited, chaired by Lord Stokes.

Lord Stokes — a former head of British Leyland — remains a consultant to Leyland Vehicles, is chairman and director of the British

consultant to Leyland Vehicles, is chairman and director of the Brush Arabian Advisory Company and a director of National Westminster Bank. Deputy chairman is Gordon Stevenson, managing director of a local finance house, while the franchise group also includes Max Bygraves — a Bournemouth resident — and Penny Seeger, assistant communications officer for Barclays International but formerly a broadcaster with British Forces Broadcasting Service in Singapore and the BBC World Service and also a founder member of the local Massitud Residuals.

Hospital Broadcasting Association.

The station should be on the air by the autumn of 1980. Bournemouth is the eighth of the nine proposed locations in which the radio company has been decided. The IBA is expected to appoint the successful franchise applicant for the remaining area — Chelmsford/Southend — at the end of August.

Decca re-releases Valens

DECCA HAS re-released the original version of La Bamba by Ritchie Valens, a big hit both sides of the Atlantic in the late Fifties. The single has been issued with its original Black and gold London label design and features two tracks on the B-side, Come On Let's Go and That's My Little Suzie. Catalogue number: HLR 10571.

RCA HAS flipped the new single by songwriter-guitarist Paul Brett. Aside was originally Brett's own composition, 1999, a disco-styled track, but after radio stations started playing the B-side, a version of the Dava Brabeck song. Take Five. Dave Brubeck song, Take Five, RCA decided to switch promotion. The single is available in both seven and 12-inch formats.

THE LATEST release from Mighty Diamond on Virgin's Front Line label is set at a two-albums-for-the-price-of-one RRP of £4.99. Released on July 27 the single album — Deeper Roots (Back To The Channel) (FLD 6001) — wifl include a free dub album of the vocal tracks. Advertising back-up takes in Black Echoes, Sounds, NME and Melody Maker.

CASABLANCA RECORDS now has the rights to two early Donna Summer albums, previously available on GTO. Love To Love You Baby and A Love Trilogy will be rush-released in August at full-price after a sell-off period by GTO. Catalogue numbers: Casablanca CAL 2054/5.

News in

RCA NEXT month launches a special series of 12" EP's, containing four tracks each and packed in full colour sleeves. RRP will be £1.65 each. Included in the first series of releases are Bonnie Tyler, Dolly Parton and The Scorpions.

THE FIRST 15,000 copies of Therm Warfare, second single to be taken from the GTO album Hot Property, will be available as a 12-inch disco versions (GT12 253 and GT 253). Also available in the same format is the new Billy Ocean single, American Hearts (GTO GT 244), which has been written by Buggatti

THE ROGER Whittaker LP, 20 All Time Greats (POL TV8) now in the third week of a three-week Granada TV campaign, has gone silver and is the Radio 2 album of this week.

IN AN attempt to make closer contact with dealers, Stiff's Dave Whitehead and Phillipa Thomas will Whitehead and Phillipa Thomas will be embarking on a mini dealer tour over the next ten days. Visiting shops through London, the Home Counties and as far north as Birmingham, they will be putting special emphasis on the current singles by Wreckless Eric and Kirsty MCCUI

CITY BOY have a new concept album released on August 10 called The Day The Earth Caught Fire (Vertigo 9102 036 LP, 7231 024 cassette). The release is backed by full press advertising with teaser adverts in the music press. Dealer and point of sale material will include a tee-shirt, posters, logos and a special prop to accompany the album's theme. The LP features new material written by the band and was produced at Compas Point in the Bahamas by Robert John Lange. A single is also scheduled for release in

Tricia Barry dies

TRICIA BARRY, personnel manager of CBS' UK office for the last 12 months, died suddenly last Tuesday (17). She had been with the company since

Ms Barry joined CBS as personnel officer, responsible for the recruitment up to middle management for the Soho Square departments, the studio and the sales force. She later became senior personnel officer and contributed to the development of job evaluation, salary administration and staff training.

Import war

particularly watchful with the upcoming release of the longawaited new Led Zeppelin album.

Meanwhile, a copyright infringement action brought by Polydor against Harlequin Record Shops and Simons Records will be used to test the legal status of records and tapes made under licence in Portugal and imported into this country. into this country.

Counsel for Harlequin and Counsel for Harlequin and Simons (who claim to be the sole importer of the albums) told the Judge: "We are not dealing with pirate recordings. We are dealing with a large number of records — honest records — which are being imported from Portugal in the belief that they can be invested lawfully. that they can be imported lawfully, despite the fact that Portugal is not a member of the EEC."

Counsel added that they would be relying on the provisions of a trade treaty signed between Portugal and the EEC aimed at setting up a free trade area between Portugal and member states.

In the action, Polydor and RSO Records Inc are seeking to restrain alleged infringement of their copyright in the Bee Gees album, Spirits Having Flown. Counsel said that they were concerned about recent Portuguese imports sold at lower prices than records made in the UK. It was Polydor's case that their sales were now suffering seriously and that the sales of the imports might affect chart placings, causing further harm. He asked the judge to make a temporary order banning Harlequin and Simons from importing, selling or distributing their records until a further hearing

their records until a further hearing this coming Friday.

Mr Justice Walton refused to grant the injunction, saying they had left their application "far too late". But he agreed to adjourn the application for a week.

Earlier, in a similar action by Polydor involving the same Bee Gees album. Downtown Records

Downtown

(Romford), another customer of Simons, gave an undertaking not to import, sell or distribute the record.

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The undertaking is effective until a further hearing on Friday.

A Polydor spokesman told MW:
"We are taking the position that "We are taking the position that parallel imports, which are not authorised by us from Portugal are illegal and we will take the appropriate measures against such offenders to prevent such imports."

• SIMONS RECORDS gave a permanent undertaking in the High

Court on Friday not to sell copies of Jean Michel Jarre's Oxygene LP without the licence of Black Neon

Ltd.
They also gave a further permanent undertaking not to sell records not made in the UK and containing works whose copyright is owned by or licensed to individuals or companies, for whom the MCPS acts as agents, without affixing the appropriate royalty stamp. They also agreed to pay £655 towards Black Neon and the Society's costs.

Free TV plugs for EMI's **Learning Tree**

TV advertising for its album based on EMI WILL be getting "free" TV advertising for its album based on the Granada Television children's series, Learning Tree. The LP, also available on cassette, features 12 songs from the series which starts a new run from August 17, and Ian Page, who has written, arranged and produced the music, will be undertaking personal promotion for the record.

the record.

The new Learning Tree TV series is being repeated for the third time, and after each programme there will be a reference to the album's availability, and future reprints of the book of the same name — which has sold more than a quarter of a million to date — will also mention the album. In addition dealers are being supplied with proweer cards.

the album. In addition dealers are being supplied with browser cards. Central character of the TV series, book and record is a "wise old tree" who talks and sings to two children about their environment and the conservation of it. Brian Berg of EMI's commencial development division commented: "There will be other Learning Tree releases if this one is successful — and we are sure that it will be. Apart from being good entertainment, the LP is also very important because it teaches children about ecology and the importance of it."

Catalogue numbers are: album, EMI 6506; cassette, TCEME 6506. Retailing prices, £3.45 and £3.65 respectively.

MU - BPI talks

NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN the BPI and the Musicians Union about the latter's claim for a 40 per cent rise in session recording fees were still in progress at presstime, but BPI director general John Deacon told Music Week that he was confident

Music week that he was confident that a settlement would be reached by the end of this week.
"The negotiations are progressing," he said, "and both sides are now discussing various alternatives among themselves."

Midem plans for 6000 delegates

SEVEN MONTHS before the opening of Midem '80 in Cannes, opening of Mindem so in Cannes, the organisers are having difficulty finding more space to accommodate the growing number of exhibitors. This is despite the creation of 324 square metres of stand space between the Palais des Festivals and the

neighbouring Malmaison.
Already over 100 companies have booked their stands and the Midem office reports that most companies want to increase their stand space and more than half the available space is now

"Judging by the number of reservations coming in every day we have every reason to believe we have every reason to believe that more than 6,000 delegates will participate in next year's event,'' said a Midem spokesman. Nearly 30 British record and music publishing companies have so far made their reservations for

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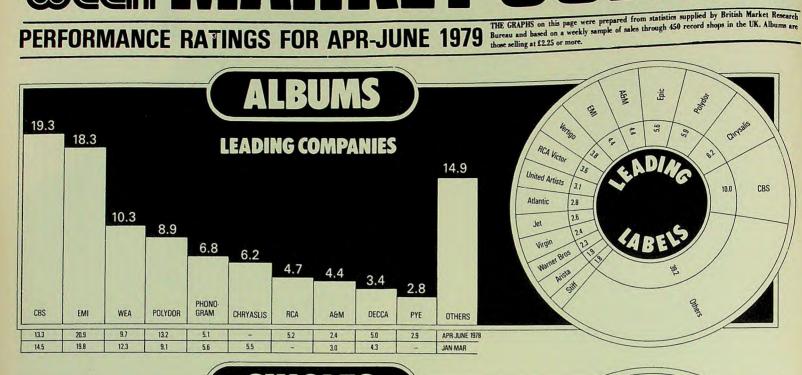
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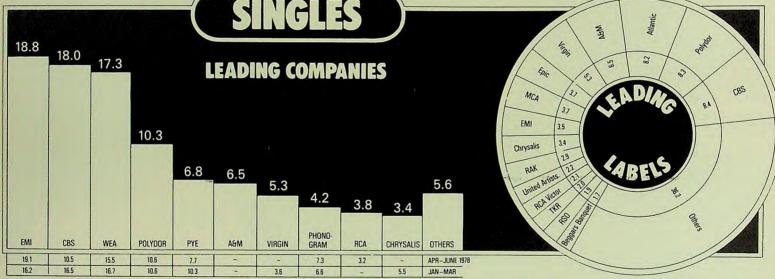


Chart Performance Survey

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- TOP MALE ARTISTS
- ART GARFUNKEL GARY MOORE DAVID BOWIE

- EDWIN STARR MIKE OLDFIELD

- NEIL DIAMOND JOHN WILLIAMS GEORGE BENSON
- THOM PACE EDDY GRANT
- 10. EDDY GRANT
 TOP FEMALE ARTISTS
 1. AMII STEWART
 2. LENE LOVICH
 3. DONNA SUMMER
 4. ANITA WARD
 5. KATE BUSH
 6. GLORIA GAYNOR
 7. LINDA CLIFFORD
 8. JANET KAY
 9. LINDA LEWIS
 TOP GROUPS

- TOP GROUPS
- SQUEEZE
- SEX PISTOLS
- SISTER SLEDGE ROXY MUSIC
- PEACHES & HERB

- WINGS SUPERTRAMP
- RACEY
- PRODUCERS G. MORODER
- N. RODGERS/B. EDWARDS MIKE BATT
- FREDDIE PERREN MIDASCAR SQUEEZE/JOHN WOOD

- COOK/JONES BARRY LENG MICKIE MOST
- TODD RUNDGREN
- WRITERS B. EDWARDS/N. RODGERS MIKE BATT
- S. MYERS BRYAN FERRY
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- PAUL McCARTNEY
 MIKE CHAPMAN/NICKY
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- R. DAVIES/R. HODGSON P. LYNOTT/G. MOORE
- TOP PUBLISHERS
- Individual
- ATV WARNER BROTHERS CARLIN

- VIRGIN RONDOR
- EMI
- APRIL/WATERSHIP
- ROBBINS

- HEATH LEVY RONDOR/DEPTFORD SONGS

- porate ATV RONDOR
- CHAPPELLS
- HEATH LEVY WARNER BROTHERS
- CARLIN

- APRIL RAK
- TOP SINGLES

- DP SINGLES
 BRIGHT EYES, Art Garfunkel, CBS
 DANCE AWAY, Roxy Music, Polydor
 SUNDAY GIRL, Blondie, Chryselis
 POP MUZIK, M., MCA
 REUNITED, Peaches & Herb, Polydor
 BOOGIE WONDERLAND, Earth Wind &
 Fire/Emotions, CBS
 SOME GIRLS, Racey, RAK
 RING MY BELL, Anita Ward, TK
 ARE FRIENDS ELECTRIC, Tubeway
 Army, Beagars Banquet
- Army, Beggars Banquet DOES YOUR MOTHER KNOW, Abba

ALBUMS

TOP MALE ARTISTS

1. LEO SAYER

- BARRY MANILOW JAMES LAST ART GARFUNKEL
- NEIL DIAMOND GEORGE BENSON

- BILLY JOEL BOB DYLAN DAVID ESSEX
- ROD STEWART FEMALE ARTISTS
- KATE BUSH BARBRA STREISAND BILLIE JO SPEARS
- LENE LOVICH
- DONNA SUMMER GLORIA GAYNOR SHIRLEY BASSEY
- RICKIE LEE JONES
- TOP GROUPS BLONDIE

- SUPERTRAMP IAN DURY & THE BLOCKHEADS ELECTRIC LIGHT
- ORCHESTRA DIRE STRAITS
- BEE GEES
- THREE DEGREES ROXY MUSIC
- SEX PISTOLS CHIC
- TOP SOUNDTRACKS/Misc.
- COUNTRY LIFE WAR OF THE WORLDS COUNTRY PORTRAITS

- **DISCO INFERNO**
- THIS IS IT
- A MONUMENT TO BRITISH ROCK HI ENERGY
- KNUCKLE SANDWICH BOOGIE BUS
- 1. N. RODGERS/B. EDWARDS
 2. ANDREW POWELL
 3. TODD RUNDGREN

- SUPERTRAMP
 JEFF LYNNE
 MUFF WINWOOD
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- RON DANTE/BARRY
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The Guardian

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TIP SHEET

Sternberg—from Akron to eternity

AMERICAN PRODUCER Liam Sternberg believes he has sussed out the sounds on both sides of the Atlantic and so can be of particular

value here in the UK.

As a staff producer at Stiff Records and a freelancer, Liam met Stiff through Devo who recommended him as someone who recommended him as someone who knew what was happening in Akron, Ohio! At the time, Stiff was thinking of a compilation of Akron artists. The album, The Akron Compilation, came out last summer to critical acclaim but not huge sales. Sternberg wrote four tracks for artists Rachel Sweet and for Jane Aire & The Belvederes as well as playing, numerous instruments on playing numerous instruments on those tracks. He also produced the tracks and co-ordinated the album. Liam continued to produce and write for both these artists.

His 1979 productions include They Don't Know/Turn My Motor On by Kirsty MacColl (Stiff); Call Me Every Night, by Jane Aire (now signed to Virgin), The Pack, for the SS label and The Inmates (Radar)

"I like to produce young acts with



KIRSTY MACCOLL

new music," Sternberg explains "to help them break into the market. I also arrange strings and brass and also arrange strings and brass and write, so any kind of music is OK, even MOR. Also I would always plug the Stiff mobile. It is a cheap way to knock out a great record." Contact Liam Sternberg through Ann Pitts at Stiff Records, 28 Alexander Street, London W2. (01)

New place for Palmer

PR MAN and journalist, Philip Palmer, is looking to place himself in a company, preferably dealing with the publishing side of the music

Philip spent five years with EMI Music as publicity manager and prior to that, was Music Week news editor. Until recently he ran the UK operation for the American trade mag Record World. "Obviously I can bring my journalistic background to any company I join and indeed, I would very much enjoy working again in a large company," says Philip. Contact him on 01-437 8937.

Step into a star's shoes

D. I. MUSIC's Irving Wilson has returned this week from Madrid with, as he tells it, an unexpected opportunity for a British artist to record.

> Edited by SUE FRANCIS Tel: 439 9756

"Plans which started at Midem 1978 to record the Spanish superstar Miguel Riera singing his on the British and American market had to be postponed last week. The singer returned to Madrid exhausted from a highly successful six week South American tour. To my surprise and that of Riera's manager, Paula Veldhuyzen, Riera generously suggested that a new British singer could have the opportunity of recording his songs in English with the support of the \$50,000 worth of orchestral backings that had been prepared for him."

New arrangements will be made for the launch of Miguel Riera in English speaking countries, but meanwhile Irving Wilson will be looking for a suitable British artist, either established or a newcomer, to record the English lyrics of Miguel's songs with the considerable orchestral backing that had been arranged for this star. There is also an opportunity for writers to produce additional English lyrics here. Contact Irving Wilson at D. I. Music, 36 John Dalton Street, Manchester M2 6LE. (061) 834 7292.

Welcome back to Vaudeville

AMERICAN JOHN Jones, a songwriter, who has also enjoyed television success as writer/producer/director of a recent special, The History of Women in Sports, on the US network, ABC, is in London for a few weeks to play his tapes to record and publishing companies.

"Being a media person I want to be involved in all aspects," says John. "Vaudeville and rock and roll John. Value I am musically. I have been writing songs for several years now. I have a ballad voice and I write ballads but am also into heavy rock. With the video recorder breaking into all markets now, I believe that people who spend as much money as they do to attend a concert, will really have to get something special. Just performing one's album will not be enough as that will be available on tape. A total production stage act is what the kids deserve. The age of vaudeville is back and that is a great thing".

One major record company has already expressed much interest and several publishing companies. On his last visit to London, John tied up



JOHN JONES

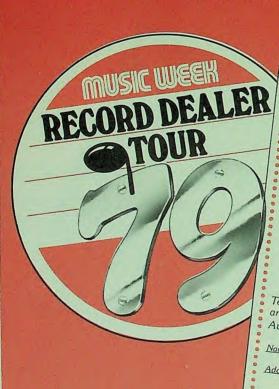
with Polydor's new group, Protex, and he will be producing them in the near future. He's managed by Michael Vaughan. Contact John Jones at (01) 402 9638 before he leaves or at P.O. Box 68, Goleta 93017, California. (805) 963 3004.

Showing Tan

WHITE DOVE Records, a new record company distributed through

Spartan Records, is looking for melodic songs for their group Tan.
Bill Gilson at White Dove say: "Tan has a new single to be released in August, There's a Fire Inside. This will be their third release and we will be following it with an album at the end of the year. Most recent addition to Tan is Rodger Rettig, one of Britain's foremost pedal steel

players.
"Being a small independent label, we must insist that most of the "Being a small independent label, we fluts insist that most our soongs we release are free from contract and available to be assigned to White Dove Music. What we are looking for is good songs in the MOR bracket for Tan's album." Contact Bill Gilson, White Dove Music, 20-24 Beaumont Road, London W4. (01) 994 2015



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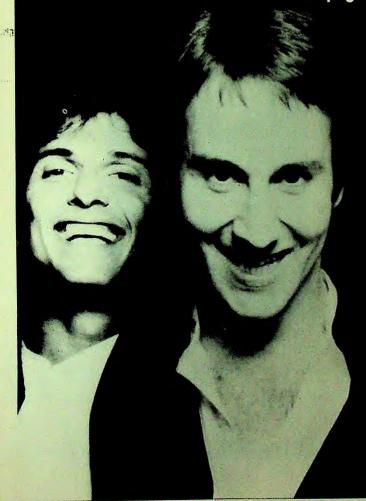
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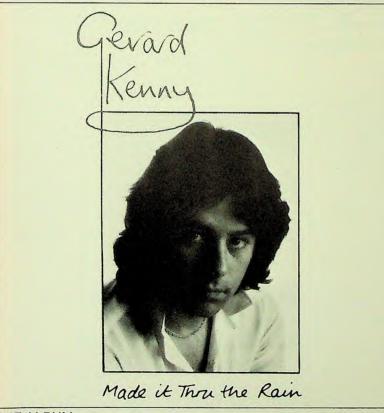
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"... Thus it was in 1978 with 'New York, New York.' a cleverly-constructed lyric inspired by his being accosted by, a prostitute (containing the brilliant line 'New York, New York, so good they named it twice') And 'D-D-D-Dancing' together with the outstanding 'Son of A Song And Dance Man' demonstrates Kenny's ability to write haunting melodies wedded to sharply evocative lyrics with an unusual vocabulary. The New York anthem which hogged the radio last year is augmented here with a neat followthrough called 'Pavement Princess,' complete with simulated come-on lines from a prostitute, 'living on borrowed love'.'

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Ray Coleman Melody Maker.

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RETAILING

SKYLAB CAME down the same day that I read about the EMI music deal. Variety, as they say, is the spice of Life. I am assured that Paramount will not require all labels to be re-named, re-coded and repriced; though, bearing in mind the famous mountain peak trade mark of the Paramount Corporation, EMI reps may be expected to clamber up Everest — or, at least, Ben Nevis — with their arms full of samples, to prove their fitness for the task!

Some bright spark on the radio assured me that the clever scientists in the US had tried to slow down Skylab but succeeded only in speeding it up. However, added the commentator, they hope to get it right next time. He should be in record retailing with optimism like that

Considering all the merchandising that has gone on, from Skylab Repellent to old tin hats, I am surprised that we didn't get in on the act, and launched a double-play disco piece which, with an appropriate group playing as loud as they can, would guarantee that the hearer could not be aware of any explosions, celestial thuds, or rapid descent of space stations nearby.

I HAVE been asking comrades in the trade if the VAT increase made all that difference. They say no, insofar as it didn't stop people from not buying. But everyone expects the autumn to see business pick up again, with the usual pre-Christmas rush. After all, if you can't find petrol, you've got to spend your money on something. That something will, more than likely, be something to cheer up the family. With all the repeats on television, LPs and tapes seem an obvious choice. Maybe we should use the selling points that records still haven't gone up as fast as petrol prices — and you don't have to look

SHOP. TALK

MUSIC WEEK's retail correspondent DAVID LAZELL takes his usual sideways look at the record industry.

At home with your hi-fi

Edited by TERRI ANDERSON

that hard for a record store open for business.

The record manufacturers ought to take some advertising space in the motoring magazines: "Have a happy weekend at home With a New LP. Keep your precious petrol in your tank, and use the hi fi for a change." Maybe we could even arrange special discounts for motorists who can prove that they have given up weekend petrol hunts for the more serene pleasures of Dire Straits. Delius and Tubular Bells.

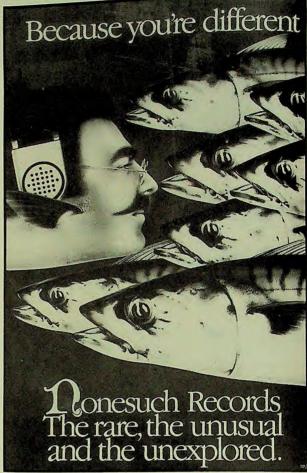
Most record dealers know a lot about motoring, mainly through blokes rushing up to the counter and eagerly asking, "How long am I allowed to park outside your shop without getting a ticket? I've got to get a haircut." If business doesn't pick up, we might handle a little barbering on the side ourselves, those listening booths coming in useful for shaving parlours. "Would you like it cut like this, sir?" the dealer asks holding up the record sleeve showing the picture of Telly Savalas.

