US Top 50 Singles

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| 1 8 TONIGHT'S THE NIGHT, Rod Stewart | Warner Bros |
| 2 2 DISCO DUCK, Rick Dees & His Cast Of Idiots | RSO |
| 3 3 THE WRECK OF THE EDMUND FIT ZGERALD, Gordo | |
| 4 5 LOVE SO RIGHT, Bee Gees | RSO |
| 5 6 MUSKRAT LOVE, Captain & Tennille | A& M |
| 6 1 ROCK'N ME, Steve Miller Band | Capitol |
| 7 4 IF YOU LEAVE ME NOW, Chicago | Columbia |
| 8 10 JUST TO BE CLOSE TO YOU, Commodores | Motown |
| 9 15 THE RUBBERBAND MAN, Spinners | Atlantic |
| 10 11 DO YOU FEEL, Peter Frampton | A& M |
| 11 13 BETH Kiss | Casabianca |
| 12 12 (Don't Fear) THE REAPER, Blue Oyster Cult | Columbia |
| 13 14 NADIA'S THEME, Barry De Vorzon & Perry Botkin J | |
| 14 16 FERNANDO, Abba | Atlantic |
| 15 17 MORE THAN A FEELING, Boston | Epic |
| 16 18 YOU ARE THE WOMAN, Firefall | Attantic |
| 17 7 SHE'S GONE, Hall & Oates | Attantio |
| 18 24 NIGHTS ARE FOREVER, England Dan & John Ford | |
| 19 21 THE BEST DISCO IN TOWN, Ritchie Family | Mariin |
| 20 9 MAGIC MAN, Heart | Mushroom |
| | Private Stock |
| 21 19 A FIFTH OF BEETHOVEN, Walter Murphy | |
| 22 22 I ONLY WANT TO BE WITH YOU, Bay City Rollers | Arista |
| 23 20 PLAYTHAT FUNKY MUSIC, Wild Cherry | Epic/Sweet City |
| 24 28 I NEVER CRY, Alice Cooper | Warner Bros |
| 25 31 YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A STAR, Marilyn McCoo & | |
| 26 26 A DOSE OF ROCK AND ROLL, Ringo Starr | Atlantic |
| 27 27 YOU ARE MY STARSHIP, Norman Connors | Buddah |
| 28 34 YOU MAKE ME FEEL LIKE DANCING, Leo Sayer | Warner Bros |
| 29 38 LOVE ME, Yvonne Elliman | RSO |
| 30 32 NICE 'N' NAASTY, Salsoul Orchestra | Salsoul |
| 31 35 STAND TALL, Burton Cummings | Portrait/CBS |
| 32 36 LOVE BALLAD, L. T. D. | A& M |
| 33 33 LOWDOWN, Boz Scage | Columbia |
| 34 23 SHAKE YOUR BOOTY, KC& The Sunshine Band | TK |
| 35 25 THAT'LL BE THE DAY, Linda Ronstadt | Asylum |
| 36 39 IT'S A LONG WAY THERE, LITTLE RIVER Band | Harvest |
| 37 41 HELLO OLD FRIEND, Eric Clapton | RSO |
| 38 40 GIVE IT UP (Turn It Loose). Tyrone Davis | Columbia |
| 39 44 HOT LINE, Sylvers | Capitol |
| 40 46 LIVIN'THING, Electric Light Orchestra | United Artists |
| 41 50 AFTER THE LOVIN', Engelbert Humperd Inck | Epic |
| 42 42 THE END IS NOT IN SIGHT, Amazing Rhythm Aces | ABC |
| 43 29 THIS ONE'S FOR YOU, Barry Manilow | Arista |
| 44 45 IT'S ONLY LOVE, ZZTop | London |
| 45 JEANS ON, David Dundas | Chrysalls |
| 46 48 I CANT LIVE A DREAM, Osmonds | Polydor |
| 47 47 SO SAD THE SONG, Gladys Knight & The Pips | Buddah |
| | |
| 40 MY CHE ET SIMMER SITTE Love Unlimited Orcheste | |
| 48 49 MY SWEET SUMMER SUITE, Love Unlimited Orchestr 49 30 DID YOU BOOGIE, Flash Cadillac & The Continental I | |

UK Soul Top 20

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| 1 1 DON'T TAKE AWAY THE MU | SIC Tavares |
| 2 2 HURT, | Manhattans |
| 3 4 JAWS. | Lalo Schifrin |
| 4 3 PLAY THAT FUNKY MUSIC. | Wild Cherry |
| 5 5 CATHEDRALS, | DC Larue |
| 7 RUBBERBAND MAN. | Detroit Spinners |
| 7 9 BEST DISCO INTOWN, | Ritchie Family |
| 8 11 LOVE AND AFFECTION, | Joan Armatrading |
| 9 20 I'LL PLAY THE FOOL. | Dr Buzzard's Savannah Band |
| 0 15 KILL THAT ROACH, | Miami |
| 1 8 FUNNY HOW TIMESLIPS AW | AY, Dorothy Moore |
| 2 19 QUEEN OF MY SOUL. | Average White Band |
| 3 14 HAPPY BEING LONELY. | The Chi - Lites |
| 6 GET OFFA THAT THING. | James Brown |
| 5 18 ONE LOVE IN MY LIFETIME. | Diana Ross |
| - LOWDOWN. | Boz Scaggs |
| 7 - YOU + ME - LOVE. | Undisputed Truth |
| 12 HARDWORK | John Handy |
| 9 17 MESSAGE | O'Javs |
| 16 DISCO MUSIC - I LIKE IT, | JALN Band |
| | |

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British Top 50 Singles

| 1 | 2 | IF YOU LEAVE ME NOW, Chicago | CBS |
|----|----|--|--------------|
| 2 | 1 | MISSISSIPPI, Pussycat | Sonet |
| 3 | 16 | YOU MAKE ME FEEL LIKE DANCING, Leo Sayer | Chysalis |
| 4 | 5 | DON'T TAKE AWAY THE MUSIC, Tavares | Capitol |
| 5 | 3 | WHEN FOREVER HAS GONE, Demis Roussos | Philips |
| 6 | 4 | HURT, Manhattans | CBS |
| 7 | 10 | PLAY THAT FUNKY MUSIC, Wild Cherry | Epic |
| 8 | 6 | HOWZAT, Sherbet | Epic |
| 9 | 7 | SUMMER OF MY LIFE, Simon May | Pye |
| 10 | 19 | LOVE AND AFFECTION, Joan Armstrading | A&M |
| 11 | 11 | COULDN'T GET IT RIGHT, Climax Blues Band | BTM |
| 12 | 8 | DANCING WITH THE CAPTAIN, Paul Nicholas | RSO |
| 13 | 23 | BEAUTIFUL NOISE, Neil Diamond | CBS |
| 14 | 20 | IF NOT YOU, Dr Hook | Captitol |
| 15 | 14 | JAWS, Lalo Schiffin | СТІ |
| 16 | 15 | SUBSTITUTE, Who | Polydor |
| 17 | 18 | RUBBER BAND MAN, Detroit Spinners | Atlantic |
| 18 | 9 | SAILING, Rod Stewart | Riva |
| 19 | 36 | UNDER THE MOON OF LOVE, Showeddyweddy | Austa |
| 20 | 13 | DANCING QUEEN, Abba | Epic |
| 21 | 12 | I'LL MEET YOU AT MIDNIGHT, Smokle | RAK |
| 22 | 29 | LOST IN FRANCE, BONNIE Tyler | RCA |
| 23 | 22 | WITHOUT YOU, Nilsson | RCA |
| 24 | 28 | ROCK 'N' ME, Steve Miller Band | Mercury |
| 25 | 17 | GIRL OF MY BEST FRIEND, Elvis Presley | RCA |
| 26 | 24 | COMING HOME, David Essex | CBS |
| 27 | 43 | LOVE ME, Yvonne Elliman | RSO |
| 28 | 34 | LOWDOWN, Box Scaggs | CBS |
| 29 | 33 | SPINNING ROCK BOOGIE, Hank C Burnett | Sonet |
| _ | 26 | QUEEN OF MY SOUL, Average White Band | Altentic |
| 30 | 31 | FAIRY TALE, Dana | GTO |
| 32 | 45 | SO SAD THE SONG, Gladys Knight & The Pips | Buddah |
| - | 21 | DISCO DUCK, Rick Dees & His Cast Of Idiots | RSO |
| 33 | _ | REMEMBER YESTERDAY, John Miles | Decca |
| 34 | 32 | YOU'RE MY BEST FRIEND, Don Williams | ABC |
| 35 | - | THE RESIDENCE OF THE PARTY OF T | 20th Century |
| 36 | - | DON'T MAKE ME WAIT TOO LONG, Barry White | |
| 37 | 42 | I CAN'T LIVE A DREAM, Osmonds | Polydor |
| 38 | 49 | STONEY GROUND, Guys & Dolls | Magnet |
| 39 | 25 | THE BEST DISCO IN TOWN, Ritchie Family | Polydor |
| 40 | 30 | DANCE LITTLE LADY DANCE, Tina Charles | CBS |
| 41 | 48 | LOVE IS A PRIMA DONNA, Steve Harley & Cockney Rebel | EMI |
| 42 | 50 | DO YOU FEEL, Peter Frampton | A&M |
| 43 | - | HOT VALVES, Be-Bop Deluxe | Harvest |
| 44 | - | SORRY SEEMS TO BE THE HARDEST WORD, Elton John | Rocket |
| 45 | - | WHEN A CHILD IS BORN, Johnny Mathis | CBS |
| 46 | - | TEENAGE DEPRESSION, Eddle & The Hot Rods | Island |
| 47 | - | SAY YOU LOVE ME, Fleetwood Mac | Reprise |
| 48 | - | LOVE SO RIGHT, Bee Gees | RSO |
| 49 | - | LIVIN' THING, Electric Light Orchestra | Jet |
| 50 | - | STOP ME (IF YOU'VE HEARD IT ALL BEFORE) Billy Ocean | GTO |

UK Disco Top 20

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| 1 | 1 | DON'T TAKE AWAY THE MUSIC, Tavares | Capitol |
| 2 | 4 | PLAY THAT FUNKY MUSIC, Wild Cherry | Epic |
| 3 | 5 | DANCING WITH THE CAPTAIN, Paul Nicholas | RSO |
| 4 | 2 | DISCO DUCK, Rick Dees & His Cast of Idiots | RSO |
| 5 | 3 | BEST DISCO IN TOWN, Ritchie Family | Polydor |
| 5 | 6 | IF YOU LEAVE ME NOW, Chicago | CBS |
| 7 | 7 | RUBBERBAND MAN, Detroit Spinners | Atlantic |
| 8 | 8 | JAWS, Lalo Schiffrin | CTI |
| 9 | - | YOU MAKE ME FEEL LIKE DANCING, Leo Sayer | Chrysalis |
| 10 | 13 | COULDN'T GET IT RIGHT, Climax Blues Band | BTM |
| 11 | 18 | ISN'T SHE LOVELY, Stevie Wonder | Motown |
| 12 | 16 | HOWZAT, Sherbet | Epic |
| 13 | 14 | GET UP OFFA THAT THING, James Brown | Polydor |
| 14 | 20 | DISCO MUSIC, JALN Band | Magnet |
| 15 | 15 | LOWDOWN, Boz Scaggs | CBS |
| 16 | 10 | DANCE LITTLE LADY DANCE, Tina Charles | CBS |
| 17 | - | HURT, Manhattans | CBS |
| 18 | - | LOVE HIT ME, J Vincent Edwards | Pye |
| 19 | - | QUEEN OF MY SOUL, Average White Band | Atlantic |
| 20 | _ | 24 HOURS A DAY, Barbers Pennington | United Artists |
| - | | | Cmole |

WHAT I SAY, DA DOO RON RON, PAPERBACK WRITER, TRY A LITTLE TENDER JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTA



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by Blues & Soul. UK Disco Chart compiled from nationwide DJ returns

Yesteryear Charts

| 5 | YEARS AGO | |
|-----|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Nov | ember 13, 1971 | |
| 1 | COZILOVE YOU, | Slad |
| 2 | MAGGIE MAY, | Rod Stewar |
| 3 | WITCH QUEEN OF NEW ORLEANS, | Redbon |
| 4 | TILL, | Tom Jone |
| 5 | SIMPLE GAME, | The Four Top |
| 6 | TIRED OF BEING ALONE, | Al Green |
| 7 | JOHNNY REGGAE, | The Piglet |
| 8 | I WILL RETURN, | Springwate |
| 9 | THE NIGHT THEY DROVE OLD DIXIE DOWN. | Joan Bae |
| 10 | SULTANA, | Titanie |
| 10 | YEARS AGO | |
| | | |

| 10 | YEARS AGO | |
|----|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| No | vember 12, 1966 | |
| 1 | REACH OUT I'LL BE THERE, | The Four To |
| 2 | STOP STOP STOP, | The Holl |
| 3 | SEMI-DETACHED SUBURBAN | MR JAMES. Manfred Ma |
| 4 | HIGH TIME, | Paul Jon |
| 5 | GOOD VIBRATIONS, | The Beach Bo |
| 6 | I CAN'T CONTROL MYSELF. | The Trog |
| 7 | DISTANT DRUMS, | Jim Reev |
| 8 | GIMME SOME LOVING, | The Spencer Davis Gro |
| 9 | NO MILK TODAY, | Herman's Herm |
| | | |

15 YEARS AGO

rember 11, 1961 HIS LATEST FLAME, WALKIN' BACK TO HAPPII Elvis Presle Helen Shapin Cliff Richard TAKE GOOD CARE OF MY BIG BAD JOHN, Jimmy Dean TAKE FIVE, HIT THE ROAD JACK, THE TIME HAS COME, Ray Charles Adam Faith

Star Breakers

| 1 | ONE LOVE IN MY LIFETIME, Diana Ross | Tamia Motown |
|----|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| 2 | CECOETS Sutherland Brothers & Quiver | CBS |
| 2 | THE LAST KISS, Sydney Devine | Philips |
| 4 | SING AN OLD FASHIONED SONG, BILL | Jo Spears UA |
| 5 | CATHEDRALS, D C Larue | Pye |
| 6 | DOVETTE DEFANIGOOD | UA |
| 7 | HANG ON SLOOPY, Sandpipers | Satril |
| 8 | THE HUNTER Free | Island |
| 9 | EDOM NOW ON LOURSWIS | Philadelphia |
| 10 | RICH GIRL, Daryl Hall & John Oates | RCA |

British Top 50 Albums

2 1 SOUL MOTION, Various 3 21 BLUE MOVES, Elton John

| 4 | 2 | SONGS IN THE KEY OF LIFE, Stevie Wonder | Tamla Motown |
|----|-----|---|----------------|
| 5 | - | 100 GOLDEN GREATS, Max Bygraves | Ronco |
| _6 | 3 | THE STORY OF THE WHO, The Who | Polydor |
| 7 | 4 | GREATEST HITS, Abba | Epic |
| 8 | 7 | 22 GOLDEN GUITAR GREATS, Bert Weedon | Warwick |
| 9 | 9 | FRAMPTON COMES ALIVE, Peter Frampton | A&M |
| 10 | 8 | BEST OF THE STYLISTICS VOL 2, The Stylistics | HeL |
| 11 | 14 | FOREVER AND EVER, Demis Roussos | Philips |
| 12 | 11 | JOHNNY THE FOX, Thin Lizzy | Vertigo |
| 13 | 13 | TECHNICAL ECSTASY, Black Sabbath | Vertigo |
| 14 | 15 | COUNTRY COMFORT, Various | K-Tel |
| 15 | 6 | HIS 20 GREATEST, Gene Pitney | Arcade |
| 16 | 19 | A NIGHT ON THE TOWN, Rod Stewart | Riva |
| 17 | 12 | JOAN ARMATRADING, Joan Armatrading | A&M |
| 18 | 10 | L, Steve Hilliage | Virgin |
| 19 | 18 | ATLANTIC CROSSING, Rod Stewart | Warner Bros |
| 20 | 16 | GREATEST HITS 2, Diana Ross | Tamla Motown |
| 21 | 20 | 20 GOLDEN GREATS, The Beach Boys | Capitol |
| 22 | 35 | GOLD ON SILVER, Beverley Phillips Orchestra | Warwick |
| 23 | 50 | FLEETWOOD MAC, Fleetwood Mac | Reprise |
| 24 | 26 | A LITTLE BIT MORE, Doctor Hook | Capitol |
| 25 | 29 | HAPPY TO BE, Demis Roussos | Philips |
| 26 | 27 | DEREK AND CLIVE LIVE, Peter Cook and Dudley Moore | Island |
| 27 | - | SOUNDS OF GLORY, Various | Arcade |
| 28 | 48 | FORTY MANIA, Various | Ronco |
| 29 | 32 | THEIR GREATEST HITS 1971-75, The Eagles | Asylum |
| 30 | | CHICAGO X, Chicago | CBS |
| 31 | 25 | STUPIDITY, Dr Feelgood | United Artists |
| 32 | 24 | LAUGHTER AND TEARS, Neil Sedaka | Polydor |
| 33 | - | JAILBREAK, Thin Lizzy | Vertigo |
| 34 | 17 | ONE MORE FROM THE ROAD, Lynyrd Skynryd | MCA |
| 35 | 23 | BEAUTIFUL NOISE, Neil Diamond | CBS |
| 36 | 31 | OUT ON THE STREET, David Essex | CBS |
| 37 | 28 | BEST OF TONY CHRISTIE, Tony Christie | MCA |
| 38 | 30 | HARD RAIN, Bob Dylan | CBS |
| 39 | 22 | SKY HIGH, Tavares | Capito |
| 40 | 42 | THE DARK SIDE OF THE MOON, Pink Floyd | Harvest |
| 41 | 40 | TUBULAR BELLS, Mike Oldfield | Virgin |
| 42 | 38 | WINGS AT THE SPEED OF SOUND, Wings | Parlophone |
| 43 | | ARMCHAIR MELODIES, Various | K-Te |
| 44 | 725 | GREAT ITALIAN LOVE SONGS, Various | K-Te |
| 45 | 34 | REAL THING, Real Thing | Pye |
| 46 | - | STRATOSFER, Tangerine Dream | Virgin |
| 47 | | HENRY MANCINI, Henry Mancini | Arcade |
| 48 | 37 | DEDICATION, Bay City Rollers | Bel |
| - | 49 | THE ROARING SILENCE, Manfred Mann's Earthband | Bronze |
| 49 | | | |

