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West German quintet who've been firm indie favourites since they formed in 1982, have taken the plunge and signed to Phonogram.

To convince their following that nothing has really changed, Anja, Fiona, Manuella, Wolfgang and Peter will be over later this month for a series of shows at Croydon Underground September 21, Brighton Coasters 22, Newcastle Riverside 25, Manchester International 26, Leeds Warehouse 28, London Kentish Town Town And Country Club 29.

More dates may be added.

HERE IS THE NEWS

Huey Lewis and pals earmark October for their first British tour in two years

NEWS, climbing the charts with their 'Stuck On You' single, have fixed the dates for their October British tour.

It's nearly two years since the band were last here for London concerts, including one at The Marquee. This time they opt for four nights at the Hammersmith Odeon from October 19-22. Tickets are £8 and £7.

They then play two nights at

Manchester Apollo on the 24th and 25th before moving on to Edinburgh Playhouse 26, Birmingham Odeon 28 and Nottingham Royal Concert Hall 29. All tickets are £7 and £6.

Huey's new album, 'Fore', comes out on Chrysalis this weekend (see review page 28).

ALISON MOYET, who hasn't been seen live since her series of jazz dates last autumn, will be undertaking a major British tour in November, by which time she'll have a new album out.

She starts at Nottingham Royal Concert Hall on November 9 followed by Newcastle City Hall 10, Edinburgh Playhouse 11, Manchester Apollo 13, Birmingham Odeon 14, Bristol Colston Hall 16, Brighton Dome 17, London Royal Albert Hall 19-20.

Tickets are £7 and £6 at all venues except the Royal Albert Hall, which are £9, £8, £7 and £6 and available by post only from Alison Moyet Box Office (to whom cheques and postal orders should be payable, adding 50p booking fee per ticket), PO Box 77, London SW4 9LH.

CUTTING CREW, who are enjoying the first fruits of chart life with their '(I Just) Died In Your Arms' single on Siren, waste no time in lining up a London Marquee date on September 8. The band are completing their debut album which will be out later in the year.

CHRIS DE BURGH has added five more dates to his sell-out British tour this month, due to demand from Andy and Fergie's friends.

He plays a second night at St Austell Coliseum on September 11, a new date at Stafford Bingley Hall on the 20th (tickets £8.50 and £7.50), a fourth night at Wembley Arena on the 29th and two new dates at Brighton Centre on October 6 and 7 (tickets £9, £8 and £7).

Velveteen-Agers...



THE ROSE OF AVALANCHE follow the indie success of their 'Too Many Castles In The Sky' single with a new single on Fire next weekend called 'Velveteen'.

The band warm up for a European shindig with a gig at Birmingham Powerhouse on September 15, supporting Balaam And The Angel. A full scale British tour is being lined up for their return in mid-October.

VEGA OFF THE WALL



suzanne vega, who has so far restricted her British concerts to London, has lined up a tour to follow her next London shows at The Royal Albert Hall on November 17 and 18.

She's currently in New York recording the follow-up to her debut album, which is still hanging around the charts nine months after its release.

Having sold out her two previous concerts, leaving hundreds of disappointed punters outside, the newly crowned Queen of Folk will be venturing beyond the North Circular Road to play Birmingham Odeon November 19, Norwich East Anglia University 20, Leeds University 22, Manchester Apollo 23, Edinburgh Usher Hall 24, Liverpool Royal Court 25, Belfast New Vic 27, Dublin Stadium 29, Oxford Apollo 30.

A new single is expected shortly and her new album will hopefully be released before her visit.

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THE FALL, whose new album is now due for release at the end of September, have switched their St Albans date on September 6 to Dunstable Queensway Hall.

This week sees the release of The Fall's new single, 'Mr Pharmacist' (see Singles page 22), which is the first to feature the band's new drummer, John S Woolstencroft from The Weeds. He replaces Karl Burns who has now joined Thirst.

'Mr Pharmacist' is apparently one of Mark E Smith's favourite songs by The Other Half, a bunch of Texan garage punks. It's on the new album, 'Bend Sinister', although neither the B-side, 'Lucifer Over Lancashire', or the extra 12-inch track, 'Auto-Tech Pilot', are included.