Savalas.
"Dont mind the hair-style,"
retorts the customer. "But can't
stand the record."

A PUBLIC library in the next county has started a new scheme—lending out pop singles at 5p a week per record (the pilot scheme is operating at Derbyshire County Council's library in Bolsover, and has aroused considerable adverse comment from the record retail trade when it was announced).

This could be the breakthough we have been waiting for. Get enough kids involved in that, and the national expenditure on singles could equal the National Debt. The way business is, it may be the National Debt.

National Debt.
Only one drawback: I have just about phased out those young customers who buy the record or LP, and then ask "Can I bring it back If I don't like it?" It used to come quite frequently once, and now that LPs have so often crossed the five quid barrier, I have an awful fear the question may return. The best thing to say, in such situations, is: "Young sir, assume that you don't like it already. Then, when you get it home, if you only like it a little bit, it will be a nice surprise." It always baffles them. Only one or two have ever come back and said that they did not like the record at all, not one little bit. I then advise, "Keep playing it. If you hate it so meuch now, your attitude can only get better." It's one heck of a way to talk about Mahler, or whoever it



ONE OF the poster designs for WEA's current Nonesuch product promotion; it lives up to the label's "rare and unusual" self description. These are available to dealers stocking Nonesuch product under the latest ordering scheme.

Holographic horrors

ADVANCE WARNING to UK dealers, who have been known to mutter that they wish records could go back to being plain black efforts which sell on the strength of the music thereon — the first holographic records have been produced in America, and they make no pretence at being about the music at all.

Laserdisc Records, a part of the Lasergram Co of Burbank, California, has completed a test run of 200 singles and the same number of albums which have a holographic image pressed into the vinyl.

The company makes no pious statements about the visual gimmick being a way to bring good music to the attention of the public. Reports of this latest vinyl happening state "the one-sided single is untitled and is being used to promote the effect as opposed to the music" which was apparently composed and recorded

almost a an afterthought by a group of stdio musicians.

So all those UK record buyers who have been causing sensitive dealers to wince when they make it clear that they are only buying that 12-inch, coloured or picture disc to hang on the wall and not to play may in the near future have a product aimed directly at their decorative hobby. It could make the hobby a little more expensive, however, since the holographic effect can only really be appreciated if the records are given their own properly adjusted lighting.

DEALER POLL

THE FIVE per cent returns system, adopted or re-adopted by the majority of manufacturers in recent years, has been one of the most hotly argued topics at regional GRRC meetings for many months.

Earlier this year East Midlands dealers formally called upon the GRRC and the MTA to conduct a survey of dealer opinion on whether the trade in general wanted five per cent returns (and the correspondingly lower discount), whether they want them abolished, or whether they want the chance of a choice between the two.

Manufacturers questioned on the matter at meetings have been firm in saying that they would not offer dealers such a choice — trading terms for all dealers must, they say, be the same.

In an effort to resolve this contentious subject once and for all, the Music Trades Association has devised a questionnaire to assess dealers' reaction to three alternative methods of receiving returns facility and/or discount.

And the MTA is utilising Music Week's editorial columns to reach the widest possible number of dealers throughout the country. Dealers are invited to complete the coupon below and mail it to the MTA. Full results will be published in a future issue of Music Week.

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Dealers: please indicate which of the three alternatives you would prefer by placing an 'x' in the appropriate box. Return this form to: The MTA, 5 Denmark Street, London WC2.

BOOK REVIEW

Genesis—the book

SUPER GROUPS like Genesis, Yes and Emerson Lake and Palmer have always lent themselves to much extra marketing material. Because of the aura that's built up around them there seems endless scope for badges, T-shirts posters and so on.

But with Yes came a selling point almost as big as the group themselves — artist Roger Dean. His posters were everywhere, along with cards and a book of his works.

And now Genesis artist Kim Poor is trying the same thing, producing her interpretations of the band's lyrics, "demonstrating a unique insight into the interrelation of art, poetry and music," or a few illustrations of some words written by a successful group to you or mel-

illustrations of some words written by a successful group to you or me! She does have a lot of style — the ghostly faces with hazy non-descript eyes hold a certain mystique and some of her swirling etchings capture a movement and desolation — look out for Dusk for the latter and More Fool Me for the former. And there's a magnificent interpretation of In The Cage with a beautiful face looking down at the opaque faces of couples in a confusion of land and sea — but the arm that stretches out from the face's gown is a skeleton!

Now, it will no doubt hold a lot of appeal for the aspiring intellectual from just outside London, but it isn't high culture, nor is it strong enough to draw a mass readership, Mike Dean has. SH

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How to Handle a new business

ONE LADY anxious to dispel the notion that music publishing companies associated with artist management enterprises are only interested and active in publishing the works of those artists and leaving it at that is Cathi Gibson, who runs Handle Music.

This is part of the Handle organisation headed by David Walker which has Sweet, Kandidate and Olympic Runners among others on its management books.

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"It's not easy to get covers on songs and it takes effort," says Cathi, "but it's not impossible, and that's what I spend a lot of my time working on." Handle Music is now two years old, and Cathi started it from scratch with no ready-made copyrights or catalogues at hand.

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And one of her acquisitions for the Handle Music operation is World Music Workshop, run by Roy Morris, brother of Clodagh Rodgers' husband, John Morris. Among World's copyright assets are material written by ex-New Seeker Peter Doyle, new wave band Agents, and Limousine, a Welsh easy listening-type group which recently completed its debut LP for Morris to take to the States for placing. One of the Limousine songs is under consideration for recording by CBS

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"Obviously we have a great incentive to offer writers at Handle Music through the artists Handle manages who might be interested in recording their songs," Cathi remarks. "But I feel strongly that publishers should go outside to fix song covers."

song covers."

She has been engaged on followup work making further contacts
with other publishers at Midem in
January. Among the material
receiving her attention is an
Australian song which a major artist
is considering for recording. The
agreement she has with the
Australian publishers is for a limited
period to see what action she can
obtain, and Cathi regards this as a
good way of working rather than
blanket deals for years at a time.
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Other likely Handle repertoire has been written by ex-Sweet member Brian Connolly, who has demoed it himself. It includes one country-flavoured song for himself and a ballad for Barry Manilow.
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Penniston wrote Music You Are for
the film The Bitch, and Ron Roker is
keen to write some songs with him.
And ex-Bardot man Chris Bradford
has formed a band called Heroes,
whose first LP produced by Pip
Williams comprises Bradford
compositions published by Handle



APRIL MUSIC has reached an agreement for worldwide rights to all unpublished works on Delta Records, the Peter Shelley-Colin Robertson label with CBS. The pact includes Shelley's exclusive services as a songwriter. Shelley (centre) is seen at the signing ceremony with April Music managing director Len Beadle (left) and professional manager Paul Bessell.

Blueprint for dealers

MUSIC SALES has developed a "unique" architectural store lay-out plan for the benefit of dealers selling printed music.

Free architectural surveys will be carried out by a team of architects retained by Music Sales. They will recommend fixtures, graphics and store displays in a service described by Music Sales sales manager Alan Kirk as "another method by which Music Sales goes all out to help the local dealer help himself".

As a measure to increase the range of BBC publications handled exclusively by Music Sales, the company has arranged with the BBC to stock editions of the *Proms* magazine. The five Music Sales representatives and three phone-out girls are assisting in distributing the

Edited by NIGEL HUNTER

magazine to music shops throughout the UK.

Music Sales is reprinting its dealer aid publication *Ideas That Sell Music*. More than 10,000 requests from all over the world have been received for the book, which gives hints on the ways in which the printed music dealer can increase his sales. It will be the book's third printing.

News in brief...

DON MILLS: The Performing Rights Organisation of Canada is participating in the working group behind the computer experiment in the formation of a computer file of the Angio-American-Canadian repertoire of "active" works.

SABAM and BUMA/STEMRA,

SABAM and BUMA/STEMRA
the Belgian and Dutch copyright
societies, are heading the project,
and will report back to the
technical committee of
CISAC/BIEM, the umbrella
organisations of performing and
mechanical right societies.

organisations of performing and mechanical right societies. Other societies taking part include PRS and MCPS of the UK, ASCAP, BMI and SESAC of the USA, and CAPAC of Canada.

CARLIN MUSIC and its affiliates and associated companies throughout the UK have cancelled their sub-publishing agreement with Hudson Bay Music for the US and Canada.

The cancellation took effect at the end of June, and in its place Carlin has concluded a new subpublishing arrangement with Carbaret Music, based in the well-known Brill Building on New York City's Broadway and wholly owned by Freddy Bleastock.

by Freddy Bleastock.

Carbert's major project at the moment is exploiting the score for the off-Broadway play Strider, which has received critical acclaim in the American press. It is the first Russian play to be legally released for production in the States.





CHARLIE'S new album 'Fight Dirty' is a bit on the tasty side. It's a limited edition picture disc retailing at only £4.99*r.r.p. This attractive proposition will be exposed in full pages in all the major music papers, Mayfair and Man About Town. Plus eye-catching in-store displays. Make sure you get your share and stock up now.



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DISCOS

Industry mourns **Riperton** and McCov

THE DISCO world has been shocked to learn of the deaths this past couple of weeks of both Van

McCoy and Minnie Riperton.

McCoy, who died of a heart
attack, was about to start work on a
project producing disco material for
12 year old Stacy Lattisaw on Warner Bros.

Minnie Riperton, best known for her Number One hit, Loving You, had recently signed with Capitol Records, releasing her only album for that label, Minnie, in April this year. After undergoing therapy for the past three years, she died of cancer on July 12 in Los Angeles.

Commodores are coming!

THE COMMODORES are to undertake another world tour in August — their most extensive to date.

Coinciding with the release of their new album, Midnight Magic (out last Friday), the band will arrive in Britain late August for dates at Wembley Arena, London (25 and 26), Bingley Hall, Stafford (29) and Glasgow

Apollo (date to be confirmed).

Midnight Magic is the
Commodores' ninth album for the Motown label, and was produced by the group with James Carmichael.

Crusaders launch **UK** invasion

WITH THE Crusaders' jazz funk album Street Life finding mileage with progressive DJs, the American band will provide their own boost with a series of live dates this September.

They open at Queensway Hall,
Dunstable on Setpember 6, followed
by Birmingham Odeon (7),
Hammersmith Odeon (8 and 9),
Colston Hall, Bristol (11), Liverpool
Empire (12) and Manchester Apollo
(13)

Of particular interest to DJs will be the presence of Joe Sample and tenor sax man Wilton Felder, whose solo work has been heavily featured in jazz funk venues. And if Bohannon's latest prodigy, Randy Crawford, is confirmed as support act, that will create added impetus. The Crusaders then go on to play Scandinavia in Europe, but in the

meantime tickets for the UK go on sale from August 1.

The Crusaders' next single is as The Crusaders' next single is as yet untitled, but disco promotion will be handled by Nick Sands at St. Pierre Publicity. The company are also working New York, New York by Nuggets (Mercury), My Money, Your Money/Get Some Bad Tonight from Geno Washington (DJM) and Danger Zone from Splinter (Barn). The Washington 12" was recorded in Los Angeles where he now lives in Los Angeles where he now lives but he is expected to undertake a promotional tour of the UK shortly with some live dates thrown in.



THE CRUSADERS



Sponooch season

DISCOS, AND dancefloors in general, will be a lot brighter as long as we have Sponooch to adorn them.

nave Sponooch to adorn them.
The breakaway group from Hot Gossip, pictured above are no strangers to
the Embassy Club, and last week they showed that they knew every square
foot of the dancefloor when EMI threw a press party — presumably to
launch the band.

However, the group have been fairly active since the announcement some months ago that six members would be leaving Hot Gossip and recently they recorded a single, Crime Buster. And their series of well choreographed and versatile routines during two performances at the Embassy were outstanding. outstanding.

The group will be playing seasons at the Isle of Man (from August 4).
Bailey's, Watford (August 20 for two weeks), Trentham Gardens, Stoke (26)
and Bailey's, Leicester (September 3 for one week).

Edited by JERRY GILBERT of Disco International

DISCO TOP

Compiled by Disco International for Music Week and based on returns from disco DJs throughout Britain

BOOGIE WONDERLAND, Earth, Wind & Fire with the Emotions

(CBS 7292)
GOOD TIMES, Chic (Atlantic K11310)
RING MY BELL, Anita Ward (TK TKR 7543)
SPACE BASS — Slick (Fantasy 12FTC 176)
GET ANOTHER LOVE, Chantal Curtis (Pye 12P 5003)
BAD GIRLS, Donna Summer (Casablanca CN 1558)
AIN'T NO STOPPIN' US NOW, McFadden & Whitehead (Phil

Int. PIR 7365)
WE ARE FAMILY, Sister Sledge (Atlantic K11293)
SILLY GAMES — Janet Kay (Scope SC2)
HAPPY RADIO, Edwin Starr (20th Century TC 2408)
I'M A SUCKER FOR YOUR LOVE — Teena Marie (Motown TMG 1146)

BORN TO BE ALIVE, Patrick Hernandez (Gem Aquarius GEMS

(12) BORN TO BE ALIVE, Patrick Hernandez (Gem Aquarius GEMS
4)
(8) LIVING ON THE FRONT LINE, Eddy Grant (Ensign ENY 26)
(19) I'VE GOT THE NEXT DANCE, Deniece Williams (CBS 7399)
(—) BRING THE FAMILY BACK — Billy Paul (Phil. Int. PIR 7456)
(13) HOT STUFF, Donna Summer (Casablanca CAN 151)
(—) CRANK IT UP — Peter Brown (TK TKR 7544)
(14) MAKE YOUR MOVE, Joe Thomas (TK TKR 7544)
(15) DANCE WITH YOU — Carrie Lucas (Solar FB 1482)
(16) LIGHT MY FIRE — Amil Stewart (Atlantic/Hansa K11278)
(—) SUNNY SIDE OF THE STREET, Savoy (EMI 2951)
(23) WHEN YOU WAKE UP TOMORROW, Candi Staton (Warner Bros K17370)
(—) DANCIN' AT THE DISCO, Lax (Pye Int. 12P 5002)
(—) BEST BEAT IN TOWN, Switch (Motown 12TMG 1146)
(—) WHY LEAVE US ALONE, Five Special (Elektra/Asylum K 12368)
(17) YOU GONNA MAKE ME, Jones Girls (Phil. Int. PIR 7361)
(—) STRUT YOUR FUNKY STUFF, Frantique (Phil. Int.)*
K17357)
(29) GOOD GOOD FEELIN', War (MCA 418)

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BROADCASTING

Pirate pieces

HAVING INCREASED power to HAVING INCREASED power to 10kW and made early morning test transmissions in preparation for an extension of hours, pirate Radio Caroline is looking for a further outlet frequency for a daytime English service. The station is apparently on a secure financial footing now that American Roy Masters and his Foundation of Human Understanding — a quasireligious organisation — has bought an hour per day of airtime. an hour per day of airtime.

RADIO MI Amigo is once more RADIO MI Amigo is once more broadcasting in Dutch on 270m with an estimated power of 50kW. The pirate, which takes its name from the vessel it shared with Caroline between 1974 and October, 1978, now has its own ship — MV Magdalene. Once the Dutch service is established it is hoped an English service will be started on a separate wavelength. wavelength.

THE MEMBO II - former home of pirate Radio North Sea International — is at present reported to be in a Maltese port undergoing painting and some re-fitting. Its destination is not yet

Ford for Capital

CAPITAL RADIO has captured the services of ITN newsreader Anna Ford who will present a Anna Ford who will present a series of programmes tentatively titled Why Don't You Do It Yourself, starting in October and filling an early evening slot. The hour and a half long programme is part of the broadening scope of Capital's output and will give access to listeners, while advising them how to go about doing things for themselves.

Haldon clinches contract

RADIO HALDON, which was seen as the likeliest of the RADIO HALDON, which was seen as the likelest of the four candidates, has been awarded the Independent Local Radio contract for the Exeter/Torbay area by the IBA.

Formed by Vice-Admiral Sir Ronald Brockman and chaired by local farmer Norman Devonport, the franchise

group also includes David Cousins of The Strawbs and regular broadcaster Keith Fordyce.

Applications for contracts to provide ILR services for Aberdeen and Inverness will be invited this week by the IBA, which has made an unusual provision in offering the

The IBA seeks applications from consortia proposing to cover both locations, with arrangements for separate

programming and organisational structures. However for the first time the Authority is also willing to consider applications from groups wishing to provide an LLR service in one locality only, or to consider any proposals for an association between the two stations or with other ILR stations in Sectland ILR stations in Scotland.

Contractors have now been appointed in six of the nine specified areas and while the successful applicant for the Bournemouth contract is expected to be announced by early August, the franchise for the remaining Chelmsford/Southend location will not be advertised

until the autumn.

The show must go on at Sheffield!

BBC RADIO Sheffield is putting

BBC RADIO Sheffield is putting up a number of its best known for a special variety show at the Sheffield City Hall on July 29.

It is to be compered by phone-in presenter Michael Cooke and local comedian Bobby Knutt will bend the bill. Also featured are head the bill. Also featured are Dave Brennen's New Orleans Jazzmen; country singer Mel Hague and folk duo John Leonard and John Squire plus Radio Sheffield competition winners Dodworth Colliery Band and Dore Male Voice Choir.

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Programme organiser, Geoff
Sargieson, explains: "Many of
our presenters are musicians and
entertainers in their own right so we thought it would be nice to get them all together on stage."

Newsin

FORMER CAPITAL DJ Sarah Ward has signed to T&C News agency and the first feature she will agency and the Jirst Jeature sne will be providing under the arrangement will be titled What Should We Expect From ILR? Based in London she will also be interviewing musicians, reviewing concerts and weekly musicians, reviewing concerts and producing a weekly review/comment column on the music scene. She is currently producing and presenting a rock arts magazine show for the BBC World Service and is reporting on British rock news for Tokyo commercial radio station JOQR.

NICK LOWE and Dave Edmunds are to feature in a special musicdocumentary by Granada Television entitled Born Fighters. Networked on September 1, the hour-long programme shows the pair rehearsing new tracks for their band Rockpile and talking about how they feel about music. It is directed by Peter Carr and directed by Chris

AN INTERVIEW with the normally reclusive Jeff Lynne, leader of ELO, recorded by Capital's Roger Scott has already been taken up by Clyde Metro, City, Hallam, Pennine, Beacon, Downtown, Swansea Sound, Plymouth Sound, Victory, Orwell and Manx. During the hour long programme, Lynne talks Scott through ELO's latest album, Discovery, and tries to account for the success of the group.



WINNERS OF the top individual awards in the Radio Luxembourg Music Industry Promotion Awards were Garry Farrow (below, Chinnichap) — Promotion Man of the Year — and Diana Warren (above, Ariola) — Best Promotions Woman. They are pictured being presented with their prizes at Ronnie Scott's by Tony Prince, programme director of Radio Luxembourg.



Interpop seminar

A CONFERENCE on Radio and TV advertising has been organised for this year's Interpop trade fair scheduled for September 3 to 9.

Panellists lined up for the conference, to be held in the Drawing Room at the Connaught Rooms on Tuesday September 4, are Tony Prince, programme director at Radio Luxembourg; David Carter, music programme organiser at Radio London; Garry Farrow, Chinnichap promotions man; David Robson, BMS; Chris Yates, managing director of Thames Valley Radio; Oliver Smallman, director of promotions Carrere UK; Malcolm Grant, Radio Sales and Marketing; Brian Baird, Phonogram; John Dutfield, marketing services manager, Westward TV; Denis Knowles, marketing director at Arista Records; Barry Collier, managing director of Ronco Records.

Records.

Topics set for discussion are "Declining record industry budgets for radio advertising and does radio advertising sell records?", "The ABC of TV marketing" and "Overkill of album advertisong on TV". The attendance fee is £28 plus VAT, inclusive of a buffet lunch, though the conference is free for Interpop '79 participants.

Edited by DAVID DALTON **Companies merge for**

franchise bid A NEW company has been set up to make a bid for the franchise for

Radio Eastway was created by the merger of two separate companies, Radio Essex Limited, chaired by Hospital Radio Chelmsford broadcaster and insurance broker Ian Rawson, and Radio Thamesway, headed by David Keddie who runs an Essex family business of the same name.

The merger is seen as giving them a greater chance of winning the

franchise which comes up for grabs this autumn.

Rawson says: "It was becoming obvious that Thamesway and ourselves were following similar paths towards gaining the franchise.

Both organisations want to see a radio station for the Chelmsford/Southend area that has a truly local flavour, with plenty of opportunities for community involvement."

And Keddie adds, "I am delighted that we have come together to create Radio Eastway. It will aim to entertain, inform and involve the community. We just can't wait to get on the air." Also involved in the franchise group is Eddie Blackwell, managing director of AIR Group and chairman of AIR Services. The Chelmsford/Southend franchise

is the last to be offered in the current batch.



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TALENTI Shelley—out of limbo onto Delta

PETER SHELLEY, right, makes a return to recording via a new single, Baby It Feels So Right (CBS 7475) — the first release from Delta Records, a company formed by himself and Colin Robertson, and which goes through CBS.

Shelley, who had Top Ten hits with Gee Baby and Love Me Love My Dog, both of which he penned, and who was also responsible for a string of hits by Alvin Stardust in the mid-1970s has kept a low profile in the music business for the last couple

In 1976 he left Magnet, the company with which he had been involved from the start, after playing a major part in the careers of such names as Stardust and Guys 'N' Dolls.

'N' Dolls.

Shelley recalls: "Three years ago I was in a state of limbo. I felt as though I had reached a kind of dead end. The glitter era of pop music had passed and it was important to look at what was happening generally on the music scene. There were, and are, so many different musical directions but there has been no overwhelming trend."

Shelley has worked on some one-

off singles during the last couple of years, but it was after a meeting with Maurice Oberstein (now chairman

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Edited by **CHRIS WHITE**

of CBS UK) that he found his new direction: "I explained to Obie what direction: Texplained to Oble what I wanted to do, and he put me in touch with Colin Robertson who was connected with the company through the Dead End Kids. We hit

it off right away.

"Colin has been involved in management and he is a motivator management and he is a motivator
— he's good at getting what he
wants out of people, and that is what
I needed. Once I had the product, I
never had anyone to hassle for me, but Colin Robertson has changed all

that.
"Our ambition is to create for CBS an album-selling act. Our first signing is Billy Ranking, a 19-yearold Scots lad who plays the guitar and has a very distinctive voice. Colin found him and he writes very good songs too — he is everything that I wanted to work with.

"It is obviously important to break Ranking first with a single and we already have two or three lined up for autumn release. We are all determined to succeed — once you commit yourself to an artist", he concludes, "then it is a five year



SHELLEY BACK AGAIN

News in

HARRY BELAFONTE makes a series of four London concert appearances for MAM in September his first British visit for two years — his first British visit for two years. Belafonte will appear at the Royal Festival Hall on September, 13, 14 and 15. They will be his only UK concerts this year.