US Disco Top 20

| 1 | FOUR SEASONS OF LOVE, Donna Summer | Oasis |
|----|--|-----------------------|
| 2 | MIDNIGHT LOVE AFFAIR, Carol Douglas N | Midland International |
| 3 | DOWN TO LOVE TOWN, Originals | Motown |
| 4 | MY SWEET SUMMER SUITE, Love Unlimited Orchestra | 20th Century |
| 5 | MAKES YOU BLIND, Giltter Band | Arista |
| 6 | YOU + ME = LOVE, Undisputed Truth | Whitfield |
| 7 | NICE & NAASTY, Salsoul Orchestra | Salsoul |
| 8 | I DON'T WANNA LOSE YOUR LOVE, Emotions | Columbia |
| 9 | CHERCHEZ LA FEMME, Dr Buzzard's Original Savannah Band | RCA |
| 10 | DAYLIGHT, Vicki Sue | Robinson |
| 11 | CAR WASH, Rose Royce | MCA |
| 12 | ISN'T SHE LOVELY, Stevie Wonder | Tamla |
| 13 | CALYPSO BREAKDOWN, Raiph McDonald | Merlin |
| 14 | SOUL CHA-CHA/SWAHILI BOOGIE, Van McCoy | HeL |
| 15 | LET'S GET IT TOGETHER/FAIT LA CHAT, El Coco | AVI |
| 16 | FULL TIME THING, Whirtwind | Roulette |
| 17 | WELCOME TO OUR WORLD OF MERRY MUSIC, Mass Produ | ction Cotillion |
| 18 | SHAKE YOUR BOOTY, K. C. & The Sunshine Band | TK |
| 19 | DANCING, Crown Heights Affair | De-Lite |
| 20 | WATCHERSIGN, Pratt & McClain | Warner/Reprise |

US Top 50 Albums

| 2 3 | THE SONG REMAINS THE SAME, Led Zeppelin | Seren Son |
|-------|--|-------------------------|
| | BLUE MOVES, Elton John | MCA/Rocke |
| | FRAMPTON COMES ALIVE, Peter Frampton | AS N |
| | SPIRIT, Earth, Wind & Fire | Columbia |
| | BOSTON, | Epi |
| | FLY LIKE AN EAGLE, Stove Miller Band | Capito |
| | CHILDREN OF THE WORLD, Bee Goes | RSC |
| | ONE MORE FOR THE ROAD, Lynyrd Skynyrd | MC |
| | A NIGHT ON THE TOWN, Rod Stewart | Warner Bros. |
| | DREAMBOAT ANNIE, Heart | Mushroon |
| | CHICAGO X. | Columbi |
| | SILK DEGREES, Boz Sca ggs | Columbi |
| | K. C. & THE SUNSHINE BAND, Part 3 | n |
| | NO REASON TO CRY, Eric Clapton | RSC |
| | FLEETWOOD MAC | Reprise |
| | NIGHTS ARE FOREVER, England Dan & John Ford | |
| | | |
| | BIGGER THAN BOTH OF US, Daryl Hall & John On HASTEN DOWN THE WIND, Linda Romstadt | Asylun |
| | | |
| | HOT ON THE TRACKS, Commodores | Motow |
| | SUMMERTIME DREAM, Gordon Lightfoot | Repris |
| | BICENTENNIAL NIGGER, Richard Pryor | Warner Bros |
| | | ntadelphia Internationa |
| | LONG MISTY DAYS, Robin Thrower | Chrysall |
| | A NEW WORLD RECORD, Electric Light Orchestra | United Artist |
| | DEDICATION, Bay City Rollers | Ariet |
| | FREE FOR ALL, Ted Numerit | Epi |
| | RINGO'S ROTOGRAVURE, Ringo Start | Atlanti |
| | THE CLONES OF DR. FUNKENSTEIN, Parliament | Casablano |
| | ARABIAN NIGHTS, Ritchie Family | Marli |
| | LONG MAY YOU RUN, Stills-Young Band | Repris |
| | AGENTS OF FORTUNE, Bue Oyeter Cult | Columbi |
| 33 33 | DIANA ROSS' GREATEST HITS | Motow |
| 34 36 | SCHOOL DAYS, Stanley Clarke | Nempero |
| | ABANDONED LUNCHEONETTE, Hall & Oates | Atlanti |
| 36 39 | GREATEST HITS, War | United Artist |
| 37 45 | ALICE COOPER GOESTO HELL, | Warner Bros |
| 38 38 | WILD CHERRY, | Epic Sweet Clt |
| 39 40 | THIS ONE'S FOR YOU, Barry Manilow | Ariet |
| | HAPPINESS IS BEING WITH THE SPINNERS. | Atlant |
| 41 41 | THEIR GREATEST HITS 1971-1975, Eagles | Asylus |
| | FOUR SEASONS OF LOVE, Donna Summer | Casa blanc |
| | THE MUSICAL WORLD OF QUINCY JONES. | AL |
| | ALL THE WORLD IS A STAGE, Rush | Mercu |
| | YEAR OF THE CAT, AI Stewart | Janu |
| | FIREFALL | Atlant |
| | HARD RAIN, Bob Dylan | Columbi |
| - | SPIRIT, John Denver | RC |
| | BREEZIN', George Benson | |
| | SONG OF JOY, The Captain & Termille | Warner Bros |
| 20 - | SONG OF JOT, The Capain & Tennine | ALI |

US Soul Top 20

LOVE BALLAD, YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A STAF THE RUBBERBAND MAN. ENJOY YOURSELF, YOU ARE MY STARSHIP. SHAKE YOUR RUMP TO THE FUN JUST TO BE CLOSE TO YOU, MESSAGE IN OUR MUSIC, SO SAD THE SONG



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well, it's been another thrilling week ... staff of Record Mirror have been out hob-nobbing with the stars again. Everyone had a lovely time at this little get together, especially our Ed, Alf (the Priest) Martin. (That's him in the pointedhat). But to on less glamorous affairs ... there was a knees-up at the Floral Hall, Covent Garden (lovely place to open a market!) to celebrate the opening of a home movie by Led Zeppelin, the group who brought wouther theme time for

of a home movie by
Led Zeppelin, the
group who brought
you the theme tune for
Top Of The Pops'.
There were lots of
entertaining people
there, including a jazz
band, a group of street
singers, a crob at s,
persons in drag, and
some clowns (mostly
left - overs from the
Stones' bash at
Knebworth).
The members of Led
Zeppelin wandered
about the hall, looking
a bit lost amongst the
throng of guests, Paul
and Linda McCartney, Billy Connolly, Phil May of
Pretty Things, Lynsey
de Paul, Mike Rutherford of Genesis, odd
members of Deep
Purple, Madeleine
Bell, Rat Scables of
Damned, Alan Freeman, Johny Walker,
Uncle Tom Obbley and
all.
The food was in the

all.

The food was in the shape of good ol' greasy fish and chips, and real beer (specially imported from Wolverhampton) was flowing.

Molverna...
flowing a fact, it was flowing a little too hard, because it ended up cause it ended up seeping through the floorboards and caus-ing £2,000 worth of damage to the photo-graphic firm down below!

It seems Mike Oldfield's



ROBERT PLANT & JIMMY PAGE: seen anyone you

Thrills 'n' spills at Zeppelin's splash!





BLESS ME! What a collection

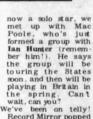
to look after him! We spotted his little advert in the lonely hearts column of The Times, and we couldn't help feeling sorry for the poor boy. I mean, imagine being all alone in that huge mansion with just your pets for company

Not all these pop stars are wild degenerates, you know . . . some of them are decent.

clean - living fellows who love their mums. Sailor, for instance, are so fond of their mums that they dragged them all dragged them all along to their show at the New Victoria Theatre (in the case of singer Georg's murn. Mrs Kajanus, all the way from South America!), and afterwards threw a family party at the Inter-Continental Hotel.

pell about golf. All very cosy... Mean while, at yet another party, this time for Tony Wilson, ex-Hot Chocolate and

After posing for a snapshot for the family album, Mrs Kajanus and Mrs Marsh were seen deep in conversation about their respective off-spring, while Mr Marsh chatted with drummer Grant Serpell about golf. All very cosy



Record Mirror popped up on ITV's 'Pop Quest' — or so we're toid. We were work-ing so hard, we missed out on our moment of glory!

ing so hard, we missed out on our moment of glory!

Now that David Soul's gone back home to Hollywood, leaving a few quivering hearts be hind him. The question of the week is 'Is Paul Michaed Glaser Jewish'? Apparently, the Jewish Chronicle were so eager to find the answer to that question that they sent a wire all the way to Los Angeles to find out! And the answer? Yes, he's a good kosher lad.

So Gary Glitter's on his

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ROD: Bless You

way back? The question is, do we really want him?
Ron Wood's new son (see last week's column) isto be called Jesse James. Hope he doesn't take it too literally!

Mick Jagger is seeking a court order to stop his old girlfriend Chrissie Shrimpton from publishing his letters to her. What we want to know is, what's he got to hide

Soon to be a dad is John Miles, whose wife Elleen is expecting a baby soon. And we thought music was his first love!

sounds as though Joanna Lumley, an ex-love of Rod Stewan's has managed to forget him fairly quickly. She's fallen in love again — this time with actor Michael Kitchen.

And we hear Rod himself has gone down with flu over in Finland. Get well soon, mate!



SAILOR: Mums the word



PAUL & LINDA McCARTNEY: where's the beer

ALGREEN as you've never heard him before

"Horny horns, curdling chorus, vibrant vocals." SOUNDS

"Al just flies away." NME

"Blimey . . . it's Al Green with a stomper." BLACK ECHOES

"Is his best single for some time and is jazzier than usual." NEEDLETIME



LONDON

CHRISTMAS

concert - rumoured to star Gary Glitter - may be screened by ITV on Christmas Day

The concert, which is still being finalised, will be at London's Drury Lane Theatre on December 19, and other stars mentioned in connection with the bill are Rod Stewart, John Miles and Shirley Bassey.

RECORD MIRROR understands that the concert

shirley Bassey.

RECORD MIRROR understands that the concert would be filmed for a possible 'Superson ic Special 'for Christmas.

A spokesman for London Weekend Television said: 'We don't know what form the Supersonic Special' will take yet. It could be a compilation or a specially recorded film of the charity show at Drury Lane Theatre. It is yet to be finalised whether we shall buy the film for television.''

Rod Stewart is unlikely television."
Rod Stewart is unlikely

to appear on the concert



GARY GLITTER

though it is believed the sallors from Ark Royal may perform his hit song 'Salling' without him.

 John Miles has his
 wn Christmas Special • John Milles has his own Christmas Special show organised for London's New Victoria theatre on Christmas Eve, with a two hour presentation featuring Miles and band, an augmented brass section, plus the Chamter Sisters.

Frampton in film of Pepper

PETER FRAMPTON has PETERFRAMPTON has been confirmed as the lead for the film of The Beatles' 'Sergeant Pepers Lonely Hearts Club Band.'
Frampton — making his film debut — will play has a film Bangs.

his film debut — will play the part of Billy Shears. Work on the film begins next year in America with a scheduled release date of December 1977. The soundtrack LP will be released on RSO Records.

TOURS.. .TOURS. .TOURS

HAROLD MELVIN AND
THE BLUENOTES / MANHATTANS: Manchester ABC
Ardwick January 29 (two
performances, tickets from
November 10), Liverpool
Empire 30 (two performances),
Wolverhampton Civic Hil 31 (two performances)
postal applications only),
Portsmouth Guildhall February 2, London Hammersmith
Oxion 3 (two performances),
tickets from November 10),
Blackpool Opera House 5
(tickets from November 13),
Leicester De Montfort Hall 6
(two performances).

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HEART: A London date has been fixed for Canadian band Heart at New Victoria on December 9. Tickets from Thursday, £2.50, £2, £1.50, £1.

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MUD: Two additions to UK
tour: Bristol Colston Hall
November 21, Birmingham
Poly December 14.

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RORY GALLACHER: Glas-gow Apollo December 16 17, Birmingham Bingley Hall 18, Dublin National Stadium 27/29, Cork City Hall January 1/2, Belfast Ulster Hall 4/5, Aberdeen Music Hall 13, Dundee Caird Hall 14, Edinburgh Usher Hall 15. Tickets available from Monday.

Tickets available from Monday. SPLIT ENZ: Norwich University of East Anglia November 24, Scarborough Penthouse 25, Birmingham Aston University 26, London Imperial College 27, Liverpool Erics December 3, Newport Harper Adams College 4, Brighton Top Rank 7, Middlesbrough Teeside Poly 9, Portsmouth Poly 11. They tour Australia / New Zealand and US, then return to UK in March. STEVE HILLAGE announces several new dates for his forthcoming tour.

They are Blackpool Opera House November 17, Liverpool Empire December 1, Edinburgh Playhouse 2, Glasgow Apollo 3, Leeds University 4, Newcastle City Hall 6, Manchester Palace 8, Coventry Theatre 11, Birmingham Odeon 14 The following dates have been cancelled, Glasgow University November 20, Belfast Queens University December 3, Dublin Stadlum 4, Blackburn King George's Hall 17. The Dunstable venue for the December 9 concert is changed to the Civic Hall.

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MOON: London Goldsmith College November 10, Cheltenham Pavillon 12, London City University 13, Coventry Lancaster Poly 15, Staffs Keele University 17, Derby College 19, Manchester Electric Circus 20, Sheffield Poly 24, London Rock Garden 25-27, Portsmouth Poly December 2, Watford Cassio College 3, Bristol Poly 4, Leicester University 7, Leeds University 10, Newcastle Poly 16, Scarborough Penthouse 17, Redear Coatham Bowl 18, London Marquee 21, London Dingwalls 22.

GEORGE HATCHER

Dingwalls 22:

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BAND: Newport Stowaways
Club November 17, Swansea
Cricles 18, Woolwich Thames
Poly 19, Slough College 20,
Bradford University 24,
Glasgow Hamilton College
26, Wigan Casino 27,
Sheffield Top Rank 28,
London North London Poly
December 3, Cardiff Top
Rank 7, London Kings
College Strand 10.

HAWKWIND: Wolverhamp-

HAWKWIND: Wolverhamp-ton Civic Hall December 6, Ayelsbury Friars 7, Cov-entry Theatre 9, Cambridge

Corn Exchange 10, Southend Kursaal 11, Bournemouth Winter Gardens 12, Brack-nell Sports Centre 18, Lewisham Odeon 19, MUNGO JERRY: Chester Raskcals Club November 10, Bradford University 12, Wickford The Brighton Run, Warrington Wilderspool Leisure Centre 20, Whicha-ven Rondayvous Club 21.

IT'S BEEN a week of accidents with members of the G Band, Real Thing

and Hawkwind suffering

John Springate, lead vocalist with the G Band, stood on a needle at his South London home, and

had an operation to have the needle removed. Promotional appear-ances by the band for their new single had to use another band member

Genesis tour and album



Rainbow reborn

THE RAINBOW theatre, formerly one of London's leading rock centres, is to reopen on New Year's Day with Genesis, who also announce a new tour and album.

Since it closed in 1974 the Rainbow in North London has had an uncertain future. Now the theatre has been renovated for a seating capacity of just under 3,000.

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Genesis (pictured above outside the theatre) will play three nights at the reopened Rainbow, January 1-3, at 8 pm on the 1st and 3rd, and 7 pm on the 3nd. Tickets are 13, 12, 50 and 12 and are available by postal application s only, two per application, from "Genesis Box Office, PO Box 4TL, London WIA 4TL.

The new album from Genesis is 'Wind And Wuthering', recorded in Holland, and released on January 1.

Amoo, Springate, Rudolph — what a .

Disaster area

singing lead. It will be about three weeks before John can walk properly. While the Real Thing

While the Real Thing were appearing at Leeds' Tiffan ys the crowd surged forward over crush barriers. A security officer bumped into Eddie Amoo and knocked him into the

drum kit.

Their tour opens at Birmingham Odeon on January 7 and 8, and continues at Liverpool Empire (two performances) 9, Manchester Free Frade Hall 10 and 11, Dundee Caird Hall 13, Edinburgh Playhouse 14 and Trade Hall 10 and 11, Dundee Caird Hall 13, Edinburgh Playhouse 14 and 15 (three performances, two on the 24th and one on the 15th). Newcastle City Hall 16 and 17, Southampton Gaumont 19 and 20, Leicester De Montfort Hall (two performances) 21 and 22 (one performance), 21 and 22 (one performance), 21 and 22 (one performance). The band undertake a world tour beginning in the US in February, then Canada, Australia, Japan, Hawali, Europe and South America.

• London gets another new rock venue next month when the 2,000 seater Roxy Theatre, Odeon Parade, Harlesden, opens its doors for concerts. Opening acts to be named.

Chicago for UK

CHICAGO ARE to play in Britain early next year. Members of the group and their management visited London this week to find suitable venues as part of a European tour. The group's current hit 'If You Leave Me Now' is their first UK hit for six years.

• See feature on page

Essex adds 4.

DAVID ESSEX'S week of concerts at London's Palladium sold out before the box office opened. More than 20 sacks of mail were received requesting tickets. It is now planned to add four matinee per formances for the season — beginning Communing to the season — beginning the sea the season — December 6.

. . . and Rod adds one

AN EXTRA date has been added to the Rod Stewart tour, and more are being arranged.

The additional concert at Manchester Belle Vue on November 26 has already soldout and other dates will be announced as confirmed.

Abba orders

ADVANCE ORDERS for 'Arrival,' issued this week, are an unprecedented 300,000.

New Dusty

A NEW album from Dusty Springfield is on the cards. A spokesman for Fhonogram told RM: "There's a strong possibility of a new Dusty album. She is in the throes of looking for a producer and could possibly be in the studios by the end of the month. She's now managed by Cat Revens' manager, Barry Cross, so things on the Dusty front are looking up. We'd be looking for a March release date."

