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Music + video join forces for Dealer Tour '81

AS 1980 draws to a close. Music Week looks forward to 1981 with the announcement of dates for a new Dealer Tour, bringing bringing London-based music industry executives to regional centres in a series of trade shows.

The 1981 event will be expanded to include the burgeoning video industry and will be appropriately retitled The Music Week Record/Video Dealer Tour '81.

"We are recognising that many record dealers are getting in to stocking video items, and the video manufacturers and distributors are anxious to promote their wares to the music retail trade," said *Music* Week promotions manager, Avril Barrow. "The presence of video



company rep Dealer Tour representatives on the meet and talk to existing and prospective accounts."

The Dealer Tour was initiated in 1978 and in that and the following year attracted several thousand record retail owners, managers and assistants. The concept was welcomed by participating companies who were able to meet dealers in convenient regional centres, discuss problems and talk about product.

The dates for the 1981 Record/Video Dealer Tour are as follows:

- Tuesday, Sei Bristol, Holiday Inn September
- Thursday, Septemb Birmingham, Albany Hotel September Monday, September Newcastle, Gosforth Park
- Newcastle, Gosforth Park

 Tuesday, September 22:
 Glasgow, Albany Hotel

 Thursday, September 24: Leeds,
 Queens Hotel

 Monday, September 28:
 Manchester, Piccadilly Hotel

 Wednesday, September 30:
 London, Dorchester Hotel

CBS HOSTED a party for legal administration and contracts manager Pat Feldman to celebrate her 25 years in the music industry acknowledged in a special award presented to her by Maurice Oberstein (left). Feldman started in the business in 1955 with the British Copyright Protection Association and joined Philips Records in 1960 and joined Philips Records in 1960 as copyright manager. In 1971 she moved to EMI Records in contracts administration and joined CBS in 1975 as business affairs coordinator. At last week's party many of her former colleagues joined CBS in celebrating her silver jubilee.

White warns of 'serious threat' to publishers

"A YEAR of dramatically changing fortunes" was the phrase which Music Publishers Association president Ron White used to summarise 1980 in his address to the MPA annual general meeting last Friday at London's Cumberland

He cited as a major issue the MPA He cited as a major issue the MPA council's support for the Mechanical Rights Society's fight against the decision by an "influential" array of record companies to abolish recommended retail prices, and added that the move to stop RRP was "the most serious threat" to music publishers to occur since the Copyright Act was introduced.

White also recounted the action on illegal photo-copying which had been won against the Wolverhampton council, thereby setting case precedent and history. He also lamented the continuing

He also lamented the continuing delay in a general reform of copyright law, a "disappointing" situation and still no sign of

publication of the Government Green Paper on the subject.

The relationship between the MPA and its wholly-owned sister company, the Mechanical Copyright Protection Society, had improved considerably from the strained circumstances of a year ago, said White, and he paid tribute to the liaison committee between the two organisations for achieving the organisations for achieving the

organisations for achieving the better atmosphere.

• A hint about the extent of the acrimony surrounding the negotiations between the Mechanical Rights Society and the British Phonographic Industry on the subject of RRP abolition was dropped by MRS general administrator Bob Montgomery

administrator Bob Montgomery during the meeting.

Montgomery disclosed that a meeting the previous week between the two bodies, had polarised into "two separate camps" with Montgomery "bearing white flags'

Arista/Ariola restructured

MORE THAN three months after Robin Blanchflower announced his resignation from the managing directorship of Ariola UK, for parent Eurodisc company has decided on a new structure for Ariola and its sister company Arista.

Charles Levison continues as managing director of Arista and as a director of Eurodisc, and Andrew Pryor is appointed managing director of Ariola and also continues as a director of Eurodisc.

The A & A Record Marketing unit which Pryor headed and which handled marketing for which handled marketing for both labels is to be discontinued and marketing will now be the responsibility of the parent Eurodisc company. And although A & A Record Marketing will disappear as a name, no jobs will be lost as all

marketing functions continue under the Eurodisc name. Both Levison and Pryor welcomed the new structure last

week and at the same time revealed that turnover for the Eurodisc labels during the first six months of 1980 equalled the total business for the previous 12

Christmas MW

MUSIC WEEK will be published as usual next week, but because of the Christmas holiday there will be no issue dated January 3. We will be back in the New Year with the January 10 issue which will be mailed on Tuesday, January 6. Music Week's offices will be open on December 29, 30 and 31.

Companies stretched by surge of Lennon orders

DEMAND FOR John Lennon's records predictably soared from the moment that the news of his brutal and unexpected death broke in the

But the sheer size of that demand and the way it rapidly widened to include, to varying degrees, every title ever released by himself and The Beatles — has totally disrupted this season's retail and wholesale Faced, within hours of the tragic

announcement, with orders from all over the UK for everything in Beatles/Lennon catalogue, EMI admitted that it could not cope. The factory at Hayes went into full and overtime working and the company bought pressing capacity outside wherever it could.

wherever it could.

Even so, by time of going to press,
EMI stated: "At the moment we are
trying to supply all the shops with
some of their orders, rather than
sending just some of the shops all
their orders. But inevitably, with
such demand, we must be two or
three days in arrears."

three days in arrears."

On Friday evening orders for two Lennon singles — Imagine and Happy Christmas War Is Over had topped 200,000 each, with The Beatles' Ballad of John and Yoko running a close third.

EMI is attempting to fill orders which spread across 19 albums, 13 EPs and 22 singles by the Beatles, and the eight singles and eight albums by Lennon solo.

Dealers will be able to use the EMI tele sales facilities from now until January 5, except on days when the depot is completely closed (December 25-28, and January 1 and 2). The ansaphone service will be

suspended between December 1: and January 5, but the telephone sales staff will be working.

WEA, which is dealing with demand for the new solo LP and single on the Geffen label, could not keep up with the surge of orders for about two days, but by Friday David Young director of operations, reported: "There is no real problem because we only have one single and one LP and can absorb the extra pressing within our schedule. We have not had to go abroad for extra

Hammond, commercial director of Record Merchandisers said that demand in RM's accounts (Woolworth's, Littlewoods, (Woolworth's, Littlewoods, Debenhams and the Northern chain Morrisons) centred on the Double Fantasy LP and the Starting Over single. Catalogue depth was not expected in multiples, so he guessed

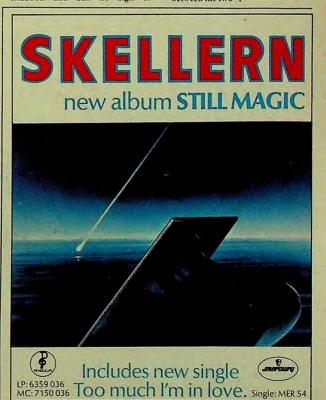
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DEMAND FOR seats on Music Week's special Midem charter flight has been so heavy that we have been forced to switch to a

have been forced to switch to a larger plane — a Super BAC 111. This means that extra seats are now available and anyone wishing to "Fly The Mag" to Midem should contact Avril Barrow on 01 836 1522 immediately.

The cost is just £130 fully inclusive London/Nice/London plus pre-flight refreshments, inflight champagne brunch and

flight champagne brunch and Midem survival kit. Hotel accommodation can also be arranged'at advantageous prices.



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NEWS

A NEW label, Technical Records and Tapes, launches in January with what is believed to be the first-ever album of conjuring tricks on record.

album of conjuring tricks on record.
Entitled The Magic Circle Record
(TEC LP 002, £2.89), the album has
been put together by label boss and
producer Barry Murray with the cooperation of The Magic Circle and
several of its best-known members
including Paul Daniels, David
Berglas, Ali Bongo and The Great
Korvari.

The magicians explain a total of 33 "tricks, stunts and mysteries" — including the famous sawing a woman in half illusion.

woman in half illusion.

The album is released on January 2, to tie in with the Magic Circle's annual show at London's Collegiate Theatre, but an initial quantity will be made available before Christmas via distributors Stage One. Radio and TV appearances and interviews are being lined up to promote the are being lined up to promote the

REGGAE POET Linton Kwesi Johnson has formed his own record label, LKJ Records, which will initially put out his own product and will eventually be offering an outlet

will eventually be offering an outlet for up and coming reggae bands. The label has been set up with producer, and Matumbi group member Dennis Bovell and will be administered by his own organisation Studio 80. First release is a 12-inch disco 45, Sellitude a double A side on which

First release is a 12-inch discovery Solitude, a double A side on which the title track is an instrumental written by Johnson and Vivian Weathers. It is followed by a toast about Brixton by local DJ Abu Baka while the other side features two poems by the Jamaican Michael Smith.

A NEW record company, Our Plant, has been formed by music business veteran Robin Millar, business veteran Robin Miliar, which will include its own studios—taking over the old Vinyard Studios premises at London Bridge.
Miller has signed three acts to the company so far: Duncan Browne, Helen Shappelle and Bimbo Acock.

releases are expected in

Opera stars prepare for charts battle

By NICOLAS SOAMES

THE TWO leading operatic tenors could be battling it out in the singles chart this Christmas following a rush-release by Polydor of the Sammy Cahn song Be My Love sung by Placido Domingo. The Spanishborn tenor, in this country for a production of Offenbach's The Tales Of Hoffman at Covent Garden which opened on Monday, has received a vast amount of publicity including an appearance on publicity including an appearance on Parkinson.

Following the TV show, on which Domingo sang Be My Love, the title track of his DG album (2530 700), the company was swamped with enquiries. The decision to release the track as a single on Polydor was taken last Tuesday and the single was available within a week, shortly

in its selection of titles

after Pavarotti's single Oh Come All Ye Faithful on Decca. DG supported the single with a full-page ad in the New Standard on trill-page at in the *New Standard* of Friday and a personal appearance at Harrods on Wednesday (today). In addition, Domingo has his own show on BBC2 on Christmas Eve.

But behind all this public activity is a contractual tussle. Domingo's

contract with DG is coming to an end and CBS is also after an exclusive contract offering attractive

The bets are currently favouring DG, but Domingo is looking to see which company is going to boost him to the superstar status accorded Pavarotti who boasts immense record sales, particularly in the US.

• As Domingo finishes in Hoffman at Covent Garden, Pavarotti arrives to sing Verdi's A Masked Ball.

CBS HOSTED a lunch party at Stringfellows in honour of Earth Wind And CBS HOSTED a tunch party at Stringfellows in nonour of Earth Wind And Fire's Maurice White and Verdine White and managing director David Betteridge took the opportunity to present them with siter discs for the album Faces and singles In The Stone and Let Me Talk. L to r: Maurice White, Betteridge, Verdine White and E.W. & F. manager Joe Ruffalo.

AT A recent meeting of the Virgin/Stiff sales force DinDisc took the opportunity of presenting them with a copy of the first of several silver discs earned by Orchestral Manoeuvres In The Dark, to mark their contribution to

The presentation was for the band's first album, though their subsequent LP, Organisation, and recent single, Enola Gay, have now also achieved silver

status.

Pictured presenting the disc is DinDisc marketing manager Nicky Davies (right) to Virgin sales director Ann Kelly, surrounded by the Virgin/Stiff sales

The company is launching the machine simultaneously with its introduction in the US. It will obviously rely on record company promotional films, and one sticking point could be the questions of the rights needed to be cleared to use **CBS** marketing post

PETER DIXON has been appointed commercial marketing manager for CBS Records, replacing David Adams who has left the company, and reporting directly to Tony Wollcott, CBS senior director. Dixon will have responsibility for commercial marketing, advertising and market research department, marketing services and classical marketing. For the past two years, Dixon has been head of marketing at Airfix Crayonne.

Young Blood deal brings

first video juke box to UK

THE FIRST video juke box will be coming into this country next year, after a deal between Young Blood Records and the American company First Record

Corporation.

A similar system was tried — and failed — in the early Sixties using film, but Young Blood marketing director David Williams said that at that time it was not supported by strong acts. The new machine costs £4,500 and will have 10p and 50p slots where the punter can choose any one of up to 60 titles.