MAGNET HAS released Raincoat And A Rose (MAG 151) as Chris Rea's new single — the second track to be taken from his recent album, Deltics. Rae is currently in the studio, working on his third album which he will produce himself.

RUNNER, WHO recently released their first album on Acrobat Records have a new single out, Fooling Myself (NBAT 8). The band consists of Steve Gould (ex-Rare Bird), Allan Merill (ex-Arrows), Mick Feat (ex-Streetwalkers) and Dave Dowle (currently with Whitesnake). Runner are currently rehearsing for upcoming live dates.

Eddy Grant breaks the Ice

FORMER EQUALS' frontman Eddy Grant could be called his own one-man record company. Apart from making records at his studios, Coach-House in Stamford Hill, he also markets and distributes them himself.

Now after two years his company, lce Records, is enjoying its first chart success via Grant's Living On The Frontline which appears on the lce/Ensign label, via a split label deal made between himself and

deal made between himself and Ensign boss Nigel Grainge.

Grant was of course the lead singer with The Equals for many years, but after leaving the band in May 1972 he decided to concentrate on the business side of pop music. Recalling his days with The Equals, he says: "That period served its purpose and was an important part of my life. However I realised that it of my life. However I realised that it of my life. However I realised that it was important to get involved in other things other than just performing and making records."

He started Ice Records in the UK

two years ago althouth two years before that he had successfully started the operation in the Caribbean where it is now one of the most important labels. Among the acts signed to Ice are Henry Barnes, former lead singer with 90 Degrees Inclusive, Mexicano and a new band called The Bridge Connection.

Grant first started Coachhouse Studios in 1973, "It was built by myself, my brothers and some friends", and over the years it has been refurbished and re-designed.
Today it has 24-track recording facilities

Surprisingly, however, Ice Records still doesn't have a licensing

deal with a major label. Grant explains: "Quite simply, I have never been offered a satisfactory deal by anyone. There has been antipathy shown towards me by sections of the music business. I am not prepared to sign with anyone long-term until I feel that the time is right."

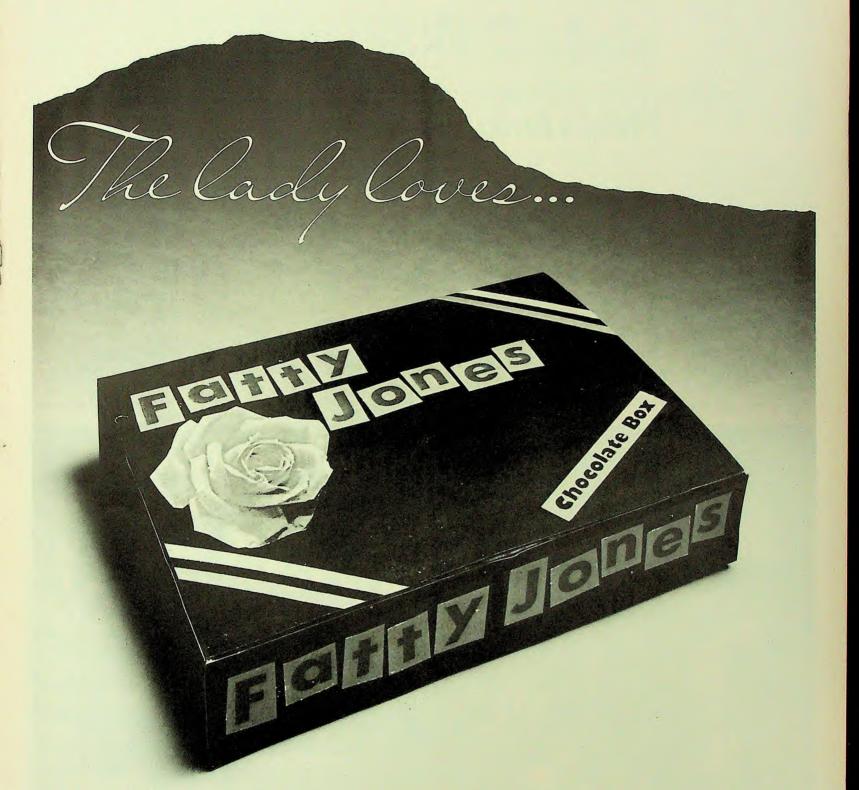
His attitude has shown signs of His attitude has shown signs of softening however with the split logo deal with Ensign: "Living On The Frontline was a track from an album I have made called Walking On Sunshine. It began to pick up a lot of exposure in the discotheques and when it looked as though the record could break, it became important to have national distribution," says

We decided to withdraw the "We decided to withdraw the album and re-market it at a later date, and in the meanwhile Chris Hill of Ensign suggested that we do a deal for the single. However it is strictly a one-off situation and the follow up to Frontline will not necessarily be on an Ice/Ensign label."

Shortly he will be visiting Trinidad and Guyana, where Ice Records has offices, and he is currently finishing an album for the Nigerian record market. He is one of the biggest-selling artists in that African country and has already had three big-selling



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CLASSICAL

News from the studios

LORIN MAAZEL has recorded Puccini's first opera Les Villi for CBS with Renata Scotto and Placido Domingo . . . and Verdi's Luisa Miller with the Covent Garden cast for DG . . Abbado also records for DG this month, doing Prokoflev's Alexander Nevsky with the LSO and Obraztsova . . . Other BCBS projects include Monteverdi's Il Ritorno d'Ulisse in Patria with Frederica von Stade and Richard Stillwell conducted by Raymond Stillwell conducted by Raymond Leppard (the Glyndebourne cast) while Scotto also records Billini's Norma in a production with Tatiana Troyanos conducted by James Levine.

ON THE orchestral side, Michael Tilson Thomas has recorded Tchaikovsky's Manfred Symphony with the LSO, Philippe Entremont, plano, the National Philharmonic and Okko Kamu Join forces for works by Dohnanyi, Strauss and Litolff, and Murray Perahia and the ECO do more Mozart Piano Concertos. Concertos.

THIS MONTH also Andrei Gavrilov recorded Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No 1 with Muti and the Philharmonia for EMI. More CBS recordings . . . The Canadian guitarist Liona Boyd has recorded works for guitar, strings and continuo by Bach, Vivaldi, Marcello, Cimarosa and others with the ECO conducted by Andrew Davis . . . and Davis also conducted the Philharmonia Orchestra in Dvorak's Symphony

Music by the mile

A NEW classical cassette series designed particularly with the motorist in mind is being launched by HMV next

Called Miles of Music, the cassettes contain at least 80

minutes of music concentrating on some of the most popular works in the classical repertoire — for £4.99.

To begin with, HMV is releasing five cassette programmes, all reissue material but from records made by musicians prominent in the 1960s and early 1970s.

There is a cassette of Piano Favourites — Rachmaninov, Chopin, Liszt, Schubert, Brahms (TC MOM 101) played by John Ogdon and Daniel Adni; The Spirit of Vienna (TC2 MOM 102) with Willi Boskovsky conducting the best of Johan Strauss II; The Sound of Baroque, with Albinoni's Adagio, Pachelbel's Canon,

Bach's Concerto for Two Violins all with fine performances (TC2 MOM 103).

performances (TC2 MOM 103).

There is also a Greensleeves cassette, devoted to English music by Vaughan Williams, Delius, Elgar and other (TC2 MOM 104) again with good performances by Boult, Barbirolli; and finally a Pomp and Circumstance tape, with ceremonial music such as Walton's Spitfire Prelude and Fugue, Coates' Dambusters March and Elgar's Land of Hope and Glory, on TC2 MOM 105.

Unfortunately, HMV is only advertising this new, potentially large-selling product in the traditional fields of Gramophone and Records and Recording, rather than investing in a more considered marketing approach.

However, this is the kind of cassette series that could sell well in all record shops, regardless of the size of the

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Philip's Arrau follow-up

CLAUDIO ARRAU's performance of the Chopin Nocturnes, released by Philips in June has sold well, and the company is following it up, next month, with another solo piano disc, Brahms Handel Variations coupled with the Four Ballads (9500 446 £5.05).

The last record in the Beethoven Complete Sonatas, released initially

Complete Sonatas, released initially in box set version with another major Philips pianist, Alfred Brendel, is now issued separately—the Piano Sonata No 2 and No 15 (9500 539 £5.05).

And Philips is also reissuing the Three Piano Concertos by Tchaikovsky played by Werner Haas and the Monte Carlo Opera Orchestra conducted by Eliahu Inbal. Originally issued as a subscription box set in 1972 with the Concert Fantasia and the Andante Concert Fantasia and the Andante Et Finale, Concertos 1 and 3 were then issued on one disc in 1974. It is worth noting that the Concerto No 2 is given in an uncut

version — the slow movement often heavily edited. The three concertos (6768 037) retail at £6.40.

Shorts

Quartet, who are continuing to record for Nimbus and CRD, are to spend a second year as the resident quartet at the Gardner Centre, University of Sussex. The Quartet has given numerous successful recitals in the South East Arts area in between their

THE ROYAL Society of Arts has awarded the Albert Medal in nas awarded the Albert Medal in recognition of the distinguished service given to the arts to Sir Robert Mayer, the irrepressible musician who celebrates his 100 birthday this month. The award singles out particularly Robert's work with children.

Edited by NICOLAS SOAMES

Pletnyev debut on HMV

MIKHAIL PLETNYEV, who won the coveted International Tchaikovsky Piano Competition in Moscow in 1978, made a profound impression with a handful of performances during his first visit to this country in March.

Next month HMV is releasing his debut album, an unusual disc which contains not only Prokofiev's demanding 7th Piano Sonata, but two piano transcriptions made from ballet scores by Pletnyev himself — Concert Suite from The Nutcracker by Tchaikovsky, and Shchedrin's Prologue and Scherzo from Anna Karenina. (ASD 3715).

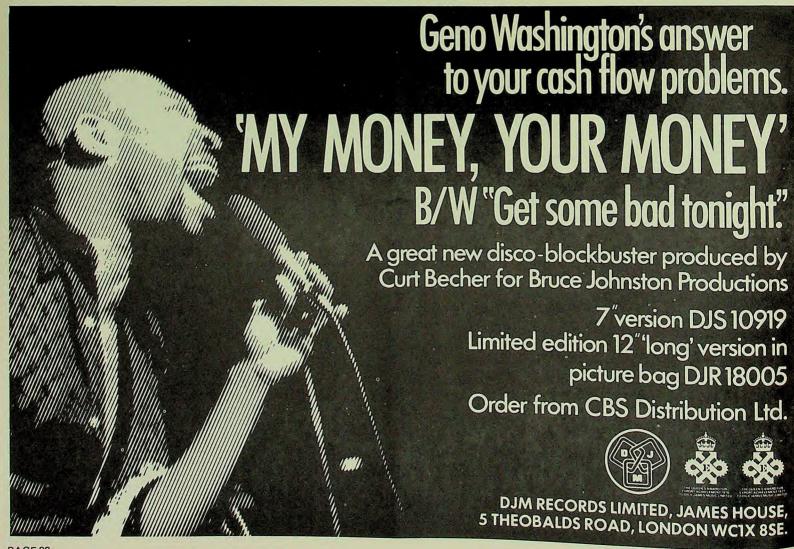
New releases

Mahler, Symphony No 4, Israel Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Zubin Mehta, with Barbara Hendricks, mezzo. SXDL 7501 £5.50.

This has extra-musical interest too because of its digital production.
Its promotion, as the first digital Mahler, is of real interest because this kind of music should benefit especially from greater clarity, and certainly there is some very clear, virtuoso wind playing which comes across precise and alive. But Mehta appears too attached to extremes of speed, and Barbara Hendricks, in speed, and Baroara Hendricks, in the end, proves to have too light a voice yet for a work of this kind I feel. Were it not for the fact that it was digital, I would think it a rather routine release.

Gliere, Ilya Murometz (Symphony No 3) RPO, conducted by Harold Faberman Unicorn PCM 500/1

This is the first complete stereo recording of this major symphonic work by Reinhold Gliere (1875-1956) who wrote in an unashamedly Romantic style. While unashamedly Romantic style. While he used a Russian folk tale, this enormous orchestral canvas will be loved by many who move within the musical worlds of Wagner, Bruckner, Strauss and even Puccini. The release is interesting because it was recorded by Faberman and Unicorn on a PCM Scary Digital machines so it does Sony Digital machines, so it does sound clear — though perhaps not so different from conventional recordings as digital advocates would like to claim. Because the Sony system does not have the editing facility developed by Decca, this is virtually a straight-through studio recording, though none the worse for all that, despite minor



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Mitchell with the Mingus magic



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of her lyrics to his music, an unusual gamble that pays off. Mitchell's unique
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beautifully played by Jaco Pastorius. One complaint is against the superfluous use of dialogue between tracks. Other musicians include Wayne Shorter, Herbie Hancock, Pete Erskine and Emil Richards.

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Buddy Guy and Sporting Life Blues
by Skip James. Other names in this bargain package include Mississippi John Hurt, Sonny Terry and Brownie McGhee and Jimmy

ORIGINAL SOUNDTRACK
The Muppet Movie. CBS 70170.
With the film (having been in London's West End for some weeks) about to go on general release, coupled with the fan-following of Jim Henson's animal favourites, this Jim Henson's animal favourites, this LP is certain to sell well. Includes the irrepressible Miss Piggy singing Never Before, Never Again and Fozzie's own particular version of God Bless America.

HEATWAVE
Hot Property. GTO GTLP 039.
Produced by Phil Ramone. This collection of 10 disco-boogie numbers includes the new single, Therm Warfare. The music is slick and lively and with the band's established fan following plus strong promotion from GTO, this LP should chart.

JOE GIBBS AND

THE PROFESSIONALS
Majestic Dub. Laser. LAS3. There is majestic Duo. Easer. Laser. Shere is very little here that could be called majestic. Altogether this is a surprisingly disappointing release from someone of Gibb's stature in the dub world. Could sell well on his

CARLY SIMON Spy. Elektra. K52147. Producer: Aris Mardin. There will always be a strong demand for Ms Simon's records. Her distinctive vocal style and solid musical attack remains as sharp as ever. Backing musicians include hubby James Taylor, Steve Gadd, David Sanborn and David Spinozza.

Under Influence. Arista ASPART 1095. Producer: Tim Friese-Greene. Accepting that there has been and still is a healthy buzz in the marketplace about this band, and there is nothing to specific to fault performance or production on here, the ear of a fan is obviously needed to actually enjoy a set of relentlessly similar tracks.

DENIECE WILLIAMS
When Love Comes Calling. CBS
83202. Producer: David Foster, Ray
Parker and artist. Refreshing to hear
some danceable soul music that does not totally rely on that insistent disco beat. The beat is there but varies to suit the mood of the song and Ms Williams shows herself capable of handling all styles. Her single successes are likely to be mirrored by strong album sales.

JAMES TAYLOR Flag. CBS 86091. Producer: Peter Asher. His appearance — judging by the sleeve photo — may have changed drastically but the almost plaintive folksy voice remains unmistakable, even if most of the album material is more up-tempo that his famous tunes. His vocal style will continue to irritate many but the quality is such that old fans and some new ones will want to pick up on what he is doing now, though not in enough numbers perhaps to make it a strong chart item.

THE STYLISTICS
Black Satin. H&L Records 9198 230.
An appropriate title for an album by the Stylistics whose inimitable sound on record could well be likened to 'black satin'. The hits have been few and far between, during the last couple of years or so, but the group still tour the UK every year, and attract thousands of fans. This loattrack compilation features old material which has not been available for some time, and so will easily find its market. Excellent late-night music.

SYDNEY DEVINE
My World Of Music. Philips 6641
930. A 2LP set featuring 25 tracks
by Devine, who enjoys huge record
sales North of the Border as well as
other parts of the UK as well. The
artist is currently touring Scotland
and embarks on a nationwide tour
later in the year; in addition he also
has his own Scottish TV series
currently being screened. Plenty of
sales potential here then.

DENNIS PARKER
Like An Eagle. Mercury 9109 622.
Producer: Jacques Morali. Producer
Morali has been responsible for the
commercial success of Village
People and Patrick Juvet so it will be
interesting to see if he can all interesting to see if he can also launch newcomer Parker as a new recording talent. The voice lacks the distinction of Juvet but the discodistinction of Juvet but the disco-oriented songs, plus some sparkling arrangements, makes the overall result highly acceptable. Best cut is the title track which is highly commercial and could establish Parker in the singles/disco marketplace.

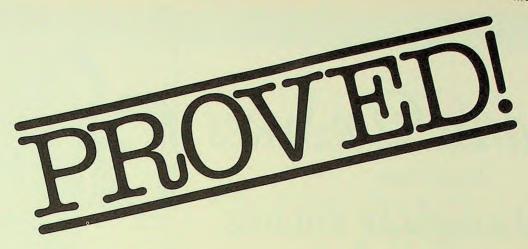
STRAIGHT EIGHT
No Noise From Here. Eel Pie.
EPRP 001. Producer: Johnny
Burns, executive producer: Pete
Townshend. First LP from
Townshend's latest signing, Townshend's latest signing, features 12 numbers, mostly penned by talented lead singer Rick Cassman and mostly in the solid rock vein. The band has been playing the club/pub circuit extensively and now with the first creditable album under their belts, should go far.

KEVIN COYNE &

DAGMAR KRAUSE
Babble, Virgin. V2128. Babble, a
show/musical love story was
premiered at London's Rock Garden premiered at London's Rock Garden about a year ago. Listening to the songs now, away from a stark set, is a strange experience. Coyne has always been a deep, somewhat mysterious writer/performer, covering subjects that others choose to bypass. With the aid of Ms Krause (ex Henry Cow etc), this LP is a fine if disturbing set. is a fine, if disturbing set.

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ALBUM REVIEWSI



THE KORGIS The Korgies. Rialto TENOR 101. Producers: the artists. The Korgis (aka James Warren and Andy Davis) began their musical lives in Stackridge, and glimmers of the latters' humour still shines through. However, in their present incarnation, Warren and Davis have incarnation, warren and Davis have largely gone for the pop market, and judging by the success of If I Had You, the single from this LP, it's a formula that works for them. Should sell well.

Part Of You. CBS 83464. Producer: Ralph McDonald. Thoughtful, instrumental easy listening from master session guitarist who has worked with such alumni as Marvin Gaye, Aretha Franklin and the O'Jays. Just right for late evening listening. Nice but unspectacular.

SKYHOOKS Guilty Until Proven Insane. United Artists UAG 30241. Producer: Eddie Leonetti. Nicely old fashioned sound from Aussie five-piece. Their music is easy to listen to if you have a penchant for heavy rock circa '74 a penenant for heavy rock circa '74 and can stand the sometimes annoyingly high pitched vocals. Only Australians could come up with a song whose chorus goes: "Singing ooh meglomania, ooh meglomania".

VARIOUS ARTISTS
Some Irish Loving, A selection by
Edna O'Brien. Argo ZDSW 728.
Producers: Kevin Daly. Selections
from Ms O'Brien's novel of the from Ms O'Brien's novel of the same name, interspersed with traditional Irish flute played by Philip Monaghan, O'Brien, TP McKenna and Denys Hawthorne read extracts from Swift, WB Yeats and Irish folklore. A beautiful collection and a must for the love-side of the present sick - or homesick.

DULU
Don't Take Love For Granted.
Rocket TRAIN 8. Producers: Mark
London and Lem Lubin. Believe it
or not it is the former teenage pop
bombshell's first album for 10 years, but she has not let her voice grow idle and it is in good form. Difficult to guess what market she might be aiming at this time around for there are many moods and styles here, ranging from the disco beat of Come ranging from the disco beat of Come See What Love, through the tender ballad Fool, Fool to the out and out pop of He's So In Love. Judging from the album photography and her recent appearances on TV in Oh Boy she will continue to be a favourite with TV producers and the right requirements. right promotion could get this album

THE ISLEY BROTHERS
Winner Takes All. Epic EPC 88460.
Producers: Artists. Among the
morass of mindless disco there are morass of mindless disco there are still bands capable of producing quality soul/funk and The Isley Brothers have been in the top flight for close on 20 years. Adapting their style on linking with Epic, the Isleys surprised everyone with the excellent innovative 3+3 album and though the material here does not quite match up to that, the standard remains high. Fans will want this one but some might baulk at paying out for a double. KANSAS Monolith. Kirshner KIR 83644. Producers: Artists. The quality, the style, the musicianship and the songs are all there but the Kansas sounds comes across as so derivative of a great many sources it is difficult to see a British public taking to the band, certainly not without a UK

RITCHIE VALENS
Ritchie Valens. London H-A-R
8535. Hard to believe that Valens
was just 17 when he died in the plane
crash with Buddy Holly and the Big
Bopper. This LP has 18 tracks,
including La Bamba, Donna and
Rockin' All Night. A fine souvenir.

THE SUTHERLAND BROTHERS
When The Night Comes Down. CBS
83427. Producer: Glen Spreen.
Purveyors of pleasant pop/rock
music, they have never quite reached
the heights, either on their own or
during an association with Quiver.
This offering is full of well
crafted songs, but the overall effect
is not strong enough or different
enough to suggest heavy sales. enough to suggest heavy sales.

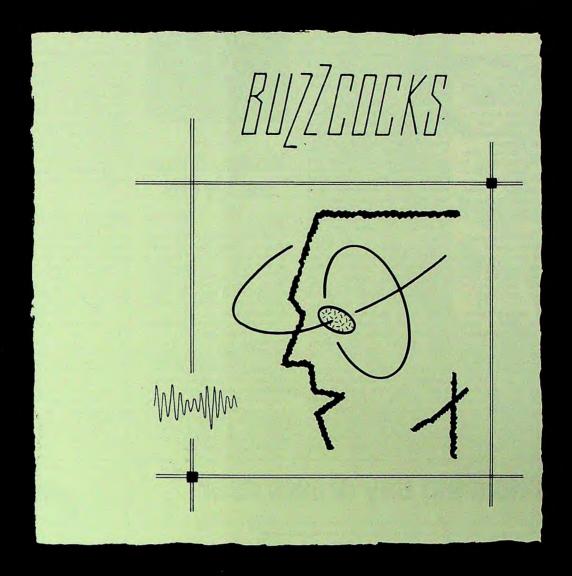
LAKE
Paradise Island. CBS 83480.
Producer: Detlef Petersen and Producer: Detief Petersen and artists. Quality pop/rock from this German/British band but the sound is rather derivative and one suspects they will need an outstanding cut to thrust them into the limelight.