Tammy sick

Follies back THE HIGHLY successful TV series 'Rock Follies is to return to the screens

Rock Follies is to return to the screens next year.

A new six part series will again feature Rula Lenska, Julie Covington and Charlotte Cornwell. There will be two new major characters — a female manager and a new girl singer, whose namesh ave yet to be announced.

There are also plans to re-screen the cortein a series immediately rior to the

original series immediately prior to the new series.

She was taken to Westminster Hospital and bronchitis was diagnosed.

She was due to play London Hammersmith Odeon last Tuesday.

Eddie gashed his right hand and had to have six stitches. only slight concussion and will be fit for their newtour (see tournews).

Hawkwind bassist Paul Rudolph was knocked unconscious while trav-elling to Island Studios,

Hammersmith, on his nammersmith, on his bicycle when involved in an accident. Ironically, he was on his way to record the bands' new single 'Back On The Streets'.

Fortun ately he suffered

TAMMY WYNETTE collapsed from exhaustion on Sunday, during her British tour, after three concerts at Norwich

Her third husband George Jones, who she divorced last year has flown to Britain to be with her.

cancel

Sherbet

AUSTRALIAN band Sherbet currently charting with 'Howzat' have cancelled two of their three British dates — at Birmingham Odeon on November 5 and Manchester ABC Ardwick on November 13. Plans to play Glasgow's Apollo have also been scrapped. Now they'll just be playing London's New Victoria on November 14. A spokesman for CBS bold RM. 'The tickets for Birmingham and Manchester weren't moving too quickly. But in retrospect, perhaps we were a little hasty in cancelling.''

Southern rock

A SPECIALLY priced sampler is released by Polydor on November 24 to tie in with the Capricorn 'Straight Southern Rock' tour.

Mann's next

THE FOLLOW-UP to Manfred Manns' Earth THE FOLLOW-UP to Mannfred Manns' Earth Band's hit 'Blinded By The Light' will be 'Questions,' a band composition from their Roaring Silence' album. They are presently touring the States with Blue Oyster Cult and return to the UK soon.





DEMIS ROUSSOS reaped a collection of gold and silver discs from Phonogram Records while on his British tour. Four of his five UK LPs have now

gone gold, totalling together about two million sales, and his 'Forever And Ever' set has also been awarded a gold

Four of his five UK L

THE WALKER Brothers
release a Boz Scaggs song
We're All Alone' as a
single on November 26,
from their LP 'Lines'.
Giggles appear at the
London Marquee on
Friday and the gig will be
recorded.
The Olympic Runners have
signed to Transatlantic,
first single 'Personal
Thing' released on November 12, LP 'Hot To Trot' in
January. Line up: Pete
Wingfield, Joe Jammer,
DeLisle Harper and Glen
LeFleur.
Fintiock re - recording new
LP due to uneven
recording quality, renamed 'Hot From The
Lock' instead of 'Live At
The Lock'.
John Alcock, producer of
Thin Lizzy's 'Johnny The
Fox', currently in studios
recording new Delta
signing Bandit.

NEWS BRIEF

Judas Priest to play a handful of British dates in early December.

Island to release Milk 'N'
Cookies LP two years after
recording due to revived
interest in punk rock.

Bryn Haworth has formed new band with Gordon Haskell, Hiroshi Kato and Jim Russell. Appear at London Dingwalls Novem-ber 24.

Krazy Kat, new Mountain

signing, support band for Jess Roden Band tour.

New Seekers I.P. Together Again' put back to December 3 release.

Flo And Eddle guitarist Phil Reed fell to his death from ninth storey hotel window in Salt Lake City.

Human Orchestra support Johnny Guitar' Watson on university and college dates.

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Gus Dudgeon resigned his dectorably of the Rocket had been supported by the R

November.
Hot Tuna LP 'Hoppkory'
released November 19.

Mitchell quits the Rollers

THE NEWEST member of the Bay City Rollers, 18 year old Ian Mitchell, is to leave the group only seven months after he joined.

The shock announcement came on Tuesday, following strong rumours about a change of line-up for the Rollers. His replacement is 18 year old Edinburgh musician Pat McGlynn.

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Pat McGlynn.
Ian joined the Rollers in
April, replacing origin al
member Alan Longmuir,
who quit because of the
pressures of being a pop

pressures of being a pop superstar. It is thought Ian may rejoin his former band, the Young Chy Stars. His decision came after spending the weekend in Belfast with his parents. "Joining the Rollers was



IAN MITCHELL

my dream," he said.
"But it slowly turned into
a nightmare.
"Tam and the Rollers

are great people and my best friends, but I found best friends, but I found all the travelling and being away from home all the time got me down." Stuart 'Woody' Wood commented: "We're all very sorry to see Ian go.

added at London's New New opera

New opera
THE NEW opera from
Andrew Lloyd Webber
and Tim Rice, 'Evita'
their first since 'Jesus
Christ Superstar — is
released on a double
albumon November 19.
Lead vocalists are Paul
Jones, Mike D'Abo and
Julie Covington, while the
musicians include Hank
Marvin, Simon Phillips
and Ray Russell.
The story is based on
the life of Eva Peron, wife
of the Argentinian dictator Juan Peron.

PAT McGLYNN

He has been great to work with."

with."
Pat McGlynn was
formerly with the
Edinburgh group What's
Up, and was secretly
lined up as Ian's
replacement by Rollers'
manager Tam Paton.
Said Pat: "I was only
told on Sunday and I still
can't believe it."

Thing make a choice

REAL THING members Chris and Eddie Amoo and their manager Tony Hall are launching a publishing and produc-tion company Open Choice Ltd, which will encourage young black

'We're looking for singers, writers and bands," said Tony Hall. "The boys know only too well that there's black well that there's black talent galore in Liverpool, their hometown, and there's bound to be black artists all over the country looking for a break."

break."
He said they would He said they would welcome tapes, and if they believe they are good enough to record, they would provide them with songs and help with production.

The company will operate from 9 Carnaby Street, London W1.

Purple men for 'Wizard'

A LINE-UP of superstars has been assembled for an album project 'Wiz-ard's Convention', re-leased by RCA on November 19.

November 19.

Many of the musicians participating were responsible for 'The Butterfly Ball' LP, including ex-Deep Purple members Glenn Hughes, John Lord, David Coverdale, Ian Gillan and Roger Glover.

Pop phone

LONDON POP fans get a chance to hear new releases on a new dial-a-disc service introduced by the Post Office from Monday. LONDON POP fans get a

Monday.

By dialling 154 in the London area there will be ten different records played a week, two a day on weekdays and five per day at weekends.

Linda adds

A FOURTH concert by Linda Ronstadt has been

Victoria on November 24, after the first three shows soldout

Bellamys cancel

THE BELLAMY Brothers, who had a hit single earlier this year with 'Let Your Love Flow', have cancelled their British debut originally planned for later this month because of 'previous American commitments'. As yet, no further dates have been planned for the UK.

EVERYBODY'S TALKING

Silver Convention

BOUT LOVE'

Their long awaited new single from the exciting forthcoming album' Madhouse'







Life is a fight

See them at...

Following their chart success with DISCO MUSIC here's their NEW single. It's the title track from their forthcoming album

NOYEMBER

13th. Hexegan Suite, Frome, Somet
19th. McDuff Town Hall, Scotland.
20th. Ellon Town Hall, Scotland.
21st. Samantha's, Dundee, Scotland
22nd. Quaintways, Chester.
24th. Free Wheeler Club, Kettering
25th. La Clique, Dover Road, Folket
26th. New Theatre Club, Huddersfit
27th. Roundabout, Gloucester.
28th. Top Rank, Brighton.
29th. Cherry Tree Hotel, Cheshire.

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And if you've always thought that pop stars lead some kind of elevated life, even in their time off, you can think again. While you and I are settling down for the night with the telly and a bag of crisps, their activities aren't telly and a bag of crisps, their activities aren't that much different. Take the other night. Britt is sitting wondering what to do with herself and decides to dye her hair red. Red's always a risk for a blonde, and Britt didn't come off too well. In fact, her hair turned a carrot colour. So when carrot colour. So when she suggested she have a go at Rod's hair, he thought he'd be safer at the hairdressers.

Why did he decide to give up his fetching blond streaks after all



There doesn't seem to be room left for honesty'

"Well, they looked poofy, didn't they?" he said "Anyway, I thought this red colour would look good under the lights on the tour."

If he'd been worried about people thinking he was gay, why did he give an interview to Gay News?

"Why not? They wanted to walk to me about 'The Killing Of Georgie'."

Georgie'."
And are you gay?
"Of course I'm not. I
thought you all knew me
better than that."
Well, anyone who saw
the 'Night On The Town'
TV film might have
thought otherwise. It
was a Mike Mansfield
number and featured a
lot of shots of interesting lot of shots of interesting

an atomical det all.
"I had a feeling it would turn out like that. It was thrown together and came out very schmaltzy. It was very camp, but you should always have a bit of mystery — keep people guessing. I felt a bit risque, very sen suous. "The funny thing was

I'd been playing football I'd been playing football in the morning before the show was on. I couldn't help thinking that the people who were watching the programme should have seen me up to me ankles in mud. I'm still playing with the Highgate Redwing. It's an all local team playing at local team, playing at Highgate Woods. My dad started it about 20 years ago but he doesn't have anything to do with it now

As Rod's interest in football hasn't died, even though he's been living in the States for such a long time — it's a fair bet his fans will be carried along with it. But did Rod think that his appearance on his earlier TV special — Rod The Mod Comes Of Age' — could have harmed his image? After all, the high life he was portraying is far removed from a council flat in Highbury or Hull

Sick

"I think they (the fans) know how much money I make," said nans) know now much money I make," said Rod. "Everyone in rock and roll makes a lot of money, it's obvious. I can't stand these people who make a load and alload blad blad blad and alload blad blad blad blad. plead bloody poverty. It makes me sick. I thought I was being honest in that TV programme, but there doesn't seem to be much room left for honesty in room left for honesty in this country anymore. I could have had that bit of the film taken out, but I didn't. I think the people who buy my records have a right to

records have a right to know how I spend my money — 1 buy antiques."

If you saw the show, you may agree with Rod that the scenes in Paris were a bit boring, too drawn out But the scene in the Paris radio recording, room, was recording room was very funny. Rod, angry at being kept waiting for his interviewer to turn up, amused himself by twiddling every button on the control panel.

"The Warner Bros' guy in Paris told me last week that the board still isn't working," grinned Rod. "Well, and what stupid questions he was

The Frenchman made an unflattering com-parison (on Rod's side)

with Elton's music.
'Yeah, that'll be someone else who won't be speaking to me,' said be speaking to me," said Rod. "Me saying Elton had a squeaky voice. He hasn't spoken to me since. Elton doesn't at himself, he laugh wouldn't have taken it

as a joke.
"But with these programmes you're in the hands of the editor and the producer. They



The many phases and colours of Rod Stewart Interview by ROSALIND RUSSELL

shot eight hours of us rehearsing — yet they only used one song. The same one at the same one at the beginning and the end. We did a great version of 'You Keep Me Hanging On'. There just wasn't enough music in it''

For those who might For those who might have been disappointed with Rod in the TV shows, and under the impression he's turned into a right old poser, you'll be glad to know he's back to normal. He looked far removed from the moody, unsmilling, old ratbag that grumped around London a couple of months ago. Gone are the simple dark styled clothes and conservative image. He looked more like a Christmas tree last week, in bright green velvet jeans, red linca sweater with leg warmers (wrinkled around the ankles) to match, red scarf and furry possum jacket. from the moody, unsmilpossum jacket.
"No I don't feel guilty
about the possum. I

didn't kill it. I'm in a didn't kill it. I'm in a position to be able to change as I feel like it," said Rod. "I don't wear the other stuff now. Every body goes through phases, don't they? I got this jumper in Ace, in the Kings Road."

A small step down A small step down from St Laurent, or Florucci where he's been in the morning and couldn't find anything he liked. He even smiled for the photographs.

"And who on Record Mirror said I had a

spare tyre?" asked Rod. "I haven't eaten anything for a fortnight. As a result I'm only 10½ stone and I've been that since I was 18."

No doubt Britt keeps an eye on his figure, but even she isn't around at the moment. While Rod is fixing up all the last minute details of his British and European tour, Brittis in Rhodesia making a film called 'Slavers'. Did she play the part of a white slave?"

slave?
"I've no idea what she plays," said Rod. "I phoned her last night and she told me she'd been falling off a mountain all day with a bullet in her body. I suppose if she's getting killed off, she must be near the end of her filming. filming.

Boring

"No, I'm not worried about her being in Rhodesia just now. She says all the reports in the papers have been exaggerated."

Britt has been with Rod for long enough to watch him work, does he ever go on location with her?

I have been. It "I have been. It was fairly interesting watching the old lady work. We were in Manila while she was making 'High Velocity'. It's very boring making a film, it takes hours to do a couple of minutes shooting. I don't have much interest in making a straight film myself at the moment. I was the moment. I was supposed to have been making one with Mal-colm Allison. But I saw him last week and he didn't know anything else about it either. That would have been right up my street, playing a footballer. But there's too much touring to be done now

This will be the first time Rod has appeared in Britain with his new band, when he starts his winter tour next month. Did he have any worries

about it?

'No, none at all.
They're a great band. It makes such a difference having a band of my own The other lot were individuals, this time I call the shots. Since I toured with the last lot, there will be eight different songs in the set taken from 'Atlantic Crossing' and 'A Night On The Town'."

It also means Rod will spend Christmas at

ne. T've only missed one ''. he said. "That's so far," he said. "That when Britt and I decide we didn't want to spend we didn't want to spend Christmas in Holly-wood, trying to make it seem like home. So we

decided we'd go to Hawaii and try to forget it completely. It was horrid. I had a cheeseburger for Christmas dinner.

"This will be my first New Year in Scotland drough. All the family will be there. They've already had 28 pairs of tickets for the Glasgow concert on Hormanw.

"We're taking a lovely set with us on tour. We've got two pairs of huge white curtains. They cost a packet. We won't be doing anything stupid—we've got good music so we won't need anything else—but for the home crowd, we've got something special."

So the special effects

So the special effects won't be taken round the continent?

"For foreigners! No, just for the home crowds. Amsterdam is going to be funny, all the old queens coming out to look at the red light district. The only place I'm worried about is Paris. It wasn't very



'I can't stand people who make load of money and plead poverty'

good when the Faces played there. I don't think they liked us enjoying ourselves and laughing and drinking onstage. I think they thought we were taking the mick. They are very subdued, never go mad.

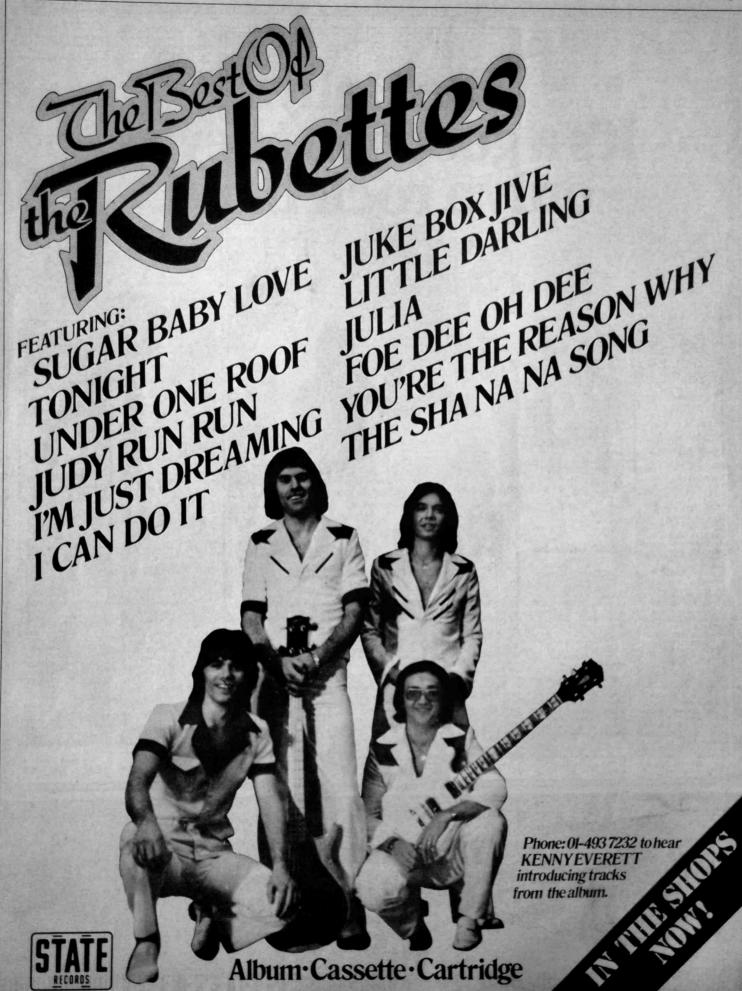
mad."
At Christmas in London, there's a chance the sailors from the ship the Ark Royal will give a special performance, singing the theme from the TV series about them, Rod's single 'Sailing'. It should be broadcast on Christmas day.

christmas day.
"I saw the last episode
of the series," said Rod.
"I thought it was very
good."

Christmas could be an Christmas could be an important time in more ways that one for Rod. He'll be back in Britain on the road, and with his family. What better time to tie the knot with his law? his lady?

"Well," he was non -commital. "I'll never find anyone better."







The Babys. And a new three track single featuring "If you've got the time," together with "Laura" and "Dying Man." Just 75p (r.r.p.)



O ZOUL O N

Ouch, that one hurt. Starsky and Hutch are the new super heroes of TV. ROSALIND RUSSELL talks to David Soul (Hutch) and finds that crime does pay.

YOU MIGHT remember the scene. The bright red car with the white flash is screaming down one way street - the wrong way. The good guys, Starsky and Hutch, are in pursuit, again, of the bad guys. Cars bad guys. Cars swerve noisily out of the way.