Young Blood hopes to display the machine at Midem in January. It uses a Panasonic video tape system, but works in the same way as an audio juke box in its selection of titles.

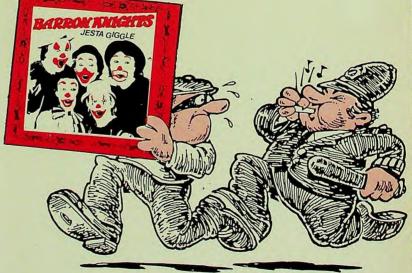
Rush release for Billie Jo LP

THE NEW album from Billie Jo Spears, Special Songs, is being rush-released on the Liberty label and will be in the shops from December 15. The release also marks the first album release on the new Liberty label (MW November

Liberty is supporting the release with advertising in the trade press and Country Music People. A Billie Jo Spears TV special is due for screening on BBC early in 1981.



Order from CBS Order Desk. Tel: 01-960 2155. CBS Distribution Centre, Barlby Road, London W10



Virgin signs Phil Collins

and first product from the Genesis vocalist/drummer will be a single entitled In The Air Tonight, released on January 9 an followed soon after by a debut solo album. 9 and to be

The Collins discs will be the first Genesis-associated product not released on the Charisma label and Virgin's

managing director Simon Draper says: "I view our association as a special area involvement with the potential of a groundswell that could turn into a breakout. I'm thinking global but unfortunately we only have him for the UK.''

• Pictured below at the signing with Collins (seated) are (left) Tony Smith, Collins' manager, and Draper.



RED SHADOW Records will be distributed through Pinnacle after a deal signed last week by directors Julian Spear and Terry O'Neil and Pinnacle general manager Tony

The first record to be affected by the changeover is the Flatbackers

There's A Buzzz Going Round. Although this ends Red Shadow's distribution deal with PRT pressing will remain with the latter.

BULLDOG RECORDS has signed a BULLDOG RECORDS has signed a new distribution pact with Teldec Records in Hamburg, Germany. The deal calls for the release of 12 albums over the next three months.

SCRATCH RECORDS concluded a deal with Trio Records to release their product in Japan. The first release will be the Denny Laine album Japanese Tears and The Moonwalkers' Live At The Marquee. In all, five albums will be issued over a 12-month period.

HERTFORDSHIRE-BASED indie HERIFORDSHIRE-BASED indice Secret Records has signed Voice to the label and releases a single, Sign Your Name, this week with distribution through Spartan. Voice distribution unrough Spartan. Voice comprise Bill Roberts on vocals guitar and keyboards and Richard Blanchard on vocals and sax. Both used to back Russ Ballard. An album is scheduled for release early

album is scheduled for release early next year, while the act is finalising its first British tour.

Meanwhile, the label has also signed the London-based group Baby Patrol and releases a double A side, Fun Fusion/Turn It Down.

Lynsey signs to MCA



MCA RECORDS has signed Lynsey de Paul to a worldwide recording contract. Her first product with the label will be available early in the

label will be available early in the New Year.
Pictured with Lynsey are Roy Featherstone (president MCA International record operations), Stuart Watson (general manager marketing MCA), Charles Negus-Fancey (manager) and Laurie Hall directors hydrogeneral register MCA) (director business affairs MCA).

Springsteen to play UK dates

BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN is finally set to play Britain, as he continues to pull enormous crowds on his US tour and his latest album, The River, rides high in the charts on both sides of the Atlantic.

But British fans will be treated to only three concerts at London's Wembley Arena On March 19 and 20 next year and one night at the Birmingham International Arena on March 27. The dates will be Springsteen's first in this country since he played his debut at the Hammersmith Odeon in 1975, and are all presented by Harvey Goldsmith.

Professionals LP withdrawn

AN INJUNCTION preventing Virgin Records from releasing further copies of the album track kick Down The Doors by The Professionals was upheld last week in the High Court.

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The track appears on the sampler album Cash Cows and Virgin has agreed to withdraw the LP and will re-release it this week with a Magazine track, Permafrost, from the band's current album Play. The old sleeve will be stickered with the same listing.

virgin had almost exhausted its stock when the action was brought and has had to withdraw 3,000 copies of the album containing the offending track.

The copyright action was brought by Andy Allan who maintained that he had written the song with two other members of The Professionals, former Sex Pistols members Paul Cook and Steve Jones, and that Virgin was marketing the record without his

RM reports record season

DESPITE THE "recession", industry rack-jobbers Record Merchandisers report that they are on target for their best seasonal period ever.

RM's gross sales for the week ending Friday December 5, hit an all-time high of £1.9 million — an increase of over 50 per cent on the company's previous best ever week.

Mike Wreford, RM's senior account executive, commented: "In the generally depressed state of the market, we decided we must help

the generally depressed state of the market, we decided we must help our customers to maximise their business in this crucial period. We therefore placed larger than usual advance orders on our suppliers to avoid a seasonal panic for stock which takes over the industry at this time of year. As a result our completion rates have stayed around 90 per cent or above." 90 per cent or above."

MTA Awards entries invited

ENTRIES FOR the MTA Record Awards 1980 are now being invited by the association, which in past years has always received a large and high-quality selection of nominations. Record companies are being asked to submit entries, and

being asked to submit entries, and the MTA is stressing that these must be of product released between January and December 1980.

There are 12 different classical music categories, MOR vocal and non-vocal, spoken word, comedy, early instrumental, jazz, bargain price records, then top pop LPs and singles for the year (award based on sales figures in these last two categories).

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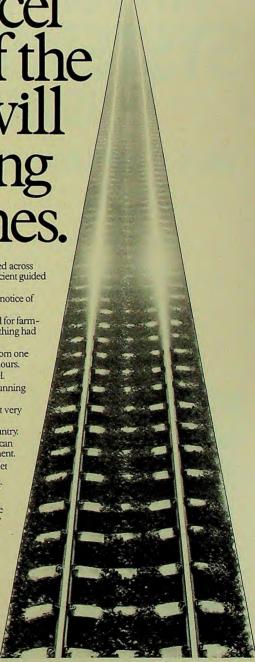
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David Wills	Campbell Hooper	734 7431	5	David Pick	Bronze	267 4499	29 30
Reg Chamberlain	MJM Records	949 1076	6 7	David Symondson	Cream	221 5155	30
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Pete Smith	Konk Studios	340 4757	8 9	Dick Leahy	GTO	439 8971	31 32 33 34 35
Chris Cook	AWB	0344 3363	10	Mark Rye	Bob The Dog Music	398 6413	34
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Jeremy Lasalles	Virgin	727 8070	21	Vincent Edwards	ATV	409 2211	44
John Field	CBS	734 8181	22	Grant Goodchild	Sunburg	437 2468	45
Jonathon Morrish	CBS	734 8181	23	Phil Lowry	Island	741 1511	46
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Video makers form **UK** association

AS NEGOTIATIONS between EMI and video promotional film makers are expected to result in a standard contract shortly, the latter have

are expected to result in a standard contract shortly, the latter have announced the formation of their own association—the Music Video Producers' Association.

The EMI contract (MW December 13) has been a catalyst to its formation and, like the record company, the MVPA is seeking to establish contracts through the BVA. Once that has been achieved, it hopes to go on to sort out talent it hopes to go on to sort out talent unions' payments from promotional

videos.
Headed by Lindsey Clennell and Keith MacMillan from Keefco, the MVPA has confirmed that there is general agreement over the EMI contract, and hopes are high for it to be generally established.
"What we have done with EMI is establish the principles involved," says MacMillan. "The meetings we have had have been incredibly constructive and now we hope to start the whole ball rolling. start the whole ball rolling.

"It is to the good of everybody involved to have a standard industry contract. The whole business has been running completely without an agreement, while the turnover for promotional films runs into millions promotional films runs into millions every year. Up until now there have been no contracts, only terms of trading. It must be sorted out or the thing will get more and more complex — and now is the time before the whole thing explodes."

It has also been confirmed that the producers are aiming for a minimum royalty payment on material used for videograms that will leave the producer free to negotiate higher rates if he thinks there is a case for it.

it.

MVPA members are Keefco,
Lindsey Clennel Video Film Ltd.,
Millaney Grant Productions, Gabrin
& Mills, GLO Productions, Mallett
Godfrey Mulcahy Productions Ltd.,
Tattoist International, Zoetrope
Ltd., Jon Roseman TV Ltd., David
Hillier, Limelight Video and
probably Mike Mansfield.

Chrysalis' new tape package

CHRYSALIS RECORDS becomes the first company in the UK to

Stoller quits AIRC for 210

A move which has taken commercial radio by surprise Tony Stoller, director of the Association of Independent Radio Contractors for just over a year, has resigned to take over as managing director of Reading based ILR station Thames

Valley.

This was confirmed on Friday by leaving to take a similar position at the successful Bristol ILR franchise applicant Radio Avonside next year

applicant Radio Avonside next year.
Stoller takes up his post from the
beginning of April.
Although Stoller joined AIRC
from the IBA with several firm longterm plans, and his departure will
seem like leaving a job unfinished,
he denies a recent trade press report. he denies a recent trade press report that he has become frustrated in his dealings with the stations.

Walters' own show

RADIO ONE producer John RADIO ONE producer John Walters is to end an eleven and a half year association with disc jockey John Peel to host his own magazine show Walters' Weekly.

The new series will start on Saturday, January 17, in the 4 pm to 5 pm slot and, says Walters, "will cover all areas of the arts, leisure, entertainment and recreation".

Chris Lycett will take over as the

Chris Lycett will take over as the main Peel show producer and will co-produce Walters' Weekly with Walters himself who will still maintain a connection with the Peel

LENNON FROM PAGE 1

that the public was going to independent record shops for that.

Wynd-Up distribution director Bernard Patchett complimented EMI and WEA on their efforts to meet overwhelming demand, but described his company's position as "living from hand to mouth, with any stock we get in going out

any stock we get in going out immediately to the indies".

HMV Shops buying controller Jim Peal moved swiftly to import several titles which are unavailable from UK manufacturers, including Two Virgins, Unfinished Music and the Jananese Wedding bowd several several controllers. the Japanese Wedding boxed from EMI Odeon in Japan,

market a new 6" × 6" cassette package currently being tested in the US with releases by Blondie, Barbra Streisand and Barry Manilow. First release here is Blondie's Autoamerican.

Autoamerican.

A statement from Chrysalis said:
"The 6 × 6 format gives more area
for graphics, allowing a direct 50 per
cent reduction of album artwork,
and makes an impressive display
encouraging people to browse. It
allows all the information on the
album sleeve to be reproduced on
the cassette — a significant advance
with cassette and album prices being
largely comparable."

Doug D'Arcy, Chrysalis Records
MD commented: "We think cassette
marketing needs to be altered and
adapted to suit changing market
conditions and the requirements of
the new generation of tape users. We

the new generation of tape users. We believe cassettes are going to take an increasingly important share of sales and are very excited to be involved with this new development."

Rock'n' dole scheme

A SCHEME offering cut price albums for the unemployed has been introduced by Eurodisc. On production of a dole card, unemployed people can obtain reductions on a selection of Arista/Ariola albums at Virgin shore.

Opening times

RECORD MERCHANDISERS' RECORD MERCHANDISERS opening times for the Christmas period are as follows: December 15 to 19, 8.30 am to 8 pm; December 20, 8.30 am to 8 pm; 21, closed; 22 and 23, 8.30 am to 8 pm; 24, 8.30 am to midday; 25 to 28, closed; 29, 30 and 31, 8.30 am to 8 pm; January 1, closed; 2, 8.30 am to 8 p

olosed; 2, 8.30 am to 8 pm.

SP & S is closed December 20 and 21 and not open as reported in MW December 13.

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INTERNATIONAL

Sefel Group buys out Almada import distributor

TORONTO: One of Canada's biggest distributors of import product, Almada Corporation, and its associated rack jobbing operation have been acquired by oil company the Sefel Group which is headed by millionaire Joseph Sefel.