MIKE HARDING On The Touchline. Philips 9109 230. Could well be a chart bet, this latest album from Manchester comediancum-singer Mike Harding, although it does mark a change of format for him. The emphasis here is on serious songs rather than Harding's usual comedy material but since Max Boyce also made a similar change a couple of albums ago, and succeeded, there's no reason why Harding should not succeed also. The material has been penned by the performer himself and several of the songs will feature in Harding's upcoming BBC 2 series.

FLASH & THE PAN Flash & The Pan. Ensign ENVY 6. Flash & The Pan are better known as Flash & The Pan are better known as ex-Easybeat members Harry Vanda and George Young, whose songwriting abilities have been underlined by various hit records during the last decade. The 10 tracks here include four singles, He was the part of the Pand St. Pater California And The Band St. Peter, California, And The Band Played On, and the latest, The African Shuffle. Interesting studio effects used and some good commercial sounds produced. Steady sales likely.

ADRIAN BRETT
Echoes of Gold. Warwick WW
5062. After the success of James
Galway, there is no reason why
fellow flautist Adrian Brett should
not also enjoy healthy album sales
with this offering. The music is a
combination of flute and large
orchestra, and the 22 melodies are combination of flute and large orchestra, and the 22 melodies are familiar to everyone — Greensleeves, Annie's Song, Don't Cry For Me Argentina and so on. The LP is to be initially TV-advertised in the Harlech and Westward regions followed by national release later. Brett's name is maybe not as well known as maybe not as well known as Galway's, but this album should help spread the word.

EDWIN STARR
H.A.P.P.Y. Radio. 20th Century
T591. Producer: Edwin Starr. After
several years in the doldrums, Starr
has made a remarkable recording
comeback, recently scoring with
both Contact and the title track of
this album. His new LP continues
the excellent standards set by his
recent hits — plenty of good disco
material plus some ballads,
emphasising Starr's vocal talents.



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INTERNATIONAL

CUTBACKS AND lay-offs have replaced gas queues as the hot topic of conversation among record eople. After weeks of rumours that people. After weeks of fundors CBS was going to fire 300 or more, the actual 50-plus figure came as a will be relief. Many, however, will be sweating out the summer unless a turnaround becomes apparent.

turnaround becomes apparent.

As fiscal second quarters close, the axe is falling elsewhere. In alphabetical order, "reorganisations" have taken place at A and M, Casablanca, Elektra, MCA and RCA. And at the time of the company of writing, similar action is predicted for Warner Bros and Atlantic

Of the more optimistic comments. on person at Elektra suggested that the company had simply upped its staff at the wrong time: "We hired 22 new people since January, right when business was turning down. We were overly optimistic, based on the last several years."

Bleaker was the person at another company, who proffered a guess that 2,000 music industry employees that 2,000 music industry employees would be out of jobs before the end of the summer. That estimate sounds a bit harsh to me, bearing in mind that in most cases it's margins and growth rates that are dropping, not actual profits. What does seem likely is that we'll soon be seeing some serious artist roster trimming.

In that latter area, it's interesting to note a new category on the CBS release schedules — "undetermined releases" — completed product, in

house and ready to go. There are reportedly some 60 albums on Columbia's list and another 40 on

Certainly, one sign of health is the continuing proliferation of new label and distribution deals. Virgin will be distributed here by Atlantic, with the former's Kurt Nerlinger and Sue Byrom heading promotion and publicity respectively. Atlantic will also distribute the newly-created Charles Greene/Brian Stone label, Emerald City. Greene and Stone were behind the '60s successes of Sonny and Cher, Buffalo Springfield, the Troggs and others. No product is expected before late

Also new on the scene is Lorimar Records, which will come under the CBS Associated Labels banner. Lorimar general manager is Jay Levy, formerly of RSO. And Stiff has finally and officially announced its distribution deal with CBS, though in an unusual set-up some acts will be channelled through Columbia and others through Epic. Barry Taylor is Stiff general manager. Also new on the scene is Lorimar manager.

MOTOWN HAS undergone considerable restructuring in recent months under vice chairman and chief operating officer Michael chief operating officer Michael Roshkind. As reported earlier, Don Ellis has assumed the post of creative vice president for Motown Records, but other appointments have signalled the company's overall



by IRA MAYER in New York

Hirings, firings and lay-offs

expansion moves in films and

Under the direction of Bill Morris. the newly-founded Motown Sound Systems will develop and market a complete line of stereo components. Morris, who is president of the new Motown wing, had previously served as finance VP of Superscope. Plans include eventual expansion into the

Concurrently Roshkind appointed Arnold Orgolini, producer of the film Meteor, to head Motown's film and TV operations with the title of executive vice president, Motown Productions. Additionally the company is financing Daddy Goodness, a musical slated for the coming Broadway season. And after years as the lone major holdout in joining the Record Industry Association of America (RIAA), Motown has now become a member of that lobbying organisation. FOLLOWING WEA'S lead, both Capitol and CBS have upped the list price of singles from \$1.29 to \$1.49 (approximately 75p), with Capitol also raising its wholesale LP prices along WEA lines. CBS is further said to be exploring the possibility of a \$5.98 instead of \$6.98 wholesale price for catalogue, product a \$5.98 instead of \$6.98 wholesaite price for catalogue product (generally defined as not having been on the charts for six months) as an inducement for retailers to reemphasise this sector.

SHORTS: A and M quietly returned to CBS for at least some of its pressing needs. Official word is that the RCA plants couldn't handle the sudden new load, and that CBS is pressing singles until "adjustments can be made". A and M insists it is a can be made". A and M insists it is a temporary situation. Also watch for Rocket to get out of its deal with RCA and return to MCA... Pickwick, the \$550 million retail/rack/distribution wing of American Can, has opened an 18,000 square feet record supermarket in Chicago. In addition to an exceptional amount of display space (including a 160-foot long and 12 foot high merchandising wall), the music store includes a 35-foot long stage equipped to handle in-store appearances and facilities for projection TV screening. The RIAA has revised its gold and

platinum rules . . . 120 days must now elapse before an audit for gold

or platinum certification can be requested. The move was made to eliminate the "ship 'em gold, return 'em platinum" complaints . . . producer extraordinair Arif Mardin its cuite the Pabot City producer extraorunaire Ain wardin is suing the Robert Stigwood Organisation for one million dollars in damages for allegedly including in damages for allegeny including the version of Jive Talkin' that he produced on the Saturday Night Fever soundtrack without paying him. Mardin also claims that the Fever album was available in three versions - one with his version of the song, one with a live version that he did not produce but for which he is credited on the album, and one with the live version without his

Polygram has created an indie Polygram has created an indie production company, Musiverse, to develop black and country acts, primarily out of Nashville. Former Phonogram/Mercury general manager and executive vice president Charlie Fach heads the operation, which has already signed R and B act Fun and country singer Rand Bact Fun and country singer Kiernan Kane... despite a drop-off in points, disco outlet WKTU remained ahead of long time No. 1 station New York, WABC. WKTU competitor WBLS continued to gain momentum under the leadership of Frankie Crocker, recently returned to the station, in the April/May Arbitration ratings, proving that, although many see disco levelling off (and getting more mainstream), dance music is the beat for summer

Disco dancing day draws near

TOKYO: The local heat for the second International Disco Dance Contest will take place here in August, organised by the Foundation for Disco, which has 10 branches throughout Japan.

The event will be a couples-only competition, and 10 couples will be chosen for the final from the Kansai chosen for the final from the Kansai area. The final will be held on

area. The final will be held on September 10, and the winning couple will get a free five-day trip to Monte Carlo, where international final is to be held.

The venue for the Japanese eliminating heats is not being disclosed as the contest will be private apart from media personnel attending to cover it. Discs to be used for the contest are, Do It, by Taste of Honey, Wonderland by Maria, a Japanese singer, and Boogie Woogie Dancin' Shoes by Claudia Barry. TV Channels 8 and 10 are

expected to cover the event, which is being sponsored by Toshiba-EMI. Japanese disc jockey Tadaki Dan won first prize at the first International Disco Dance Contest held last year in London.

STILL IN discoland, the 1979-80 Disco Forum will be held at Tokyo's Tekoku Hotel in Hibiya from August 29 to 31, sponsored by Billboard and Japan Airlines. It will be the first time the forum has taken

place in Japan.

Guest appearances will be made by Sister Sledge, Amii Stewart and Evelyn Champagne King, and there will be special seminars chaired by New York disc jockey Jim Burgess among others. The cost per person for the event is 100,000 yen or 80,000 yen if you are a disc jockey.

East World, will distribute the newly

created affiliate label of OPA. Specialising in Latin American music recorded and sung in Japanese by Latin American musicians, OPA has been established in conjunction with the Ozawa Music Office production company.

Claudia Real, a Mexican singer, has already recorded for the label, and another OPA artist, Graciela Susana, has met with previous success in Japan. OPA releases are being scheduled on a three-month

The East World label and its affiliates are distributed only in Japan at present. Talent t produced and recorded on the Talent to label will be scouted by the OPA-Ozawa team in both Japan and Latin America.

NIPPON HOSO Kyokai (NHK) has purchased the full-length film featuring Wings entitled Wings Over The World and shot during the band's European and American tours. The film is expected to be screened this September.

Recordings up in Finland

HELSINKI: Production of recordings in Finland was up some 12 per cent in 1978, compared with the previous year, with the biggest percentage increase being in the singles field.

Edited by NIGEL HUNTER

Of all 1,186 titles at domestic level, 466 were LPs, 392 cassettes and 328 singles or extended plays according to the statistics in the latest edition of Suomalaisten aanilevyjen Luettelo, edited by Urpo Haapanen.



HAMBURG: Michael Hoppe (left) has been appointed popular repertoire division director of Polydor International Hamburg. Hoppe, 34, returns to Hamburg after four years as A and R director of Polygram Canada, during which he signed Frank Mills, who scored an international hit with Music Box Dancer. Hoppe will report to Polydor International vice president Freddy Haayen. Other popular repertoire division appointments announced are (from left) Hille Hillekamp as promotion department manager, Ruediger Litza as product department manager, and Hans Burghard as operations department

JOHANNESBURG: David Lee Roth and Van Halen have just completed a hectic two-day promotional trip to South Africa to weigh up the situation here. The pair met a cross-section of the

Van Halen imminent

republic's music industry at a multi racial reception held at the Plum Crazy disco in this city. Plans are underway for a tour by the full band later in the year, and, judging by the airtime Van Halen has been getting, it could be a sell-out.

AS THIS is the Year of the Child, it was only a matter of time before a disc came along utilising the same title.

Anton van Rooyen, a musician prominent here for the past 10 years, is the composer responsible, and an early chart entry is predicted.

Of late van Rooyen has been concentrating on his writing more than playing, and South African music industry observers regard him as a talent of international potential.

Dateline: Johannesburg

There is a possibility he may attend the Interpop '79 event in London in September as a prelude to spreading his international wings.

THE QUIBELL Brothers bringing in American soul star Wilson Pickett for a tour which opens in Johannesburg on August 2.

Pickett will be backed by his own band, the Midnite Movers, and the first half of each concert of the tour will be a showcase for local Black

News in brief...

PARIS: Band-leaders in France are getting together to fight the evergrowing number of touring discotheques, set up in tents and marquees in many parts of the country.

many parts of the country.

Georges Jouvin, who heads the orchestra leaders' syndicate here, is fronting the drive to track down those who organise these discos and who, in the main, pay no copyright royalties on the music they use.

Though most of them use poor-quality equipment, there is evidence they draw away many people from the normal weekend dances at which bands and orchestras are employed.

and orchestras are employed.

BRUSSELS: RCA Records Belgium, which acquired fully independent affiliate status in May, has signed a distribution agreement with Discodis-Disc' AZ France.

Under the agreement, RCA Belgium will handle in this country the AZ and BAM labels, whose artists include Michele Torr, C. Jerome, A. Verchuren, Mouloudji and Isabelle Mayereau.

SYDNEY: The Rickie Lee Jones debut album on Warner went platinum exactly two months after its release here with sales in excess of 50,000 units.

Coinciding with this announcement, the LP hit the No. 1 spot in the Kent Report album chart. Warner attributes the swift success initially to the promotional film clip screened on the nationwide TV programmes Nightmoves, Countdown and Sounds Unlimited.

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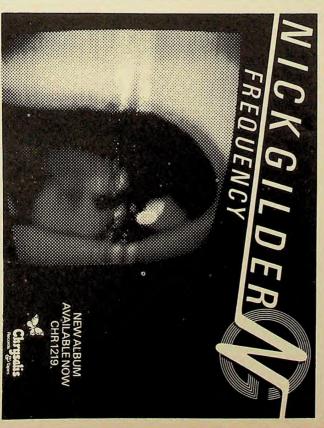
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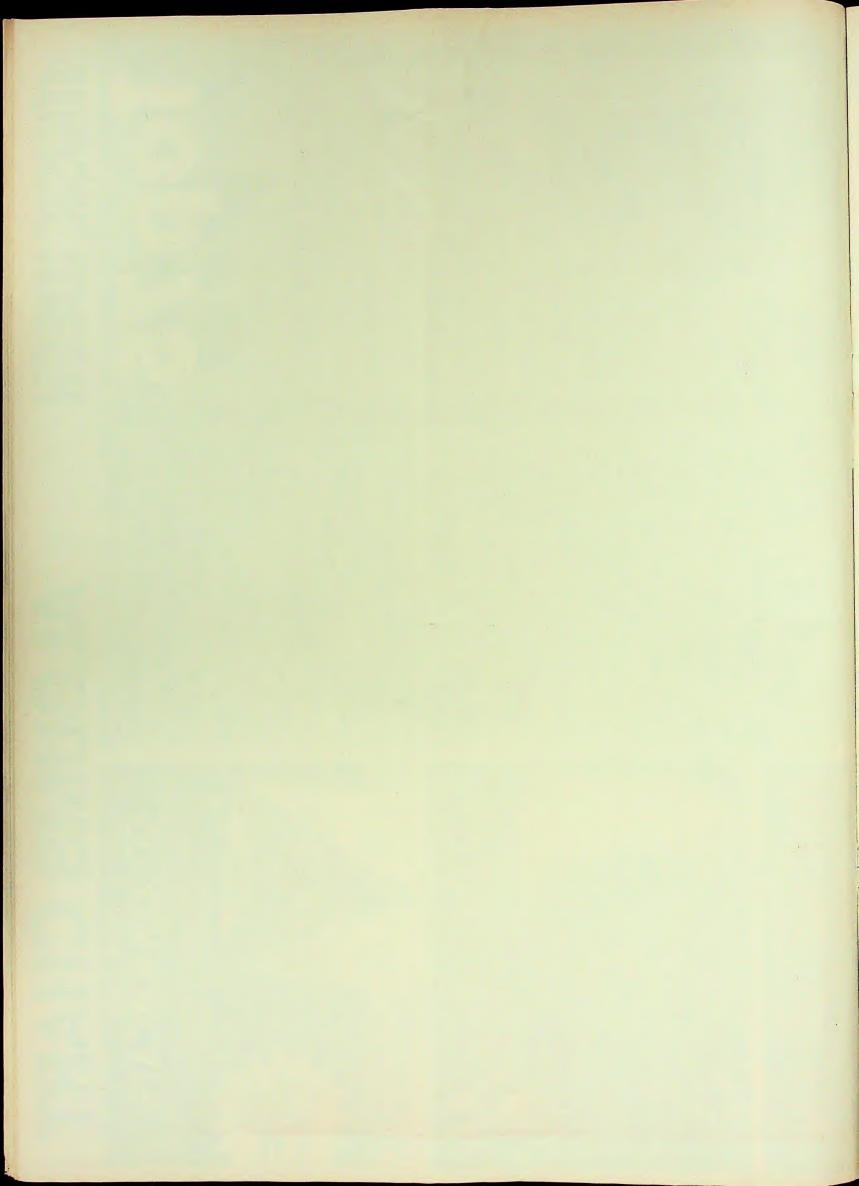
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WANTED — Dooleys (GTO GT 249)
WE DON'T TALK ANY MORE — Cliff Richard (EMI 2975)
YOU REALLY ROCK ME — Nick Gilder (Chrysalis CHS

RECORDS OF THE WEEK
Andy Peebles: LADY WRITER — Dire Straits (Vertigo 6059 230)

Simon Bates: SUNSHINE HOTEL — Richard T. Bear (RCA

Paul Burnett: THE LONELIEST MAN IN THE WORLD -

The Tourists (LOGO 90360)
Tony Blackburn: AFTER THE LOVE HAS GONE — Earth

Wind and Fire (CBS 7721)
Kid Jensen: HIDING AND SEEKING NO MORE — Pam
Nestor (Chrysalis CHS 2349)

TOP ADD ONS

AFTER THE LOVE HAS GONE - Earth Wind and Fire (CBS 7721) R1, C, BR, D, M, B, S, TV, RT, Md, Bb. JUST WHEN I NEEDED YOU MOST

Randy Van Warmer (Island WIP 6516) R1, C, BR, RC, H, F, TV, RT. LADY WRITER — Dire Straits (Vertigo

6059 230) R1, H, F, S, TV, U, MX.
WE'VE GOT LOVE — Peaches and Herb (Polydor POSP 65) C, RC, M, H, S,

WHEN WILL YOU BE MINE — Average White Band (RCA XB 1096) RC, M, H, F, Md, SC.

Station abbreviations: R1 Radio One; B Beacon; BR BRMB; Bb BBC Blackburn; CR Capital; C Clyde; RC City; D Downtown; F Forth; H Hallam; Hm BBC Humberside; L BBC London; RL Luxembourg; M Metro; Md BBC Medway; Mr BBC Merseyside; O Orwell; P Pennine; PR Piccadilly; PS Plymouth Sound; S Swansea Sound; T Tees; RT Trent; TV Thames Valley; U BBC Ulster; V Victory, SC Scotland; MX Manx.

Beacon Radio

BLACK COUNTRY

AFTER THE LOVE HAS GONE — Earth Wind and Fire (CBS 7721) WE DON'T TALK ANY MORE - Cliff Richard (EMI 2975)

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BIRMINGHAM

ADD ONS

DUKE OF EARL — Darts (Magnet MAG 147)

BEAT THE CLOCK — Sparks (Virgin VS 270)

ROCK AROUND THE CLOCK — Telex Sire SIR 4020)

OOH WHAT A LIFE — Gibson Brothers (Island WIP 6503)

MORNING DANCE — Spyro Gyra (Infinity INF 111)

HERE COMES THE SUMMER — Undertones (Sire SIR

THE BOSS — Diana Ross (Motown TMG 1150)
AFTER THE LOVE HAS GONE — Earth Wind and Fire (CBS 7721)

JUST WHEN I NEEDED YOU MOST — Randy Van Warmer (Island WIP 6516) LOVE HAS GOT A HOLD ON ME — Dollar (Carrere CAR

JE SURVIVRAI — Regine (Carrere CAR 121)

Radio Clyde

GLASGOW

Dave Marshall: REGGAE FOR IT NOW — Bill Lovelady (Charisma CB 337)
Richard Park: MOTOWN REVIEW — Philly Cream (Fantasy

Dougie Donnelly: AFTER THE LOVE HAS GONE - Earth

Wind and Fire (CBS 7721)

Jeff Cooper: NO TIME TO LOSE — Tarney Spencer Band (A&M AMS 7456)

Bill Smith: WE'VE GOT LOVE — Peaches and Herb (Polydor POSP 65)

Tim Stevens: WITH ONE BOUND HE WAS FREE — Bunk Dogger (RCA PB 5171)

CURRENT CHOICE
IF I SAID YOU HAD A BEAUTIFUL BODY WOULD YOU
HOLD IT AGAINST ME — Bellamy Brothers (Warner
Brothers K 17405)

D. J. — David Bowie (RCA POW 3)

GONE GONE GONE — Johnny Mathis (CBS 7730)

HERE COMES THE SUMMER — Undertones (Sire SIR

4022) LOVE'S GOT A HOLD ON ME — Dollar (Carrere CAR 122) YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT YOU'VE GOT — Me and You

(Laser LAS 8)
JUST WHEN I NEEDED YOU MOST — Randy Van Warmer

(Island WIP 6516) IT'S TOO FUNKY IN HERE — James Brown (Polydor POSP

Downtown Radio

BELFAST

HIT PICKS

John Paul: DOUBLE VISION — Foreigner (Atlantic K 11199)

Trevor Campbell: OH WHAT A NIGHT FOR ROMANCE —

Stephanie De Sykes (Ariola ARO 176)

Michael Henderson: NO TIME TO LOSE — Tarney Spencer

Band (A&M AMS 7456)

Eddie West: AFTER THE LOVE HAS GONE — Earth Wind

and Fire (CBS 7721)

Lynda Jayne: SAY IT AIN'T SO JOE — Gary Brooker

(Chrysalis CHS 2341)

ADD ONS

WE GOT TO GET OUT OF THIS PLACE — Gilla (Ariola/Hansa AHA 544)

THERM WARFARE — Heatwave (GTO GT 253)

KISS YOU ALL OVER — Millie Jackson (Polydor 2095 091)

GONE GONE GONE — Johnny Mathis (CBS 7730)

LUCKY DAY — Alan Price (Jet 148)

RAINCOAT AND A ROSE — Chris Rea (Magnet MAG 151)

GONE GONE GONE — Johnny Mathis (CBS 7730)

THERM WARFARE — Heatwave (GTO GT 253)

Radio 2

ALBUM OF THE WEEK

David Hamilton: DON'T TAKE LOVE FOR GRANTED — Lulu (Rocket TRAIN 8)

Radio Luxembourg

BETTER NOT LOOK DOWN — B.B. King
CRYING — Instant Funk (Salsoul) SSOL 12)
IS SHE REALLY GOING OUT WITH HIM — Joe Jackson (A&M AMS 7459) WHAT YA GONNA DO WITH MY LOVE — Stephanie Mills

(20th Century TC 2415) STRUT YOUR FUNKY STUFF — Frantique (Philadelphia PIR 7738)

REGGAE FOR IT NOW — Bill Lovelady (Charisma CB 337)

Radio City

HIT PICKS
Roger Blyth: JUST WHEN I NEEDED YOU MOST — Randy
Van Warmer (Island WIP 6516)
Phil Easton: SURRENDER — Cheap Trick (Epic EPC 7729)
Johnny Jason: WHEN WILL YOU BE MINE — Average
White Band (RCA XB 1096)
Dave Eastwood: BEAT THE CLOCK — Sparks (Virgin VS

Kevin Curtis: BOOGIE DOWN — Real Thing (Pye 7P 109) Billy Butler: FALLING IN LOVE — Florence Warner (Chrysalis CHS 2348)

Mark Joenz: WE GOT LOVE — Peaches and Herb (Polydor POSP 65)

Dave Lincoln: IF I SAID YOU HAD A BEAUTIFUL BODY WOULD YOU HOLD IT AGAINST ME — Bellamy Brothers (Warner Brothers K 17405)