AGE OF CHANCE and Treebound Story headline a special Fon Drop The Bomb night at London's Bass Clef on September 8. They'll be competing against a loud barrage of Chicago House Sound and other dancefloor noises.

Age Of Chance are also planning a new 12-inch that will include covers of Prince's 'Kiss' and Tavares' 'Disco Inferno' on Fon shortly.

HUMAN LEAGUE finally release their new album on Virgin this weekend, more than two years after 'Hysteria'.

Called 'Crash', it was produced by Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis, who wrote their current hit, 'Human', and two more of the ten tracks.

ANNIE ON THE ROAD



EURYTHMICS have finally confirmed their first British gigs in three years for late November and December.

Currently touring in America, and with a new single from their 'Revenge' album out on RCA this week called 'Thorn In My Side', they open with a couple of nights at Glasgow Scottish Exhibition Centre on November 28-29 and then play two nights at Birmingham National Exhibition Centre December 3-4, four nights at London's Wembley Arena 6, 7, 9 and 10, and two nights at Brighton Centre 12 and 13.

Tickets are £9 and £8 for all venues. Glasgow is available by post

only from Regular Music, PO Box 77, GPO Edinburgh (plus 50p booking fee and an sae). They are limited to six per person, and you should give a preferred date and whether you want seated or standing tickets.

London tickets are available from the box office, West End agencies or by post from Eurythmics Box Office, PO Box 2, London W6 01Q. Add 30p booking fee, an sae and state which date you prefer.

Brighton and Birmingham tickets are available from the box offices or usual ticket agencies.

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STEVIE RAY VAUGHAN, who is threatening to spearhead the return of the guitar hero, comes over for a lightning visit at the beginning of next month.

The blues guitarist from Austin, Texas, was originally due to play here earlier in the summer but pulled out at the time of the Libyan crisis, although his record company stated at the time that this was because they preferred him to wait until his new album was ready.

A live album is now set for release – although not until a month after Stevie's gigs at London Hammersmith Palais on October 2 and Dublin Stadium 3.

Stevie has also been working on the soundtrack to a film starring Gregory Peck called Judgement Day, and he is also featured on Don Miami Vice Johnson's debut album, 'Heartbeat', which will be released in October.

JOHN WILLIAMS, Ivor Cutler and Joan Ruddock are just three of the personalities who will be entertaining the Friends Of The Earth's 'Safe Energy Rally' at Westminster Central Hall on Friday.

The rally is in response to the inquiries FOE have had in the light of Chernobyl, and features speakers such as Lord Melchett, Joan Ruddock and Jim Slater, along with a mixed bag of entertainers.

John Williams will be teaming up with Paco Pena and Gerald Garcia, and Harvey And The Wallbangers will mix cocktails. Tickets are £5 on the door (concessions £2.50).

Kiss Of Life ...



BRILLIANT, who like to think of themselves as a "dance trio", these days have their debut album, 'Kiss The Lips Of Life', out on WEA this weekend. It contains their three singles plus such songs as 'Ruby Fruit Jungle', 'How High The Sun' and 'Crash The Car'.

LEVEL 42, who've already sold out their four Wembley shows in December, have now added a second Birmingham NEC date on December 6. Tickets, price £8.50 and £7.50, are on sale from Level 42 Box Office, PO Box 77, London SW4 9LH.

STIFF UPPER LIP

Stiff still fight bravely on despite the likelihood of being forced into bankruptcy by enormous debts

stiff records is still bravely in business despite debts of more than £3.5 million which were revealed at a recent creditors' meeting in London.