Almada was founded in 1964 by Almada was founded in 1904 Aaron Lipsin and Marvin Drimer and their companies will move to new offices and warehousing facilities in Montreal on January 1. Drimer will leave the company, but

Lipsin has been made vice-president

and general manager.

Sefel is already in the music business with a label, Sefel Records, headed by industry veteran Paul White who says that the label will be making more aggressive moves at acquiring new product in the new • RPM magazine, for 17 years the only consistent trade publication covering the music industry in Canada, has folded, although heads Ganada, has folded, almost intended of several major record companies are meeting with owners Walt Grealis and Stan Klees to work out ways of keeping the magazine

 A SMALL contingent of influential Canadian record industry people visited Japan recently on a trip arranged — and partly sponsored by — the Canadian government Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce.

Yugoslavs

re-enter Euro

Song Contest

BELGRADE: After the Yugoslavian entry in the Eurovision Song Contest of 1976 came last, following a long

TORONTO: During their seventh sell-out Canadaian tour, The Police visited A&M's national headquarters to receive platinum albums for the now triple platinum Zenyatta Mondatta. Pictured L to R: Stewart Copeland, Joe Summers (senior VP, A&M Canada), Sting, Doug Chappell (VP promotion, A&M Canada) and Andy Summers.

News in

NZ Country Awards

CHRISTCHURCH, NZ: New Zealand's Country Music Recording Artists Awards have been presented to the following winners: Patsy Riggir (best album, best new talent and best produced record), Suzanne Prentice (best female vocalist), Ovation (best group), Les Thomas (best instrumental), Max McCauley (best yodelling performer), Eddie Low (best male vocalist) and Noel Parlane (top selling artist).

PolyGram Malaysia makes DG protest

KUALA LUMPUR: PolyGram Records Malaysia is threatening to stop importing DG product from its German-based company in protest at the high prices being charged. "We want the shipments sold to us ex-royalties, then we can hope to make a slight profit," said label chief T. Renganathan.

European deals for No Dice single

LONDON: Dynamic Cat Records' boss Robert Wace has licensed the single How About You by No Dice to Vogue Records for France, Belgium and Holland, and to Intercord for Germany, Switzerland and Austria. Licensees are being sought for other territories. (Contact 6 Clydesdale Road, London W11. Tel: 01 229 3128).

Flexi disc boost for Straight Eight

LONDON: To help break the band Straight Eight internationally, Logo has had 20,000 coloured flexi discs pressed featuring excerpts from their album, Shuffle 'n' Cut (FLUSH 1) which will be distributed free on their European tour supporting Oueen.

PolyStar set up

BAARN: A separate profit centre for radio and TV merchandising will start operations in The Netherlands under the name PolyStar at the beginning of 1981. Ton Seijsener, former general manager of Arcade, Holland, is to be general manager and Joop Veen, Polydor sales manager will be PolyStar's sales manager.

Midem seminar

PARIS: The 6th meeting of international show business and music industry lawyers will take place in Cannes during Midem in January. Topics to be discussed include the problems of artists performing tours or recording in a foreign territory, and the fiscal problems of acquiring catalogues.

MUNICH: Gitte, signed to Global Artists, is successfully building on his big chart, comeback, which started with the German version earlier this year of the concept album Tell Me On A Sunday, originally by Andrew Lloyd Webber and lyricist Don Black, which became Bleib Noch Bis Zum Sonntag in Germany, with lyrics by Michael

The singer additionally scored a Top 10 single.

AMSTERDAM: Tony Berk has AMSTERDAM: Tony Berk has quit his job as A&R manager for RCA Benelux to become general manager of Roba Music, Holland, the Dutch branch of Rolf Baierle's Hamburg-based Roba Musik.

Berk is not being directly sealesed and product manager.

Berk is not being directly replaced and product manager Albert van der Kroft will take over his role as an additional responsibility, emphasizing the cost-cutting operations by the Dutch RCA division since the end of September, when Carl Vos became managing director of RCA Benelwy.





VANCOUVER: Dire Straits mined some precious metals here during a North VANCOUVER: Dire Straits mined some precloss metas her can and American tour — double and triple platinum awards for Dire Straits and Communique. Pictured L to R: Ken Graydon (PolyGram Canada), Harry Hrabinsky (PolyGram), Alan Clarke (Dire Straits), Hal Lindes (DS), Pick Withers (DS), Bob Ansell (PolyGram), Monica Netupsky (PolyGram), Mark Knopfler (DS), and centre, Peter Nehnke (PolyGram).



NEW YORK: Seen during a break in discussions on Handshake Records, its NEW YORK: Seen during a break in discussions on Handshake Records, its product and philosophy are representatives of Ariola's international organisation, which is distributing Handshake in many overseas markets. Seated from left are Michael Poulain (Arabella general manager, France), Andrew Pryor (Ariola UK MD), Martin Kleinjan (Ariola Belgium GM), Allan Watson (Ariola group international director), Antonio Duncan (Ariola Brazil international A&R manager), and Charles Levison (Arista UK MD). Standing are Wim Schipper (Ariola international group VP), Ron Alexenburg (Handshake president), and Doris Sturm (Ariola Germany international director).

SNEPA copyright victory

PARIS: A battle over copyright payments, first started against French radio authorities by the national record companies' syndicate, has flared up again

but with an unexpected twist.

The Syndicat National de l'Edition Phonographique & Audio-Visuelle (SNEPA) made an original claim for payment for recorded music in

programmes and in on-air advertising.
In 1979, the Paris Court of Appeal turned down the request, but SNEPA decided to press on regardless and took the case to the higher Court of Cassation. And this legislature rejected the Court of Appeal ruling, but not on the grounds that records were being used without proper payment, but that

artist talent was used without compensation.

In effect, the result meant that the court recognised the Rome Convention,

which has not yet been ratified formally by France.

Now Lucien Ades, president of SNEPA, sees the latest decision as a springboard for ratification of the Rome Convention.

French TV previously agreed to pay for disc usage. But the radio situation is more complex, since the problem involves the French state radio monopoly, plus peripheral stations like Luxembourg and Europe No. 1, which are not actually based in France. actually based in France.

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CAPITAL: PEOPLE'S CHOICE

CLYDE: CURRENT CHOICE
ONE CHILD OF LOVE — Peaches And Herb DOWNTOWN: MUSIC MOVER

FORTH: STATION PICK I AIN'T GONNA STAND FOR IT - Stevie Wonder LUXEMBOURG: POWERPLAY
HAPPY XMAS (WAR IS OVER) — John Lennon

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BBCSCOTLAND I AIN'T GONNA STAND FOR IT - Stevie Wonder Radio One listings are based an actual plays logged between 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays and 7 a.m. to 5p.m. Saturday and Sunday, on a Friday to Thursday cycle. Information supplied by Sham Tracking (01 460 7564).

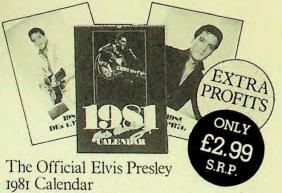
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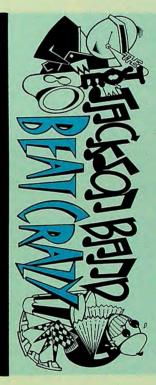
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11thWorld Popular Song Ushers in the Eighties On

Backed by a decade of remarkable accomplishment and steadily-growing reputation, the 1980 World Popular Song Festival in Tokyo in November

Song Festival in Tokyo in November marked the start of a new decade, with expectations high on coming Festivals shaping the course of pop music in the Eighties.

The scope and diversity of the 11th Festival, staged Nov. 14-16, tells the story: 1,860 entries representing 52 countries with an additional 30,000 entries from Japan. This was a far cry from the First Festival in 1970 when 351 songs were entered from 47 countries.

Yamaha's long-standing commit-ment to creativity, quality and "musical universality" has been fully endorsed and appreciated by many of the world's artists. For one thing, the Festival gives participating singers and songwriters ample exposure, a distinctive advantage in their musical pursuits. Take, for instance, a live audience of upwards of 30,000 enthusiastic pop fans who pack the mammoth Nippon Budokan Hall to witness the finals of the once-a-year

musical extravaganza.

But that's not all. The Festival is more than one-hall "local" affair. In no time it is clevated to "national" status, as about 5 million households throughout Japan are treated to the action-packed final-day session via

same-day telecasting. On top of that, extensive international press coverage awaits the entrants to give them all the exposure they need – and

deserve.

The Festival stage - the launching pad for orbiting artists into stardom and giving birth to great new songs

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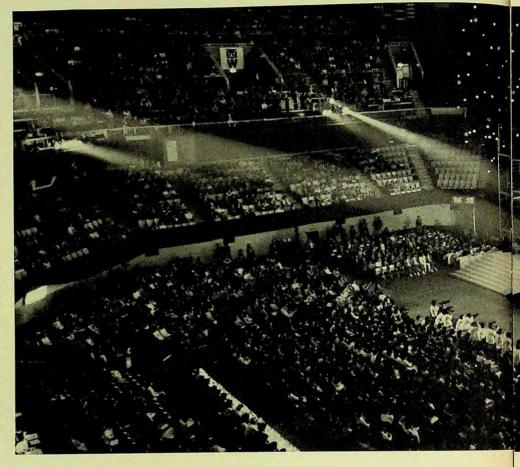
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Cited as the best of its kind in the world by the International Federation of Festival Organization (FIDOF), the Yamaha Festival is reputed for its fine organization, excellent entry selection method, fair judging, superb orchestra and audio system and the high quality of its audience.

Now that it has embarked on its second decade of Festival activity, Yamaha is determined to further expand projected Festivals both content and scope to meet the demanding requirements of the world's artists, music industry and pop fans in the Eighties and beyond.

Amid growing anticipation in the

world's music circles, Yamaha has revealed that details of Festival '81 will be announced worldwide early



Grand Prix: By Mary Macgregor, Tetsuya Itami and Side By Side

American singer Mary Macgregor emerged the winner of both the International Grand Prix and the

Most Outstanding Performance Award at the 11th World Popular Song Festival in Tokyo with her



Mary Macgregor, U.S.A.



Tetsuya Itami & Side by Side, Japan





Gerard Kenny, United Kingdom

performance of "What's The Use", which she composed with Marty Rodgers and David Bluefield.

Macgregor's association with Rodgers and Bluefield had already yielded benefits in the 1977 American Song Festival and on Macgregor's 1978 record album, "Memories". Since she was named the Top New Female Artist in 1977, her career has skyrocketed, and her triumph in Tokyo is sure to propel her to new heights.

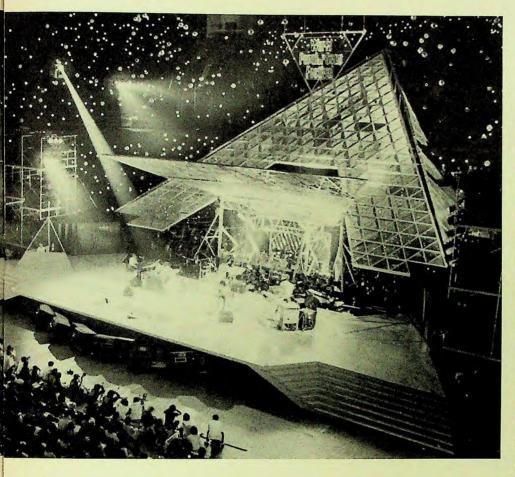
The Japanese Grand Prix winners were Tetsuya Itami and Side by Side, who performed the hard rock num-ber, "Oh My Good-Bye Town". The unique group, with its emphasis on electric musical instruments, is sure to enjoy much further success as a result of its recent triumph.



Dan Hill, Canada

Festival a Promising Note







Toto Cutugno, Italy



Simon Gallaher Australia



Rupert Holmes, U.S.A.



Christopher Cross, U.S.A.