ADD ONS
OH WHAT A NIGHT FOR ROMANCE — Stephanie De Sykes (Ariola ARO 176)
HERE COMES SUMMER — Undertones (Sire SIR 4022)

BOY OH BOY — Racey (RAK 297)
SHADOW IN THE MOONLIGHT — Anne Murray (Capitol

THE MAIN EVENT — Barbra Streisand (CBS 7714)

Radio Forth

EDINBURGH

Mike Scott: KISS IN THE DARK - Pink Lady (Atlantic K 12354) Steve Hamilton: THIS IS YOUR LUCKY DAY — Alan Price

Steve Hallindii. 1413 is 160k Eccker by Market (Jet 148)
Bill Torrence: JUST WHEN I NEEDED YOU MOST —
Randy Van Warmer (Island WIP 6516)
Brian Ford: KISS YOU ALL OVER — Millie Jackson (Polydor 2095 091)
Jay Crawford: WHEN WILL YOU BE MINE — Average

White Band (RCA XB 1096)

ADD ONS
LADY WRITER — Dire Straits (Vertigo 6059 230)
WE GOTTA GET OUT OF THIS PLACE — Gilla (Ariola Hansa AHA 544)
BEAT THE CLOCK — Sparks (Virgin VS 270)
I DON'T LIKE MONDAYS — Boomtown Rats (Ensign ENY 30)



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43	19	MORNING DANCE Spyro Gyra	Infinity INF 111
44	32	RING MY BELL Anita Ward	O TK TKR 7543
45	74	PARANOID Dickies	A&M AMS 7368
46	28	THE BOSS Diana Ross	Motown TMG 1150
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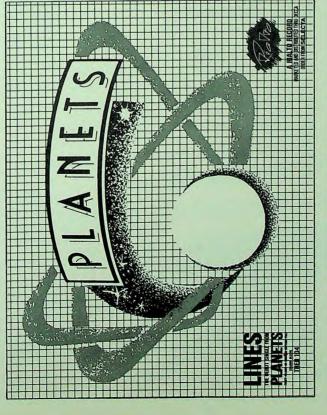
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RAK 296

GOING THROUGH THE MOTIONS Hot Chocolate

AIRPLAY ACTION

Radio Hallam

SHEFFIELD

Keith Skues: WE GOT LOVE — Peaches and Herb (Polydor POSP 65)

POSP 65)
Roger Moffat: JUST WHEN I NEEDED YOU MOST —
Randy Van Warmer (Island WIP 6516)
Johnny Moran: RAINCOAT AND A ROSE — Chris Rea
(Magnet MAG 151)
Colin Slade: WHEN WILL YOU BE MINE — Average White
Band (RCA XB 1096)
Ray Stewart: DO YOU WANNA GO PARTY — K.C. And
The Sunshine Band (TK TKR 7539)
Bill Crozier: THE MAIN EVENT — Barbra Streisand (CBS
7714)
Martin Kelner: HEBSHAM POVO Martin Kelner: HERSHAM BOYS — Sham 69 (Polydor POSP

64) Maggie Mash: ONE GOOD REASON — Streetband (Logo GO 356)

HIT AND MISS JUDY — Wreckless Eric (Stiff BUY 49) LADY WRITER — Dire Straits (Vertigo 6059 230) MAKE BELIEVE LOVERS — Anita Ward (TK TKR 7551)

Radio 210

THAMES VALLEY

ADD ONS
LOVE OF MY LIFE — Queen (EMI 2959)
GONE GONE GONE — Johnny Mathis (CBS 7730)
I DON'T LIKE MONDAYS — Boomtown Rats (Ensign ENY

AFTER THE LOVE HAS GONE - Earth Wind and Fire (CBS 7721) THE DIARY OF HORACE WIMP — Electric Light

Orchestra (Jet 150)
LADY WRITER — Dire Straits (Vertigo 2059 230)
IS SHE REALLY GOING OUT WITH HIM — Joe Jackson
(A&M AMS 7459)
JUST WHEN I NEEDED YOU MOST — Randy Van Warmer

JUST WHEN I NEEDED YOU MOST — Randy van warmer (Island WIP 6516)
BANG BANG — B. A. Robertson (Elektra/Asylum K 13152)
IF I HAD YOU — Korgis (Rialto TREB 103)
YOU TAKE MY BREATH AWAY — Rex Smith (CBS 7451)
WE'VE GOT LOVE — Peaches and Herb (Polydor POSP 65)
I COULD HAVE BEEN A SAILOR — Jack Jones (Polydor

BBC Medway

Brian Faulkner: I COULD HAVE BEEN A SAILOR — Jack Jones (Polydor 2059 154) Don Durbridge: FASTER — George Harrison (Dark Horse K

John Thurston: PASCALE — Scott Fitzgerald (United Artists UP 36542)
Mike Brill: I DON'T LIKE MONDAYS — Boomtown Rats

(Ensign ENY 30)
Dave Brown: AFTER THE LOVE HAS GONE — Earth Wind

and Fire (CBS 7721)
Ian Pearson: IF I SAID YOU HAD A BEAUTIFUL BODY
WOULD YOU HOLD IT AGAINST ME — Bellamy Brothers

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QUIETLY AND SOFTLY — Catherine Howe (Ariola ARO

CLOCKIN' IN — The Baboons (Rialto TREB 106)
GONE GONE GONE — Johnny Mathis (CBS 7730)
LIFE IS LIKE A SAMBA — David Benoit (Avi AVIS 103)
SHAKIN' ALL OVER — Alvin Stardust (GALE 1)
THE MAIN EVENT — Barbra Streisand (CBS 7714)

Metro Radio

WE'VE GOT LOVE — Peaches and Herb (Polydor POSP 65)
THE MAIN EVENT — Barbra Streisand (CBS 7714)
A RAINCOAT AND A ROSE — Chris Rea (Magnet MAG

LOVE WILL MAKE YOU FAIL IN SCHOOL - Rocky

Sharpe and The Replays (Chiswick CHIS 114)

AFTER THE LOVE IS GONE — Earth Wind and Fire (CBS)

7721) JUDAS -JUDAS — Voyager (Mountain TOP 46)
MOTOWN REVIEW — Philly Cream (Fantasy FTC 180)
CHEEK TO CHEEK — Lowell George (Warner Brothers K

MINUTE BY MINUTE — Doobie Brothers (Warner Brothers

STRANGE FASCINATION — Liner (Atlantic K 11336) LOVE'S GOTTA HOLD ON ME — Dollar (Carrere CAR

WHEN WILL YOU BE MINE — Average White Band (RCA XB 1096)

Radio Trent

NOTTINGHAM

D. J. — David Bowie (RCA BOW 3)
STAY WITH ME TILL DAWN — Judie Tzuke (Rocket

STAT WITH ME THEE DAWN State (Recent APPRES 17)
BEAT THE CLOCK — Sparks (Virgin VS 271)
BOOGIE DOWN — Real Thing (Pye 7P109)
BRING THE FAMILY BACK — Billy Paul (Philadelphia PIR

Chapman (Acrobat BAT 9)

AFTER THE LOVE HAS GONE — Earth Wind and Fire (CBS 7721) LET'S SPEND THE NIGHT TOGETHER - Roger

OH WHAT A NIGHT FOR ROMANCE - Stephanie De

Sykes (Ariola ARO 176)
GOING THROUGH THE MOTIONS — Hot Chocolate

JUST WHEN I NEEDED YOU MOST — Randy Van Warmer

IS SHE REALLY GOING OUT WITH HIM — Joe Jackson (A&M AMS 7459)
DOUBLE VISION — Foreigner (Atlantic K 11199)

BBC Scotland

Tom Ferrie: WHEN WILL YOU BE MINE — Average White Band (RCA XB 1095)
Jimmy Mack: THIS IS YOUR LUCKY DAY — Alan Price (Jet 148)

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Rhythm & News: MAKE BELIEVE LOVERS — Anita Ward
(TK TKR 7551)
Nightbeat: LOVE'S GOTTA HOLD ON ME — Dollar (Carrere CAR 122)

ADD ONS
I DON'T LIKE MONDAYS — Boomtown Rats (Ensign ENY

30)
ANGEL EYES — Abba (Epic EPC 7499)
STAY WITH ME TILL DAWN — Judie Tzuke (Rocket XPRES 17)
WE DON'T TALK ANY MORE — Cliff Richard (EMI 2975)

Swansea Sound

SWANSEA

Wind and Fire (CBS 7721)
John Sachs: SAY IT AIN'T SO JOE — Gary Brooker (Chrysalis CHS 2347)
Travis Baxter: WE GOT LOVE — Peaches and Herb (Polydor

Steve Dewitt: GIRLS GIRLS GIRLS - Kandidate (RAK 295)

LADY WRITER - Dire Straits (Vertigo 6059 230) MONEY — Flying Lizards (Virgin VS 276)
HERE COMES THE SUMMER — Undertones (Sire SIR

I DON'T LIKE MONDAYS — Boomtown Rats (Ensign ENY

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I COULDN'T BELIEVE A WORD — The 45's (Chopper

CHEAP 45) I WAS MADE FOR LOVING YOU - Kiss (Casablanca CAN

BBC Blackburn

HIT PICKS

Jude Bunker: SAY IT AIN'T SO JOE — Gary Brooker (Chrysalis CHS 2347)

(Chrysalis CHS 2347)
Nigel Dyson: AFTER THE LOVE HAS GONE — Earth Wind and Fire (CBS 7721)
Kath Dutton: HEAVEN MUST HAVE SENT YOU — Bonnie Pointer (Motown TMG 1145)
Phil Scott: MAURITIUS FAREWELL — The Brothers

Phil Scott: MAGNATANO (Scotia SCO 19)

Ken Snowdon: RAINCOAT AND A ROSE — Chris Rea Ken Snowdon: RA (Magnet MAG 151)

Crispin Huntrods:

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Pat Gibson: COME ON DOWN BOOGIE PEOPLE — David
Williams (Avi AVIS 105)
Peter Lugg: DANCING IN THE STREET — Ray
Dorset/Mungo Jerry (Polydor 2059 127)

Manx Radio

HIT PICKS

Sue Richardson: A WALK IN THE SEA Alan Hull (Rocket XPRES 19)

Mike Reynolds: LADY WRITER - Dire Straits (Vertigo 6059

Andy Mac: MORNING LOVERS — Hedda (Pye 7P 113)
Tony Myles: SAY IT AIN'T SO JOE — Gary Brooker (Chrysalis CHS 2347)

Dave Eager: I FOUND LOVE - Barry White (Unlimited Gold

Stu Lowe: DON'T GIVE IT UP — Linda Clifford (RSO 37)

I DON'T LIKE MONDAYS — Boomtown Rats (Ensign ENY

WE DON'T TALK ANY MORE — Cliff Richard (EMI 2975) DUKE OF EARL — Darts (Magnet MAG 147)

MORNING DANCE — Spyro Gyra (Infinity INF 111)

I WILL SURVIVE — Billie Jo Spears (United Artists UP 601)

THE DIARY OF HORACE WIMP — Electric Light

Orchestra (Jet 150)

Radio Tees

TEESSIDE

ADD ONS
THE LONELIEST MAN IN THE WORLD — Tourists (Logo GO 360) LINES — The Planets (Rialto TREB 104)

BLACK SLACKS — Matchbox (Magnet MAG 152)
GONE GONE GONE — Johnny Mathis (CBS 7730)
RAINCOAT AND A ROSE — Chris Rea (Magnet MAG 151)
WE GOTTA GET OUT OF THIS PLACE — Gilla (Ariola Hansa AHA 544)

Hansa AHA 344)
FOOL OVER YOU — Freddie Meyer (Barn)
OH WHAT A NIGHT FOR ROMANCE — Stephanie De
Sykes (Ariola ARO 176)
SOME DAY I MAY — Boy Bastin (DJM DJS 10917)

BBC Ulster

ADD ONS
SHADOWS IN THE MOONLIGHT — Anne Murray (Capitol CL 16091)
LADY WRITER — Dire Straits (Vertigo 6059 230)

VENGEANCE — Carly Simon (Elektra K 12362)
GOING THROUGH THE MOTIONS — Hot Chocolate (RAK 296) BIRDLAND — Weather Report (CBS 7701) CHURCH — Bob Welch (Capitol CL 16086)

BBC Leicester

Mick Smith: THE LITTLE GIRL IN ME - Judy Cheeks (Ariola ARO 164)
Lee McCarthy: BOYS DON'T CRY — The Cure (Fiction FICS

Alex Lester: CLOSER — Johnny Nash (Epic EPC 7745)

MUSIC WEEK

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Voting controversy splits BPL

BBC chief warns of road to ruin

From RODNEY BURBECK
MONTE CARLO: The managing
director of BBC Radio, Aubrey
Singer, faced an audience of global
music industry leaders here on
Tuesday (12) and bravely told them
that pop music is on the road to self
destruction through its own
exploitation.
In a blistering attack on what he
called "the worst extravagances of
your marketing excesses", Singer
told the Ninth International Music
Industry Conference that radio and
the record industry should (ind a
solution by working together to

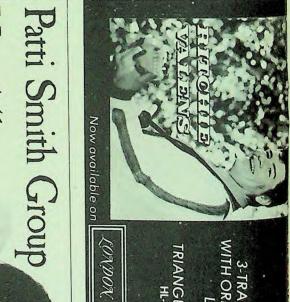
By TERRI ANDERSON STRONG OPPOSITION to the proposed changes in BPI voing structure came from the independent labels at last week's extraordinary general meeting. Clearly having expected such opposition, chairman L.G. Wood closed a lively discussion by using his prerogative to adjourn the vote on the matter to a later date. The move was a loregone conclusion, but was obviously accepted by all present as the tarest and most sensible way to deal with a different property of the conclusion.

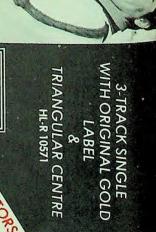


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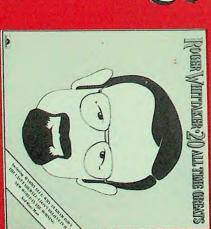






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COMPILED BY TONY JASPER

Forceful vocals allied to always present driving backing give mid way, and later, push to disc where vocal line seems initially too long for racing ahead backing in early stages. Tune veers between new wave and teen pop. Lively number without really having clear cut identity.

Strident brass sets scene for bouncy up-tempo number with Paper Dolls style wocals on tune which bears hint of another. Bounces along with feel of BBC TV's Seaside Special, tailor-made for fun summer nights a holiday camps. With sun forecast disc with airplay ecetera, could chart.

BPM 130 racer with solid rhythmic beat underpinning scat vocals with shades of Coniff quirks, tricks on some of latter, Bright clear sound for summer floor

Remixed, remake from ad of lamiliar Jagger-Richard number thit for Stones, 3, 1967, then causing furore for seemingly suggestive lyrics! by artist plus Del Nowman. This done after apparent avalanche of enquiries springing from TV ad tune enquiries. Plano pushed back behind driving beat from original with raucous sax entering for extra impact. Usual energetic artists vocals plus back upon.

Bright, cheerful number with lovely summer feel. Soon settles into nifty backing best with hints of double-tracking, lurking back-ups. Possesses engaging chorus with hints of several other tunes, given handcalp thrust. Following chorus given repeats near end. Clear praiseworthy production. Song by Russ Ballard, Might make disco number if mixed further with throbbing bass.

Guitarist Steve Diggle composition with Shelley number on flip. Much harder sound than some of previous 45s with strong guitar lead, bass underlay but retaining lamilar Buzzcocks guitar chords. Late emphasis on vocats with instrumentation played down as repetitive lyric line plays record out. Hit.

YOU NEED WHEELS, I Don't Want To Know You, THE MERTON PARKAS. Beggars Banquet BEG 22 (W)

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Singles notified by major manufacturers for week ending 27 July.

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	Week	Month	Year
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EMI (LRD)	6(-)	31 (-)	128 (-)
DECCA	0(-)	10(-)	37(-1
PYE	5(-)	23 (-)	138(-)
POLYDOR		15(-1	
CBS			145(-)
PHONOGRAM			95 (-)
RCA			89 (-)
WEA			232 (-)
OTHERS			360 (-)
TOTAL	52 (-)	249 (-)	1393 (-)

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None

SINGLES COMMENTS UK CHARTING Highest (or last) entry PROMOTION/ARTIST BIOGRAPHY RELEASE TITLE/Artist LABEL/Number/Distributor Friendly, atmospheric jogger in now becoming familiar Dire Straits style. Little variation once basic pace, score underway. Has insistent charm but little to excite. Good airplay for summer days. Hit. Recent heavy consumer music press copy, also in nationals — provincials. TV appearance, UK tour. Heavy ads on album Communique. This 45 in colour bag with LP ad back of cover. Band pictured on front in-concert. AB: UK band, from London, found tame Stateside although this (Album fact sheet) one of few sources giving early rave review. Four in number. DIRE STRAITS Lady Writer Vertigo 6059 230 Sultans Of Swing (8, 1979, 11 wks, entry March 10) (Phonodisc)

UK tour still fresh in memory with almost universal wild praise, TOTP, black music press, ads on recent LP from which 45 comes, II Am 86084) with special media publicity boxes current hit 45. AB. Maurice White at heart of activities, diversity in musical range, stunning choreography, debut CBS LP, 1973 with 8 in catalogue.

One of most immediate cuts from recent LP with less than usual stopping, changing key/tempo, flowing melody sung with perfection. Lyrics with implicit sadness might deter some but 45 with class, should chart.

Picture bag. Major media concentration for past two months with album Under Influence (SPART 1095) issued four different sleeves, Film, TV projects including BBC TV documentary on record business with group interviewed (August 2, 8 30pm), nationwide tour from July 5 with August dates 2, Chesterfield, 3 Devizes, 4 Bath; 5 Gwent; 6 Swansea; 7 Sheffield, 9 Norwich; 10 Birmingham; 11 Blackpool, 12 Leeds. PR, Heavy Publicity (10) 960 0955). AB: Scottish group with recent major debut LP with sountrack song in film That's Summer.

Limited actition banana yellow vinyl, large 31. blow-up bananas to radio/TV/select dealers. Full page ads MW. Record Mirror. 300 real banan delivered with individual promo copies, Special disco mail-out. AB: Fruil young English girst produced Germany by Tony Hendrick (formerly asso with Boney M's Frank Farlan), just charted Germany.

Already proving success Northern dance floors with special disco promo, servicing. AB, prolific TV theme, incidental music composer. Wrote Dr Who for Mankind hir (25, 1978). Recent compositions BBC TV, Rebecca, Plain Murder, Malice Aforethought.

Use as TV commercial, 60 second Ladbrokes Hotels' ad, LWT, Southern. Recent major arrist solo tour, endless company publicity, interviews consumer, dally national, provincial press; radio interviews. AB: Much respected, loved rock figure, familiar from Family. Streetwalkers, associated with Charley Witney. Recent solo LP, Chappo.

Pic bag with artist front back, debut for Ariola, general company media servicing. AB: Came to fore '74/75 but record success then departed as fast as it came, considerable TV, radio work kept name to fore. UK lady with good looks.

Colour bag with usual artistic design, utilising lines. Heavy consumer music press exposure, constant nationwide gigging, frequent TOTP. AB: Manchester band led by Pote Shelley, four in number, formed spring 1976, debut gig with Sex Pistols, played Anarchy UK tour, with early material on own label. Charted second UA 45, with first Orgasm Addict (UP 36316)

Simple but effective line drawing, artist name on white bag; black vinyl this time, Private PR, Tony Brainsby (01-834-8341). Recent UK tour with major London gig Considerable media publicity. TOTP for last 45 but one of lew records showing no real success after programme. AB: Began, December 1977. Described as possessing Taw. aggressive rock and roll.* Debut 45 this May (above), with Roxy support billing, 15 dates.

B.W bag with artist frontpiece, recent ads via abum Nils Lofgren IAMLH 64756). Early airplay pick up, 14 radio stations including Breaker – Radio One AB Swedsh/Italian parentinge, grew, pu Dis Achieved reputation pianist, guitarist. Guested Crazy Horse-Hmil Young, then 17. Joined Grin, With Young tour, LP, Tonight's The Night (1975), Sole 1975, US-UK LP charts '76 with Cry Tough. Considerable activity at time of recent LP release, single success, although latter not sustained. Several UK tours. Current 45 in picture bag with emblem on back. AB. Premier hard rock German outfit, started out 1971 with success beginning late '73, now with enormous continental following. Sparkles with creative arrangement in all quarters but perhaps too clever for itself-early on for rather winds down by end. Excellent lirst half with clear vocals in heights of scale at opening becoming merged into strident heavy guitar riffs. Drums always prominent; pushing hard. Late throw-back of vocals with sound brought up but no real clems.

Rock 'n' roll, popular feel always present with Lofgren with now (from LP listening) increased commercial appeal. Deceptively simple melodic 45 with great rolling beat which chugs incressantly, hypnotically. Vocals score. Surely debut charting for talented US artist.

Album title cut (LP: SHSP 4097), hard driving rocker with atmosphere. Nothing original either in delivery whether instrumental or vocal but good commercial hard rock with good chance of following last 45 into UK charts. Note earlier Scorpions issued on Tokyo Tapas (RCA NL 28331).

GERARD WOOG, Music Week's French correspondent, has been active in the French music industry since 1965 when he became a talent scout for a music publishing company. He discovered songwriter Michel Polnareff, who has written a string of high-selling hits and now lives in the US. Woog then worked in A&R at AZ Records under Lucien Morisse, whom he describes as "one of the most outstanding figures in French show business", before starting independent production activities, including Peter Sarstedt, who made No. 1 in the UK with Where Do You Go To, My Lovely? Woog worked for CBS for a time before joining Pathe Marconi EMI in 1975 as assistant to the French A&R manager, and is about to assume new responsibilities following the reorganisation of the company. Here he gives his personal impressions of the current state of the French music industry.

The state of the industry in France

IN 14 years the business has changed a lot. Where A&R men are concerned, I remember that 10 years ago they were employed by record companies and each given a few artists to look after.

When they discovered an artist themselves, they were paid the same salary, whether the artist became famous or not. The A&R man at that time was in charge of the choice of songs and of the recording, but rarely did he have any say or influence about what happened to the record after he had recorded it.

Independence

A few years later, the French record companies followed British and American examples, and became more generous to A&R people. They were allowed more independence, and now most of them have chosen an independent role, often using an office within a specific company and giving that company priority and first option on their productions in return. The initiative for discovering new talent now rests very much with independent producers rather than the record companies.

Exposure is a major problem in France. While nearly all the Western countries have several independent record stations as well as a state broadcasting service, France with 60 million inhabitants has only four stations which are supposed to programme the French and foreign product

On top of that, there is a great

radio emphasis on talk shows and games for which the audience is invited to phone-in, and this leaves very little time for music.