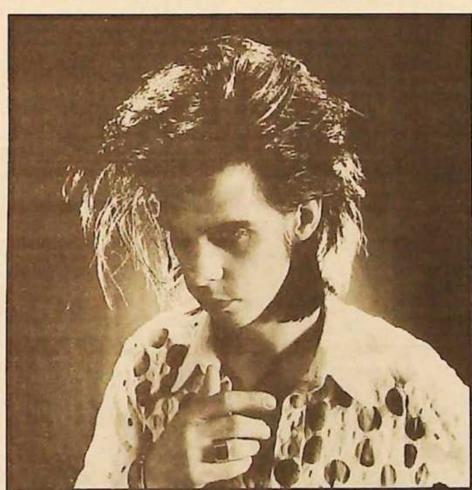
Island Records – from whom Stiff broke away last year – heads the list of more than 300 creditors with a claim of some £750,000. And the Mechanical Copyright Protection Society, which administers the collection and payment of royalties of songwriters and publishers, is owed just under

£250,000. The bulk of the remaining debt is owed to recording studios.

In July, a hive-down of assets from Stiff's parent company, Elcotgrange, into a new company called Stiff Records Ltd, allowed the Stiff name to continue. And boss Dave Robinson appealed to creditors to allow Stiff to continue trading in the hope that they would be repaid from any future profits.

But despite hints of a possible takeover that would ease Stiff's grave finances, Robinson made no firm proposals for settling the company's debts, and it seems virtually certain that one or more of the main creditors will seek a winding up order against Stiff, forcing it into bankruptcy.

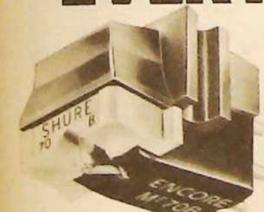
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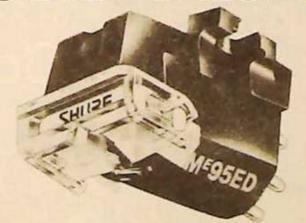
NICK CAVE, whose 'Kicking Against The Pricks' album of cover versions has brought requests for review copies from those well known music magazines *Escort* and *Mayfair* (!), has announced his only gig for the year — at Kentish Town Town And Country Club on October 12. Tickets are £5.

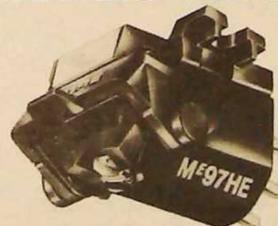
Nick is now working on an album of new material which will be released "in the near future".

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Cameo and The Fatback Band both due in UK soon!

CAMEO (right), the Atlanta funksters who have their 12th album, 'Word Up', coming out on Club (through Phonogram) next week, come over for a tour later in the month.

The 13-piece band, who are already in the Top 50 singles chart with the title track of the album, played dates here last December.

They'll be warming up for a major American tour - and bringing over as much of their US stage show as they can manage - at Nottingham Royal Concert Hall September 21, Oxford Apollo 22, London Hammersmith Odeon 23, Bristol Colston Hall 24, Birmingham Odeon 26, Manchester Apollo 27, London Hammersmith Odeon 28, Ipswich Gaumont 29.

They'll be supported by fellow Atlanta band Cashflow, whose debut album has been produced by Cameo leader Larry Blackmon.

THE FATBACK BAND.

one of the most consistent funk outfits of the last decade, fly in for a brief visit next

They are currently finishing off their next album in New York with vocalist Vernon Thomas, which will hopefully be out in time for the dates at Barry Island Butlin's Soul Weekend October 10-11 and London's Hammersmith Odeon 12.

But there will certainly be a new single out for the visit - a new version of 'Spanish Harlem' with vocals from Ben E King Junior.

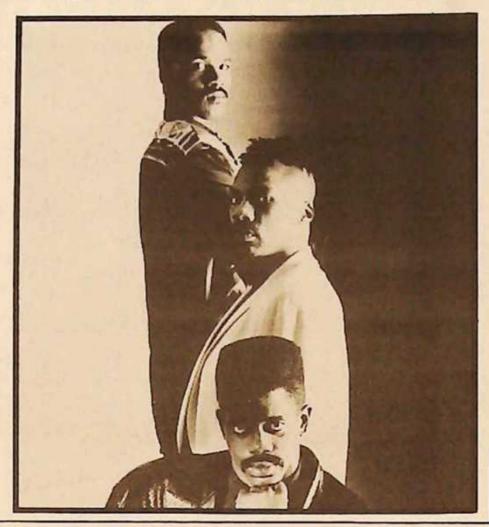
23 SKIDOO, who made their come-back earlier in the summer at WOMAD, have lined up a one-off gig at London's Ronnie Scotts Club on September 7.