Kiki Dee, the popular British singer, sang "Give It Up" to win the Outstanding Performance Award. She wrote the award-winning song with Eric Kaz. Her latest triumph at the prestigious YamahaFestival in Tokyo adds a new and significant dimension to her already successful career and she is expected to leap to new heights in coming years.

Also representing the United King-

dom at the Festival was singer-songwriter Gerard Kenny who made it to the finals. His song, which he composed specifically for the Festival and which he himself sang, was called "Southern Comfort." After years of singing and songwriting engagements, Kenny had his first album out last year. The album - "Made It Through The Train" - secured top places in

The Irain" – secured top places in British album charts.

Altogether, the 1980 Festival, staged at Nippon Budokan Hall Nov. 14-16, presented 30 songs in a wide variety of schools including ballad, rock and reggae. A total of 19 countries were represented at the Festival

Festival.

A number of world-renowned young singers also gained prestigious prizes at this year's festival. The distinctive song stylings of Rupert Holmes earned him both an Outstanding Song Award and an Outstanding Performance Award for a rendition of his own "Morning Man". American Christopher Cross, a staple of the top pops charts in that counof the top pops charts in that country, won an Outstanding Song Award

for his "Mary Ann". And Canadian, Dan Hill won both an Outstanding Song Award and an Outstanding Parformance Award for his "How Do

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Recipients of other awards:
Italy's Toto Cutugno who won the
Outstanding Song Award with selfcomposed "Frances Doesn't Know"
which he performed at the Festival;
Australia's Simon Gallaher who received both the Outstanding Performance and Outstanding Song
Awards with "I'm Really Only
Singing For You" by Mark Harvey;
and Belgium's three-woman Emly
Starr Explosion which was presented
the Outstanding Song Award with
"Mary Brown" by Kick Dandy.
A special Kawakami Award was



Emly Starr Explosion, Belgium

also granted to Al Bano and Romina Power, of Italy, who performed "Amarci E", also called "Partners".

With their latest triumphs, the Festival artists are bound to add a new dimension to their careers and leap to new plateaus in coming months. Already extensive promo-tions are in the works to introduce successful Festival artists and songs in Japan, the world's second largest

pop music market.

In past Festivals, many partici-pants have achieved overnight success pants have achieved overlight success
as a direct result of Festival participation along with record sales in other
parts of the world. Judging from how
things are going, this year should be
no exception with tangible results anticipated in the post-Festival



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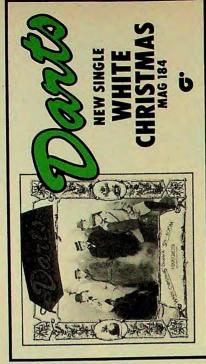
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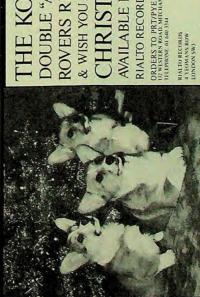
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INTERNATIONAL



UTRECHT: During Paco de Lucia's European tour with Al Dimeola and John McLaughlin, Phonogram executives met with the artists back stage after the concert here to discuss the release of a live album culled from the tour, planned for release by Phonogram in Europe next April. Pictured, I to r: Mathieu Vansweevelt (Phonogram), Paco de Lucia, Jan Corduwener (Phonogram), Al Dimeola, John McLaughlin, Jorg Eiben (Phonogram); front row: Ed Vermeulen (Phonogram), Roy Cortell (Phonogram) and Bas Hartong (Phonogram).



TOKYO: On a recent visit to Japan and Australia, Chrysalis co-chairman Chris Wright and international director Des Brown renewed the company's licensing deals with Toshiba/EMI and Brown, Wright and Toshiba EMI chairman Yoshitada Futara.

camera



TOKYO: The Nolans are shown receiving platinum discs for sales of I'm Ir The Mood For Dancing in Japan where their success is growing. Tomm, Nolan, their father, and CBS UK international licensing manager Sally Shackleton are also in the picture with Shugo Matsuo, managing director of Epic Sony who presented the awards.



SYDNEY: April Music celebrated the signing of EMI Australia rock band Ward 13 with a party at the Coachman restaurant here. Pictured Coachman restaurant here. Pictured I to r (back row): Rob Walker (EMI, Peter Mullens (Ward 13), John Arthurs (Ward 13); (front row): Steve Walls (Ward 13); Alex Geshos (management), John Anderson (general manager, April Music), Bob Randell (EMI), Belinda Anderson (April), Ron Roberts (Ward 13) and Leigh Johnston (Ward 13).



LONDON: Ken East, president and chief operating officer, EMI Music Europe and International, recently presented gold discs to executives of EMI Records' Czechosłovakian licensee Supraphon for sales in excess of 60,000 of Smokie's Greatest Hits album in that territory. Pictured I to r: East, Pavel Smola (Supraphon general manager), Ronnie Maddison (RAK director who received a gold disc on behalf of the label), and Supraphon commercial director Karl Arbes.

RETAILING

'Sonic surgery' for hi-fi

TO THE large range of hi-fi care products already available have now been added two more. And their manufacturer, Kanus Chemicals Ltd, has awarded them the ambitious description of "sonic surgery for records and tapes".

Kanus is certainly very enthusiastic about these new developments in the accessories field. Hi-Degree is a preparation which, when applied to the surface of records with a soft cloth, penetrates the track to clear accumulated dust. As a bonus it provides anti-static protection, and "a microscopic layer of Hi-Degree which never hardens, softens, thins or gels" remains on the playing surface to reduce wear on track and stylus.

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dropper to clean both tape and soundhead — again removing static and preventing moisture absorbtion.

Kanus Chemicals Ltd, of 56 The Boulevard, Crawley, Sussex (tel: 0293 25112) can provide dealers with any further necessary details.



TAKING TIME off from being the star of TV's Minder series, and slipping practionsly into pop star persona, Dennis Waterman (above), called in at Derek's Records in Wentworth Street, East London for a crowded signing session, having just returned from Scotland, at the end of a series of live appearances all over the UK.



IT MIGHT have seemed quite a safe IT MIGHT have seemed quite a safe bet — a promotion offering free records to people who turned up at Our Price Shops in fancy dress and on horseback. However, Our Price shops in London's Kensington, Lewisham, Putney, Croydon, Barnet and Upton Park areas and St Albans, Maidstone, Slough and Chatham, had to hand over the promised copies of the Legend of Jesse James LP to cowboys and (left) saloon girls, on a well tricked-

DEALERS WHO are going into video software may be interested to know about the newly-formed Association of Video Dealers. For information contact Charles Potter, PO. Box 25, Godalming, Surrey.

POLYGRAM DISTRIBUTION has POLYGRAM DISTRIBUTION has revised its order desk opening hours. These are now 8am to 7pm on Mondays; 8.30am to 7pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays; 8.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. on Thursdays; 8.30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Fridays; and 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturdays.

EASTER BUNNIES and summer blooms might appeal to dealers who deck their windows out in seasonal style, and numerous spring, East and summer window display items and summer window display items can be supplied by Spearhead Promotion and Display. The window friezes etc are in colour-printed self-cling material and there printed self-elling material and there are also sale displays, window sign lettering and poster sign kits.

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Freepost, 34-36 Carey Street, Freepost, 34-36 Carey Street, Reading, Berks. THE SHEET music catalogue which is being prepared on

which is being prepared on microfiche by the MTA Sheet Music Division is expected to be available next month, and at the latest MTA Council meeting it was announced that the association has prepared a list of its members who retail sheet inst of its members who retail sheet music. This can be distributed to potential customers by the music publishers, several of whom have decided not to sell direct to the public. The idea of an MTA-backed music voucher scheme, like the record voucher scheme, is being

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BROADCASTING

Bleak 1981 forecast from Forth chairman

RADIO FORTH chairman Max Harper Gow makes a bleak forecast for the immediate future of Independent Local Radio in his annual report, though records a relatively successful past year for his own

The station is to pay a 15p dividend for the first time and repay £285,000 of dated loan stock. It achieved a trading profit of £242,087, compared to £227,734 last year, and for the first time has become subject to 1BA secondary

The chairman points out that at the top end of secondary rental and taking corporation tax into account, the company is only allowed to retain 22p in the pound and the extra Treasury levy now proposed in the Government's new Broadcasting Bill will place an extra financial burden on commercial radio companies, making them, he claims, the most heavily taxed sector of the media in the country. in the country.

Harper Gow comments: "I have said in previous reports that forecasting the future is not easy since advertising expenditure tends to be extremely volatile. However I now have to say that the next 12 months do not look at all

"While local revenue does not look promising the picture on the national front looks very bleak indeed and is likely to remain so for some considerable

Live radio and TV link for Dury Christmas gig

A SIMULCAST broadcast of an Ian Dury concert, linking Radio One and BBC-2, will be a feature of the

BBC's Christmas music coverage.

The concert will be broadcast live from London's Dominion Theatre at 10pm on Christmas Eve. On Baying Day, 16 Course Boxing Day In Concert features a recording of Roxy Music's recent Wembley appearance and includes

an interview with Brian Ferry.
Also on Boxing Day footballer
Kevin Keegan turns disc jockey on

the network choosing some of his favourite records at 11.32am.

On a more traditional note, Keith

Chegwin and friends will be welcoming listeners to Christmas morning, while Tony Blackburn will be presenting Junior Choice from Great Ormond Street Hospital

or Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children.

A Christmas curtain raiser on the network will be Paul Burnett's visit to a North Sea oil rig on December 22.



YOU MIGHT say he asked for it. Mike Sweeney, now hosting his own rock show on Piccadilly Radio in Manchester told his listeners recently that he wouldn't take requests written on letters or postcards. So far he has received a road sign, a tyre, a car bonnet, a sock, a brick and a slightly old banana — all with requests written on them.

News in brief...

DIRE STRAITS are the subject of a 55 minute BBC-2 documentary as part of the Arena series on December 22, the eve of the band's first Rainbow concert on their current UK tour and the film includes footage from the last Rainbow concert, rehearsal material, plus interviews with all the band and their manager Ed Bicknell . . . Chris Yates, currently MD of Thames Valley, based at Reading, has been appointed MD at Radio Avonside, the successful applicant for the much caucht. sought after Bristol ILR franchise.

CBS sales and profits up

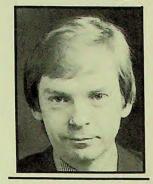
Germany has announced a sales increase for its financial year ended October 31 of 35 per cent over the previous year's results, and a "significant" (but undisclosed) rise in profits.

According to managing director Jorgen Larsen (pictured right), the company has made considerable progress in its ability to break singles, with the concomitant advantage of establishing major new album acts.

First-time single charters by artists such as the Goombay Dance Band, Garland Jeffreys, Barbra Streisand, Frank Zappa, Johnny Logan, Styx and Barbara Dickson have boosted sales on other singles and albump by these acts.

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Total single sales doubled in
1980 compared with 1979, and CBS 1980 compared with 1979, and CBS had a total of 36 entries in the Musikmarkt singles chart, an increase of 20 over the preceding year. The company also scored two No. 1 singles in 1980 in the shape of Sun Of Jamaica and Xanadu, and anticipates winning as many singles awards for the calendar year as it has done over the previous 10



Jorgen Larsen: forecasts a period of consolidation ahead

In the album field, CBS increased its tally of chart entries to 29 as opposed to 16 during 1979. Prominent among its 1980 album sellers are Styx, Police, Frank Zappa, Barbra Streisand, Goombay Dance Band, and Bettina

Wegner.
The licensing pact with the German Aladdin label, signed in July, has not yet produced any major successes, but both Larsen and Aladdin chief Peter Orloff

agree that Aladdin artists such as Orloff, Bernhard Brink and Bernd Cluever are destined to remedy this

Among the significant internal organisational changes at CBS during the year were the creation of a special marketing department and the strengthening of the artist marketing and promotion departments.