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Radio policy is also very traditional, and as the stations largely depend on advertising for their existence, they are afraid to take risks in their programming which might lead to a drop in audience and a loss of advertising as a consequence. Which, of course, leaves little chance for new young artists to be heard.

Habits are changing rapidly, too, causing major problems for record companies. The last major economic crisis in May 1968 actually gave a boost to record sales, but since then domestic taping has grown and the disco craze has affected everywhere, including France. Things have moved so fast that the back catalogue, always a strong source of income in France, has stagnated, not least because it is being offered at the same high price level now as new product.

Disco sales

While disco music has become a craze, very few disco records actually sell well. It's more of a dancing music than a listening one, and in discotheques it is very rare for youngsters to ask the title of the

song they just heard. They're already dancing along to the next record.

Another major factor is the increase in record prices since price control was officially abolished at the beginning of this year. This move, coupled with the enormous 33 per cent VAT imposition, has resulted in LPs averaging 50 francs each (over £5) and singles 14 francs (nearly £2).

Exceptional

This is too much for most kids to afford, and they think twice even if they have the money, particularly when they can tape at home from the radio or the records possessed by their friends. Only an exceptional record such as the Bee Gees will get people into the shops.

The French public, like any other, is still prepared to spend money on leisure activities to combat everyday worries and irritations, but they choose to go out, to go driving or take foreign holidays rather than buy as many records as in the past.

Among all this, it seems that French music is suffering. The disco craze and the fantastic sales of some records fascinated some of our French stars, who are now singing in English (Sylvie Vartan, Sheila, Karen Cheryl, Patrick Juvet). This,



GERARD WOOG, Music Week's French correspondent.

coupled with the lack of new talent, has left the French national market rather poor.

But I am convinced that the French public will always welcome talented new writers, composers and artists and the record companies must concentrate on searching for this new talent. Yves Dutheil with 600,000 records sold shows what can be done.

The French always like a traditionally simple melody with good lyrics. The French ear is made

that way, and nothing can change it. The French go to discotheques more and like dancing to disco music, but they will always buy a new record by Georges Brassens, Serge Gainsbourg or Jacques Brel.

As far as the youngsters are concerned, the new generation has turned its back on some traditional French national music, but the success of French groups such as Telephone, Bijou and Starshooter is the proof that there is still room for French music of some kind.

SACEM—up against an unsettled market

SACEM MEANS Société des Auteurs, Compositeurs et Editeurs de Musique. It employs about 1,200 people, 600 in Paris and the rest forming the 110 delegations working outside the capital. Its membership now numbers 43,000, and this total increases by about 2,500 every year.

In the beginning, SACEM used to administer and collect royalties for operas and theatre music. The society today has specialised departments expert in the relevant laws, and is well organised to advise and assist writers and composers.

It has a social department funded by a percentage contribution from members' royalties to aid 1,200 old or impoverished members and others who have suffered accidents or are in poor health. Some 300 people not involved in pop music whose royalty income is very low are also assisted by SACEM, which has a policy of subvention for theatres to

assist contemporary music and "the young French song".

We are facing an unsettled market in the French record industry with many problems needing solution. We must also keep abreast of the new communications techniques such as satellites, cable and videograms, preparing agreements with the different media both here in France and on an international scale in cooperation with the copyright societies of other countries.

operation with the copyright societies of other countries. With regard to piracy and domestic taping, SACEM is endeavouring to stop the increase of illegal records. The best means are national legislation, investment to finance wider investigation, and the control of imported records.

We are putting pressure on the French Government in the matter of blank tape. Firstly there was a proposal to tax all tape recording hardware, and then it was decided to study the possibility of a tax on blank tape. At present, it seems

By OLIVIER BERNARD (SACEM cultural & professional delegate)

likely that the latter proposal will be approved by the French Parliament.

According to statistics, 85 blank cassettes out of every 100 are used for copying existing recordings. The Goverment has been playing deaf so far, but now begins to realise the true extent of the problem. Another important measure it could take would be to reduce the VAT rate which at 33 per cent is most certainly the highest in the world. SACEM is also very anxious about the future of "illev" music in view of the economic crisis and the resultant diminution in cortex and ballrooms.

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closure of cabarets and ballrooms.
SACEM operates in collecting
royalties on a basis of reciprocity
with its equivalent organisations
around the world. The system
works very well in the countries
where copyright has strong legal

protection and efficient societies looking after the rights of composers and lyricists, but weaknesses exist in places like India, some African countries and the Middle East. We enjoy excellent relationship with our sister organisations in the USA, Britain, Germany and Italy.

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In 1978 the amount of money sent abroad in payment for the performance of music in France and the money collected for the performance of French music abroad was nearly the same. Out of the 820 million francs (approximately £90 million) fees collected last year, 500 million francs represented performing right fees in France and abroad and 320 million francs were the mechanical right collection. It is very clear that American and English songs are increasing in France and French music is diminishing in results

SACEM collects direct in some other countries, and we pride ourselves as being probably the most efficient collecting company in the world. The percentages we collect in France for composers and writers are eight per cent of the retail price; 8.80 per cent of the ticket price for concerts, galas and ballrooms; 4.40 per cent on drinks sold; 6.60 per cent of the total take for theatres; 3.30 per cent for circuses, and 2.20 per cent for cinemas.

The percentage recouped for the expenses of SACEM and SDRM (Societe pour l'Administration du Droit de Reproduction Mecanique) is 15.22 per cent, four-fifths of which is accounted for by the

which is accounted for by the salaries of SACEM employees. In 1978, out of the 8,000 SACEM members, 12,500 received less than 3,000 francs, 3,800 received between 3,000 and 36,000 francs; 450 received between 36,000 and 60,000 francs; 300 received between 60,000 and 100,000 francs, and 800 received over 100,000 francs, fance of the salar sa

IN THIS supplement Music Week looks at the French music market in our continuing series of spotlighting the increasingly important international aspects of the music industry. France has the reputation of being highly individual and independent in its musical tastes, but time is changing tastes and attitudes there as in other countries. As this supplement reveals, there are major problems — a high rate of VAT, escalating costs, domestic taping, piracy, parallel imports — and the French are not happy about the limited scope for their national repertoire abroad because the lingua franca nowadays is actually lingua anglice — English. FOCUS ON FRANCE presents the views of some of the leading captains of the French music business.

Organising the professionals

By PIERRE CHESNAIS (SNEPA general delegate)

SNEPA STANDS for the Syndicat National de L'Edition Phonographique et Audiovisuelle. It dates from May 5, 1922 when a Chambre Syndicale was created for speaking machines. That may sound funny now, but at that time research and activity were mainly concentrated on the reproduction of the human voice.

From 1945, under the name of General Syndicate, the organisation represented a much wider range of music interests including the companies manufacturing records and record players as well as those selling them. The organisation changed its name to SNEPA in 1974 to take account of the prospect of future videocassettes and videorecords.

Major problems

SNEPA's purpose is to organise the producers, publishers and distributors of records and tapes and protect and advance their national and international professional interests. The major problems confronting the French music industry with which SNEPA is engaged are piracy, domestic taping, parallel imports and the high rate of French VAT at 33 per cent.



PIERRE CHESNAIS of SNEPA.

Concerning piracy, in September 1977 the general assembly of Interpol asked all its various national branches to increase their efforts to fight piracy in cooperation with organisations such as SNEPA, and warned all governments of the gravity of the problem.

Where domestic taping is concerned, SNEPA in collaboration with SACEM, is trying to persuade the French Parliament to pass legislation imposing a tax on blank cassettes, and we are also hoping that VAT will be reduced.

FRANK LIPSIK, founder of France's first music trade magazine, Journal du Showbusiness, a former producer and disc jockey with a top-rated show Taxi carried by Radio Monte Carlo for five years, and now general manager of Hansa Records in France, takes a look at the French radio scene.

Who is ruling the airwaves?

IT'S RATHER difficult to explain the state of French radio. I'm used to working with American, English and now German people, and I can see it is difficult for them to understand what radio is about in our country.

In simple terms, we have four main radio stations. They are Europe 1, RTL (Radio Luxembourg), France Inter and Radio Monte Carlo. In addition to these majors, there are two local radio stations, Radio Andorra and Radio Sud, broadcasting to the South of France.

A general trend over the past few years in French radlo has been a greater emphasis on talk shows, and a definite cutdown on needletime. For instance, on Europe 1 there is hardly any music at all until 9 a.m., but then a popular radio show comes on where the DJ presents a number of games in which the listening audience is invited to take part by calling the station on the phone. The only time when an appreciable amount of music can be heard on French radio is in the evening, but of course that's when TV takes over, and the radio audience dwindles to a very low figure.

Lately, RTL has begun what looks like being a surprise success in the shape of a special weekend programme called WRTL,

specifically aimed at the younger generation and playing a lot of British and American records which otherwise can't get on the air. But, WRTL excepted, it must be pointed out that about 70 per cent of every kind of music heard on the French radio stations is of French origin, with the remaining 30 per cent including everything else—American, British, some Italian songs and a few Spanish ones.

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It's getting to be an impossible feat for a No. 1 American or British record to make it in France. And when it does, as in the case of Amii Stewart, it's almost a miracle! I'm not saying that the radio sta-

I'm not saying that the radio stations don't do their job. I spent too many years working at Radio Monte Carlo not to know better. But it must be realised that virtually all the American and British releases plus the Italian and Spanish ones are fighting for just 30 per cent of the total needletime. It's just impossible for only four

It's just impossible for only four radio stations to absorb and give airtime to the record output of three countries (and that doesn't take



FRANK LIPSIK

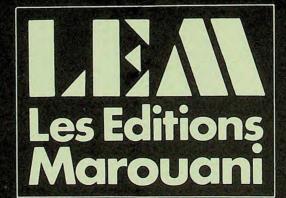
account of the increasing number of European productions that have international and particularly French possibilities). A lot of people in France believe

A lot of people in France believe that the only solution for the French record industry will be the birth of independent radio stations along similar lines to the UK ILR system. I'm not sure that will eradicate all problems, and it may even create a lot of new ones. But at least we would have a bigger chance of introducing our disc releases to a larger number of the public.

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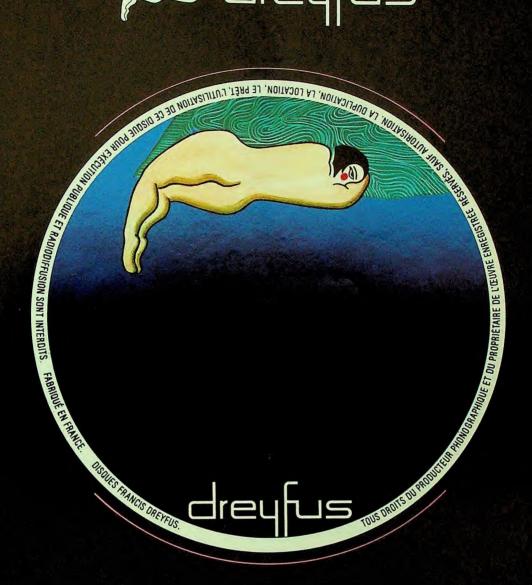
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Records. Records chose Paris as its base for European mainland operations, and in view of the current spectacular success of Supertramp and other can't have regretted the decision.

decision.

Its office overlooking the impressive Avenue Franklin D. Roosevelt has the tangible air of enthusiasm and excitement which always accompanies high-selling records, and the two main architects of A&M's European progress, managing director Marcus Bicknell and marketing manager Russ Curry, exude the same confidence and eagerness when they talk about the

A&M's European Bicknell, managing director for the past managing director for the past 2½ years, has in fact nurtured the ambition of breaking a big act throughout Europe for the last six years, and Supertramp has fulfilled that ambition.

"They've sold two million in Europe already and Breakfast In America has done 300,000 in France alone," he reveals. "The band has been No. 1 in 10 countries and gone

been No.1 in 10 countries and gone gold in 11, all within 90 days of the launch of the album. We're gold in 11, an within 30 days of the album. We're anticipating and basing our marketing plans on one million French sales. It's not impossible because everybody wants to know about this album, and the title track and Logical Song and Goodbye Stranger are being treated like singles in terms of exposure and airtime.

Curry, whose marketing jurisdiction extends from Scandinavia to Israel with much attendant commuting, is a great believer in meticulous planning and timing in the quest for international chart ratings. He is convinced that Europe is wide open now to good acts of international appeal.

"English rock acts are breaking in Europe," he points out. "Bands like Europe," he points out. "Bands like Police and Squeeze. The groups and their managements have made time to come here, and they sell out their concerts. In France there has been a downturn in national product and a lack of development of new national artists, and promoters are turning more and more to international acts. Police came here first to appear Police came nere first to appear before anywhere else in Europe, and they've got a very firm base in France as a consequence." Both the A&M men regard the

French as a very musical nation tending to prefer a melody rather

Company profiles



A&M'S SUPERTRAMP — one million French sales?

than an overall sound. They think the French market is still relatively unexploited because the French music industry is run by Frenchmen who are very conservative and not open to simple, straightforward marketing techniques.

"France is outward looking ow," Bicknell declares. "The public is developing a buying taste

for international music, particularly if the act has an air of mystique about it like Supertramp."

"The simple answer for breaking records in Europe is touring here," Curry added. "Any artist or manager who thinks that breaking in the US or UK means automatically doing the same in Europe is out to

"but in June we attained a break-

even point. I've been with a large company for 10 years, and I had begun to feel it difficult just to be a

reproduction and a representative of

a large multi-national company in

He is particularly interested in

European-orientated product for the

label, and says that AZ offers a good opportunity for small record companies and producers with suitable repertoire who wish to register in France and elsewhere.

"The large international companies are not giving fair treatment to small labels for one

naturally concentrate on their parent

product

foremost, often for reasons of bonus and commission, and the small labels on licence take second or third place in their efforts. With AZ there

is a much better chance for small

Farcouli shares the general pessimism about the state of the disc market in France, which he describes as "catastrophic and down by at least 20 per cent on last year". He

acknowledges the present potency of

the disco trend, and believes it will

leave its mark on pop music in the

same way that rock 'n' roll has.
"But this concentration on the

disco phenomenon has left out the

French area of songs which people can remember and sing. People go to discos to dance, but have no urge to buy what they dance to, and I'm

out what they dance to, and I'm looking for some disco music you can sing. The Village People's In The Navy is an example of what I mean."

Farcouli thinks that disco should

rated in importance. The public will

buy a song and a sound they like, and he's not sure the farmer in the

mid-West of America, for instance, thinks overmuch about disco music.

He is very much aware of the market

problems caused by home taping, but doesn't believe it will necessarily

spend 50 francs on something they're just going to dance to, so one

will buy the record and the others

will copy it. But when they want a piece of sky without clouds, they will buy the record — the singing record, not just a dancing record.

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Disques AZ. Disques AZ is a 15-year-old label which hitherto has

AZ is widely regarded in France as being closely linked to the Europe

years with CBS in France, and his main aim, apart from turning the company around into profit, is to widen its repertoire sufficiently to regards the two objectives as inter-

Imports need not be a major problem. A&M is selling huge quantities of Supertramp's Breakfast In America without being Breakfast In America without being troubled by imports because it organised things properly. Providing we bring good product on to the market in this manner, we'll sell it."

Barclay Records. Barclay Records is now 40 per cent owned by Polygram, 40 per cent by the French Societe Generale bank and 20 per

"But we still have our artistic autonomy," explains Welsh-born Martin Davies, the Barclay international properties." Martin Davies, the Barclay international promotion manager.
"Polygram is a majority shareholder, but this hasn't changed our artistic policy and independence and does not necessarily mean that Barclay product is distributed Barclay product is abroad by Polygram."



BARCLAY RECORDS founder Eddie Barclay with French star Adamo at the time of the latter signing his Barclay contract.

Eddie Barclay now keeps a lov profile in the day-to-day running of the record company bearing his name in favour of director general Roger Maruani, and is giving his attention to other projects such as audio-visual plans and musical

'We have been enjoying a strong hold on the French chart," says Davies, "with hits like One Way Ticket by Eruption, In The Navy by Village People and Lady Night by

Village People and Lady Night by Patrick Juvet.

"We've been doing a lot of business with artists we distribute over the last six months. We're looking more and more to outside production companies for material.

They work on one artist at a time. They work on one artist at a time usually, and have the time to do it properly."

terms of French national repertoire, Davies instanced Claude Nougaro as a consistent album seller, and Charles Aznavour and Bernard Lavilliers as steady favourites with the French public. Michel Delpech has sold well for 10 years, and Barclay is determined and confident that Patrick Juvet will win worldwide status and success.

Davies tips reggae as a growing source of interest and revenue in the French market. Barclay has access to reggae catalogue, which includes Dr. Ali Mantado, who has "gone down a bomb in French discos".

Barclay's

Barclay's contemporary progressive label, Egg, is another side of the company's activities which is being carefully nurtured and fostered. Egg artists hatching into international success, or with that potential, include the French electronic band Heldon and laser lightshow specialist Tim Blake.
Davies is expecting a lot of good reaction to a forthcoming Egg LP with the provisional title of Stars Of The Streets and Stars Of The Streets and recorded in the streets of New York, featuring buskers ranging from the

blues, folk, salsa and a saxophone

quartet.
Davies experiences the same Davies experiences the same official ties as his counterparts in other companies when it comes to trying for radio and TV exposure for Barclay product. "It's certainly trying for radio and 1 v exposure for Barclay product. "It's certainly difficult to get Lena Lovich played on radio," he grins. "TV exposure is vital, but recent TV strikes have caused a 2½ month backlog bottleneck of artist bookings.

"Piracy is a problem, and quite a lot of it is being done here in France. Some of our hit singles were recently found in a supermarket chain being sold in sleeves which weren't ours."

According to Davies, Barclay believes in the sales value of 12-inch singles, and does not regard this format as a temporary short-lived gimmick. The company also believes in sampling the market in sampling the market. in sampling the market before finalising releases.

"We test practically everything very discreetly by acetate at discos in and around Paris. A recent one was one of our own productions — Bernie Lyon doing a reggae version of Eleanor Rigby.

Carrere. It all happened internationally for Claude Carrere four years ago with the dawning of disco and the blossoming on an increasingly international scale of a lady named Sheila, hitherto regarded as typically and totally French.

"Five years ago we were a French national company," Carrere recalls, "and then disco changed everything. Now we export all our products and have become a really international company. We have our own operation in Italy, and the UK, an arrangement in Spain with CBS, and we're opening our own office in New

Although there are plenty of worried looks and apprehensive speculation in France about the soft state of the market and its future prospects, Carrere disclosed that his company turnover for 1978 was a staggering 140 million francs (approximately £15½ million).

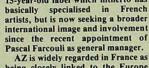
Although he's become known on an international level for disco-orientated hits by Sheila B. Devotion orientated hits by Shelia B. Devotion and shrewd pop picking which has given him hits by Clout, Love (in Germany), Boney M and Amii Stewart (in France) and other discs produced elsewhere, Carrere has a label with a broad repertoire.

Carrere concedes that there are difficulties confronting the French and international music business at the present time. "All over Europe the market is a little slow because of economic situations," he remarks.
"Until now records were not affected in times of economic crisis, but these days people pay attention to what they are doing with their money.

As he can testify, Carrere knows that disco is doing well, but he believes that the public needs something new in entertainment terms to focus their attention and interest. He thinks the answer is the wides essettie and believe wintered. video cassette — and he's convinced enough to be opening a video cassette department at Disques

But does he really believe that the public will pay for entertainment which requires their complete attention as opposed to records or non-video tapes which can be played while the listeners can be doing something else at the same time? The TV picture is a habit in every home now, and people will sit and watch TV programmes for hours. I believe they will also watch their favourite acts on video cassettes through their TV sets."

Looking at the music scene in general, Carrere declares that if one achieves "a good hit", the rewards are as good as ever they were. But



No.1 radio station as well as being situated next door to it. "We're purely separate operations, except that our mother company is the same," Farcouli declares with a

Farcouli came to AZ after 10 establish it in the European market generally and further afield, and he

related.
"AZ had been losing money for three years," Farcouli discloses,



"Some of my colleagues in the business are short-sighted, and I attribute their present difficulties in

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only the top four sell in substantial quantities, and below that level in the chart, sales have slumped dramatically compared with 18 months ago. Language is also a key fac-

tor.
"Ten years ago not many people on the Continent were speaking English, but that has changed now, English, but that has changed now, and you must make records in good English to succeed. If the singer has a Continental accent when singing English, he or she will be accepted all over Europe, but if you want American or UK chart placings, they must sing in English with a perfect accept.

"Shella was ideal in this respect "Shella was ideal in this respect. She was a French national girl recording French national product, but then she sang in perfect English and changed completely."

Carrere points out that, at present, 80 per cent of the important German market was material sung in English, and that Carrere was at No. 1, 5 and 7 positions in the German chart.

"I'm very glad and appreciative of the people we've found to work

of the people we've found to work for us in Germany, England and the States," says Carrere, whose French payroll is 160 strong. "The record business is the people in it. We're a totally French company, but we're active in plenty of countries." CBS. Alain Levy has been in charge of CBS Disques for three months, having moved from the creative operations vice presidency of CBS International. He is quietlyof CBS international. He is quiety spoken and with a laid-back manner very much in the transatlantic tradition, possibly a legacy of his year of working at CBS in New

Levy heads a staff of 354 in France, none of whom are facing redundancy of market and despite the sluggish and adverse economic and CBS results in conditions, and CBS results in France have quintupled. His confidence is not diluted by complacency, however, and he concedes the problems posed by home taping, piracy and parallel imports. The latter holds no fears imports. The latter holds no fears for CBS, however. "If a record company is run like it

should be run, the import problem can be overcome and cut right out," he says, adding that "a lot" of CBS product is geared to the under-20 age group, and that he believes that the said whims of this section wishes and whims of this section should be studied and catered for.

"If the kids want it and will buy it, give it to them. That includes 12inch, coloured vinyl and picture discs within reason. We sell a lot of 12-inch, and I'm afraid it might affect album sales."

Levy agrees that the French public like a strong melody, and believes that the younger generation is now used to international standards of record production and expect this standard before parting with their money. He's not sure that the current quality of French music is in fact up to international standards. "The market for international music in France is very strong and profitable now. Billy Joel, Earth Wind & Fire and Elton John all appeared in Paris during the space of one week, and all did well."

He would like to see more radio stations in operation in France, but is not so vehement and critical about that the younger generation is now

not so vehement and critical about the broadcasting situation as some of his contemporaries. "Record companies can never be happy about radio and TV and how operate," Levy sm philosophically. "They

radio and TV and how they operate," Levy smiles philosophically. "They have different functions, and selling records isn't one of them."