"Didn't you see the arrows?" yells Hutch. "I didn't even see the Indians," replies Star-

Indians," replies Starsky.
Smart eh? This new cop series has wiped the floor with everything that's gone before — and when did we ever think we'd see anything better than Kojak? But how can a bald Greek hope to compete with two athletic, good looking young guys. Kojak is for the mums.

Nervous

Mind you, married women are not above phoning up their heroes. Hutch, David Soul, was in London last week for a brief promotional visit. He has an album coming out this month and was hoping to give it a push. He'd been receiving a number of phone calls from people who'd found out where he was staying. He was nervous about the calls. calls

calls.
"But I find it very hard to be rude," he said.
"Here in London, everyone is so genuine about it, I have to be polite. It's not like that in America."
At home, he gets a number of crank phone calls — and that worries

number of crank phone calls — and that worries him. He has two children (aged 12 and five, from two ex marriages) and like any other well known father, is nervous about their safety.

Apart from that, he's a charming and relaxed guy. Unlike his TV character, Hutch, he does smoke and drink.

"In fact, it's Paul (Glaser) who's the health food fanatic." said

food fanatic," said David, "But life would be no fun if you didn't drink and enjoy yourself."

and enjoy yourself."
And in case you've been

thinking that his good looks are something the make up girl painted on you're wrong. But don't reach for the writing paper and air mail sticker just yet. Because David receives about 32,000 letters a month. That's some sack of mail. He tries to answer some of them, but they're all screened by someone else first.

Before David started

screened by someone else first.

Before David started with the series, he'd already had considerable success in other TV shows. He's made appearances in 'Cannon', 'Streets Of San Francisco', 'Ironside' and 'McMillan & Wife'. In fact, he seems to have made a good living out of cop shows. Who said crime doesn't pay?

"I have no particular feeling for cop shows one way or the other," he said. 'It's just that they seem to be what the public wants just now. It goes in cycles. Sometimes it's a hospital series, sometimes the series, sometimes Westerns. In 'Cannon' I played a Carman One thisty like

cycles. Sometimes it's a chospital series, sometimes Westerns. In 'Cannon' I played a German. One thing I like to do is develop the character I'm playing, make it really interesting."

Prepare

He'd also been a main character in the series 'Here Come The Brides'. ''I left that when I was

Tleft that when I was becoming too identified with the character. You have to prepare for what's to come – not just what you're doing at the time. Or you'll end up as a flash in the pan 'Starsky and Hutch will be forgotten about in a few years — what then? 'My choice is to be an actor whether or not I'm a star. Some people come to Hollywood with the wrong attitude — of becoming a star. When I was making 'The Brides' David Cassidy was working in

star. When I was making 'The Brides' David Cassidy was working in the next studio to me. There's an archetypical example. Pop stars who make a bundle. It doesn' make them artists, it makes them phenomena. 'I'm not worrying myself about identification in 'Starsky and Hutch'. One of the reasons I made the LP

was to establish myself as David Soul. And if the TV series helps, fine. The album has some classical flavour, some rock. Mostly middle of the road

Singing is the original road David started out on. He went to New York as a singer, not knowing he wanted to act. Did he

as a singer, not knowing as a singer?

"Well, I didn't make it the last time, but it the last time, but it the depends what you mean by make it'. It matters to me, but not in terms of chart success. I leave that to the record company guys. The rest of it is gravy. I haven't proved yet how far I can take the music. Ultimately, I'd like to produce my own films, direct, build a theatre."

Non-stop

At present, David and Paul are partly directing the TV series themselves. Their names haven t been on the directing credits because they've been waiting to become mem-bers of the Directors'

waiting to become members of the Directors' Guild.

The S&H series will go on non stop until February, by which time, the duo should be fully fledged members. It looks like fun, making the show.

'That's acting!' laughed David. 'You have to work for the winning formula. Paul and I, we're the two people who know the series best, but we don't agree with each other all the time. We disagree a lot when we're tired."

A bit like marriage in fact?

"Executive like it. Last

A bit like marriage in fact?

"Exactly like it. Last week we had an incredible argument, the worst we've ever had. We were shouting at each other, then went straight into the scene and it was great. It needed that energy. We finished and threw our arms around each other. That's the way it should be, having respect for each other."

David was cast as Hutch before the part of Starsky was sorted out. He played opposite all the hopeful Starskys, trying to choose the best. He'd

known Paul Glaser, but

not very well.
"Paul walked in with a "Paul walked in with a bag of walnuts and used them in the scene. We kicked off together right from the first minute. You have to give and take — that's the key. You have to give the other actor his space."
But what about the ego? You'd think someone as famous and as talented as David Soul would be a bit temperamental. Not so at all.

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all.
"I'm generally fairly
shy." he confessed. "But
I like people. I don't
change on the set. I'm the

I like people. I don't change on the set. I'm the same all the time. I've lived in the same place for four years — though I've been looking for a new house for six or eight months.

"It's difficult when I'm looking for a place with lots of space — exactly the opposite of what I have now. I did find a place recently. It's what you call California primitive. It's funky, none of the windows are the same size. I could put a lot of time and energy into doing it as I wan."

Starved

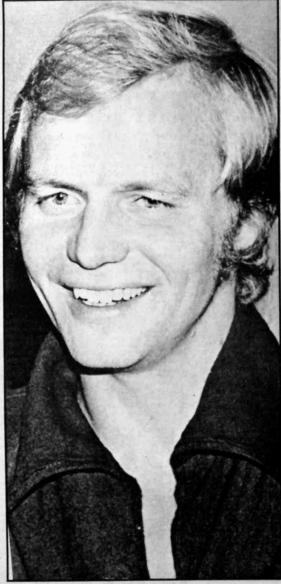
David lives with actress Lynne Marta. They've been together for three and a half years and and a half years and Lynne has appeared in a couple of S&H shows. She is also featured on David's album, doing back up vocals. They are obviously proving the theory that showbix people can't live together, wrong. But then, David isn't out for stardom in a big way.

ish tout for stardom in a big way.

"Thave a guitar, I could work in a club if I didn't get work," said David.
"Tve done if before. I've never starved, but no-body does that. From 1971 for two and a half years, I same I is clubbe heaves I

sang in clubs because I couldn't getwork."

As he is also a top notch skier, of professional level, is fluent in German and Spanish and turned down an offer to join the Chicago White Sox, he's not likely to be in the streets looking for the price of a cup of tea. So don't get too excited.



DAVID SOUL: Shy? who's he kidding





GRAHAM PARKER AND THE RUMOUR: 'Hotel Chambermaid' (Vertigo 6059 158). Chambermaids aren't what they were, just ask Graham Punker, sorry Parker who just has to ring for one when he fancies something more than a well made bed Raucous, like something Raucous, like something

out of the early sixties ++++ RODERICK FALCO-NER: 'Play It Again' (United Artists UP 36191). Phasing voice sounding like a cross between Nilsson and Lou Reed. Strange. haunting guitar slither

ing in and out of the vocals like a hungry snake. Works and deserves to be a hit.

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CANDI STATON: 'Run
To Me' (Warner K
16888) Follow up to
Young Hearts Run
Free' and just as
catchy, No it's not. Yes
it is Maybe. It's that
sort of record. +++
MICHAEL DINNER:
Thrown Out Of Paradise Ballroom' (Fantasy FTC 136). Lightweight stuff from Mr.

sy FTC 136). Light-weight stuff from Mr. Dinner who deserved to be thrown out of the Ballroom after this. ++

CAKE: 'No Money, No Love' (Polydor 2058 801). Cake sound a bit seedy on this hackneyed reggae record. Not one

reggie record. Not one for your collection. + +
THE G. BAND: 'Lay
Your Love On Me' (CBS
4710). The G. Band consistently make good records and this is no exception. Disco beat with distinctive harmonies that have become their trademark. Watch for it. + + +

A NEW WORLD RECORD





cut from the 'World War Two' album.

wins. Quit posing Rod and give us more raging rock like this. Dynamite. The record of this and many other weeks.

Roddy grapples with The Beatles

+ + + + + + plus 5.

Lover' (DJM DJS 10722). Is it a bird, is it a plane, no it's Superman lover faster than a speeding bullet More than just a little influence from Earth Wind and Fire on this which can't be bad.

which can't be bad.
++++
THE MARVELS: Take
Good Care Of You For
Me' (GULL GULS 44).
Sleeky reggae beat and
pretty lyrics. Music to
snooze to. +++
BERGEN WHITE:
'Duke Of Earl' (Private
Stock PVT 69). Classy
re-make of the old fifties
hit. Fonzierock of the
nicest kind. ++++ for
ol time sake.

nices kind. + + + + ior of time sake.

TAMMY WYNETTE:
'You And Me' (S EPC 4709). Title track from the Queen of country's new album and not bad at all. Not too corny and

at all. Not too corny and should be eligible for the charts. + + +







out de worst in record companies. This sweet

THE YAMASUKI'S: Yamasuki' (UK 153). Oriental. + + OSCA,2 'Remember The Star' (DJM 10724) Mott The Hoople rip off. Clever lyrics about Hollywood stars. "He's an old Clark Gable with a touch of Harry Lime."







DONESTELLE

strident guitar rift. Worth anybody's mon

worth anyondy's money. ++++
ALAN MOORHOUSE:
'When The Boat Comes
In' (EMI 2557). Instrumental version of
the old song brought to
life by the BBC TV
series. Waste of time.

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DIGBY RICHARDS:
'Dallas' (RCA 2761).
Australia's first rock
and roll star singing
about a Texas town
'Leaving On A Jet-'Leaving On A Jet Plane' stuff with nice use of airport sound effects. Stylish. + + + MUD: Lean On Me' (Private Stock 85). Bill Withers' song given the kiss of life by Mud, Mud glorious Mud Lavish production with 'Oh Boy' harmonies Flip is acoustic instrumental

acoustic instrumental, ++++
THE NEW SEEKERS:
I Wanna Go Back'
(CBS 4786). A Minor hit. The repetition of the title in the song makes it seem as if the record lasts 18 minutes. +++
THE McOVS: "Hang On Sloopy' (Band 063). The 1966 hit re-released for the umpteenth time. About to excite a whole new generation. ++++

VERA LYNN: 'White Christmas' (EMI 2528). Did Irving Berlin ever realise what misery he was going to inflict on record reviewers when he wrote this? it's been done to death. +

STEWART PYTHON EXPLODES EXPOSE ROD STEWART: 'Get Back' (Riva 6). A

++++
HEAVY WATER: 'Let
It Rain' (State 34). Ug,
Heavy Water make um
heavy weather of Indian
rain dance number.
Thundering bore. +
WINDSOR DAVIES
AND DON ESTELLE:
Nagasaka (EMI 2531).
Confucious he say
"Christmas time bring
out de worst in record

and

terrific pace Better lucknexttime ++ RANDY EDELMAN: 'You' (20th Century BTC 2253). Slushv: but growson you. +++

KING SPORTY: 'Reg-gae Rock Road' (Miami 408. A) Washout + CATCH. 'Mr Nice Guy'

(Lodon HLZ 10543) The type of record even supermarkets would re-fuse to play as background muzak

background muzak Guaranteed to drive the shoppers away. +
METHOD: 'Yorkshire
Lad' (UK 156). 'ee
paaas the pud lad. Nowt

so boring patial. Now so boring as this + BONNIE BRAMLETT: Hold On I'm Coming' (Capricorn 2089 033). Re-vamp of the old Sam and Dave hit. This is soul at its best. Let's sup-

companies. This sweet and sour pair must be avoided." min us one + PETERS & LEE: 'Save Me (Feel Myself a falling)' (Philips 6006 549). No doubt keep their legions of fans

their legions
happy ++
DUNN & RUBINI:
'Diggin' It' (Prodigal
1). Sounds like a firm of
solicitors, and there's no
defence for this. +

COLIN BLUNSTONE: 'Planes' (Epic 4752).
Typical Elton John and
Bernie Taupin song
given the typical Blunstone treatment Slightly
tedious. + + +

MONTY PYTHON: 'Python on Song'

(Charisma 001). Worth five stars for the Lumberjack Song' alone. Two singles for 99p attractively packaged in a mini folding sleeve and also including 'Spam Song'; 'Bruce's Song' and 'Erick The Half A Bee'. ++++

HARPO: 'Smile' (DJM 10723). Charlie Chap-lin's classic song from Limelight and he could sing it better even aged 80, or 90, or 100

aged 80, or 90, or 100.
++ for the song.
SMOKIE: 'Living Next
Door To Allee' (RAK
244). Smokie's best
single to date Irresistible chorus about a guy
living next door to a girl
for 24 years without
making a move should
ensure them of a big
Christmas hit. ++ ++
FREDDY ANTHONY:
Emmanuelle - Joys Of

Christmas hil + + + + + + FREDDY ANTHONY: FERDMAN ANTHONY: FERDMAN ANTHONY: FERDMAN ANTHONY: FROM AN with cruising guitar Not bad but no hit

THE GNOME BAND: 'Bionic Gnome' (Polydor 2058 811). Stand back the Wombles and make way for The Gnomes. There's a make way for The Gnomes There's a cartoon series afoot and one or two other gimmicks in the pipe-line. Oh, and there's this pretty awful single.

JUDEE SILL: 'Jesus Was A Cross Maker' (Asylum K 13064). Gentle and soothing like a hot bath. +++
OZARK MOUNTAIN
DAREDEVILS: Noah'
(A&M 7261). Not up to
the usual standard of
the top notch country
rockers but still better
than most in this
category. +++
LONE STAR: 'She Said,
She Said' (CBS 4751).
Great rendiditon of the
Beatles number. Zeppellnesque vocals,
throbbing drums and a



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MONTY PYTHON: a song, in a song, in a song

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| Nov. 6th HALIFAX Civic Theatre | Nov. 20th STOKE Jollies Club |
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Sabbath do it again. Music for the Mind and Body. It's . . .

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THEY WERE the definitive heavy metal British rock band - loud and simple, gutsy and exciting.

exciting.

As well as enjoying a legion of followers, the band were plagued by the fault- finders, the immaculate critics who moaned that it all sounded the same and was just brash mindless drivel and those who followed it must be morons, and that somewhere there must be something better.

Black Sabbath, they said, wouldn't last the course, and those who shook their heads to 'Paramoid would soon find something else to occupy themselves with.

But seven albums and about the same number of years later, that same band is still standing firm.

Strangely enough their style of music heads.

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Strangely enough their style of music has been adapted, refined and stripped of its glories by other bands, who those same critics will tell you are those that innovators. And for every band care that Blue dyster Cult who admits to having ripped off Sabbath's style there must be many more who will tell you it's all their own work.

work.
Sabbath have brought their late - sixtles
rock into the seventies very successfully, as
album and concert sales will confirm, and as
their latest album 'Technical Ecstasy,'
reveals they are capable of a lot more than
some of those connoisseurs would allow
them credit for.

them credit for.

They've come up with an album of which they are not only justifiably proud, but which does not disappoint the current following and is more likely to attract attention from outsiders.

Indeed, it is the sort of album that you could play to a sceptic and not tell who it was, chances are they would be impressed and astonished when the name was revealed.

Black Sabath

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Black Sabbath were in the UK briefly in between US recording and tours, and had some time to discuss current plans.

Lead singer Ozzy Osbourne points a finger at bassist Geezer Buder and says: "He wrote the tyrics so ask him about it."

"I don't think it's that different from things we've done before," says Geezer, picking up the impressive cover that graces the album, and going through the set track by track:

the album, and going through the set track by track:

"Back Street Kids' — "That's Ozzy's title and is about the way we evolved out of Aston and why we play the music we do."

"You Won't Change' — "That's about a bloke who can't relate to anything. It's probably about me when we were working in Miami. I mean it was a drag for six weeks in and out of the same studios and the same hote!."

and out of the same same, butch."

"It's Airight' — "That's Bill's (Ward, the drummer), he's done some writing before.

Tony (lommi, the guitarist), adds a nice guitar bit in the middle, a bit different I rockan."

reckon."
"Gypsy" — (No relation to the Urlah Heep track of the same name) "We thought of all sorts of titles for that one, but eventually decided on the Gypsy theme."

decided on the cyps's detail.

(Side Two)

'All Moving Parts (Stand Still)' — "Ah, now this is about the ultimate women's libber who gets to be president of America, but is dressed as a bloke and only reveals berself as a woman in the last verse. I don't know how that one came about," he chuckles.

know how that one came about," he chuckles. N. Roll Doctor. — "There were three of four titles for it, like 'Dr Rock. 'It's a really light song, came from a jam, kept really basic. — A refer to the straightforward thing about a woman leaving a bloke. It happens to us all."



BLACK SABBATH: still standing firm

'Dirty Women' — "There were plenty of them where we were in America I can tell you. We went past this porno place every day on the way to the studio."

Their album shows an almost live sound, using a minimum of overdubbing and embellishments, which despite the title 'Technical Ecstasy,' seems to work well, since it means they are able to reproduce everything live that is on the album.

Another Innovation is the use of keyboards player Gerald Woodruff, introduced to Sabbath audiences for the first time when they toured here last.

The main advantage of the keyboards player is that it means that Tony Iommi, a very underestimated guitarist, gets a chance to do solos whereas in the past he has been confined to playing the riffs and main body of the music.

"The introduction of a keyboards player has meant a definite change of direction,' says Ozzy. "It means we are able to fill in any holes left by the rest of the band.

"It gives Tony a chance to really play guitar instead of just repetitive riffs.

"I can tell how Tony feels by the way he plays. I don't think he would want to have another little with the band, and brass just work that the playis and the IS more to their taste at present, mainly because there are the larger venues with the chance of actually making revenue as well as playing to bigger, more receptive audience.

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Like many other bands they are finding it hard to play in their native country because of various considerations such as breaking even and the unavailability of the right sized halls.

Sabbath have, for example, been banned twice from London's Royal Albert Hall, not through any fault of their own but because their audience has occasionally felt the need to stand on the chairs and rave it up a bit.

As a result of the fact the boys have spent most of their time lately in the States, there have been exaggerated reports about the band quitting the UK for the States.

"That has got a bit out of hand," admits Ozzy.
"Over here we can't get the gear we would use in America on the stage and we're really cramped for room to move about," adds Geezer.