Forecasting a period of consolidation ahead, Larsen added: "I am pleased to say that CBS Germany's management group shares with me a single-minded business philosophy which is perhaps not always understood

outside the company.
"Our approach is a concentration on what is essential for this company's future, and we have agreed that we have neither the time, money or inclination to carry on our backs a number of non-paying passengers, whether from inside the company or from our immediate business environment." Larsen predicts a flat market for

the foreseeable future and further

challenges.

"After having struggled with the disco and new wave phenomena or rather the difficulty of converting them into saleable records — the immediate danger for the industry seems to be an oversaturation of the market for TV-advertised product," he comments, "and, further down the road, whether the video business will, in fact, add to our existing business or compete with it, considering the consumer's limited budget and leisure time."



HAMBURG: Ralph Siegel (above second from left) signs the deal which brings his Jupiter label to Teldec after six years with Ariola. Seen with him, from left, are Teldec's Kurt Richter, Dr. Alex Meyer-Woelden, and Gerhard

New Teldec expansion

HAMBURG: Coming into operation this month is the new five-storey Teldec warehouse, which the company claims will enable it to ship "anything up to 80 tons of music daily from the 5,600 square metres of storage feelibles diseases of storage feelibles diseases. the 5,600 square metres of storage facilities directly to dealers".

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The new building has become necessary in view of the fact that, from July 1 next year, Teldec and RCA Records will be eliminating intermediate storage, and shipping directly from the Nortorf plant to retailers. from the

Work on the building commenced in June this year, and its opening is providing 65

new jobs.

Teldec managing director Gerhard Schulze is celebrating 25 years in the business, 14 of them with Teldec.

Dorset deal

FRANKFURT: Ray Dorset has signed his new Satellite Records label to CBS for Germany/Switzerland/Austria and his Satellite Music publishing company to April Music in the same territories.

Under the new deal his own single, Forgotten Land, is being rush-released in Germany and he will be touring there before

boon to the business

FRANKFURT: Imported records can be a boon to retailers and the buying public, and expand the overall sales pattern without

overall sales pattern without damaging domestic releases.

Those who take the trouble to examine the market, identify its deficiencies of repertoire, and proceed to rectify the situation are worthy members of the music industry, more so than those importers who limit themselves to bringing in product in advance of its domestic release date or in parallel to the domestic release.

Branko Ziyanovic, president of

Branko Zivanovic, president of Bellaphon Records, realised the potential of an intelligent import operation filling gaps in available repertoire 10 years ago, and founded Bellaphon Import Dienst, the Bellaphon Import Service

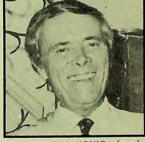
Now, a decade later, about 130 associates and producers around the world are working closely with BID, representing about 200 BID, representing about 200 different series. BID is particularly jazz and blues-orientated, with approximately 60 per cent of its entire range devoted to these

Where jazz is concerned, there is Horst Lippmann's L + R Records (connected with the Lippmann & Rau concert agency), Carl Jefferson's Concord Records, Horst Winkelmann's Enja Records, Horst Winkelmann's Enja Records, Niels Winter's Steeple Chase, and Nagara Records run by Peter Gieger, the specialist of the percussion scene.

On the blues front, there is Chris Strachwitz's Arhoolie Records, and again L + R Records with the legendary releases of the American Folk Blues Festival (AFBF) which some believe initiated contemporary rock in Europe and especially the British R & B boom in 1962. Where jazz is concerned, there is

in 1962.

Between 10 and 15 per cent of BID's repertoire comprises ethnic or commercial folk music. The company pays great attention to these different forms of original music, and where research institutes, composers and musicians tree concerned offers, wide concerned, offers wide



BRANKO ZIVANOVIC, founder

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Some 25 per cent of BID's handled product covers the familiar categories of standard and pop music, rock 'n' roll, reggae, new wave and big band. Also included are more exotic and unusual elements of recorded entertainment such as the sound of an alpine skier on a 3,500-metre descent and an acoustic representation of the an acoustic representation of the show-down from the High Noon

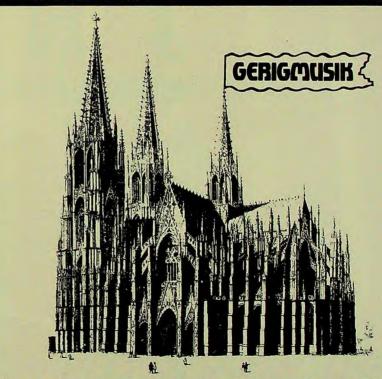
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BID is receiving product on an exclusive or non-exclusive basis from the US, Japan, Canada and Jamaica as well as from most European countries. In addition, local producers musicians and local producers, musicians and bands in Germany have appreciated

hocal producers, indistrains and bands in Germany have appreciated the value of the operation in distributing small independent labels and productions.

Among the latter are Zuckerfabrick Stuttgart (Biber Records) with new releases by the Jim Kahr Group and Thuro's Tutti; Biton Records, with a newly released LP Mainhattan by the Ebbelstampers, a Frankfurt-based dialect rock group, and the rock label Cain, with acts such as Bill Hurst, Broadway, Supersession, Noctett, You, Snake, Irvin Malonen, and one of the new German teenybop bands, The Box.

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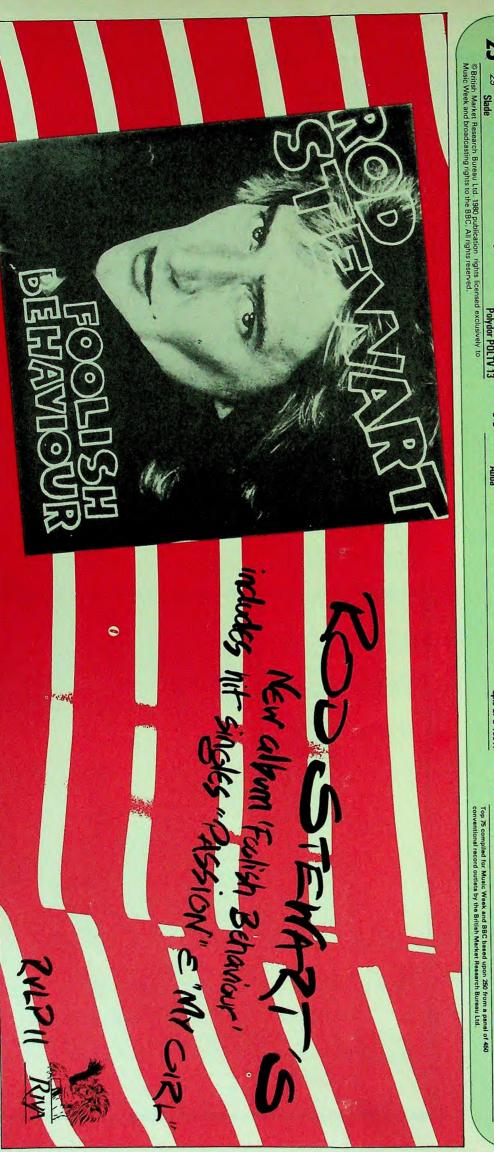
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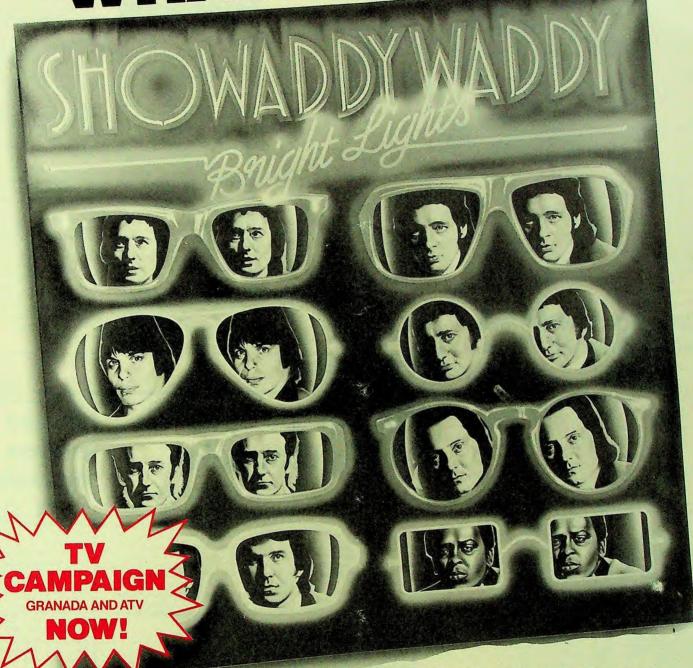
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Jona's Christmas surprise for Stiff

JONA LEWIE'S Don't Stop The Cavalry is a refreshingly original seasonal hit — a useful antidote to those simpering choirboys and girls — but strangely he did not write the song specifically for the Christmas market.

market.
"You could call it a happy accident." said Stiff press officer Nigel Dick. "It certainly looks like being one of our best selling singles

Lewie is no stranger to the pop scene or big-selling records, but solo success only came after singing with Stiff three years ago.

He has had something of a chequered musical career which dates back to the late Sixties when he formed a band while studying sociology at Kingston Poly. Dave Brock, later of Hawkwind, was in

In the early Seventies he gigged In the early Seventies he gigged around playing piano solo and with other bands and then joined Brett Marvin and the Thunderbolts who had a No. 2 hit with Seaside Shuffle for the UK label — but under the name of Terry Dactyl and the Pineseure.



JONA LEWIE

Lewie left the Thunderbolts

Lewie left the Thunderbolts in 1973 and made several solo recordings which, despite favourable airplay by John Peel and Charlie Gillett, failed to impress the punters. He finally broke through with You'll Always Find Me In The Kitchen At Parties, a Top Three success, in March this year, and is now in demand for live appearances and during the past year played the US including New York's Bottom Line Club.

Victoria Apollo drops rock to stage Sound Of Music

A MAJOR rock venue will be lost next year when the London Victoria Apollo stages a new version of The Sound Of Music, starring Petula Clark.

starring Petula Clark.

But Apollo Leisure Ltd, which handles all the booking for the venue which recently re-opened with Cliff Richard after a long closure, says that the decision has not been made because the Apollo has been unsuccessful with rock gigs. "The venue has been successful beyond our wildest dreams, but on the other hand, the Sound Of Music is the hottest thing to hit London for years," said

Apollo Leisure general manager Sam Shrouder.

The Sound Of Music is to be presented by Ross Taylor, the man behind the revival of The King And I, and is due to open in August next year. Shrouder added that the Apollo will be fully-booked with concerts until that time.



EIGHT-PIECE London-based jazz/funk band Light Of The World (left), who have just completed a UK tour supporting Aretha Franklin, are hoping the next step in their career will be a breakthrough in the US market. Their second Ensign album, Round Trip, was overdubbed in LA and Breeze McKrieth, lead singer and guitarist, says: "We thought it would be good for the band to go to the US and get acquainted with EIGHT-PIECE London-based to the US and get acquainted with their recording techniques and musicians. Now we'd like to work over there on a more permanent basis."

NEW television rock THE NEW television rock series, Rockstage, which was filmed by ATV at the Theatre Royal, Nottingham this summer, is to go out in a late night slot on Mondays starting March 2 at 11.15pm. The series will run for six weeks and weeks and Elkie will run for six weeks and features Sad Cafe, Elkie Brooks, Squeeze, Average White Band and Madness.

APART FROM his work with Sky and numerous other artists as a session musician, the talented Herbie Flowers also looks after his own solo career and has a new self-written album, Just A Little Potty album, Just A Little Potty (EMI 216), out now with a single following in January. HEAVY METAL band Weapon release a single, It's A Mad, Mad World, on the Weapon label in January to tie in with a tour throughout that month.

THE WHO are to tour the UK THE WHO are to four the Uk early next year, coinciding with the release of their next album on Polydor. First date is in Leicester on January 25 and the tour runs through to March 16 including London dates at Wembley (March 9, 10, 11).