He is happy about the CBS strength in France with regard to classical music with "a fairly sizeable" share of the market, but would like it to be more. In the pop sector he regards "the surge of disco" as a direct consequence of the absence of any good French disco" as a direct consequence of the absence of any good French product. He doesn't believe in any magical or mystical techniques in terms of marketing. "Successful marketing is commonsense and timing. You do your job well and at the right time."

Sofrason. The Societe Française du Son, also known as Sofrason or French Decca, is 40 years old, and completely independent of British Decca, although it has been the licensee of the latter's product in France and Belgium for many years.

General manager Xavier Pelgrims de Bigard explains the company's twin purpose in terms of repertoire — extending its already healthy share of the classical market in France and

reflecting profitably the pop trends and fashions. "The Decca catalogue of

classical music to which we have access is, of course, one of the best and most important in the world," he comments. "Classical sales account for about 13 per cent of the French record market, and our share of that proportion is 20 per

cent and increasing.
"In pop repertoire we're producing mainly disco material at present with groups like Uranium and Manu Dibango, a Jamaican recording disco. The Rockets group is doing well in Italy, we release Betty Missiego, who came second in the last Eurovision Song Contest, and our French national artists include Jean Ferrat and Maurice Larcange. We are still achieving large back catalogue sales on artists such as the Rolling Stones, John Miles, the Moody Blues and Camel."

De Bigard admits concern about the current state of the French market, which in general is between 20 and 25 per cent down on last year in his estimation. However, Sofrason managed a five per cent increase on its sales between January and May this year compared with 1978, and the classical sector is holding steady. De Bigard blames the price rises which happened after the removal of price control at the beginning of this year and the high French VAT rate of 33 per cent for the general

slumping sales.

"SNEPA is trying to improve the tax situation with representations in official quarters. It's a handicap to selling, but the French authorities do not seem to understand that a reduction in this tax rate would help the industry to increase sales which in turn would produce more tax than at present on a higher volume of sales."

Sofrason has operated a successful African department for some time, producing sessions by African artists in France and exporting the discs to West Africa, particularly Nigeria. But this facet of the company's activities has



SOFRASON ACCORDION Maurice Larcange.

encountered serious difficulties in recent months.

"Piracy is enormous in this market," explains de Bigard. "We're not producing any more singles because they're immediately pirated for sale at such low prices that it's impossible to export any more. Parallel imports are a problem here in France, but we have improved our service to the retailers to reduce the difficulty caused by imports."

A major asset of Sofrason is its

pressing plant in Normandy, a completely automated factory with 46 presses, a production capacity of 40 million a year, and a great deal of custom work from virtually all the other record companies in France.

EMI. The malaise afflicting EMI's music operations in the UK and the USA has not spared its primary French operation, Pathe Marconi EMI, either. The same doleful picture of

upon the business.
"The group's

problems limiting the amount of international repertoire coming from the UK and the US," he points out. "A big group like EMI needs a great

STARSHOOTER, a popular French EMI band.

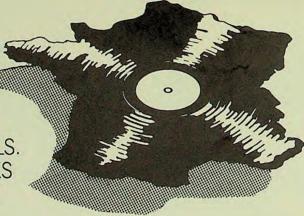
depressed sales and substantial redundancies applies as much in Paris as in London, and general manager Michel Bonnet is concerned about the blight that has descended

quantity product countries differ, and a bigger artist roster is necessary to cover each financial year.'

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He attributes the malaise to a mixture of economic, local and professional reasons, and sees a changing pattern in the leisure habits of the French public which is taking place in other countries as well.

"The Western world has energy problems which could get worse before they get better. The French people still allocate an amount from their income to spend on leisure, but it goes on travel, cars, petrol and clothes and going out more since the disco fever began. They want to go out and communicate with each other, and the theatres are full up. The television set is part of the furniture at home, but not watched nearly so much as before.

"People want to travel more for the best of the past."

"People want to travel more for "People want to travel more for their holidays now than in the past, and it's not easy to go to the Bahamas without paying. However, it is easy to listen to music without paying by taping someone else's record at home."

As well as domestic taping,

Bonnet blames piracy and parallel imports for inhibiting the market. The removal of price control at the beginning of this year in France and the consequent rise in record prices have also taken adverse effect on the situation.

situation. "Prices increased on January 1," he recalls. "The rise varied from two per cent to 40 per cent, and averaged between 12 and 14 per cent. January and February sales figures were not too bad, but March was very bad, with a decrease of 25 per cent. The long period of expansion in the music business is over, and I'm afraid the depressed period will last

for months."

Bonnet, like most of Bonnet, like most of his contemporaries, is unhappy about the paucity of French radio services. He describes the situation as "3½ radio stations for 50 million inhabitants with three people wants to see more radio stations in action and more means of exposing

evenly between French national and evenly between French national and international repertoire, and Bonnet claims a leading role for the company in terms of progressive groups exemplified by Telephone and Starshooter. Its classical groups exemplified by Telephone and Starshooter. Its classical turnover is steady and showing a

slight increase.

"EMI France is in a difficult position at present because of the state of the market and the EMI group problems. But we will solve our problems, and we're trimming the company to save as many the company to save as many employees as possible. A record company is a very artistic and sensitive thing. If sales are down, morale is down."



FRANK POURCEL, internationally known for his modern orchestral recordings for EMI France.

Disgues Motors. This Disques Motors. This company was established by Francis Dreyfus in 1969, and a sister label, Disques Dreyfus, was launched in November of last year specifically for the release of Jean Michel Jarre's Equinoxe album. "We're completely independent," Dreyfus explains, though a crisic is affecting.

"and although a crisis is affecting some parts of the music industry, never made so much money as during the last six months. We believe in good product, good promotion and good marketing. The French market is very strong, and the consumers now are more involved in the product offered them and are very selective and

discerning."

The two labels spend a lot of money on their disc productions because Dreyfus seeks a high quality of sound, not least because he wishes it to succeed in foreign

markets as well as France.

"I'm not president of a plastic company," he points out. "I'm not company," he points out. "I'm not interested in anything except selling good records by good artists, producers and musicians. They are all very important people, and can help in trying to lead the public to other things in music and entertainment.

"I have great respect for them because I consider myself a producer first before being a businessman. Maybe other companies are thinking too much in terms of money, percentage of the market and such things. They're not really record companies, they're distributors, but they have difficulty in recognising that, and they can restrict creative

that, and they can restrict creative people with their attitudes."

"We are very artist-orientated and we only want to be involved with high quality music," adds Motors and Dreyfus



JOHN OTWAY: tipped for stardom.

international manager Stanislas Witold. "We are working with Witold. "We are working with writer-performers, and we enjoy taking somebody new and building them up. If we took an established UK or US artist, it would be to break them here in France. "John Otway will be huge. He's progressing, and we're not afraid to spend the time, energy and money to break him."

Jean Michel Jarre is the flagwayer in terms of sales, of

flagwaver in terms of sales, of course, with over six million albums sold around the world. His Oxygene LP was No.1 for seven months in France, selling 1,300,000

copies there and leading Jarre to copies there and leading sarre to become Motors' first big international act. His Equinoxe album has already sold over 700,000 in France alone. Christophe is another consistent

high seller.
Dreyfus is taking the audiovisual sector very seriously as another channel for successful operations. He is confident about operations. He is confident about the future, but realises no one is infallible. "We sometimes have a big flop," he concedes. "We're not God, and we try to learn the lessons from our mistakes so that we do not make them again."

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Polydor. Jacques Kerner, managing director of Polydor France, is a dedicated wine connoisseur, and presents visitors to his office with a useful and informative pocket chart, which gives details of the best vintage years for various French wines and the cibbt temperature at which they right temperature at which they should be served.

Consequently, it is entirely appropriate that he should refer to 1978 as being a vintage year for Polydor France, as indeed it was for Polydor just about everywhere. And the vintage, to take the analogy one step further, was Chateau one step further, was Chateau Grease served at Saturday Night Fever temperature.

Fever temperature.

In Kerner's words, the Bee Gees and John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John "literally propelled Polydor into the No.1 spot in the French market". The RSO champagne plus some heady brews from other international labels made an outstanding year for Polydor

"Until 1978 we didn't know it was "Until 1978 we didn't know it was possible to sell two million singles in the French market." Kerner says. "These successes took us into regions where we never were before. We knew from statistics how many households in France have record playing equipment, but a lot of them were just seldom if ever used articles of furniture beside the aspidistra. Grease and Saturday Night Fever activated a large number of unused players, and we hope to keep them activated."

Not surprisingly, Kerner is totally enthused about the disco craze, seeing it as an agent for complete unity among the record buying

generations for the first time in

history.

"It's generally accepted that most pop records are bought by people of eight and 24. between the ages of eight and 24. But what happens after 24? People have embarked on their careers, they get married, start buying on credit and having children, and music and going to the cinema are put aside and regarded with nostalgia. But disco music has sent 40-year-old people back into the shops to buy

people back into the shops to buy albums just like the youngsters."

Where popular repertoire is concerned, Kerner reveals that Polydor's percentage turnover is 70 per cent contemporary Anglo-American and 30 per cent French national. The million-selling single, a phenomenon three years ago, is now more common — so much so that a reassessment of the gold qualification is under consideration.

qualification is under consideration.
Polydor is not resting complacently on its recent high selling laurels, however, and Kerner is acutely conscious of black clouds overhanging the French market.
"Imports are always a problem,"

he says, "even though the pressing quality is usually inferior to the local releases. We are synchronising our world release of product to be on the markets at the same time. There are many difficulties, though, such as disparities in price structures between countries, even the EEC ones, currency fluctuation, labour costs and variations in copyright

results and the cassettes are progressing at an alarming rate. They're extremely cheap, and the

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hardware manufacturers seem to be encouraging people to copy at home. We've conducted some market research, and an overwhelming percentage of the public questioned admitted buying blank cassettes to copy music. Many of them wipe their tapes after a while to copy something else, so blank sales statistics do not reflect the actual amount of copying that is going on."

Kerner would like to see a levy Kerner would like to see a levy mopsed at point of sale on both tape recording hardware and blank cassettes as some measure of indemnity against this practice. He would also like to see joint EEC action on the matter, but is sceptical

that it will ever happen.
"But the quality of our original product is so unimaginably higher than the copied versions, and as the standard of both recording such as standard of both recouling such as digital techniques and the standard of living among young people grow, I would guess that they will stop copying in favour of the top quality legitimate product."

Kerner is scathing in his careformation of the other major.

legitimate product."
Kerner is scathing in his condemnation of the other major market menace, piracy. "It is a gangrene, and the people who practise it are thieves. We are fighting it strongly, but we give no details of our anti-piracy operation because we do not wish to jeopardise its efficacy.

Polydor is profitably active in France in the classical and children's sectors. Kerner is enthusiastic about long-term Deutsche Grammophon programme of opera recording and the singers and



THE BEE GEES, who helped make 1978 a "vintage year" for Polydor.

conductors involved.

classical market increasing in turnover and units sold in France. It accounts for about 13 in France, it accounts for about 12 to 14 per cent of total record sales, and our share is about 20 to 22 per cent of it. Some 25 per cent of our turnover in 1978 was classical, and sales of children's records have regained considerable strength,

sales of children's records have regained considerable strength, helped by TV programmes. "Classical sales are also benefiting from the number of yearly festivals held in various parts of France. These are increasing in number, and small cities and even villages are organising their own annual festivals now."

Kerner is cautiously optimistic about the status of music in France

with regard to the attitude adopted towards it by the authorities.

"Music was hardly considered an art in this country in the past," he remarks. "Napoleon III once quipped that 'Fifteen minutes of bad music is much shorter than a proper proof music." 30 minutes of good music'. Fortunately, things have changed considerably in the Ministry of Culture since those days, and much more than lip service is paid to music now, with practical measures in coordination with us to promote classical music.

Unfortunately, the broadcasting media has remained static or actually regressed, and there is much more talk and much less music to be heard on the air." Vogue Records. This company has the unique distinction of being one of the oldest and most French of the record companies

French of the record companies operating in France.

It was founded 31 years ago by its president, Leon Cabat, and its first release was by American jazzman Sidney Bechet, who became a full-time Parisian in the latter years of his life.

his life.

Vogue has its own pressing plant at its main base, Villetaneuse, just outside Paris, and also owns and operates two recording studios and cutting facilities, thus possessing a fully independent and self-contained lith time. It exects faumber 300.

identity. Its staff number 300.

It has acquired the reputation of being sturdily independent under the leadership of Leon Cabat. He is regarded with affectionate respect by his contemporaries in the French by his contemporaries in the French
music industry, who admire and
possibly rather envy that sturdy
independence with which Cabat
follows his own ideas and instinct,
impervious to whatever brief and
often costly bandwagons his
competitors may be leaping aboard.

competitors may be leaping about.

Cabat's judgement and
unwillingness to conform to ideas
and policies with which he has no
sympathy are vindicated by the
corridor leading to his office above
the Villetaneuse plant. The walls of the corridor are impressively lined with numerous gold disc awards, and indeed one wall had to be reinforced some time ago when it showed signs of collapse beneath the

weight of the trophies.

Vogue has been averaging willion record sales annually for the past 15 years, a volume that is as impressive as the award-decorated corridor walls. This volume has its fair share of modern successes too. fair share of modern successes too, notably Plastic Bertrand of the last year. Vogue has a company in Belgium and Switzerland, and a joint venture in Holland.

Cabat is by no means complacent about the current situation in the French music industry, however, and certainly doesn't regard Vogue as being insulated against adverse trends because of the company's longevity and healthy annual

"There is a lot of trouble being caused by American imports which are threatening to kill the market," he says. "Also there are pirate he says. "Also there are pirate cassettes affecting the market, and we can't find out so far where they're coming from. SACEM must be stronger in these matters."

Cabat acknowledges that home taping is a problem of considerable dimensions also, but does not fear it to the extent that some other French

industry leaders do.
"Youngsters will tape a few
records at home, but then they get records at nome, but then they get tired of copying and prefer to have an album with a good sleeve and a photograph of the artist.''

And he views the current disco

fervour as another craze which will run its course and be good for business in the process: "Disco is dancing, and it's always easy to sell records for dancing in France."

He shares the general French music industry concern about the limited exposure available for records over French radio and the programming policy of the radio stations.

"They are playing more American rough are playing more American product and less French, and we're not happy about that. The Government doesn't really care, either. It keeps on talking, but does nothing. It should oblige the French tables to play gore. stations to play more French product."

Cabat believes that the US has

recaptured its predominance in the pop music world, and sees little of immediate benefit emerging for the music business from the European music business from the European Economic Community grouping. He thinks an EEC standardised VAT rate would be of assistance, and in common with his French contemporaries, deplores the high French level of 33 per cent. The rising cost of material — 25 per cent up in one year — is also a big problem, but Cabat remains optimistic for the future.

optimistic for the future.
"We're trying to do more productions for the international market. At present kids only want to listen to disco, but they always progress to other things as they get

RCA. RCA France has been around since July 1970, and headed for the past five years as president and general manager by Francois Dacia. The staff is 260 strong, divided between the company's HQ office in Paris and its sales force, and RCA does not operate a factory or studio in France.

Dacia acknowledges the softness

Dacla acknowledges the softness of the market at present, but points to the fact that RCA has enjoyed steady progress in turnover and results during its French activities.

results during its French activities.

"Our general turnover in 1978
was 200 million francs
(approximately £22 million) and we
hope to reach 240 million francs this
year," he discloses. "The market is not good, but it is also not so bad as some people say. We're still up 10

per cent on last year.
"Costs are all higher, and people now spend their money on motoring and holidays abroad. When there and holidays abroad. When there are no big hits around, people don't go into the record stores. We're in this disco craze which is not a crossover. It will go on for a long time, and disco has already created some good acts, but it hasn't created high record sales. Apart from an exception like the Bee Gees, a top disco seller is about 150,000, which isn't much. It's a dance gimmick, but if you use a strong melody, you'll get a crossover into the general chart."

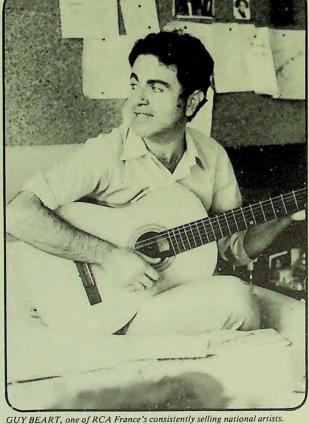
RCA has a big classical catalogue

RCA has a big classical catalogue achieving good sales results and specialist repertoire such as jazz. Dacla estimates that 70 per cent of the company's results are accounted for by French language recordings. he's not happy about the radio situation in terms of record ex-posure, although he admist that radio is still the best promotion medium.

medium.

"There are too many talks on the air, and they went crazy on disco and took away plays for other kinds of record. The stage is a good promotion medium in France. Artists can sell 50,000 or more LPs on the strength of good stage performances, but the lack of radio stations means lack of crossovers."

RCA will be test marketing a videodisc next year, and Dacla believes this can be a fruitful



the future, providing there is genuine creativity and originality involved in the concept. He acknowledges the dangers of piracy.

"I would like to see a tax imposed on blank tape and taping hardware. Obviously the more costs rise, the more people will be tempted to get cheap versions of what they want."

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Making sure the show goes on

THE FRENCH penchant for live entertainment is attested to by Albert Kosky, who heads KCP, a leading French concert promotion organisation. In its six years of existence, KCP has staged some world-famous names in Paris and elsewhere in France, including Frank Sinatra, Diana Ross and Marvin

KCP specialises in mostly Anglo-American acts aimed at the 15-22

KCP specialises in mostly Anglo-American acts aimed at the 15-22 age group and jazz rock artists appealing to an older clientele.

"Concerts have got much bigger in scope and attendance over the six years we have been operating," says Kosky. "Audience behaviour was sometimes bad in the early years, partly because there was a spell when promoters had to announce that the group booked to appear had cancelled for some reason or other. When a concert finally happened, everyone went wild.

"We have used the same security people for our concerts for the past five years. They learned a lot from English security specialists we brought over to show them how they organised things in the UK."

Kosky remarks that, in the main, KCP has not encountered difficulties in dealing with various artists, and sees no reason why there should be any, providing everyone involved fulfils their obligations and does their jobs properly.

The costs of obtaining artists' services and presenting them on stage are escalating steeply in France as elsewhere, and Kosky reveals that the average price for a seat in the provinces is 35 francs (about £4), sometimes 40 francs (nearly £5), and in Paris ranges between 40 and 45 francs (over £5).

"There is an audience for rock and in a very least the average of the province is a seather of the manual content of the province is an audience for rock and in a very rock and in the province is a seather of the province is an audience for rock and in a very rock and in the province is an audience for rock and in a very rock and in the province is an audience for rock and in the province is an audience for rock and in the province is an audience for rock and in the province is an audience for rock and in the province is an audience for rock and in the province is an audience for rock and in the province is an audience for rock and in the province is an audience for rock and in the province is an audience for rock and in the province is an audience for rock and in the province is an audience for rock and in th

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"There is an audience for rock and jazz rock as well as the more obvious kind of pop," says Kosky. "Pink Floyd and the Stones create a lot of excitement, and Bob Marley broke it up here with his appearances. That's when reggae took off in the French market."

Kosky co-operates closely with record companies which have prominent foreign acts on their rosters to create interest and a concert market in France for those acts.

market in France for those acts.

"There is always an element of risk, of course," he adds, "and you have to calculate that carefully. Rock is now respectable, however, and the municipalities, local papers, radio and TV are helping instead of being opposed to it. We share a common problem with England, though, in there being a lack of suitable venues."

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MUSIC PUBLISHING has undergone the same transformation in France as it has elsewhere in post-War years. A sector of the music industry whose basis was formed on sheet music sales in the decades prior to the Second World War but is now virtually dependent on recordings for its income and its future, with actual printed music sales a minor part of its turnover. Music Week talked to four companies operating in France in music publishing — the local branch of an international giant, a company founded by a legendary name in French entertainment, a small French independent and a modest-sized independent with international affiliations.

A transformation on the publishing front

CHAPPELL'S FRENCH office has a staff of 54, including the sales force, under the direction of Gerard Davoust, president and director

general.
Chappell, being the international giant it is with perennial standard catalogues of unrivalled richness and potency beneath its banner, has a potency beneath its banner, has a built-in generative capacity for action and income on its many standard songs. Somewhere somebody is always performing or recording a Chappell song, but Davoust is not complacent and the feet or promidful of what any Davoust is not complacent about that fact or unmindful of what any publisher — Chappell included — needs nowadays to function in a positive and creative manner.

Taking care

"Publishers, no matter who they "Publishers, no matter who tong are, must always try to get cover versions on the songs they publish," he declares. "Publishers are the only people who try to find new composers. Record companies don't care beyond finding a good song and according it. People companies." recording it. Record companies naturally take care of their own recordings, but we publishers must be concerned about the songs themselves and their maximum



MARCEL LE CLERC, Rouge general manager. Rideau

exploitation everywhere."

Chappell in France, as elsewhere, is still very active in printed music, achieving good results in folios (albums) of songs of its own copyrights as well as distributing those published by other companies.

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"Sheet music sales on individual songs are very small," says Davoust, "but folios sell well. New disc treatment of our standards helps to sell the folios, of course, and we try to obtain record covers on at least five of our standard catalogue songs when wenth."

every month."

He finds that English lyrics are

much more acceptable in the French market now than they were two years ago. The Frenchness of the music market has declined years ago. The Frenchiess of the music market has declined somewhat beneath the Anglo-American onslaught over that period, but Davoust believes the balance can be redressed if French creativity proves equal to the task. Like almost everyone else in France. he's not particularly happy about the programming policies of French

Exploitation

"In the States they're playing Top 40 virtually everywhere on the radio and it's getting to be the same here. I wish the Government would take some interest in broadening the scope of what is broadcast. There is a great amount of very good music - operettas, for instance - which is never heard on radio."

Chappell, like other French-based

publishers, finds difficulty in exploiting national hits abroad,

primarily for the language reason.
"Even if we reach one million single sales, which is a good score, still difficult to get exploitation abroad," Davoust remarks.
"Obviously the Chappell offices



GERARD DAVOUST, president and director general of Chappell

everywhere have first option on our material, but if they don't wish to take up the song, we can go elsewhere. Sometimes you can find a small publisher somewhere who's in love with your song and believes in

Chappell is constantly seeking new writing talent to provide the lifeblood and adrenalin vital for continuing publishing and recording virility: "If someone is able to write something suitable, we're ready to apply the provide th

spend time and money on them."

RIDEAU ROUGE is the publishing company founded 14

the most popular and best-loved singer-songwriters and entertainers

in the history of French music.

Its name, which in English means red curtain, was taken from the title of one of Becaud's songs inspired by the stage curtain used in the old French music halls.