Sabbath have a lot of work before them, US, British and Far East tours forthcoming, and so need somewhere to relax.
"With all the gigging and recording we do somewhere to relax to really surprising we need somewhere to relax. The situation over here has got so bad, that although we like working here — and are likely to continue doing it because of that — we have to look elsewhere, or we just wouldn't be able to survive," Ozzy reluctantly shrugs lis shoulders.

DAVID BROWN

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AVERAGE White Band send their regards to one and all in the country and would like you to pop over here to see you at Christmas. No concerts though, just a visit to friends and relatives and perhaps a few interviews, you understand.

stand.

The five Scotsmen and a coloured gentleman from Brighton that together make AWB, are going a bomb in the States. They're well and truly in the big league now, as basist Alan Gorrie explaimed on the hot line from San Francisco. (Aah, the Francisco. (Aah, the wonders of modern science. he came through so clearly he could have been speaking from next door).

"We've progressed from the small clubs through theatres to playing the arenas and football stadiums. Some are really too big for our are really too big for our sound, but we manage to cope playing in the 15,000 seat division. In Pittsburg, there's this amazing new building — we've played it twice now — in the middle of the first number, the

The Average Whites are dropping in for a quick visit

roof starts to open to reveal the starlit sky last night we got a terrific reception here in San Francisco,

san Francisco, earlier this year we broke John Denver's all -time attendance record at the HIC Auditorium

at the HIC Auditorium in Honolulu..."

AWB used to be bigeon-holed thus: the only British band ever to write, record and perform authentic soul music. This makes their succeases in the States, home of soul, even more interesting.

successes in the States, home of soul, even more interesting. "We're not an exclusively soul band." Alan continued, "we seem to be playing to much wider audiences than just soul fans. We can't be classified so easily."

So when are the Brittish fans going to get a look in? "We'll be coming over at Christmas for a short visit and hope to do some concerts in Britain in summer 1977. We'd also like to play some European dates. I'd particularly like to do the Montreux Jazz Festival."

have a double live album due for release. "We took a break from touring in September to do the mixing. It really is the best thing we've ever done. A kind of documentary of the first four years of the band, the definitive AWB album. And our next UK single release could weil be the live version of 'I'm The One', we're waiting for advice on that from Atlantic. Sometime I'd like to get the band into a studio and cut some singles, numbers intended as singles not album tracks. I always think it's cheating to release an album and then take four or five singles from it. That was something I admired about the Beatles, they made out and out deliberate singles."

1976 has been a long year for AWB. A Far

deliberate singles."
1976 has been a long year for AWB. A Far Eastern tour of Australia, New Zealand and Japan, Honolulu in February, then three months work on the album, 'Soul Searching', followed by the

start of their '76 World Tour. They headlined throughout Britain — their first UK dates in nearly two years — Germany, Sweden, Holland and Switzerland through to the end of June. July 9 to september 5 saw their sixth tour of the United States including dates at Red Rocks (Denver), the Sam Houston Colleaum, Winterland San Francisco and the Long Beach Arena. Now they're playing still more US dates and have some TV shows to do in Los Angeles. "Then we'll all be taking a break," said Alan, "Going home, which for most of us is in the East, near New York. I think we're sufficiently popular now to take things a bit as the east, yes, constant travelling is exhausting. You have no time to relax, to clean your nind to be able to write new material."

But AWB will be back on the run in '77 with tentative plans for a US tour in the late spring "The weather's just right for touring then," added Alan, "In the summer the States goes into a kind of recess."

TIM EVANS 'Constant travelling is exhausting. You have no time to relax, to clean your mind to be able to write new material'

AVERAGE WHITE BAND: going a bomb.

RM takes a look at the new entries and the

reakers Ya breakers behind the singles chart

TO GIVE even a potted history of the changing faces and changing fortunes of Fleetwood Mac would take far more space than this column allows, but we'll try.

Cast your mind back to 1967 when three renegades from John Mayall's Bluesbreakers, Peter Green, John McVie and Mick Fleetwood, seceded to form Fleetwood Mac. They specialised in Mayall-style music, basic electric blues. In 1968, an instrumental, 'Albatross' stormed to the top of the singles charts. This was followed by 'Man of the World', 'Oh Well' and

CAST YOUR minds

back to the winter of

'55, when, on a cold autumn evening, three brothers per-formed in public for

the first time — as an intermission act in a backstreet cinema.

Today, some twenty years later, the brothers, not the 'B'

The brothers Gibb — Barry, Robin and Maurice — collectively known as the Bee Gees are heading back to the charts with their latest single, 'Love So Right'. The Bee Gees story has been told a thousand times, but one aspect of their work has often been ignored — their song writing.

Barry, Robin and Maurice Gibb must rank with the most prolific songwriters in pop music. Since returning to England from Australia in '67, they have recorded only self-

draw

the

movies

crowds.

'Green Manalishi'

'Green Manalishi'.
Since that time, much
has happened and the
band has changed.
Players have come and
gone — Peter Green,
guitarist supreme, is still
believed to be deeply
involved in spiritualism
and 'aint picked a chord
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The band are now based in the United States where, for the past two years they have been enjoying phenomenal success. The current line-up is Christine McVie (keyboards, vocals), Lindsey Buckingham (guitar, vocals), Stevie Nicks (vocals), John McVie (bass), Mick Fleetwood (drums).

With this combination they are now, perhaps, the biggest British band in the States. Their

the biggest British band in the States. Their album, titled simply 'Fleetwood Mac' has gone platinum and sold more than two million copies. They've also had three hit singles across the Atlantic. But success in this country has eluded them, though things seem to be looking up now with their single 'Say You Love Me'about to break over here and the album selling reasonably.

Perhaps a concert tour over here would re-

over here would re-establish them. We shall see. Meantime, some quotes on the band's popularity boom in the States.



STEVIE NICKS good feeling



FLEETWOOD MAC: phenomenal success

Bees make money



BEE GEES: lean times

penned tunes (except one — ex - Bee Gee Vince Melouney's 'Such A Shame').

The band have known lean times. Late '73 and '74 were rough years for the Bee Gees.
Their tours were going well, but they couldn't find the musical formula they were after. They couldn't get it together on record. Besides

numerous stray songs that were 'shelved', a whole album recorded in Los Angeles was scrapped. But better things were just around the corner. With the aid of keyboards player Blue Weaver and drummer Denis Byron, they went to Miami and emerged with their best ever album, 'Main Course'. From this collection they managed to plunder three of their biggest selling singles — 'Jive Taikin', 'Nights on Broadway (Be Tender With My Love)'.

At one stage in the group's

and 'Fanny (Be Tender With My Love').

At one stage in the group's chequered listory, the Brothers Glbb went their seperate ways. Barry and Maurice made solo LPs. Neither were released. Robin made one too, and what's more his effort made it to the record shops. He reflects thus: "In my eyes I didn't finish the album. It wasn't something I was into, it didn't have the continuity I wanted. It only came out because Polydor wanted it to."

No doubt, there will soon be another chapter to add to the Bee Gees story, meantime, all's well in the family Gibb.

Yvonne's super success

FROM THE exotic shores of Hawaii comes Ms Yvonne Elliman. In fact she left those sunny climes some seven years ago for a years ago for a promised but never realised recording contract in London.

Instead she found herself work at a folk club in London's Kings Road. It was there she was discovered by Jesus Christ

was there she was discovered by Jesus Christ Superstar composers Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice who signed her up for the role of Mary Magdalene.

For three years she played that role in the original studio recording the US tour of the stage production, the Broadway version and finally the film Young and innocent she made a slight blunder when she accepted a flat 300 dollar fee for the studio recording instead of the half percent of the royalties offered her. "It was either get the money instantly, which I needed, or wait and see how the album went. Of

course I never dreamed Superstar would be such a success, but later on they made it up to me a bit." Her future as a singer secured, Yvonne went on to make two solo albums, the first of which was produced by Webber and Rice. Then in 1974 she joined up with Eric Capton. She went our with EC and sang throughout his '461 Ocean Boulev ard' album.

Then she landed a contract with RSO records and made her "Rising Sun' album. But she must have been a shade put out when the company's president, Al Coury took 'I Don't Know How To Love Him' — hen member which established Yvonne in Superstar— and gave it to Helen Reddy. It gave Helen her first hit and put her firmly on the road to success. However, Yvonne looks like gaining her revenge as her latest single, Love Me' climbs the charts.



YVONNE ELLIMAN

White's Black Magic

Stevie Nicks, "I think that basically the audiences really like us as people. I think they have a good feeling towards us in a very human way."

Christine Perfect: "We never seem to stop progressing. Once you slot yourself, there's only so far you can go in any

sof ar yourself, there's only so far you can go in any one tight direction". Lindsey: "We can't really say where we're going, because idea-wise we're always a little ahead of ourselves, which is the best creative situation a band can be

Mick Fleetwood:
"Right now there are
three definite front-line
people. We've come back
to how the band was at the
beginning with Peter,
Danny and Jeremy. They
were all very different in
fact, and people could
enjoy different aspects'
within the band. Now,
with Stevie, Lindsey and
Christine, we've come full
circle." Mick Fleetwood:



BARRY WHITE: God given talents

EIGHTEEN STONE of black magic in the form of Barry White has another hit on his hands with his latest single 'Don't Make Me Wait Too Long' about to take the charts by

storm.

Over to you, Barry: "Love is the centre of my music, necessity put me here, and my God given talents have clinched my success and being."

Mr White has been around the music scene a long time. Already a successful record producer, writer, arranger and businessman, Barry had only been waiting for the right time to emerge as a performer. In late 1972, that time came. And with his recording of 'I'm Gonna' Love You Just A Little More Baby' and his first album T've Got So Much To Give', the avalanche of hits began.

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In the beginning ... over to Barry's little ol' Mummy, "From the time Barry was only a small child, he would sit for hours beating time to hit tunes on the radio." By the time he was five he was

playing the piano. At eight he was singing in church. And at 10-years-old, not only was he singing in the church choir, but directing and accompanying them on the organ as well.

As composer, Barry writes songs of love – the word features in the majority of his titles. He reckons to treat vocals as another instrument in the complex structure of his arrangement instead of arranging orchestral accompaniments for his vocals. As arranger, he has completed scores for several films and is in constant demand for film projects.

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As a producer, he has over 50 gold records to his credit. As a businessman, he runs a complex of music businesses which employ a staff of over 50 people. Finally, Barry White, the man, likes to help the youngsters. When time permits, he's to be found visting youth foundations. "It's up to each individual to want to make something of himself," says Barry, "and if my presence as a name entertainer can encourage solid citizenship, then that's what it's all about."



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COCKNEY CHAMELEON CHANGES COLOUR

Choirs. nursery noises, nubile Lancashire lasses, you name it — Steve Harley's got it on his new album. He uses every conceivable gimmick in the book on this, his strongest elpee to date. So if the guy can't sing a note. But with a voice like that who cares? His disjointed phrasing embellishes every track with a special magic that many have tried to copy without success. He doesn't seem to be taking himself quite so seriously these days. and that makes for a flexible, more relaxed sound. Songs like 'Seeking A Love', which incidentally is treated in two different ways on the album — bebop and rock 'n' roll — show us a side of the cockney chameleon you never dreamed existed. The same goes for 'Is It True What They Say' which perfectly invokes a dreamtime cheapo dance hall up North complete with would be groupies. 'Here comes The Sun' the hit single is also present. But the deadly serious Harley is also showcased Take' Innocence And Guilt' for example, a weird larpm Harley struggling to escape from his Choirs, nursery noises, nubile Lancashire lasses, you showcased. Take 'innocence And Guilt' for example, a weird lêrpm Harley struggling to escape from his mother's suffocating possessiveness. A great album, enhanced by the presence of such musiclans as Jim Cregan, guitar, Lindsay Elliott, percussion and Duncan Mackay keyboards. Oh, and there's the English Chamber Choir thrown in for good measure.





HARLEY and Cregan: relaxed (?) sound

JACKSON BROWNE 'The Pretender' lum K53048).

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If you're into anything a little deeper than pop get this album. Jackson Browne has been a growing force for some years but shows all signs of breaking loose from the cult following to nation wide acclaim very soon. He's been cited as the influence on many rock 'n' rollers and if you look at the people on this album, you'll see he's popular. Little Feat's Lowell George plays slide guitar on one track; Bonnie Raitt does back - up vocals on another up vocals on another and Crosby and Nash take harmonies on a couple of others. One of 'Linda Paloma' – no relation to 'Una Paloma Blanca'. Superb album + + + + Rosalind Russell.

VARIOUS ARTISTS: '20

United Stars of America (WEA K58006). Maybe I'm just getting suspicious in my old age, but this album oks to me like a fairly blatant bit of cashing in You know, the Bi-centennial, the Presi-dential elections, Spirit of America and all that.
Why else would they
release a record of old
tracks by 20 artists who
seem to have nothing in
common except they all
hail from the USA? But
all the same it; very all the same it's very listenable — simply because it's packed with old favourites like Carly Simon's 'You're So Simon's 'You're Vain'. Roberta Flack's 'Killing Me Softly', Eagles' 'One Of These Nights', the Doors' Eagles' Nights', Eagles' One Of These Nights', the Doors' incredible 'Riders On The Storm' and so on. It's the kind of album that's useful if you're having a get together with friends — you can stick it on the turntable at the begin-ning of the evening, and rely on it to keep coming up with goodies. If that's what you're after, it should be a good buy. + + + Sheila Prophet

GENE RODDENBER-Inside Star Trek (CBS 81610)

(CBS 81610)
Space the final frontier (opening titles), these are the voices of the Starship Enterprise, its 40 minute course to

explore new regions of an amazingly popular soap box opera — boldly going where no album has gone before (theme tune). Hear how Captain Kirk and First Officer Spock didn't always get get on too well together (ship rocks from side to side, stunning revelations about Vulcan sex life! (set phasers), listen to how Spock was conceived (check sensor readings Li Uhuru), visit Isaac Asimov's world of sci - fi (beam me aboard, Scotty), discover Roddenberry's master plan to dominate explore new regions of master plan to dominate our minds through a TV show (fire all phasers). Live to fight another day (end sequence), head off into the next star system. Warp factor David 'Bones' Brown

WISHBONE ASH: 'New England' (MCA MCG

3523) The Wishbone jigsaw is complete again. Ever since 'Argus' they've

the old magic that made the old magic that made them the brightest hopes of '71. 'New England' has done it, capturing them at their reflective and forceful peaks. Side one storms open with 'Mother of Pearl' 'Mother of Pearl' demonstrating how Martin Turner's voice has become more positive over the years. After the storm the calm. 'In All Of My Dreams' floats away Dreams' floats away like clouds covering the moon. 'Lorelei' contin-ues the mellow feel opening with bubbling bass before the twin bass before the twin guitars slide easily along side. 'Outward Bound' is going to make a dynamic single. Just right for cruising along in your Cadillac or bopping at the local hop. The only real criticism is that the last track 'Candle Light' is too short. Just as you're beginning to float out of the window it's over.' New England' is an album that makes up for all the inconsistencies and what's more it comes in a superbly designed Hipgnosis cover just like the old days Die hard Wishbone fans will be overjoyed and it's going to win the band many new conband many new verts as well + + Robin Smith band

OUR KID: 'Our Kid' (Polydor Super 2383 423).

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423).

There's no truth in the rumour that this album was provisionally titled 'Our Kid Sing Barry Mason'. The prolife Mr Mason was involved in the composing of no less than 10 of the 12 tracks on this platter. It's certainly been a great year for these four Liverpudilan mop tops. New Faces victories, a Number Two chart smash, summer season at Yarmouth and a contract for a new Tv series to be screened early next year. Not bad when you consider the oldest member, Terry Baccino, is barely 17. This album, their first, is just what you would expect. It contains the hit single 'You Just Might See Me Cry' and the not so successful follow up 'Romeo and Juliet.' Other standouts in clude 'An geline', Wish You Were Here'. Juliet. Other standouts
in clude 'Angeline',
'Wish You Were Here',
'Dance' and 'California
Feeling' all partly
written by yes, you've
guessed it ... BM.
+ + + Barry Cain

BARRY WHITE: 'Is This Whatcha Wont? (20th Century BTH 516) (20th Century BTH 516)
Five tracks, written, produced, arranged and mixed by the talented heavyweight Mr White-He mumbles and grumbles his way through lengthy numbers such as his current hit 'Don't Make Me Wait Too Long' Side two doesn't beat about the bush and gets straight down to basics. "I'm Qualified To Satisty basics 'I'm Qualified To Satisfy You', 'I Wanna Lay Down With You Baby' and Now I'm Gonna Make Love To You' A 5,000 VOLTS: 5,000 Volts (Phonogram 9109 215

Now this is the stuff to liven up Monday morn-ings. The piercing vocals of Lynda Kelly are backed by a tight rhythm section and interesting in-strumentation. Includ-trumentation. Includrhythm section instrumentation. Included are hits 'Doctor Kiss
Kiss', 'I'm On Fire' and
latest release 'Light The
Flame of Love'. All are
delivered at whirlwind
pace and the opening
track seems to run a
little too foast. Miss Kelly
has one of the sexies,
voices around and she
has a nice way of almost
making it crack. There
are a few moments of
tranquillity, like the
baillad 'Late Late
Show'. Good one for
parties. + + + + Robin
Smith Show'. Granties. +

DAVID SOUL 'David Soul' (Private Stock PMLP 1012)

As the blond half of Starsky and Hutch, David Soul might find some Starsky and Huten, David Soul might find some small measure of success with his music. He doesn't claim to be trying anything more ambitious than MoR, so on that level, he succeeds. Any greater kickback could only be thanks to his TV series. On the whole, the songs are fairly easy to get along with; nice dreamy country numbers to fantasise by. I wish he hadn't tried 'Bird On The Wire', it's too heavy and emotional for him. I also felt he hadn't let go as much as he could have, but that's just experience. + + + Rosalind Russell

'801 Live' (Island ILPs

A memorable occasion A memorable occasion-al band featuring the talents of Foxy guitarist. Phil Manzanera and vocalist extraordinaire Brian Eno. Though recorded in the confines of London's Queen Elizabeth Hall, the set reflects the same atmos-mbers of the woodsmoke reflects the same atmosphere of the woodsmoke-filled air at Reading Festival a few days earlier. The music comes from the two leaders' solo albums and has a sense of the unreal about it, featuring knife - edge beats and strange world rhythms. Healight of ing knife - edge beats and strange world rhythms. Highlight of the whole affair is when they somehow manage to weld in the Kirks." You Really Got Me into their own 'Miss Shapiro' composition. Clever and clean. + + + + David Brown

PURPLE LIVE(S)



DEEP PURPLE: wax trio

DEEP PURPLE: 'Made In Europe' (Purple TPSA 7517), JON LORD: 'Sarabande' (Purple TPSA 7516), TOMMY BOLIN: 'Private Eyes' (CBS

So you thought Deep Purple were defunct en? In fact it was just a cunning defunct eh? In fact it was just a curning ploy to make us buy three times as many albums! A trio of goodles from Purple members collectively and individually. The 1975 live set is definitely a four star set, but not necessarily representative of Purple at their best — Ritchie Blackmore's discontent shows on occasions, but it's certainly an atmospheric souvenir of certainly an atmospheric souvenir of one of our most influential top rock acts. The difference between the Lord one of our max influential top roca acts. The difference between the Lord and Bolin solo albums helps you appreciate some of the diverse forces within Purple. Lord's classical training is put to good use on a set of training is put to good use on a set of baroque dance suites, incorporating some nice flowing jazz, and only occasionally wandering offtarget. Bolin's albumis a fine collection of songs, good lyrics, tasteful instrumentation and exceptional guitarwork. It's to be hoped the deep rooted predujices of Purple fans will give this one a chance. A listen to 'Post Toastee' or 'Shake The Devil' might convince them that while his situation in the band was a compromise, he is still one helluwa good axeman. Purple ++ ++ +, Lord +++, Bolin +++ David Brown.