MATCHBOX, who are enjoying chart success with their first-ever ballad release, Over The Rainbow, will headline a UK tour next February. During January they will be recordine a new album will be recordine a new album will be recording a new album and 1981 will also see the band playing dates in Norway, Denmark the US and throughout Europe with Mervyn Conn's Country Festival

CLASSICAL

Operatic issue of the year

From the House of the Dead, Jancek. Czech Soloists, Vienna Philharmonic and State Opera Chorus, Sir Charles Mackerras, D224D2.

D224D2.
This is, for me, the most outstanding operatic release of 1980 — an extraordinarily powerful achievement which makes a lasting impact from the start. The spare, stark orchestration (newly revised for the recording), the committed and dramatic singing, full of character, and the marvellously clear digital recording creates an character, and the marvellously clear digital recording creates an unforgettable atmosphere. This is what operatic recording should be about. It is a set that will be in the catalogue for a very long time. But it is an example of a work which may not have wide sales from its title alone, but which will be highly persuasive after only a few minutes of in-store playing. Just start at the beginning. I predict it will walk off with the year's operatic awards.

Jenufa, Janacek. Czech Soloists, Chorus and Orchestra from Brno State Opera, conducted by Frantisek Jilek 300 260 435.

Jenufa was Janacek's first successful opera, and therefore, having been written much earlier than From The House of the Dead, is much more conventional in orchestration and vocal line. It still has the charm of Slovak atmosphere, however, which is one of the features of this recording, not surprisingly. Because Reviews

it is the only available complete recording it will probably sell regularly for those shops with a sizeable operatic section, but it is worth recommending also for some fine solo singing. However, I must point out one bad edit on the first side — an unfortunate blemish which does not do justice to the product as a whole.

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749.
It is easy to be derogatory about works which follow in the footsteps of famed forbears — and this concerto comes after Rodrigo's Aranjuez. But the Concierto Iberico is a lush, sentimental sound in its para facts and could do year well. own right and could do very well— especially if it happens to find its way as backing to a TV advert. This premiere recording is full of neat and nimble guitar work, courtesy of the Romero family, and sweeping melodies played with feeling by the ASMF Dialogos is written in much

Complete Works for Piano and Orchestra, Liszt, Michel Beroff, Gewandhouse Orchestra, Leipzig, SLS 5207. 3LPs, EMI Import. This is an admirable set, both in conception and execution. Michel Beroff's performances of the Piano Concertos would be competitive in their own right despite numerous other versions. but all the more so as their own right despite numerous other versions, but all the more so as these popular works are seen against a backdrop of rarities: the Fantasias on these from Berlioz's Lelio, Beethoven's Ruin' of Athens and Schubert's Wanderer Fantasy are all receiving their premiere recordings. There is breathtaking virtuosity and marvellous showmanship, and if a depth of music is missing, the delight of pyrotechnic helps to compensate. This is worth stocking. This is worth stocking.

Overtures BWV 1066-1069. Bach. The English Concert, directed by Trevor Pinnock. 2LPs. 2723 072.

Suites Nos 1 and 3 were issued last year and now reappear in a gatefold package with Nos 2 and 4 — the only package with Nos 2 and 4—the only complete set to be available on authentic instruments. All the hallmarks of fine English baroque playing is here: the light crisp texture, the brisk tempi, the fluent violin playing. In the B minor Suite, violinists Simon Standage and Monica Hugget reflect the depth of fine baroque violinists in this country, and throughout the set, the firm, clear direction of Pinnock is apparent. apparent.

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TIP SHEET

Edited SUE FRANCIS

Portuguese opening for UK companies

RUL DE CASTRO understands the timidity that record companies may feel when they are offered a distribution deal in Portugal, but says that by carefully supervised independent distribution to small UK labels in this lucrative market. "When one mentions Portugal, companies think of how they may find their product shipped back here again as import," says de Castro. "This is just why I am setting up a company. We will deliver directly to the shops, a sort of Portugese Rough Trade, and through mail order. New wave sells some 2,000 to 5,000 units there. And we want to represent everything from new wave soul 5,000 units there. And we want to represent everything from new wave, soul, funk, reggae — simply good music."

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BBC Christmas trailer available for a deal

SOMEWHERE OUT there is a small army of people who seem to hover between TV and telephone, waiting for a catchy new piece of music to be used for an ad or trailer so that they can then ring and ask what it is and where they can buy it.

Over the BBC's Christmas programme trailers this year they will be hearing excerpts from an LP called Christmas Calypso, on the

Reverse the label name and you Reverse the label name and you have Homer, and Len Homer's Odyssey is the name of the group. The album was produced by Derek Goom, and everyone concerned — but particularly Len Homer on 205 3115 — would like to hear from a distributor interested in handling the Englished strengthet. finished product.

says Trott. Contact John Trott or Burt Bullen, State Music, 26/27 Castlereagh Street, London WIH 5YR. (01) 402 2191. **Golden Lions**

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New label seeks two acts

DAVID BROOKS is launching a new label, Ocean Records, in January and is searching for two artists. "We are looking for two acts," he said. "One female singer, preferably a writer, but not necessarily, and one male singer. What we are looking for is something original, exciting." Ocean will be distributed by CBS in the UK with marketing via Creole. Contact David Brooks, Ocean Records, The Studio, Vineyard, Sanctuary Street, London SEI (01) 403 0007/0020/1/202.

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JERMAINE JACKSON

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Jermaine, Motown STML 12147. Produced by Jackson, but with father-inlaw Berry Gordy and Suzee Ikeda at the controls for I Miss You and Can I
Change My Mind. Motown is really pushing this artist and with this album
he has come up with the goods. Several tracks have hit single potential
including the current single release, Little Girl Don't You Worry.

ROWAN ATKINSON
Live In Belfast. Arista SPART
1150. Pick of the seasonal comedy
albums, but loses so much without
the visuals. Nonetheless, following
the vinyl success of Not The Nine
O'Clock News and Atkinson's growing popularity, this should sell well.

QUEEN Flash Gordon, EMI EMC 3351.

Producers: May-Mack, Recent UK live dates and the film to which

this is the soundtrack getting lots of plugs — the album could not get much more of a boost. Distinctly Queen and even though this sounds

much like a soundtrack at times, there is enough here to grab Queen fans who do not see the film. Will chart high.

VARIOUS ARTISTS
Night Life. K-tel NE1107.
Funk/disco compilation featuring current and recent hits from the likes of Sister Sledge, Rah Band, Commodores, Light Of The World, Black Slate and Rodney Franklin. Usual TV advertising in support.

LUCIANO PAVAROTTI Pavarotti's Greatest Hits. Decca D236D 2. Enterprising move to plunder Decca's vast catalogue and attempt to popularise Pavarotti, acknowledged as one of the greatest opera tenors. Most of the titles on this double set will seem unfamiliar but the famous rousing songs the foreign names hide will certainly be familiar to the average record buyer and this will definitely broaden his sales base.

VARIOUS ARTISTS
The Magic Circle Record.
Technical TEC LP 002. Producer:
Barry Murray. Some famous
magicians — including Paul
Daniels, Ali Bongo and David
Berglas — demonstrating —
(websily of course), tricks and Berglas — demonstrating — (verbally of course) tricks and stunts and explaining how they are done. It's getting a lot of media exposure and should be a perennial stock item as well as picking up obvious Christmas sales. Two complaints: it's very difficult to locate individual tracks, and they don't actually tell you how to saw a woman in half.

VISAGE
Visage. Polydor 2490 157.
Producers: Visage and Midge Ure.
There has been no shortage of
publicity around this crowd with
Midge Ure, Steve Strange and
Rusty Egan all regularly hitting the
headlines in the music press. But
the public has never been that
interested, possibly finding it all a
little too far removed from their
own lives. But these lads have an
uncanny knack of hitting the pulse uncanny knack of hitting the pulse at times, so it is a useful album to have on the shelves.

SUPERCHARGE Now Jump. Criminal STEAL 10. Producers: Steve O'Donnell and Colin Jennings. For this album Supercharge have used a firm R&B base in the Graham Parker vein,

with vocalist Andy McKinley Parker in fine form, his voice rough and powerful. The band have an impeccable live reputation, and this should be picked up by anyone who has seen them and ought to be bought by a lot more. Includes the single Peaches and Cream, which highlights the excellent brass work throughout particularly Albie Donnelly's superb sax.

BOZ SCAGGS
Hits. CBS 84706. As the title suggests this logs his hit tracks ranging from 1972 to this year, including Lido Shuffle and Dinah Flo, reminding us what a good performer he was before becoming a trite balladeer. A compact collection of some of his best and likely to sell steadily.

RITA MARLEY
Trident Records TLP 001.
Producers: artist, Bob Marley and
Grub Cooper. Reviews in the UK
have not been good, but the album
is high in the West Indian charts,
which means a lot when the LP is
first by the deified Bob's good
lady. To the UK reggae purist's ear
it probably does sound rather it probably does sound rather lightweight and predictable, but it is worth having in the browser because there will be plenty of interest in it.

BETTE MIDLER
Divine Madness. Atlantic K50760.
Producer: Michael Ritchie. The album of the film of the concerts by the all-time lady entertainer. She has to be seen to be really appreciated (or believed) and this is probably why the records have never sold as well as the hysteria her concerts generate would lead you to expect. This one is currently getting some radio advertising — should do no worse then the others and, considering the season, may do appreciably better.

DENNIS BROWN
Spellbound, Laser. LASL 8.
Producer: artist. Despite the fact
that he has not fulfilled the commercial promise of his first UK single hit Brown is still the superb reggae man he always was, with enough links with pop to appeal to a wide market. Perhaps this new LP will do it for him, and it should be represented in your stock.

RANDY MEISNER One More Song. Epic EPC 84531. Producer: Val Garay. Founder member of The Eagles' solo album is laid back and easy listening boosted by strong lyrics and precise musicianship. Don Henley and Glenn Frey of the Eagles guest on the album and the sound is very

THE DAZZ BAND
Invitation To Love. Motown
STML 12146. Exec producer: Joe
Simone. Established funk/disco band and a recent addition to the Motown stable. Shades of Village People. Opening track, Shake It Up stands out from the rest which is unmemorable musical wallpaper.

PYLON Gyrate Armageddon. ARM 5. Producer: artists, Bruce Baxter, Kevin Dunn. Described aggressively by their label as "one of the few by their laber as "one of the few good bands to come out of the US in the past few years", Pylon are in danger of being everyone's favourite support act, but the album is strong on pleasant, melodic new rock music. The label is working hard on promo, and is working hard on promo, and even a few radio plays should win the band a large-ish audience.

BILLIE JO SPEARS Special Songs. Liberty LBG 30333. Producer: Larry Butler. Billed as her new album, though most of this material dates back to 1976. All classic songs — like Snowbird, Heartbreak Hotel and Bridge Over Heartbreak Hotel and Bridge Over Troubled Water — given the Spears treatment. The first release on EMI's new Liberty label and sales should be boosted by a TV special in the New Year.

BRYAN HAWORTH The Gap. Chapel Lane Productions: CLS 8004. Producers: artist and Dave Markee. As a fine guitar session player — particularly as exponent of bottleneck playing Haworth has collaborated on umpteen successful albums. His umpteen successful albums. His name is probably much better known than his own solo musical efforts, but this new LP — with touches of folk and blues (sometimes pleasantly reminiscent of Stealers Wheel) amid the tuneful rock — really deserves consideration. Lyrics carry a strong Christian message, but there's nothing Sally Army about the music.

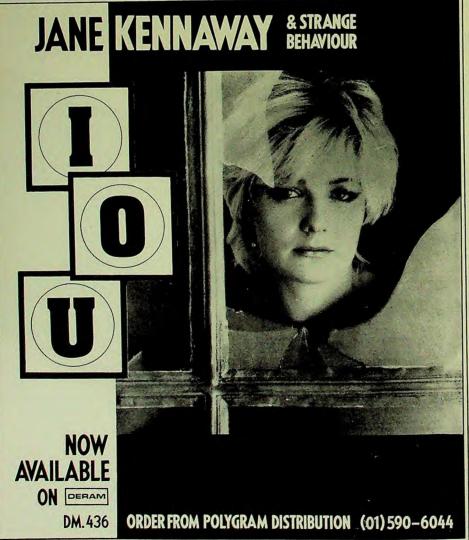
BUNK DOGGER BUNK DOGGER
The Great Detective, RCA PL
25298. Producer: Tony Cox. Like
other witty intellectuals among
pop/rock singer/songwriters
Dogger (once a journalist), tends to
amuse and entertain without
exactly electrifying anyone. Second
LP shows his ability to write
interesting songs with pleasant
tunes in various musical styles, and tunes in various musical styles, and with persistence (and some radio play) his fame will spread.