The general manager of Rideau Rouge is Marcel le Clerc, who estimates that the total number of copyrights now published is between 1,200 and 1,400. As well as publishing the founder's song output over the past 14 years, Rideau Rouge numbers Julien Clerc, Patrick Juvet, Pierre Groscolas, Francis Lemarque, Christophe, Francis Lemarque, Christophe, Philippe Becaud (Gilbert's son), Christian Ravasco, Rachid Bahri, Jean Falissard and Pierre Philippon among its distinguished songwriters.

Involvement

Le Clerc recognises the necessities and trends of modern music publishing as clearly as anyone: "It's true you have to become involved in record production as well these days," he says. "It's a

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process of normal evolution that independent people are more and more valuable in terms of creativity, and a music publishing company is one of the best places to encourage creativity. It's the era of the singersongwriter, and people work best in small teams such as singer-

international pop scene.

"We are interested in the disco wave as producers if the wave evolves, and have already produced some disco repertoire," he says.
"But it seems to be reggae now in the discoblerate by artists such as the discotheques by artists such as

Bob Marley.

"Rideau Rouge is always willing to help the author-composer who



GILBERT BECAUD, founder of Rideau Rouge

songwriter, the producer and the publisher."

Rideau Rouge has a staff of 12, and a repertoire covering a wide area and a repertone covering a wide area including classical and educational music. To foster le Clerc's teamwork notion there is a demo studio available, and Rideau Rouge's classical and educational activities are under the direction of Japanese-born Yoshihisa Taira.

The company's sub-publishing roster includes illustrious names like Stevie Wonder, Neil Diamond and Kris Kristofferson, and there are "more coming", according to le Clerc. He keeps a close eye on current fashions in the French and current fashions in the French and

wants to build his tree. The tree is our company symbol, and represents successful, flourising copyrights."

X MUSIC is an independent publishing operation founded eight years ago by Jean-Max Riviere, already well-known as a lyricist with songs recorded by many French

Very efficient

Among the latter is Brigitte Bardot, for whom Riviere wrote 25 songs for recording and whom he produced when she was recording for Philips. When asked why he

called it X Music, Riviere points to

called it X Music, Riviere points to an X tattooed on his arm. Riviere, in fact, has been a writer member of SACEM, the French copyright organisation for 22 years, and a publisher member also during the eight years of X Music's existence. He finds SACEM "very efficient, although they pay a year

He doesn't disguise the difficulties facing small independent operations such as his own in a fiercely competitive business atmosphere competitive business atmosphere exacerbated by stringent economic

factors.
"Publishers are having a hard time because most artists today write their own songs and have their own publishing companies," Riviere explains. "A publisher who doesn't produce records or masters cannot

With this in mind, he recently launched his own label called Disc'Air, which is distributed by Sonopresse. Co-publishing deals are another necessary means of survival and often vital to ensure radio airplay for independents lacking the clout and the catalogues of the major publishing houses. Riviere and his colleagues view copublishing philosophically along the lines that it's better to have half of something than the whole of

Riviere has a personality and a track record and reputation likely to ensure his survival and prosperous future. He wrote French lyrics for Cliff Richard, co-wrote The French Revolution rock opera with Rod McKuen, whose plans to adapt it for a wider international market have not yet materialised, and also collaborated with McKuen on the intriguingly titled song I Love You (So I Haven't Been Myself This

Week).

X Music's writing roster includes
Didier Barbelivien, Gerard Stern

and Billy Bridge. Riviere states that, "we work with people here, and the best contract is friendship".

He has an endearing formula for the future in the shape of "good health, lots of money, many hits and many good French artists gaining success abroad".

PAUL BANES of Panache agrees with Marcel le Clerc of Rideau



JEAN-MAX RIVIERE, of X Music.

Rouge that reggae will be the next trend in France after disco. Panache, which also has a thriving London office under the direction of Malcolm Forrester, has always been "in front" where reggae is reggae is

concerned, according to Banes.
"We've spent a fortune on
promoting reggae here, and we subpublish the Island catalogue. It's still only happening on Phonogram, and there's no one else near them.

reggae, and they know the worth of people like Bob Marley and Peter Tosh. Marley's Kaya album has sold 200,000, and Serge Gainsbourg has

200,000, and Serge Gainsbourg has recorded some French reggae.

"Reggae is more intellectual than disco," Banes continues. "The disco thing has had a lot of bluff about it. Who, apart from the Bee Gees, has sold really well on disco?"

Banes would like to get involved that the factor of the service of the

with more French product, but of a modern, progressive variety. He considers "the chanson thing is kaput" and a lot of French artists and writers don't want to write and perform like that anymore. He takes a somewhat jaundiced view of the attitudes and snobbish prejudice still prevailing in some quarters of the French music industry.

In the money

"We've got to the stage where independent producers are finding it better to cut a record in France, sent it to America, get it back and popular here by imports, and then make a deal," he smiles.

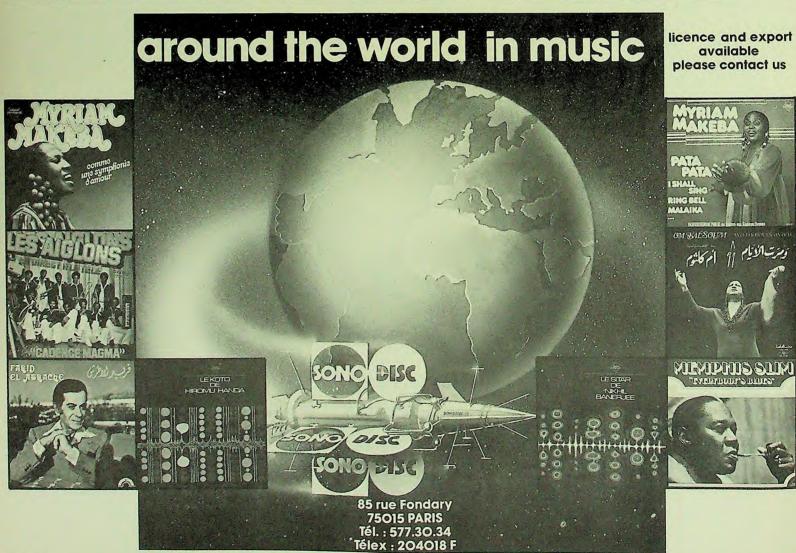
Banes is reasonably content with the progress being made by the four-

year-old Panache enterprise.

"When I believe in something, I stick with it — and so far so good. We had a big year last year, and when I get the money, I'll have a big smile."

Riviere of X Music: "We work with people here, and the best contract is friendship . . . "

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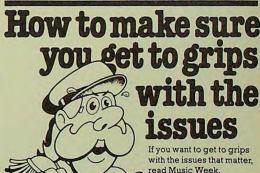
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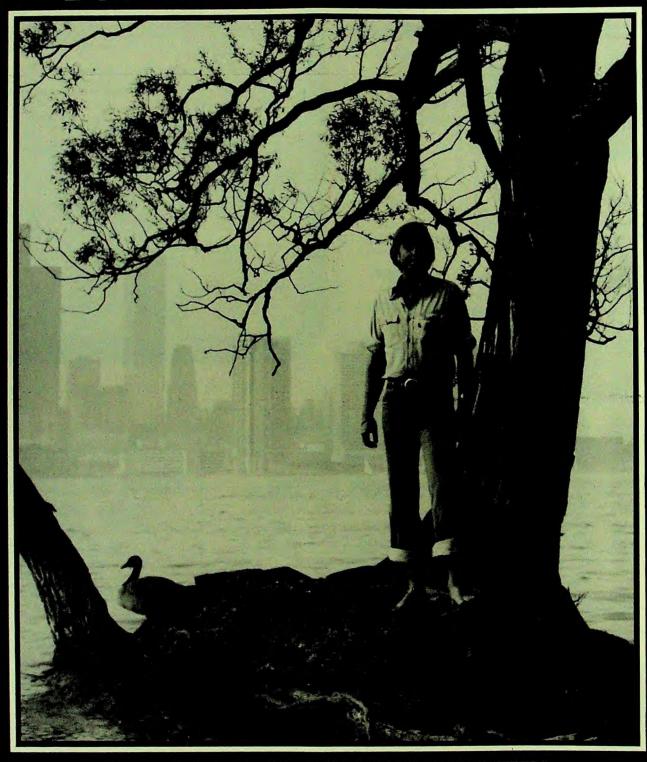
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All British Country Music Festival: Brighton Centre

THE GROWING commerciality of the British country music scene was once again proven at Brighton's Second All British Country Music

Second All British Country Music Festival, staged at the Brighton Centre (July 13-15)

This year's three-day event, organised by broadcaster and journalist Neil Coppendale, on behalf of the Brighton Council, spotlighted the whole spectrum of the local music scene with music that the local music scene with music that stretched from bluegrass and oldtime to contemporary country-

With two evening concerts, and a midday bluegrass session, over 20 British acts were involved. The highlight of the proceedings was the Saturday evening concert which, with attendance of around 4,000 enthusiasts, was headlined by the internationally known band Poacher and stalwart entertainers Little Ginny & Room Service.

Ginny & Room Service.
Other artists appearing throughout the Festival included Marlboro Competition winners Mustang, Frank Yonco & The Everglades, Tony Goodacre, Brian Golbey, Frank Jennings Syndicate, Grassroots, the Down County Boys and Jeannie Denver & The J. D. Band

In addition to the concerts, a film and slide entertainment entitled The History and Variety of Country

Music was presented by London University lecturer and film critic Phil Strick on the Saturday Phil Strick on the Saturday afternoon while, the following morning, the Festival reached an enthusiastic climax with a square dance presented by Mike Burnham and Blue Haze.

One disappointment is that the trade didn't become involved in the trade didn't become involved in the Festival, with the only stand space being sold to local recording companies Westwood and Champ Records. The other companies participating were Live Promotions, I + B Record Distributors and the retailing outlet. Greenwood outlet, Greenwood retailing

TONY BYWORTH

Count Basie, **Lena Horne**

CERTAIN NAMES Spell magic in the music business and when you have two of them appearing on the same hill then the results are more same bill then the results are more likely an evening never to be forgotten. Such was the occasion last week when Count Basie and Lena Horne joined forces for several cabaret appearances celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of Grosvenor House, in London's swanky Park

Sadly the two did not actually work together onstage — instead the Count provided us with some 60 minutes of his inimitable music before the arrival of Ms Horne before the arrival of Ms Hother still looking ravishing at the age of 62. Basic departed, and his only appearance side by side with Ms Horne was when she called him onto the stage at the end of

erformance to share the audience's ecstatic applause.

Basie's hour consisted of such

evergreens as Sweet Georgia Brown, Ja-Da, There Will Never Be Another You, L'il Daling, April In Paris and Ellington's In My Solitude . . . What can you say about the Man What can you say about the Man and his Music, other than that he is an institution, a legend in his own time, and the last of a truly great breed of jazz band musicians? He injects the music with moments of wit, humour and warmth, and sees to it that all the soloists in the band

receive their moment of glory too.

And as for Ms Horne — she proves that time doesn't always diminish talent but often improves it. The voice is as great, as silky as ever it was, and she can look after the new songs by Billy Joel, Jim Croce and Paul Williams just as much as she cared for those oldies like The Lady Is A Tramp, Day In

— Day Out. Betwiched Bothered And Bewildered and Honeysuckle Rose some two or three decades ago.

The only criticism of the evening is that at times the sound was slightly muffled, and so it wasn't always easy to catch what Ms Horne was saying. But as a cabaret evening, it was easily the best seen in London during the last five years. A night that will always be to the those who witnessed it.

CHRIS WHITE

round and everybody (well, on the dance floor anyway) got down, clapped their hands and whooped a little, yet there was no climax, no sense of a beginning or an end. It

was a show, rather than an event. There were high points and little peaks throughout the set, but in the main their driving funk numbers boogied right on into each other the only song that stood out was a version of We Are Family, currently high in the chart sung by Sister Sledge. There were two numbers I Kokomo album, but not possessing the waxing, the titles escape me.

This is probably the reason for the

lack of any chart success for the band. They basically sound like session musicians getting together for a one-off gig and having a good time. So while a lot of the audience had a great time and most enjoyed the show it was mainly, I suspect, because it was a Saturday night out and they went solely for the purpose of a good dance.

Kokomo are a good night out — not a lot more, although they are capable of it if it seriously is the group's intention, which I doubt.

Just a quick word for the support group Small Hours, as yet un-signed. Although they play along with a lot of the mod outfits currently cashing in on the revival boom, they play energentic dance music with vocals reminiscent of the J. Geils band with a soul base rather than a rock one.

SIMON HILLS

Nick van Eede

NICK VAN EEDE may not be a name on everyone's lips at this moment in time, but it cannot be too far off when his will be a household name. Backed by Chas Chandler, the man who discovered Jimi Hendrix and Slade, van Eede is a rising star. Despite years of playing pub gigs and tours with Alan Price and David Essex, van Eede retains an air of innocence that can only be compared with John Denver. compared with John Denver. Supported only by a drummer, he provided an excellent evening's entertainment for the youngsters and mums and dads who turned up to see him play competent rock music on home ground, mixing his own compositions, some of which will be released on a forthcoming album, with old favourites.

Van Eede's obvious love of what he is doing is contagious and being backed by a small independent label, Barn Records, which can give him the attention he needs, young van Eede's future looks decidedly rosy. KEVINTEA

Shezwae Rowell

SHEZWAE POWELL may be a relatively unknown quantity at the moment but that is a situation which could be changed anytime in the future. Currently she is number one understudy to the three female lead roles in the London West End musical Ain't Misbehavin' (the musical Ain't Misbehavin' (the musical based on the music of Fats Waller) and she was recently understudy to Eartha Kitt on Broadway.

Cabaret can be a long way from the theatre however, and many artists fail to make the transition. Ms Powell's recent appearance at Maunkberry's however was a Maunkberry's Maunkberry's nowever was a revelation — the Jermyn Street night-spot is not exactly renowned for the size of its stage yet this singer managed to squeeze on five musicians, three backing singers and herself — and produce what almost any united to a mini-musical and herself — and produce what almost amounted to a mini-musical.

Vocally Ms Powell is very strong, falling sonewhere between Aretha falling sonewhere between Aretha Franklin and Gloria Gaynor. Her opening number, the Stones' Let's Spend The Night Together, hit everyone between the eyes. She quickly switched to the soulful ballads however, occasionally throwing in a touch of the razzamatazz which doubtlessly she has learnt during her many stage appearances.

strong songs and a record producer who knows what he wants out of her. There are a lot of good girl

appearances.
Shezwae Powell requires some

singers around at the moment but this lady has that important ingredient which could well mean that we'll hear more from her yet. CHRIS WHITE

Kokomo

FINE MUSICIANSHIP isn't the only thing that makes a great rock concert, but it went a long way with Kokomo. There wasn't a flaw in the whole set (which lasted well over 11/2 ours) although they took on some difficult phrases at times.

At the same time, they play hard, driving funk in the tradition of American soulsters like Earth Wind and Fire and James Brown.

Which is fine, but they do give the impression of being a cabaret act as opposed to a rock band. It was good to dance to, there were nice smiles all

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Ripe for suggestions

IT'S NOT unusual in the music IT'S NOT unusual in the music business for record companies to subtly seek the opinion of selected influential disc jockeys when it comes to picking a single off an album. But the independent Cherry Red label is going all the way and is turning over its A and R function to the nation's rock presenters.

'No one knows what's happening "No one knows what's happening at the grass roots level better than the rock disc jockey," says Cherry Red boss Iain McNay who is asking rock jocks to nominate their suggested single track from the Runaways album, And Now . . . The Runaways.

The track which gats the most

The track which gets the most nominations will duly be released as a single. "That way at least we'll get a do-it-yourself hitpick," says McNay. "I believe that the people who play the records should have a much bigger say in what actually

gets released.

"It's no good complaining that you get no airplay if you make all the assumptions. The jocks know what their audiences want to hear



CBS, APPROPRIATELY enough, took a party of music business people over to Calais for lunch last week to witness the signing to the label of The Continentals. Their first single, Fizz Pop (Modern Rock) was released on July 20. Celebrating the occasion are (1 to 7): Nick Cullum (CBS product manager), Doug Smith (manager), Howard Thompson (CBS A and R), Sue Foster (CBS press officer) and seated, The Continentals — Bill Holiday, Tom Doherty and Alan Harris

and I'd like to share that understanding, I'd like to see a much bigger feedback from the rock shows in the rock scene generally

"I often hear jocks say that they wish they could tell the companies what would make the best releases - well, here's their chance.

Death robs US music talent

THE LAST three weeks have seen the sad losses of three important figures from the world of American popular music — veteran conductor Arthur Fiedler whose Boston Pops recordings had been delighting fans for 45 years, Van McCoy who gave the world The Hustle, and Minnie Riperton who enjoyed a British hit, Lovin' You, four years ago — a song that is likely to remain a classic for

many more years to come.

Fiedler had headed the Boston Pops Orchestra for more than half a century and his recording career was almost as long. Even at the age of 84 he was still active and in fact his last recordings were made as recently and June 7 and 9 in the Boston Symphony Hall when he made his last album, Saturday Night Fiedler. As was his style, he included many up-to-the-minute songs including a selection of Bee Gees hits.

Van McCoy first established his name with British pop music fans in 1965 when he wrote Baby I'm Yours for

Barbara Lewis — the song was covered here by Peter and Gordon and became a hit for them. Later he wrote When You're Young And In Love for Ruby and The Romantics, as well as material for Gladys Knight, Roberta Flack, Aretha Franklin and Tom Jones. McCoy was also associated with many of The Stylistics' biggest hits, and in 1975 he enjoyed a huge success himself with his recording of The Hustle, which sold 10 million copies and started a dance craze around the world.

Minnie Riperton recorded several albums for Epic but had recently switched to Capitol — her debut LP for that

had recently switched to Capitol — her debut LP for that company was released in the UK only last month and a single, Lover And Friend, was lined up for release. Although never a big record seller here, with the exception of Lovin' You, she did boast a five octave vocal range — which put her in the same class as two other successful lady singers, Cleo Laine and Bette Midler.

ALL CREDIT to Capital Radio and George Wein for getting together such a talented line up of artists for last week festival, for organising it with such smooth efficiency and for providing a sound system which was near flawless ... but though the slopes below Alexandra Palace provided a natural ampitheatre, Dooley found the distant view of re-roofed suburbia a distracting influence, not to mention the overflowing rubbish bins, the ground strewn with picnic garbage and the overpowering odour of burnt pizzas and stewed onions that always seem to pervade British events of this kind . . . and though £6 for the day's event represented good value, Capital might have attracted more of an audience had they dropped the price to say £2 after 7.0 pm for daytime workers.

FOLLOWING DISAPPOINTING results from RCA and CBS

for the second quarter, now the combined music divisions of Warner Communications Inc. also report lower operating income despite sales being up 19 per cent . . . But RSO is in an expansive mood with president Al Coury announcing a new expansive mood with president Al Coury announcing a new black music division in its US company... Wonder if anyone will challenge WEA's Best Disco In The World album under Trades Description Act?... Larry Page writing songs with Brian Bennett and their D.I.S.C.O. by the Philadelphia Boys a hit on the continent... Some of EMI's redundant salesmen are likely to be absorbed into expanded Music Centre sales team...

Meanwhile Alan Kaupe adamant he is staying as LRD MD. NEW SINGING partner for Johnny Mathis — Bubbling Brown Sugar star Stephanie Lawrence, summoned to Los Angeles this week after producer Jack Gold heard her on demo of Chris Arnold-Geoff Morrow song being covered by Mathis . . . DJM has high hopes of new Grace Kennedy tracks being laid down this week with Phil Swern in producer's chair . . . Bess Coleman joining London office of US publicists Rogers and Cowan and Phil Symes leaves the company to manager TCOJ but will do some advisory work for R & C . . . Will Italian disco hit dedicated to the Pope get Irish release? . . . Virgin sending out summonses to mock trial as launch of Peter Cook's record about

summonses to mock trial as launch of Peter Cook's record about Thorpe trial . . . Bing Crosby left an estate worth £2.1 million. THE GOLD Badge Awards luncheon takes place on October 24, not August 24 as we were misinformed last week . . . Denis Comper, formerly with IFPI, now a director of CADAC Audio which has acquired the assets of the liquidated Cadac (London) Ltd . . . Stanley Myers, composer of Cavatina, writing score for A Nightingale Sang In Berkeley Square movie based on the £8 million bank robbery there in 1975 . . . New headquarters for the Musicians' Union, Oval House, Clapham Road, London SW9, acquired for a price in region of £500,000 by estate agents Leslie Lintott . . . How's this for upmanship? — Gerry Bron has personalised aircraft registration sign on his new Beechcraft personalised aircraft registration sign on his new Beechcraft Super King Air Turbo Prop, G-BRON . . . Among participants lined up for *Music Week/Phonogram golf tournament:* Gallagher and Lyle, Sydney Devine, Johnny Speight, Ed Stewart, Gareth Hunt and Kenny Lynch.

Successful plug for Electric

THE ELECTRIC Record Company reports success for its Electric Roadshow'79 promotion tour in a converted double decker bus. They visited 204 record shops, nine TV stations, 94 clubs, 21 local radio stations, drove 2,496 miles and visitors helped consume 436 bottles of wine. They visited 14 cities in 25 days and award prizes to Liverpool traffic wardens for being the most helpful, and HTV West for the "Longest lig aboard".

How Shepherd watches his flock

ANY BANDS thinking of approaching EMI for a recording deal should first read this month's International Musician in which EMI's GRD general manager of A and R, Brian Shepherd, reveals all about

his negotiating policy. Shepherd admits that are the name of the game now, unfortunately", and adds: "All you can do is to make your advances realistic." And he goes on to explain

how he negotiates points.

"I have sometimes actually offered more points than the manager has asked because it has been a totally recoverable deal", he says. "The higher his percentage that I'm recovering from, the more chance I get of picking up the

'The maximum is 16. A 'division "The maximum is 16. A division one' act making hit records with a track record would conceivably get 16 points. A new act would start between five and eight. You wouldn't go below five because a solicitor would advise his client not to accent less.

solicitor would advise his client not to accept less.
"I would not be dissatified with five, six, seven or eight over a four-year period, escalating one point each year. That's not a bad royalty."

Having read that, one wonders how many of EMI's acts who consider themselves to be in "division I" will now be checking their contracts to see if they match up to Shepherd's 16 points.

YESTERDAYS

TEN YEARS AGO

THE GRRC hits out at record companies for abandoning the fight to retain resale price maintenance and expresses its disgust that the manufacturers had "abdicated their responsibilities" Larry Page responsibilities" Larry Page sells his half-stake in Page One Records to Dick James Music and launches new company to be called Penny Farthing Records Les Cocks named director of Pye creative services division and Monty Presky appointed director of Pye Records (Sales) Record companies rush to release discs to commemorate America's Apollo moonshot.

FIVE YEARS AGO

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