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We're talking about the new album from Leo Sayer.

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Ice Man cometh

JERRY BUTLER, throughout his career, has consistently sung with a mollasses smooth that's deep, sensitive and sincere.

Your Precious Love' is more of an institution than a hit. In the sixtles he was one of the first hit - makers for long time struggling producers Gamble and Huff. Nicknamed The Ice Man' (more as a joke than as a description) Butler is a vocalist supreme.

description.) Butter supreme.

After a string of uptempo hits in the late sixties, things cooled down a bit for the ice man. Then a year ago he signed with Motown. He's released one album for them called 'Love's On The Menu'. The best known track to date is a rather punchy uptempo number called 'The Devil In Mrs Jones'. The rest is a mixed affair but at least it's a start.

Trivia Time

WHAT'S BLACK and white on the outside and salty and wet on the Inside.

'A Letter Full of Tears' (Gladys Knight and the Pips).

Get 18? Of course you do. Can you do better? I would think so. Competitors are invited to submit a riddle whose answer is in the title of a famous soul track.

PRIZES: From our friends at Chrysal's, three winners will each receive Lee Garrett's 'Heart For The Feet', Leo Sayers latest, 'Endless Filght' and 'Rocket Cottage by Steeleye Span.

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When Butler isn't singing and recording he is part owner in a beer distribution business in his home town of Chicago. This ice man even stocks. Guinness, though the drink has not quite caught on with the Yanks. Butler reports that it is mostly the West Indian and African communities who are aware of the tall dark drink. But more about the booze business later. Onto the upcoming news.

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later. Onto the upcoming news.

Mr Butler has just completed a new album which hopfeully will be out in January. I, for one, would like to see it reviewed by Millie Jackson. For Mr Butler's new LP is a concept album called 'Suite For A Single Girl'.

"What can I say," laughed a cordial Butler over the phone. "Tm an old married man taking a close look at the problems of being a single girl. I'm friendly with a lot of single girls and I listen to them talk about their problems with men and their ambittons — it seemed a good idea to expand."

ambitions — it seemed a good and expand."
Wouldn't it have been easier to do an album about a single man? MAN?
Don't single men get a pretty bad shake up with women being as independent as they are these days?
"Maybe, but I'm not really interested. I enjoy the company of women more. They have a lot to say for themselves and the idea presented a challenge! couldn't resist. The most or themselves and the idea presented a challenge I couldn't resist. The most difficult part, which I'll find out from the response I get to the album, is whether or not I portrayed the truth or just an image of it."

The suite is divided into two parts, reality and fantasy. Side one titles read off as follows, 'Suite For A Single Girl', 'I Wanna Do It To You', 'Ms. Fine', 'Pleasant Surprise' (a reggae



JERRY BUTLER: woman's man

track) and 'Chalk It Up To

'On side two, Paul Wilson and I "On side two, Paul Wilson and I designed a dream sequence about a girl who wants to be a star. But in order to keep solvent, she has to work. So her goals are pushed to the back of her head and just become dreams. In her fantasy she's in a nightclub with an orchestra behind her and an audience in front of her

"We've got one song called 'Only Pretty Girls Are In The Movies' about the problem of being pretty. Plain girls feel inadequate because they go to the movies and don't see themselves

there. Then pretty girls will tell you how they envy the girl next door because she's settled down with a man who loves her.

"The last track is called 'Gotta Get Away' which is about a guy suggesting to his girl that they go away for the weekend."

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A couple of weeks ago in talking to the Four Tops about hit records new attitude was revealed. Because of the new women's lib attitudes, the Tops feel songs where men are begging and pleading will go by the wayside. Butler, one of soul's finest romantics was sure to disagree. He did.
"People don't change because attitudes do — they still fall in love with each other. And when you're in love your world revolves around the two of you.

"A lot of guys want to pass themselves off as macho supermen, punks included. But take away the toughness and all human beings are reduced to the same things they felt as children. You want to be needed, loved and you have hope. If people get past these basic needs the human race is gonna be in bad shape.

"The world is still based on pairs of lovers and small families that turn into communities and then into citles. For that reason love songs from the

into communities and then into cities.
For that reason love songs from the 1920's will still be relevant in the 2000's.

Chart

ALBUMS upcoming hot, fast, and furious, include Bobbi Humphrey's 'Best' (Blue Note), Gil Scott Heron and Brian Jackson's specially imported package, 'It's Your World' (Arista), Michael Henderson 'Solid' (Buddah), George Benson and Joe Farrell's 'Benson and Farrell' (CTI), Brick's 'Good High' (Web IV), Bill Wither's 'Naked And Warm' (CBS), The Love Unil mitted Orchestra's My Sweet Summer Suite' (20th Century), The Four Top's self-produced 'Catfish' (ABC) and ones to watch for include Marilyn McCoo and Billy Davis Jnr's 'I Hope We Get To Love in Time' (ABC), ex-Wonderlove vocalist expendings Willing Peniss Will-Love In Time' (ABC), ex-wonderlove vocalist ex-traordinaire Denise Wil-Hams 'The Is Niecy' (CBS), War's 'Greatest Hits' (Island) and the double album for the film 'Car Wash' featuring music by Rose Royee produced merrily by Norman Whitfield.

The dark side

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industry.
Soundtracks have regularly found their way into the charts with the artists themselves often appearing on the big screen.
The reason was a new generation of black cinema — the coloured people of America demanded something more than the stereotyped images put out in years of exploitation movies.
The new films gave them their own heroes and comedians as well as naturally reflecting their own music.

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While the films were often box office smashes in America it was usually a different question this side of the Atlantic. Some caught the British imagination and made big, while others proved to be too American and flopped miserably.

Isaac Hayes' Theme From Shaft' is perhaps the most notable film hit to date — it cleared the way for a whole string of similarly constructed themes and injected a new style into soul music itself. The music probably helped the films out over here too, with Richard Roundtree as the black crimebuster become

over here too, with Richard Roundtree as the black crimebusier becoming one of the big box office draws for a time.

Another aspect of black America was examined by 'Super Fly' with Ron O'Neal portraying Priest who is trying to break out of the drugs racket. A memorable contribution was made by Curtis Mayfield, with an appearance and soundtrack, which was one of the film's highlights.

'Super Fly' was directed by Gordon Parks, who this year came up with a film on 'Leadbelly', the negro blues singer. Despite a few unecessary



DIANA ROSS in 'Lady Sings The Blues

embellishments, the film was both entertaining and

was out energaining and well executed.

The blues also featured predomin antly in 'Soun-der', with some atmos-pheric music by Taj Mahal.

Mahai.

But the most successful blues - based film must be 'Lady Sings The Blues', which had Diana Ross making a stunning screen debut as Billie Holliday. The touching story complete with drugs, prostitution and the seedier side of her life weren't overlooked in the film, produced by Motown's Berry Gordy. film, produced by Mo-town's Berry Gordy.

Diana Ross returned

this year in 'Mahogany', a glossy affair which provided her with a hit in the theme song.

In both 'Lady' and 'Mahogany' the male lead was portrayed by Billy Dee Williams, who now crops up in one of the latest big flops – another Motown production called 'The Bingo Long Travelling Allstars and Motor Kings', which opened in London at the end of October and closed a week later.

Co-starring Richard Pryor (Piano Man in 'Lady Sings The Blues') and James Earl Jones, it's about a negro





WHEN YOU drive out of Detroit airport, your car follows miles of four lane motorway.

Inne motorway.

The highway is as monotonous as any other save for one fact. There's this huge thing on the right-hand side. As soon as your car starts zooming along the gargantuan shape begins to define itself. It's round and black—it must be 100 feet high it it's an inch. Yes, this has to be Detroit, the home of America's car

Yes, this has to be Detroit, the home of America's car industry, the Motown to end them all. For the big black object that stands proudly alongside the highway is a 125 foot car tyre with its manufacturer's name blazing in bright red neon light. Welcome to the real 'Motown'. Motown

an American obsession — it's more of a way of defining oneself. In the fifties, the cars were covered in tail - fins, bulging whiteball tyres and ridiculous two tone colour combinations.

BILLY DEE Williams in

The Bingo Long Travelling All Stars & Motor

baseball team in the

baseball team in the hirties and forties and their struggle to maintain their independence. With jazz-tinged period music from William Goldstein (the Motown 'Magic Disco Machine' man), and songs from Theima Houston, the film deserved a better fate.

deserved a better fate.

Straightforward documentary footage on concert appearances have had some mileage—hough limited—such as Wattstax' with Rufus Thomas doing the Funky Chicken' all over the place, and 'Let The Good Times Roll', which included Little Richard, Fats Domino, The Shirelles, Bo Diddley, The Coasters and Chuck Berry.

Who can forget Tima Turner's performance as the Acid Queen in Ken Russell's film of 'Tom-

So picture a young Detroit kid like Berry Gordy working his energy off on a Ford assembly line in the mid fifties, just like every other young kid. But Gordy did more than whistle while he worked. He was already establishing himself as a songwriter.

worked. He was already establishing himself as a songwriter.
Young Gordy had written and produced songs for Marv Johnson, Etta James and, most historically, Jackie Wilson. Before 1960 Gordy had penned four million sellers, half a dozen Top 20 records and had nearly twenty songs fall somewhere in the Top 100. Had he never founded Mohen never founded Mohen never fordy would still be remembered for writing some of the most powerful R & B singles of the period. Listen to Jackie Wilson's 'Lonely Teardrops' just once and the gut reaction will surpass all description.

Gordy has always made music a family affair. He had the

made music a family affair. He had the foresight to found his own publishing company, Jobete. His sister Gwen,

my'? Then there was the less memorable reggae -backed film 'The Harder They Come', featuring Jimmy Cliff.

Jimmy Cliff.

On its way is Gladys
Knight's film debut (with
her hubby) in 'Pipe
dream', due over here
next year. The soundtrack includes her new
single 'So Sad The Song',
and the LP features
Gladys and the Pips.

Some soundtracks are lost without the film, lost without the film, while others are actually better than the films themselves. A good example of the latter was the album of the filippant comedy 'Mother, Jugs & Speed', with some good music from the likes of the Brothers Johnson and the Crusaders and some blue eved soul from Steve eyed soul from Steve Marriott and Peter Frampton.

One US film that's on its way over in the New Year which is well worth seeing is 'Car Wash'.

The film evolves around a giant city car wash, where the autos are still cleaned by a varied bunch of guys (a sign in the office proclaims 'the best hand job in town).

Guest appearances in-clude the Pointer Sisters and the ubiquitous Rich-ard Pryor.

The music is composed by Norman Whitfield and performed mainly by a group called Rose Royce. There's some nice soul too. -'I Wanna Get Next To You' and Rose Royce's funky single 'Put Your Money Where Your Mouthls.'

While you'll have to wait until next year for the film, the double album soundtrack has already been released on MCA (MCSP 278). It's worth checking out as an advance sample of the movie or just to hear a soul set with a difference.

DAVID BROWN

Part one of a monthly series

Assembly line in the making

already owned her own record label, Anna, named after another sister (who later married sister (who lat Marvin Gaye)

Borrowed

As the rumour goes, Berry Gordy Jr was dissatisfied with his payment for writing hits for Jackie Wilson. So he borrowed 800 dollars from set out to do what no black man had ever done before — run his own indepen-dent record company.

dent record company.

By '59 Gordy was composing, not only with his sister Gwen, but also with Janle Bradford and a singer named William Robinson, better known to eryone as Smokey

Smokey had a group which consisted of his wife Claudette, Bobby Rogers, Peter Moore and Ronnie White, collec-tively called The Mir-

The Miracles were to give the infant company its first ever gold single.

There were two signifi-cant records before the cant records before the label came into its own right. One was 'Bad Girl', a ballad by the Miracles which Gordy wrote and produced. It's a classic doo - wop weepy and can be obtained on both Motown's Smokey Robinson and the Miracles Anthology and Volume Five of the Chess / Janus Golden Decade. Golden Decade.
The second was
ey' by Barrett S

which was a hit on the 'Anna' label. Despite notable efforts by Pink Floyd and Gamble and Huff full credit must to to

Hoyd and Gamble and Huff full credit must to to Gordy for summing up the immortal phrase: 'Your lovin' gives me a thrill, but your money don't pay my bills — I need money.'

By 1961 the label had released seven flop singles and the money was running out. Motown's early plan was simply to recycle the money from one hit into another. As R. Dean Taylor once explained, the Motown family, artists, producers and writers would often sit down together with the financial adviser for the company. Rather than company. Rather than draw a salary, staff and stars alike would take what finances were essential to live on and put the excess back into the company.





BERRY GORDY: main me But in 1961, a hit was needed to start the snowball rolling. As mentioned before, it came in the form of 'Shop Around' a classic by the Miracles. The Motown sound combined R & Bwith pop and the overall result was infectious, danceable and urgent. Motown's first female vocalist to earn an American chart place was Mary Wells. She is best remembered for a '64 Smokey Robinson classic 'My Guy' which has repeatedly charted in this country.

country

Like much of Motown's talent, she was a Detroit schoolgirl who had the courage to show up for one of the company's weekly auditions.

one of the company's weekly auditions.

They were held in the famous Hitsville USA' office, a clapboard house on West Grand Blvd., where lack of space had everyone falling over each other. So, Mary Weels and her sexy gräty voice was snapped up by the firm. Her 1961 hit was "Bye Bye Baby' and after that she had a succession of marvellous mid-tempo jove songs that earned Top 10 places.

She came to this country with the first country with the first Motortown Revue in 1964, toured with the Beatles and then became the first artist to leave the company's protective wing. She never had

another hit after that and these days performs in oldies shows throughout the States.

Mary Johnson was once part of the Sermaders, one of Motown's early signings. As a solo singer he had numerous small hits and several near classics including 'You Got What It Takes' and 'I Love The Way You Love', but they were released to United Artists.

By the time Johnson got to Motown, times were harder. He had a 1966 hit with 'I Miss You Baby and then popped into the British charts out of nowhere in 1968 with 'III Pick A Rose For My Rose'. He's still with the company.

company

Birthday

Before its third birth-day, Motown absorbed several of it's smaller labels into the Motown Corporation'. The small-er contracts brought a combination of writers like H-D-H Johnny Bristol and singers like Jimmy and singers like Jimmy and David Ruffin, Junior Walker, The Temptations and The (Motown Detroit) Spinners.

The Contours consisted of hibert Johnson Bills

of Hubert Johnson, Billy Gordon, Sylvester Potts, Joe Billingslea and Billy Hoggs. Their biggest American hit was a

Number Three record in 1963 called 'Do You Love Me'. R. Dean Taylor

1983 called To You Love
Me'.
R. Dean Taylor, a
Canadian folk singer
came to visit the company
and became a ghost
writer along with H-D-H.
A neighbour forced the
Miracle's Ronnie White to
watch a so-called child
protegee perform and as
a result, he brought little
Stevie Wonder to the
company
Mary Wells missed a
recording session and a
secretary named Martha.
Reeves went into the
studio in her place and
along with two other
friends — signed to the
company as an artist.
The Marvellettes (in
depth treatment next
month) gave the company
its second gold record
with 'Please Mr Postman'.
From its inception until

with 'Please Mr Postman'.

From its inception until
1994 Tamla and Motown
made sparodic, but
classic contributions to
the state of contemporary
pop. But by '84, Berry
Gordy's growing group of
talents began to melt and
find a formula for record
production. Like Phil
Spector's stacle of vocal
groups and Brian Wilson
and the harmonising
Beach Boys, Motown was
about to evolve into
something more than just
a batch of hit singles. It
was more than what's in
the grooves counts'
Motown Records, the first
black owned, independent Motown Records, the first black owned, independent label in America was going to move into the char' and become THE sound of Young America'. The hits were about to start rolling off the assembly line!

NEXT MONTH — Motown's rise amid the British talent flood of 1984 and a look at the cream of the 60°s crop — The

the 60's crop — The Marvelettes, The Su-premes, The Four Tops, The Temptations, Stevie Wonder, Marvin Gaye, Martha and the Van-

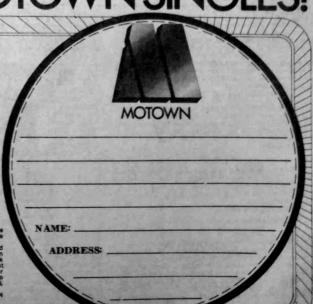
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Everything — MARVIN GAYE A TAMMI TERRELL
— A The Onlon Song — SMOKEY ROBINSON & THE
MIRACLES — A Tears Of A Clown, B Tracks Of My
Tears — FOUR TOPS — A Reach Out I'll Be There,
B Standing in The Shadows Of Love — ISLEY
BROTHERS — A This Old Heart Of Mine, B Behind A
Painted Smile — MARTHA REEVES & THE
Vandellas — A Dancing in The Street, B Jimmy
Mack — JIMMY RUFFIN — A What Becomes Of The
Brokenhearted — MARV JOHNSON — A I'll Pick A
Rose For My Rose.