50 Instrumental Greats. Polydor PDX 1, Compilers: Carlos Olms and David Moore. An impressive array of bandleaders and instru-mentalists in this double album, mentalists in this double album, including Bert Kaempfert, Arthur Fiedler, Count Basie, Andre Previn, David Rose, Acker Bilk and John Barry. However, to accommodate 50 pieces, everything is segued snippets, which can become irritating, particularly if the piece in question is a favourite of the listener.

PETER CRISS PETER CRISS
Out of Control, Mercury 6302 065.
Until recently Criss was drummer with US mega-stars, Kiss. The solo LPs that each member of the band did sold notoriously badly which doesn't bode well for this — at least in the UK. Largest potential meachet must be among Kiss market must be among Kiss "army".

THE BOOKS Expertise. Logo VOL 1. Producer: Colin Thurston. A pretentious band, but a distinctive one, and deserve some acclaim for their sound. But the music will sound a bit cold to the uninitiated punter and the album will probably only sell where they have done live performances. The excellent title track has already been released as a

DUNCAN MACKAY
Visa. Edge HOG 2. Ex-Cockney
Rebel, then with 10cc and now
with his first solo LP for Edge—
this is an exposition of a talented
keyboardist's varied moods and
wide abilities. Apparently
inevitably (all predominently
keyboard/synthesiser albums have
this in common) it tends to
meander very pleasantly along, meander very pleasantly along, sounding a bit like Tomita or Oldfield at times, but basically standing, or rather gliding, on its own merits.



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OTHERS:

OTHERS: VARIOUS From Brussels With Love (Fiche Technique TW1007. Cassette) Foxx, Durutti, Hannett and others, informative leaflet, alternativestylised with many good moments.

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NAZARETH
Nazareth Live (NEMS BSDI,
PolyGram) Ex-Mooncrest —
Mountain people, four track EP in
stiff bag, colour plus B/W pics, 11
hits in Seventies. No standout cut
though headbangers should go for
Razamanaz. First cut Hearts Grown
Cold is a slowish ballad with
eventual fiery ending. Good value.

AIR SUPPLY

eventual fiery ending. Good value.

AIR SUPPLY
Every Woman In The World (Arista
ARIST 383, PolyGram) Safe,
predictable, well-paced ballad
provides follow-up to All Out Of
Love (I1), from debut album Lost In
Love, penned by Bugatti-Musker.
Will need major push to force way
through current surfeit of more
chart established acts. Could have
waited for New Year?

CERVIE WONDER

waited for New Year?
STEVIE WONDER
I Ain't Gonna Stand For (Motown TMG 1215, EMI) Also 12", full-colour bags, off Hotter Than July album. Initially verse sounds drab, but with catchy shuffling rhythmic chorus, repeated plays, assumes grabbing quality which with 12" extra push might see it home.

IOHNNY RAY JOHNNY RAY

Cry (Celebrity ACS5, RCA) Tony Hiller gives fuller 1980 backing, still effective vocalising of artist hit



ELVIS COSTELLO PLAIN JANE

Too Serious (Creole CR 220, CBS) Ocean licensed, early instrumental twirls pointless, strength lies in basic beat, good vocalising and chorus which wears well with repeated

RUZZCOCKS What Do You Know/Running Free (United Artists 7 BP 382, EMI) Late year problems for band which once had chart certs, Part three of series had chart certs, Part three of series of related singles, first title has familiar vocalist Pete Shelley but for once is set against rather too aggressive backing, has brass, Running Free has Steve Diggle vocals (did so on hit Harmony In My Head, 32, 1979). mixed beneath driving beat, artist on keyboards. Recent UK city dates. Pic bag. Sales but limited Top 75 potential.

JACKIE NELSON
Walking Talking Dolly (Mint

Walking Talking Dolly (Mint CHEW 44, Solomon & Peres)

Pleasant easily picked-up song with countryish strains plus Christmas feel in lyric and tune.

DELTA 5

Colour (Rough Trade RT061, Rough Trade) Bad Manners brass section helps, guitar plus sax further aids, but early promise not really fulfilled as even keel of song predominates with no standout lines

THE GOLD MACHINE
Suspect (Did He Do It) (Auberge
MH 2944, Auberge) Tuneful, well
performed, sax break pleasing but
hardly a song likely to cause stir
amid current heavies.

LEONARD ROSSITER LEONARD ROSSITER
Rising Damp (Chips CHI 101, PRT)
Title film song, recent New Evening
Standard award movie, Rossiter
known TV-stage comedy star, single
first issued January, amusing
Rossiter chatter but more film
memory than anything else. PR: Brian Gibson

KIM CARNES

More Love (EMI EA113, EMI)
Former A&M lady with less Rod
Stewart style gravel of late wafts
easily through melodic number
which despite of mid-to-late instrumentation push stays within its average groove

MAX SPLODGE

MAX SPLODGE
Bicycle Seat (Deram BUM 2,
PolyGram) Saucy or smutty lyric
against reggae tune with Dennis
Bovell production, no magic of Two
Little Boys, but familiar artist name
presumably will generate albeit
limited interest.

HYBRID KIDS

HYBRID KIDS
Happy Christmas War Is
Over/Holly And The Ivy (Cherry
Red, Cherry 17, Spartan) Familiar
Lennon-Yoko hit (4, 1972) more or
less stripped of past sentiment,
harder edged vocals which are partly



GARY NUMAN

spoken against stark backing with odd Chipmunk sounding chorus. Strains of God Rest Ye Merry Gentleman intrude. Other cut, instrumental but not in texture for

THE FILMCAST

What Becomes Of The Broken Hearted? (True Friends TT 003, Indie) Jimmy Ruffin hit song (10, 1966) pushed down to depths of bass, initially intriguing but loses thread mid-way synthesiser flourish. until

SEA STONE
Summer Fever/Blow On By
(Plankton PLANK 001, Indie)
Rough mixes, first song makes stand
against racial discrimination, second against racial discrimination, second concerned with factory pollution of soul. Former possesses hint of strong driving beat which should have inevitably dominated, vocal too exposed with lyric rather too exposed with preachy. Interesting.

THE MODERNAIRES

Life In Our Times (Illuminated ILL 2, IKM) Some good ideas partly suffer because lack of real structuring, end comes without suggestion this should be expected. but enjoyed basic music pulse with lyric thoughtful.

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Spartan) With choir of Pimlico
Comprehensive. Artists' royalties
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number with good cheer sentiments,
trange why choir disappears for strange why choir disappears for some time after very early gutsy vocal chorus, then reappears on a music line which makes them seem

THE STAR WARS
INTERGALACTIC DROID
CHOIR & CHORALE
What Can You Get A Wookiee For
Christmas (RSO 72, PolyGram)

Space imagination earthy identification. which lacks

AD 1984 Leisure — Crime (Grand-Prix 001, Indie) Doors — Joy Division without their subtle instrumental contrasts, plays along solid line, is interesting but in need of colouring to sharpen, heighten basic lyric message. Pic bag, insert leaflet

to sharpen, heighten basic lyric message. Pic bag, insert leaflet suggests planning.

GUARDIAN ANGEL
Alive And Kickin' (Cavalis CAV 002, Pinnacle) Pleasant soul duetting against disco medium tempo guitar licks.

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American Commentary



Lennon mourned . . . Joe Smith boasts of upped profits . . . Capricorn to be revitalised

THE GRATUITOUS shooting of John Lennon has unleashed a gu horror, a sense of anguish not dissimilar to that experienced following the assassinations of John and Robert Kennedy. It is moral outrage offset by morbid curiosity — the compunction to listen to the radi constantly to hear the news repeated over and over, to learn evidetail, to hope, almost, that maybe there was a motive, that wasn't "just another act of wanton violence on New York's streets. I write as a fan, not as a journalist. As for everybody this day, t is a need to personalise, to understand why this death is so wrenel. I had occasion to observe Lennon in the studio during the record the Christmas song some years back, but the more vivid picture driving along a seemingly endless curving mountain path just Long And Winding Road came on the radio, or of John and walking along West 72nd Street, their arms wrapped arour-other's waists, unapproached yet somehow accessible. Of our ti20, CBS) our ideals. Neighbours. our ideals. Neighbours.

our ideals. Neighbours.

Those images project a man as genuinely peaceful as the songsbasic wrote and sang — as peaceful as those songs yearned for the rest vrus the world to be. There was humour, a sense of self, a grasp oed fallibility, and, of course, much music. We mourn with that music fallibility, and, of course, much music. We mourn with that music sadly but freshly engulfing us anew, but through it, we mourn with

ELEKTRA/ASYLUM chairman Joe Smith claims an 800 per cent increase in profits for the first nine months of 1980 over the same period in 1979, with sales up 48 per cent. Though the label is stressing the success of its forays into the country, black, and classical fields, it is more than noteworthy to mention that its healthy roster of superstars — The Eagles, Linda Ronstadt, Joni Mitchell, Jackson Browne, Queen, and The Cars — all released albums in 1980. The company is also trying to raise the image of its NY office and recently appointed industry veteran Mel Fuhrman to the position of East Coast operations manager to accomplish the task.

CAPRICORN RECORDS founder Phil Walden has apparently obtained approval of 1,000 creditors (not to mention the bankruptcy court) to revitalise the Southern rock label. Under a legally defined reorganisation plan, major creditor PolyGram Corp. will receive assets including catalogue masters and all copyrights in the No Exit and Rear Exit publishing companies along with all unsold inventory. Walden retains the Capricorn name, studios, and the Macon, Georgia office building. Plans are reportedly afoot for new product to be released by the label beginning in February.

By IRA MAYER

HOWARD MASSLER, president of the Bestway Group, which operates a pressing plant, warehouse, and fulfilment facilities, an injection moulding plant, and the Wonderland children's label, has formed Randee International Productions to handle all aspects of manufacturing and distribution for small record companies. Allen Sherman was named VP/operations of the new subsidiary which promises professional treatment for "small, boutique and ethnic labels... who have nowhere to go or are overcharged because no one wants to bother with minimal orders". Randee is located at 870 Seventh Ave., Suite 348, NY, NY 10019. (212) 586-0631.

REEL TIME is a new studio booking service organised by Walter O'Brien which will provide producers and/or artists with time at major New York facilities at half price. The 'catch' is that availabilities are only made known on short notice-based on down time or cancellations. Interested parties can register with the company and their needs will be fulfilled as space becomes available (those planning to be in New York during a certain time period might want to notify O'Brien prior to arrival). Reel Time is located at 1697 Broadway, NY, NY 10019. (212) 765-2053.

NARM MEMBERS will have access to a newly-created 10-part programme designed to help video merchandisers maximise the potential of home video software field. The trade association will modify its four-day retail management training programme for video dealers, will compile research and statistics based on market sales, and will provide advice and assistance on advertising, merchandising, and legal issues. Executive VP Joe Cohen also anticipates initiating a video dealers newsletter, regional meetings, and a national convention.