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Relations?

COULD YOU tell me if Paul Nicholas is in any way related to Dickle Henderson. His looks and movements remind me of him in every way Linda Cheetham, Notts.

No he's not. Tommy Cooper isn't related to Freddle Mercury el-ther.

Scratched

Scratched

I FURCHASED a record from a well known store and discovered it was scratched on both sides. They gave me another but that was scratched as well. They just laughed when I took it back and refused to change it I asked for my money back but they refused what should I do? Norman Midgeley, Vorkshire.

By law the shop must replace faulty goods. Take the record back and stress that to them.

Heatwave

I WOULD like to know the line up of Heatwave Have they got any albums and a fan club? Robert Torrington,

Staffs.

Heatwave are Rod
Temperton from Clee
thorpes on keyboards,

Ya win some,

ya lose some

BOY WERE you asking for it when you asked people to write and tell you what they disliked about Record Mirror. The thing I hate is the whole paper. How anybody can call themselves journalists on your staff beats me. Your level of intelligence is so low that when people make good points and arguments all you can say is silly things. I cry for you because you all appear to show such a terrible writing style. Diana, West Germany.

RECORD MIRROR has even improved on its own high standards, with great double colour pin ups and fantastic charts. These features plus the others have certainly taken this pop magazine to the top of the

SO THAT David Brown calls himself a reviewer. How dare he insult Gilbert O'Sullivan by rubbing every record he's made into the ground. Mr Brown couldn't even review a cat's choir on a fine day let alone a top international star.

R. Cartwright, Wallsend.

Mario Manteses from Madrid on bass, Ernest 'Bilbo' Berger from Czechoslovakia on drums, Eric Johns from Los. Angeles on lead quitar and Johnnie and Keith Wilder from Dayton, Ohlo on vocals. Their debut album 'Too Hot To Handle' has just been released on GTO Records (GTLP 913), A fan club is currently being set up and until it swings into action write to GTO Records at 17 Barlow Place, Brutom Street, London WiX 7AE.

Heep club

COULD YOU give the address of the Uriah Heep fan club. Carole Simpson, Durham.

• Write to Claire 100 Chalk Farm Road, London NWI.

COULD you tell me the address of the Wing's fan club? Andrew Martin, Sunbury

• Wings Fan Club, PO Box 4UP, London WIA 4UP.

IS THERE a Runaways fan club? A devoted slave, Cheltenham.

● No. but keep on reading these columns for developments.

Let's all get a look in

STAR LETTER - wins £3

I AM writing to complain about the limited amount of pop music programmes we receive up north. Londoners seem to get all the best interview programmes, like the Russell Harty Show. I got very excited when I heard that Rod Stewart was going to be on the box, then I saw the dreaded words in the paper 'London only'. I don't see why the amount of pop you receive should depend on the area you live in. Jacqui, 25 Manorhouse Lane, Walkington, Beverley, N. Humberside.

A tryer

ON READING your paper last week, I discovered the Strawbs had a little reception to promote their new single 'Charmer'. Hmmm. I've been a Strawbs fan for been a Strawbs fan for years and have all of their albums. I've seen them live many times. But myself and many other people don't get invited to receptions. Just for once wouldn't it be nice for bands to arrange get togethers to meet their fans. We do deserve it, you know.

A. J. Smith Sheffield.

Raw deal

Male readers are getting a raw deal with Record Mirror. Every week you have posters of male stars nave posters of male stars and nothing for us to drool over. You've got many hot blooded readers so how about some pulse warming pictures

A. Runaways fan, Lancs.

Sexless

WE WOULD like to congratulate Highway, a new group who played at Marlow recently. The sexless Sex Pistols better look out because Highway are a bunch of lads with tons of sex appeal. tons of sex appeal. They're going to be the biggest thing around

soon. Highway Fan, Marlow. • Johnny must be feeling

Magic

I SUGGEST your reporter Niall Cluly attends another of Cliff Richard's concerts and without being biased sits down and watches a truly great performance Cliff biends different types of music with real professionalism and he has the audience eating out of his hand. I eaung out of his hand. I go each year to see Cliff and I'm constantly amazed at the vigour and magic he can bring to a performance. Kathy Cloud, Ipswich.

Lessons

I DON'T agree with the reader who said the Peanuts cartoonist could do with a few lessons from do with a rew lessons from J. Edward Oliver Both artists have their own style and I don't think either of them need lessons from each other. Sue Edwards, Herts.



SEXLESS PISTOLS

Don't knock

WOULD PEOPLE please stop knocking Marc Bolan! He has been the Bolan! He has been the best singer / songwriter since the Beatles and he dominated the rock scene from 1970 to 1972. Okay, so maybe he's changed his image, but he still writes good music.

Kenneth Galbraith, Co Antrim.

Good boys

WE WENT to see Thin Lizzy at Manchester Free Trade Hall and we'd like trade Hall and we'd like to thank the boys for a brilliant concert. A special thanks to Phil, Brian Robertson and Scott who were kind enough to sign autographs.

Dropped

ABBA, MAY I advise you to make the most of your success while it lasts. I success while it lasts. I can assure you that pretty soon you'll be dropped like hot bricks the way T. Rex. Gary Glitter, David Cassidy and the Osmonds have been. Fans are always such a fickle lot. Two years being faithful to any band seems to test their loyalties to the full. David Moody, Belfast.

Oh Beeb

ON BEHALF of Our Kid fans, I would like to tell you how much we hate the BBC for not playing Our Kid's latest single. They are the most professional and talented band around. Come on BBC it makes a nice change from Rod Stewart.

Roy Martin, Reading.

Perfect

I DISAGREE with the reader who said that groups always sound lousy on stage. Go along and listen to Easy Street or Mud and I guarantee that the sound will be recreated.

perfect. Martin Ballard, Kent.

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· Our David loves pussies ***

charts. Danny, Cardiff.

WHILE THERE'S been great public interest in rock 'n' roll the music papers just don't seem to be interested. In Record Mirror for instance all I find is page after page of soul and reggae. Come on, stop ignoring genuine rock 'n' roll bands like Yakety Yak and the Flying Saucers. Rock 'n' roll did pave the way for the likes of Queen, after all.

SUPER TED, Kemspton.

Page after page of soul and reggae? It normally works out at two at the most.

HOT CHOCOLATE



GREATEST HITS

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"Love Is Life"

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A Lady"

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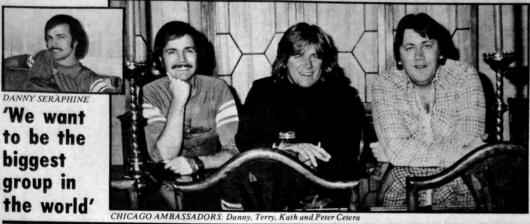
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"Don't Stop It Now"
"Man To Man"
"Heaven Is In The Back

"Heaven Is In The Back Seat Of My Cadillac"

Chicago by numbers



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HARRY NILSSON is a man who's always looking forward into the future mainly because he just doesn't have time to look back!

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His classic single, 'Without You' is now a hit for the second time, but you won't find Harry worrying about its chart progress because he's too busy keeping up with his current projects.

His main concern at the moment is the stage show of 'The Point', which opens at London's Mermaid Theatre in December. He's also been writing songs for two other shows, 'Barnum' and 'Zapata', and is planning his new album to be recorded in January. On top of all that, he's having a new house built in Los Angeles, and his wife's about to have a baby.

So you can see why his mind isn't on the past!

You might already have seen the cartoon of 'The Point' — the BBC screened it on Christmas Day three years ago. For the benefit of those who don't know the story, here's a quick run. down from Harry himself.

"If first conceived the idea when I went for a walk in Laurel Canyon, and suddenly noticed that every thing I saw had a point, from the leaves on the trees to the trees themselves.

"A couple of days later, I wrote down the basic story - line. It's the biggest pun in the world — there are so many ways to interpret the word point.

"It's about a town where all the people have physical points to their heads. Into this world comes a boy, Oblio, who's round - headed — and boy, is he in trouble! Because he has no point, he's banished from the town into the pointless forest.

"But when he gets to the forest, he realises it isn't pointless at all. The trees have them, and the leaves — in fact, everything does! As the story goes on, Oblio has various struggles with people like the Rockman and the Leafman, and through all this, he gains a philosophical point.

"So finally, he goes back, and explains that everything has a point.

Leafman, and through all this, he gains a philosophical point.

"So finally, he goes back, and explains that everything has a point — so he must have too. Then someone snatches off his cap — and they discover that, underneath, he's grown a point!

point!
"At that moment, everyone's points melt away, and they all live happily ever after."
So the story's on two levels and that's how Nilsson wants it for the stage show too. "I hope everyone will enjoy it," he said. "Although it's opening at Christmas, it won't be a pantomime. We're trying to get away from that.
"It's funny how the British always."

We're trying to get away from that.

"It's funny how the British always seem to associate anything light or animated with Christmas. It's different in America — they show the Wizard of Oz every Easter."

At the moment, the cast of the show is still being chosen, and Harry had just received the finished script.

"And yet, in less than six weeks' time, the show will have opened," he said. "It's still very new and exciting to me.

I like to be wherever the excitement is and at the moment rock isn't exciting'

Hasn't anyone ever told **Harry Nilsson** it's rude to point?

It's very different from rock and roll.

where everything's become boring.
"I used to think the theatre was for old people, not for our generation. But now I realise that it all depends who

you're working with."

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"I just like to be wherever the excitement is — and at the moment, rock isn't exciting.

"I was a late starter when it came to music. I'd been a computer engineer for seven years, so I was about 28 when I first came into music. That was in the mid-sixtles, and at first I thought, 'Ah, this is exciting!'

"But that's all over now. I think phase one of rock music is over. It won't be really exciting again until phase two comes along.

"Besides, I'm 35 now, and it's about time to try something new. I've got six time to try something new. I've got six

time to try something new. I've got six more albums to do for RCA, and that's

enough.
"The important thing is to keep trying
new projects, and keep your mind
working."
SHEILA PROPHET



HARRY NILSSON

WITH LAST week's news dominated by the American presidential election it was only fitting that some of their musical ambassadors should come to London to remind us that something else is going on in the world.

The gentlemen in question were representing Chicago, the US band currently returning to mass favour over here with 'If You Leave Me Now'.

favour over here with 'If You!
Four members made
the trip for a quick
European recce to prepare for a possible visit
next year. In the regal
suite of a top London hote!
Danny Seraphine, Terry
Kath and Peter Cetera
are having their brunch.
It ranges from one
member's coffee to
another's brandy — "to
wake me up."

another's brandy — "to wake me up."
"We were asked by Jimmy Carter to do something for his campaign". Danny muses. "But we didn't want to get involved. "I didn't expect him to get elected. There's something I don't like about him, but maybe he'll be all right.

Vietnam

Vietnam

"Mind you, we weren't for Ford either. He's a bit more honest, but has no charisma."
Chicago did do some benefits for Governor Jerry Brown. Danny explains: "We felt he was more representative of our generation Vietnam ecology.

all the things we can identify with.
"We'll be right behind him in the next election."
So much for the presidential election, now onto the serious bit — music:
"It's nice to have a hit over here again". Danny

"It's mee to have a hit over here again". Danny exclaims Their last one was way back in 1970 with '25 or 6 To 4', and in the same year they scored with I'm A Man'.

In America it has been a very different picture. Each of their albums (nine plus a 'Best Of') has had at least one hit single taken from them, often more.

more.

"I'm afraid we have rather neglected Europe in favour of America", Danny explains. "Now we are determined to do more – that's why we are here now to set up some suitable places to play.

"We want to be the biggest group in the world – that's all", he laughs.

Football

We are trying to decide where to play. Somebody mentioned the Royal Festival Hall. We played the Albert Hall but the sound warm, tight played the Albert Hall but the sound wasn't right. Then we did the Rainbow, that was pretty welrd too", adds Pete. "We visited Top of the Pops' studios' the other day, that was also different I thought things would be more progress.

would be more progres-sive over here than they

by David Brown

usually of the large stadia variety, but they also find time to play the University of Alabama's annual homecoming foot-

annual homecoming football game.
"Every time we played at their matches they lost". Danny grins.
"Fortunately they didn't seem to connect that with us, since the players and the crowd get rather depressed.
"But at long last they actually won a homecoming match that we played. A relief I can tell you."

coming match that we played. A relief I can tell you."
While their name gives away their hometown, the band live in the Los Angeles area and rehearse at Danny's spactous home.
"It's more like a clubhouse than a studio", he confides. "We spend 30 per cent of our time rehearsing and 70 per cent playing pool and messin' around.
"At the moment we're rehearsing for our visit next year. We aim to come over and play our asses off."
They are also working

asses off."
They are also working on the next album, which follows previous practice by the band of titling their LPs in numerical order. Thus the new one will be Chicago XI'. Why did they do it like this rather than come up with a more imaginative title each time?

Hassles

"I think its too late to start changing now". Danny says. "So many guys say we should call it this and that, but it saves a lot of hassles

a lot of hassles.

"Anyway, people have come to expect it of us now." They were also responsible for making a lot of double albums.

"We won't be doing a double in the near future", Danny pauses. "But you never know.

"On doubles a lot of good music gets overlooked by the radio stations."

One track they didn't

One track they didn't overlook is their current

htt.
The original single taken by CBS in the US for a single from their last album was 'Rainy Day In New York City'. "That wasn't our choice at all', said Steve. "And it wasn't happening.
"Then the stations picked up on 'If You Leave Me Now' and it grew from that. The people's choice in fact". adds Danny.



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Dee NEWCASTLE, City Hall (20007), Wishbone Ash

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LONDON, Ronnie Scotts, Frith
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WOLVERHAMPTON, Civic
Hall (3111), Wishbone Ash

Rosalind Russell

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THE SONG REMAINS THE SAME / London now.
IF YOU'RE the world's biggest

IF YOU'RE the world's biggest rock supergroup and you're going to be indulgent, then you might as well go over the top. The four members of Led Zeppelin — Robert Plant, Jimmy Page, John Bonham and John Paul Jones, plus manager Peter Grant — each live out their fantasies on the screen, slotted into a film of an American concert a few years ago. a few years ago. Only Bonham seems to enjoy

Only Bonham seems to enjoy some down to earth indulgences while the others dream of being gangsters, a sword - swishing knight rescuing a damsel in distress, a masked rider among the eerie graveyard and a strange climber who meets a hooded figure, whose faces reveal the past ages of the searcher.

As well as this and the gig there are brief snatches of behind - the seene incidents.

scene incidents.

scene incidents.

The end result is often bewildering and uneven. But while it might not be that important to the art of film making, it is certainly a step in the right direction for popular music's representation outside discs and concerts.

In the past rock films have been either straightforward footage of concerts, or merely used as a flavouring or background to the main events.

flavouring or background to the main events.

At its best it shows Zep at their most accessible — at its worst it shows rock at its most excessive.

But as its so rare to get a chance to see Led Zep in action these days, it is obviously going to please many of their multitudes of supporters, eager to catch a glimpse of their heroes at any opportunity. Every trick in the glimpse of their heroes at any opportunity. Every trick in the film-makers' book is used on the shots of the band on stage. Some work, some don't but there are some effective captured poses, especially from Plant and

poses, especially from Plant and Page.

Some may find it over indulgent, contrived and pretentious — it's certainly too long. But this is a film for the dedicated followers, and there are enough of those to make this film a hit.

WHISTLING Bob Harris flew to California earlier this year to record an interview with Beach Boy Brian Wilson. It's Wilson's first formal TV interview for eight years. Along with some vintage Beach Boys surfing era film, you can see it on Tuesday's (Nov 16) (Id Grey Whistle Test, Studio guests are Be Bop Deluxe and Cajun Moon.

The Devil's Music', a history of the bines, is a new late night Sunday series on BBC 1, starting November 14. (11 pm approx). The five programme series will include archive film and rare material not previously seen in this country and will trace the growth, apread and development of the blues through the recollections and performances of the mea and women involved. A book also called 'The Devil's Music' is to be published by BBC Publications on November 18, price £3.

Guests on Arrows (ITV Tuesday, November 16) will be Red Hurley (nick-named the Irish Tom Jones), Chris Neal and The G Band.

Supersonic (Saturday, November 13, ITV, 12 noon) features Steve Harley and The Rubettes.

Dave Lee Travis introduces Top of the Pops (Thursday, November 11, BBC-1, 7, 16 pm).

HEAR IT!

SWEET guest in Radio Clyde's 'Hear Me Talkin', Saturday 10.02 pm. Bryan Connolly and Mick Tucker are interviewed by Dougle Donnelly who will be playing some of their hits. Still in Scotland, Radio Forth will be playing Pussycat's new album 'First of All' throughout this week. Saturday on Radio One boasts Mike Harding's Top 12 (1.31 pm), Mike Berry and Outlaws on It's Rock 'N' Roll' (5.31 pm) and The Gordon Giltrap Band and The Dodgers are in Concert (6.30 pm).

David Allan's Country Club, Radio Two Thursday 7.30 pm, has interviews recorded at the 51st Anniversary of The Grand Old Opry in Nashville.

Roadshow

SANTANA/London

IT WAS surprising to find Santana had such a large following. Saturday night was their third performance in London, and the Empire Pool was packed.

The band cameonstage to tremendous applause and zapped straight into a fast, raunchy set. It came as something of a relief, as the run -up to their set was boring to the point of pain.

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Santana's music, as always, was brilliant. The guitar was lost for a couple of numbers, but the keyboards and percussion carried the music through until it could be put right. Among the more spectacular numbers were 'Dance Sister Dance' from the 'Amigoz' album and their single Samba Pa Tl'. They included a lot from the 'Abraxas' album, but the thread was lost in the middle, but the thread was lost in the middle, but the contract of the

CHI-LITES/Brighton EIGHTEEN YEARS on . . . and the Chi-Lites can still do the seaside shuffle.

with Slade's Don Powell. Journey was the loudest load of rubbish I've seen in months.

EIGHTEEN YEARS on . . . and the Chl-Lites can still do the seaside shuffle.

Yes folks, it was way back in 1958 that the black Chicago funkers first broke onto the scene.

Lead singer Marshall Thompson is the veteran of the five-plece band — he was there right at the beginning.

And at the Brighton Top Rank last Friday he proved that you're never too old to rock.

The moment they came on stage resplendent in pink suits and bathed in blue light the packed house knew they were in on something good.

The O'Jays 'Message in Our Music' was the first number quickly follwed by 'Oh Girl'.

Their precision dance routines were matched by the immaculate sounds from the nine-plece back-up band.

They then went into their most famous number 'Have You Seen Her' which gave Marshall the opportunity of introducing the rest of the band — Doc Robison, Robert Squirrel Lester, and the two new additions — Danny Johnson and David Scott who both Joined in May;

'Games People Play', 'Toby' and 'Homely Girl' followed.

During the last number the age — old ploy of grabbling girls out of the andlence to by in their heroes on stage for a touch of the singalong a Chi-Lites was used.

A mass of bodies pushed up against the stage as they went

Into a Van McCoy song and the grip lightened for 'Happy Being Lonely' their latest single.

But it was during the finale 'You Don't Have To Go' that the on-the-waterfront fans really went wild.

And there was no way they were gonna let them go for a long time. The band did three encores — and E was in one of them that Marshall, who's no mug on his feet, was completely upstaged by a Brighton Belle, a red hot guy who clambered on stage and danced like a demon.

Phantom hands demanding to be shaken appeared out of the blue in front of the band, and the boys readily obliged — only to be dr agged off into oblivion.

Now I know what they mean by pulling power — and the Chi-Lites certainly have it.

Eat your hearts out, Stylistics. — Barry Cain.

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Showaddywaddy/Bristol

IF THE classics of yesteryear aren't sacred to you and if you like flair and lots of steps rehearsed to precision, then Showaddywaddy can give you a real good time. Their show seems aggressive, threatening towards the audience, but really it's nothing to be atraid of — these guys would be just as happy performing in front of a large mirror. There are faults, like clossing the act with 'Jailhouse Rock'— and putting a long drum soo in the middle of it, so that just when the set should boil over they turn it down to a gentle simmer. The encore 'Rey, Rock'n 'Roll brings back their grip on things, but it should never have slipped.

Still, who cares about such details— you don't sit down to analyse a band like this, because by the end of their show you've either been won over or lost

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changes. QUEEN: 'Somebody To Love' (EMI 2565). Love' (EMI 2565). Danceable pent-up but off-key slowie, already stale over - exposure on

radio BRENDON: 'Gimme Some' (UK 158). Sim-plified slightly faster version of Jimmy Bo Horne's huge funky thumper (RCA 2585).

thumper (RCA 2885), pretty powerful. RC & THE SUNSHINE BAND: 'Keep It Omin' Love' (Jay Boy BOY 112). Get Down Tonight Love'. and the flip boogles down in familiar

TOMMY HUNT: 'One Fine Morning' (Spark SRL 1148). Frantic uzzing 130 mph pounder, maxi - coupled with 'Sign On The Dotted



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Please Don' Go' (BTM
SBT 100). Bues oldie
rocks again just like the
Them version.

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by ater in uge culti-success.

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dand water: "Tribulations' (Trench Town
TRE 1, via Dover
Records, 11-12 Dover St,
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493 3741). Distinctive
reggae groover, worth a
try.

MERLYN BROOKS: 'Mechanical Body' (Pa-cific P AC 002, via Dover

cific PAC 002, via lover Records). Bionic reg-gae with strong guitar and soulful chick JOHN KLEMMER: 'At Seventeen' (ABC 4153). Sophisticated sax styl-ing of Janis Ian's

slowie
GENE CHANDLER:
'Duke Of Earl' / BETTY
EVERETT: 'It's In His
Kiss' / DEE CLARK:
'Rain drops' / JERRY
BUTLER: 'Make It
Elasy On Yourself' (EP
'Black Echoes' DJM
DJS 10727). Cassic soul
sides from the early
'60s.

'60s.
PLAID POPS ORCHES PLAID POPS ORCHES-TRA: 'From Scotland With Love' (Power Exchange PX 237). Lush bagpipes slowie, suitable for Hogmanay. KING'S SINGERS: 'Don't Get Around Much Anymore' (EMI 2541). Camp slow '508-type treatment of Duke Ellington's song.

Ellington's song.

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Funnier even than last year's hit, it's flipped with his sugges-tively panting 'Ride On!', and ends up with a great gimmick for DJs - the final run out groove this time con-tains Demis going Forever and ever and ever and ever and ever



PET HATES

JEFF THOMAS, resident at Swansea's Penthouse Gub, suggests tongue in cheek some odd couplings that he guarantees will put you at the top of your audience's hate list! Those who dare, try-bob Marley Root Rock Reggae' (Island) | Picelets', Johnny Reg-Bob Marley Roots Rock Reggae' (181and) / Piglets 'Johnny Reg-gae' (UK), or Dr Hook 'A Little Bit More' (Capitol) / Monty Python 'Spam Song' (Charisma), or — it gets worse! — Donna Sum-mer 'Love 'Do Love You Baby' (GTO) / Derek and Clive 'Top Rank' (Island LP). Thanks Jeff, we'll let you know

DJF Meeting

ATLAST week's inaugural meeting of the Disc - Jockey Federation (UK), representatives from existing regional DJ Associations formed a management committee and appointed four members to draw up a formal constituation for adoption at their next meeting on February 1 at London's Ski Club. Under the chairmanship of Theo Loyla (Canterbury), it was decided that several well-established unions should be approached with a view to affiliated membership, namely the Musicians Union, Equity and the Association of Broadwaycasting Staff.

TAKE ME TO YOUR LEADER

OUR SEARCH for original but unpublicised DJs has

OUR SEARCH for original but unpublicised DJs has brought one likely contender to the surface already. Nominated by Chris Wilkinson and friends of Telford. Shropshire, is Wolverhampton's Trevor Hughes. Running his Redeye disco under the name of TREVOR JOHN, the veteran DJ goes completely against the norm for his area, where other discostend to concent rate on just one predictable type of music. Trevor prefers working at social clubs as the mixed ages enable him to get across many varied sounds, including bits of Country Music.

As well as con-

As well as con-centrating on Northern Soul, Pure Pop and Party - type favourites, he specialises in creathe specialises in creating fast moving medieys of Surfing, Rock h Boll. Drifters or Four Seasons material, playing as many records as possible in ten minutes without breaking the rhythm. Always up to date with the new releases, he also anticipated the Twist, Jitterbug and Bop revivals by several months — not that this was appreciated local-

was appreciated local-

Anyone interested can book Trevor's Redeye Disco on Wolverhamp-ton (0902) 733698.

RCA **GETS** SEARLING

leading Northern Soul DJ famous for his residencies at such as Wigan's Casino, has joined RCA Records as their Manchester RICHARD SEARLING. joined RCA Records as their Manchester - based disco representative. Quile a catch, he will be working with the London - based Greg Lynn, who went to RCA from EMI at the start of the month, in a disco promotion team that is likely to be very successful.

Disco Dates

THURSDAY (Nev 11): UA's Nicky Sands runs a Brass Construction promotion at Pollyanne's, Birmingham, with posters, Tabirts and stickers, Jimmy James Joins Jon Taylor at Comwells, Norwich; Chiltes hit Portsmouth Tiffanys and Real Thing do Nottlingham Palais. FRIDAY: Mike Davidson is NOT having a promo night at Southports FRIDAY: Mike Davidson is NOT having a promo night at Southports Scarisbrick as he's back at Liverpool's Beach comber in Seel Street, the Brass Construction night moves to Manchester's Rufus & Pips; Disco Dave Singleton and his dance team have a new venue for Fri's Sun' Mondays at Iriam's Nags Head Hotel in Liverpool Road, playing Soul and Northern. Jimmy James does Blackpool Locarno, Chi-Lites do Birmingham Barbarellas and Exciters are at Gloucester's Roundatout.

bout.

SATURDAY: John 'Kojak' Harvey's Inter-City Soul Club is at Stroud's Leisure Centre; Paul Anthony has zany party games at Birmingham's Rum Runner; Johnny Guitar Watson plays Dunstable's California Ballroom and the JALN Band play Frome's Hexagon Suite.

SUNDAY: Ran Green hosts the Sunday rock nights with Brownies and one other live group at Liverpool's Russells in Parr Rreet; Chris Hill has a Sunday Soul Gub at the Lacy Lady, High Road, Seven Kings, Hord: Doncaster Balleyshas a Northern All-Dayer with the Exciters; Inter-City Soul Gubh as an all-dayer at the Gasis Gub, North Star, Swindon; Chi-Lites do Bournemouth's Village Bowl and Johnny Guitar Watson hits Reading Top Rank.

MONDAY: Roger Squire's Disco Centre in London holds three Open Days on Mon / Tues / Wed from 21til 9 pm with free refreshments at 176 Junction Road, Tufnell Park, N19; Chi-Lites are Top Of The World, Stafford; Real Thing hit Manchester New Ritz, Johnny Guitar Watson does Bournemouth's Village Bowl and Jimmy James spends the week at Balleys, Leiester.

TUESDAY: Rockin' Roy, Jailhouse John and Runarround Stu of the Wild Wax Show do the bop at their regular Tuesday gig at the George pub in London's Hammersmith, Real Thing go home to Liverpool's Grafton Rooms.

DJ Top Ten

LES SPAINE, honoured by being given a World exclusive (even before America) on the new 'Brass Construction 2'LP.co 'hosted an extremely successful party night with Dave Porter at Liverpool's Flintlick Club last Thursday. His chart refers to his normal residency at the Time Piece in Fleet Street, where the records he plays are available from Alan Starr at Rox Records, Market Street, Birkenhead.

- 1 I WISH/ISN'T SHE LOVELY, Stevie Wonder
- CAR WASH, Rose Royce MCA LP
 TAKE YOUR DEAD ASS HOME, Fun kadelic US
 Westbound LP
- 4 DR. FUNKENSTEIN Parliament US Casabainca LP
- US Casabalnes LF

 ENJOY YOURSELF, Jacksons
 OPEN SESAME, Kool & The Gang
 I KINDA MISS YOU, Manhaitans
 AFTER TONIGHT, Matumbi
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 SHAKE YOUR RUMP TO THE FUNK, Bar-Kays
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BREAKERS

- GOO GOO WAH WAH, Wah Wah Watson CBS LP Island
- COCAINE IN MY BRAIN, Dillinger
- 24 HOURS A DAY, Barbara Pennington

37 Hotline

RROSE ROSE 'Put
Your Money Where Your
Mouth Is' (MCA) fights off
the rival 'Car Wash' track
for Les Aron (Place,
Lancing), Clive Barry
(Manchester), Theo Loyla
(Bridge), Jeff Thomas
(Penthouse, Swansea) and
more BRENDON
'Gimme Some' (UK)
breaks for Ray Robins on
(Iffanys, Leicester).
Steve Jackson (Clapham)

and Geoff Montgomery
(Cascade Disco,
Plymouth) are just two of
the many on MUSCLE
SHOALS HORNS 'Breakdown' (Bang). BARRY
BIGGS 'Side Show' (Dynamic) attracts crowds
including Eric Denham
(Black Wax Disco, Berkhamsted), Keith Sherman
(Hounslow), Peter Clegg
(Undertaker Disco, Oswestry), Pete Connors



(Scamps, Hemel Hempstead). a hot import, SALSOUL ORCH '3901' (Salsoul) pulls Billy Alson (Tiffanys, Blackpool), Paul Hannath (Cleethorpes), Alan Farmer (Bogart Discos, Penicuk). Richard Cooper (Interstate Disco, Cheltenham), another who's on GOLDEN FIDDLE ORCH 'Reels' (Mountain), joins Dee Kay (Wallasey) on WHISPERS 'One For The Money' (Soul Train). by the way, a warning — Chris Hill (Lacy Lady, Ilford) is currently teaching Scottish Country Dancing to his gay crowds! Also, he is scathing about the New York discos he recently visited, saying they're so old fashioned. Ken MicKenzle (Sunderland), Jon Taylor (Cromwells, Norwich), Kid Johnson (Ellesmere Port), Mike Whatsit (White Sounds Disco, Cardiffy so for AL (London). MASS PRODUCTION) is a construction -like rave import - Richard Searling (Casino, Wigns) is hot for SYLVERS Hot Line (Capitol), Geoff Arnold (Place, Hanley) stead) ... a hot import,

(Scamps, Hemel Hemp

tips VICKI SUE ROBINSON 'Daylight' (US RCA),
while everyone in Liverpool rates C OL IN
ARBETY as the next Real
Thing. -HANK BURNETTE 'Spinning Rock
Boogie' (Sonet) freaks for
Richard Alexander (Glasgow), Malcolm J Cliff
(Paranoid Disco, Halesworth) and more. -a
late starter, SAMMY
GORDON 'Making Love'
(Polydor) picks up Billy
Frew (Kilmarnock), Jeff
Davis (Sound Machine,
Welwyn) - Roger
Stanton (Cardiff), Bob
Sampson (Burgess Hill) tip
TONY WILSON 'I Like
Your Style' (Bearsville)
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BLUES BUSTERS
Sweetest Thing' (Dynamic) gets Johnny King (Scamps, Bristol), Richard Brackshaw (Colwyn Bay) and more, while BT EXPRESS 'Enery To Burn' (EMI) joins John Autton (Castle, Exeter), Mike Ledger (Shanklin) well, well - Powerful Pierre (Coppercoins, Haverfordwest) and John Daylight (Affair, Swindon) SUTCH 'Jack The Ripper' (Charley) . AJ 'James H' Huggins — oh yest

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In Aussie land they were at the top of the ladder when they set off for the old country, and were faced with a new whallenge with a completely different audience situation to what they were used to.

It's interesting to compare the difference with say Sherbet, who had a hit single first and then follow through with select promotional appearances.

AC/DC have had a stab with a couple of gutsy rock singles, unlikely contenders for the normal chart tastes, and an abum which has become

a single from the LP title track High Voltage' – an apt description of their act., and a new album 'Dirty Deeds Done Dirt Cheap' plus another UK trek to consolidate their popularity before setting off for Australia again.

By the time they go home Britain should be well and truly dev astated by their cheeky, raw exciting brand of rock—they Il leave us wanting more.

Sexy

Prior to their new British tour they were giving the rest of Europe a taste of their unusual talents. They were in good company too, warming up audiences for the onslaught of Ritchie Blackmore's Rainbow. Ritchie had apparently seen the act at London's Marquee and was all ready to jam with them on an encore there - but an encore there — but they left him standing in the aisles, guitar at the ready and didn't go back

on. "That showed him," "That showed him," grinned IT-year-old won-der guitarist Angus Young, the young man with the sexiest knees in the business and now supporting a big gap where once a front tooth stond. stood.

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rock singles, unlikely "I lost the bloody thing contenders for the normal on a German bread roll." chart tastes, and an album which has become loved by those who've seen them live.

Now they come up with realise that the toothy gap



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"People had heard of us over there," he says.
"But didn't quite know what to expect because of all the things they'd heard about us."

"People would sit cross legged in all those really cool clubs and we'd come on and they'd shout "rubbish". By the end of the set they were clapping for more," vocalist Bon Scott chirps in.

for more," vocalist Bon Scott chirps in. The band had many interesting escapades on their European trip, many of which would not many of which would not be suitable for those readers of a nervous disposition.

They managed to vist some of those notorious red light areas, but claim

they were merely window shopping. "We couldn't manage more than about ten words in German," Angus explains.
"But we could always get a beer," another member shouts.
"I'd don't drink beer no more," says Bon with one of his devilish smiles from one ear to another, and with a touch of swank adds; "It's just wine now."

adds: "It's just wine now."
"It wasn't so easy for me to get a drink," Angus the tectotaller declares. "Every time I wanted a glass of milk I had to moo like a cow or imitate

glass of milk I had to moo like a cow or imitate pulling an udder." "There II be a beer drought when we get back to "Stralia," Bon con-firms. (The lager tins

cracked open at this point). They were agreed that the beer on the continent was more to their liking than the British equivalent, but how had the women compared?

"In Sweden there are 90 per cent beautiful women and 10 per cent ugly — guess which we got?" laughed Angus's guitar playing brother Malcolm.

Punk

"Phil (the drummer) went with this female wrestler Ireckon," Angus nods. "The glass I was holding up to the wall to hear what was going on nearly shattered as a result of that action,"

The band make a proud

Bon sums it up. "If we keep progressing like we are we'll reach gutter level soon."

"Whatcha mean prog-ress?" Angus asks. "We always do the same numbers. We ain't played 'em to America yet. We'll still be doing She Got The Jack'when we're 60."

At the time of the interview (?), the band were preparing top secret plans for the new tour, and planning some evil surprises no doubt. Though they explained that not all their best made plans worked on the night.

Like the occasion when Angus was dressed up as Superman and couldn't get out of the phone booth. He was supposed to dive out just before a smoke bomb went off, but didn't make it in time.

Gorilla

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craim that their new album continues their trail of "intellectual perversity," and Angus remarked, pointing at Bon, "He only sings about too keen on is the punk rock tag, which they're been blessed with on several occasions. "In Australia there were a lot of riots at our gigs." Angus explained. "But that was the crowd not us. They're the punks, we're not!"

"Because of are."

Gorilla

Then there was the time he was dressed in a gorilla skin and supposed to dive out of a cage onto the stage. He dived out the warong end and missed he crowd by inches.

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"We're gonna have a ball on this trip," Bon gave another of those evil grins, and rubbed his hands. "We're not going to give much away, but Angus is likely to be removing his schoolboy outfit again if need be."

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