'FULL SPECTRUM Marketing Of The Copyright" was the theme of refull. SPECIROM Marketing Of The Copyright was the theme of the year-end United Artists Music national meetings, held in LA and presided over by president Harold Seider. The four-day conference examined the results of the company's efforts to market catalogue titles for such ancillary purposes as commercials, theatrical and television properties, films, concert presentations and video. Apparently the results were good, because unveiled at the meeting was an elaborate second set of promotional materials geared to copyright users in advertising, film, TV and theatres. Also discussed were methods to extend pursuit of more traditional recorded uses

SHORTS: Arista has announced an upgrading of the quality of tape used for pre-recorded cassettes as a measure to combat the growth in home-taping. According to the label, a newly-developed tape formula permits high speed duplication that compares favourably with the real time copying done at home . . . A follow-up report on the CBS blank tape sales study released last October indicates that the majority of blank tape purchasers fall into the 26-40 years old category (which contradicts the commonly held belief that most home-tapers are teens) and that 80 per cent of blank tape buyers also buy pre-recorded product.

PUBLISHING

Pleasant easily picked-up song with countryish strains plus Christmas feel in lyric and tune.

DELTA 5

Octour (Rough Trade RT061, Rough Trade) Bad Manners brass section helps, guitar plus sax further aids, but early promise not really fulfilled as even keel of song predominates with no standout lines or riff

THE GOLD MACHINE
Suspect (Did He Do It) (Auberge
MH 2944, Auberge) Tuneful, well
performed, sax break pleasing but
hardly a song likely to cause stir
amid current heavies.

LEONARD ROSSITER Rising Damp (Chips CHI 101, PRT) Title film song, recent New Evening Standard award movie, Rossiter known TV-stage comedy star, single first issued January, amusing Rossiter chatter but more film memory than anything else. PR:

KIM CARNES

More Love (EMI EA113, EMI)
Former A&M lady with less Rod
Stewart style gravel of late wafts
easily through melodic number
which despite of mid-to-late instrumentation push stays within its average groove

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US, Austria, Japan and Germany.

The association between Chappell and Famous is now 50 years old, and

includes standards and film soundtracks. Famous also has a contemporary element in its catalogue exemplified by material used by artists like the Bellamy Brothers, Melba Moore, and Trammps and the American Gigolo/Giorgio Moroder soundtrack for the forthcoming Paramount movie Shogun, including



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major company.

Gill recently received a gold disc for UK sales of his co-written My Friend Jack, one of the tracks on The Magic Of Boney M album. And Gill and Wade also collected gold and platinum awards for sales on Heartbreaker, a song they wrote for

Europe with and who will the new year: mas, and Bob urrently d prod producer Lewie and Stevenson, Kenny

SOME SEASONAL good cheer the Chappell Christmas party with, from left, Chappell creative director Steve Stevenson, Kenny Lynch, Chappell standard department stalwart Jimmy Henney, Dennis Waterman, and Chappell MD Jonathan Simon.

GGA pact for Rocket

ROCKET PUBLISHING has set its first major deal since Jim Doyle ssumed the post of general manager

assumed the post of general manager of the company.

The pact is a co-publishing agreement with GGA Music, the Lancashire-based company which is owned by writer Geoff Gill. The principal songwriters connected with the firm are Gill, Cliff Wade and

The agreement is on a worldwide basis, and will include future material from Rafferty, who is in line for a recording contract with a

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Why disguised rises are misguided moves

strangely the news doesn't seem to have attracted much dealer protest. I can think of two possible reasons for this. Either nobody takes a company such as RCA seriously, or, like me, most dealers were too busy monitoring their stocks of TV advertised junk to even notice a seemingly innocuous mail shot.

Yet how shrewd of RCA to initiate a price increase at

this time of year, and how clever to almost disguise it on the pretext of abolishing RRP.

Indeed, the doing away of RRP serves as a neat framework in which to disguise real rise prices. I wonder how many dealers are aware that many new Phonogram releases, notably albums by Dire Straits, Dr Hook and Thin Lizzy would normally have carried an RRP of £5.65. Or would they? Frankly, I find it a struggle to sell them at £3.99!

Nonetheless, we should not be expected to effectively subsidise record companies' bad budgeting, the subject of

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Hidden hits

NOW THAT CBS has seen fit to finally release Jimmy Bo Horne's Spank, although as a B side to Is It In, can I make a claim for a silver disc?

Over the past year my little record shop discovered Spank and in the process sold over two and a half thousand copies as an and a half thousand copies as an import 12". Not bad when sometimes you struggle to sell three copies of a British release.

The same thing happened with

Nino Tempo's Hooked On Young Stuff now released by A & M a year later; and another example is Uncle Louie's Full Tilt Boogie — but the record company that owns it is obviously not aware of that fact.

British record companies need to employ a few shop assistants to advise them where the hits are to advise them where the his are.
Long live the independents!
KENNETH RICHARDSON,
The Card And Pop Inn,
Portland Street, Kilmarnock.

Price cuts necessary for industry's health

MAY THIS small dealer be allowed to express one or two thoughts on further stimulation of the record business?

First, it is clear that this year's spending public is demanding appreciably more for its money, and although there are obvious signs that record companies are alive to the situation, we have got to move much more quickly in that direction.

It is not enough to put out compilations of past successes at budget prices. The public wants new product at realistic prices. But what is a realistic price? We must look at the person who is buying the record to decide that.

Your Jam, Status Quo fan, for example, will willingly pay £1.15

single in a picture bag. But what about Grandma who wants to buy The Sparrows Song by The Ramblers?

The time for equating price with The time for equating price with buying motivation is long overdue and your casually motivated buyer of something "sweetness and light" expects the price to be compatible with the product — i.e. sweeter and lighter on the pocket.

The forces against reducing record prices are year, formidable, of

prices are very formidable, of course. Contracts will need revising, but the nettle must be grasped now while we still have a powerful record

MARSHALL, (Marshall ords), Whalley Road, Records), Wh Accrington, Lancs.

THE VIOLENT, senseless killing of John Lennon occurred as last THE VIOLENT, senseless killing of **John Lennon** occurred as last week's *Music Week* was going to press, and since then many thousands of words of tribute have been written and spoken throughout the world's media. Without wishing to minimise the tragedy, some would say the reaction has been excessive and we have no desire to add to some of the overblown verbiage already expounded. Suffice for the music industry's trade paper to acknowledge that John Lennon made a priceless contribution to popular music — as a songwriter, composer, musician, performer and personality. As a Beatle he helped to give the music industry a new-found momentum that has only recently faded. As a songwriter he created instant standards. As a music industry a new-found momentum that has only recently faded. As a songwriter he created instant standards. As a humourist he pricked the pomposity often associated with show business success. It is painfully ironic that his death came at a time when he was returning to "public life" and appeared to be on the brink of a new successful phase of his career. Public reaction has already demonstrated that he will be sadly missed by millions. At least we have the lease of his music. millions. At least we have the legacy of his music.

THE NEW set-up at Eurodisc, combining Andrew Pryor's marketing skills and Charles Levison's business affairs background, seems to be a perfect partnership — but wasn't the background, seems to be a perfect partnership — but wasn't the original plan to have just one boss overseeing both labels? . . . No decision yet on a new MD for WEA, but we wouldn't be surprised if the eventual incumbent is an American . . . And early 1981 could see a top level shake-up in another largish record company . . Expect Edge Records to form a new label in association with a top producer in the new year . . . In an article on Jonathan King's New York radio programme, Newsday describes King as "the biggest contribution to culture since punk rock" . . . Charles Aznavour and Mireille Mathieu recording a single together for Barclay . Former Virgin marketing director rock"... Charles Aznavour and Mireille Mathieu recording a single together for Barclay... Former Virgin marketing director and Venue manager Darrol Edwards now manager of The Lord Elgin pub in Maida Vale as well as looking after some publishing interests... Virgin's long-serving PR man Al Clark appointed a director of Virgin Records and deputy managing director of Virgin Books.

ANYONE BUYING Slade's Merry Christmas Everybody on Cheapskate Records (as advertised by RCA) will be disappointed as you get about 34 seconds of an audience singalong followed by as you get about 34 seconds of an audience singatong followed by the Okey Cokey . . . Former CBS product promoter and Sire promotions director, Jane Wallace, has set up her own independent record promotion company and says confidently: "If you want some hits in '81 call me on 01 720 4150" . . . After some months at Ibiza Sound Studio, Ex-Floyd engineer Brian some months at Ibiza Sound Studio, Ex-Floyd engineer Brian Humphries is back in town as a freelance . . . Record Sales reps Ken Spencer (Liverpool) and Sandra Goodge (Birmingham) are to marry which means RS loses Spencer as he moves to live in the bride's home town (feminism rules) . . . Pirate Radio Caroline planning to re-emerge next year to swamp Britain with a clear, near-FM quality signal on AM courtesy of an American invention called Optimod . . . Rialto Records looking for albums for Christmas presents for London orphanages in conjunction with Capital Radio's Helpline — donations to Jan Moir at Picalto — Anyone withing to donate money to Music Therany Rialto . . . Anyone wishing to donate money to Music Therapy in lieu of sending Christmas cards should call Anthea Norman-Taylor on 01 730 2162 immediately.

PERFORMANCE

Rod Stewart

THE STRAIN of an exhausting European tour schedule was evident as Stewart and his excellent band ended their week-long stint at Wembley. But lifted by the enthusiastic tartan hordes, Saturday night's show was a fine spectacle Even at £8.00 a ticket, it was value

Sure, Superyob forgot his lines with alarming regularity and at one point fell off the stage into the eager hands of the massing groupies, but on the whole it was a good old-fashioned rock show — and rock

lashioned rock show — and rock needs its rough edges.

Stewart blended material from his current Riva album, Foolish Behaviour, with the crowd's favourites such as Sailing, Maggie May, Do You Think I'm Sexy et al.

In the band, the guitar playing of Billy Peak and Jim Cregan and the drumping of Carping Applies stood

drumming of Carmine Appice stood out - the last mentioned must rate as one of the finest on the circuit.

JIM EVANS

Queen

I SUPPOSE if anyone was going to record a disc called Flash, it had to be Queen. More than ever at Wembley they proved themselves to be, particularly in the person of Freddie Mercury, the most arrogant hand in the business. band in the business.

Yet it would be too easy to suggest that it was merely masochism on the

part of the audience that enabled the strutting Mercury to insult them to the point of hysterical adulation. In terms of power, professionalism and good music the band delivered the goods and their latest EMI album—the soundtrack to the new Flash Gordon movie — must be guaranteed gold status, just like the previous nine albums.

Queen like to make it clear who's

boss and let the audience know from the start with the spectacular opening number We Will Rock You, heralded dramatically by moving banks of lights surrounding the stage. A suitable close was the football chant-like We Are The Champions and it seemed that several thousand at Wembley that night genuinely believed it.

DAVID DALTON

Stray Cats

THE APPEAL of potent dance music seems to have waned again slightly over recent months, but with the raucous un-signed band the raucous un-signed band Seventeen playing aggressive post-punk music followed by the new "next big thing" it was the essence of the performances at the Marquee

last week.

Finally signed to Arista, and with a single well up in the charts, The Stray Cats haven't changed one bit. They are still breezy and confident steaming into their rock 'n' roll based songs with shouts and whoops, and the mixed audience

(from punks to teds to modern music fans, but all young) lapped it

music fans, but all young) lapped it up.

Whatever people might say about their originality, The Stray Cats have put a new slant on R&B, and all are excellent musicians producing a powerful cogent sound. Guitarist Brian Setzer's riffs are surprisingly similar to Jimmy Page's and he knocked out licks without batting an eyelid during their single Runaway Boys and the arrogant Stray Cat Strut.

SIMON HILLS

The Damned

WILD APPLAUSE greeted The Damned and the entire stalls were on their feet before they had played a note. During the course of the show Dave Vanian, keeping up his Dracula persona, must have covered several miles striding around the stage using his mike lead like a whip. stage using his linke lead and a with Captain Sensible, who when not haranguing the audience, spent much of his time lying flat on his back belting out guitar licks.

guitar licks.

The set was a study in how to whip up an audience to fever pitch, with the help of some good songs like Wait For The Blackout from their new Island double album.

The band were joined by Lemmy of Motorhead and various Ruts for an interesting rendering of The Sweet's Ballroom Blitz to close the show.

CHARLES JEFFREY

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