The band have spent the last year re-styling themselves and are now down to a core of Johnny, Alex and Sketch from Lynx, Fritz Haman having at one point left but since returned. They'll also be joined by four or five more musicians at Ronnie Scotts.

Their first single since 'Language' and 'Coup' last year came out on Illuminated last week, called 'Thoughts Of You'

They also have plans for a CD of old material from Fetish and

HÜSKER DÜ have a new single out on Warners this weekend called 'Sorry Somehow'. It's from the album, 'Candy Apple Grey' but the 12-inch has a live version of 'Flexible Flyer'.



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BIG COUNTRY, who are in the middle of an American tour, have a new single out on Mercury this weekend. It's 'One Great Thing', from their album 'The Seer', although the B-side, 'Song Of The South', is previously unreleased. There's a 12-inch with extended versions and a limited edition double-pack which features two live tracks - 'Porroh Man' and 'Chance' - recorded in Texas in 1984.

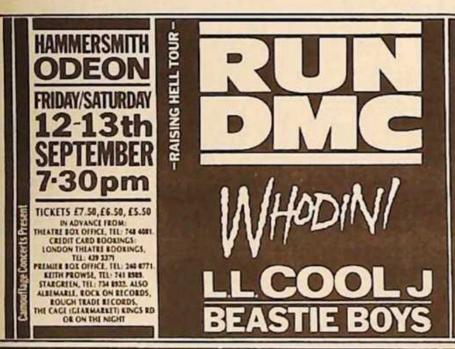
THE FAITH BROTHERS support their local neighbourhood with a couple of Fulham gigs this month. They take a break from preparing their second album to play a benefit for the Lost Theatre (near Fulham Broadway tube) on September 13. followed by a free open air gig in Bishops Park on the 20th.

THE CHAMELEONS' "one-off" gig at Darlington in last week's Tour News has now turned into a British tour in support of their second Geffen single 'Swamp Thing'.

The quartet will now be playing Middleton Civic Centre September 5, Darlington Arts Centre 6, Leeds Warehouse 8, Nottingham Rock City 9, London Kentish Town Town And Country Club 10, Bristol Bier Keller 11, Manchester International

SUDDEN SWAY release 'Spacemate' on blanco y negro (through WEA) on September 5 (See Albums, page 28). However, 'Spacemate' is not your average release. It takes the form of a box (slightly larger than a soap powder box and arguably more useful) and contains a number of items providing basic introductions and training tools to enable the owner to "spacemate". Oh, and there's a double album in it as well.





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BACKTRACKS

PEGGY SCOTT AND JO JO BENSON, a soul duet who scored American R&B hits in the late '60s with stirring belters such as 'Lovers Holiday' and 'Pickin' Wild Mountain Berries', have these and other goodies – notably Peggy's version of 'Every Little Bit Hurts' – gathered onto a compilation called 'Soul Shake' by Charly.

ARCHIE BELL AND THE DRELLS' 1976 album 'Where Will You Go When The Party's Over' – which contained 'Don't Let Love Get You Down' – gets another turn on the dancefloor, courtesy of Portrait.

MERLE HAGGARD's debut album, 'Swinging Doors', which never got a release over here despite such country classics as the title track and 'Tonight The Bottle Let Me Down', finally gets a place in his British catalogue, having been plucked from Capitol by See For Miles.

BENNY GOODMAN and Artie Shaw both have undoctored recordings from the '30s released on RCA's 'This Is' series "for those who won't be satisfied with recreations of the original sounds". Goodman has Ella Fitzgerald, Bunny Berigan, Gene Krupa, and Lionel Hampton in his Orchestra, while Shaw can call upon Billie Holiday, Lena Horne and Buddy Rich.

QUICKSILVER MESSENGER SERVICE, the mercurial San Francisco band who had a compilation out earlier this year on See For Miles called 'The Ultimate Journey', now have their 1968 eponymous debut album reissued by Edsel. The freewheeling brilliance of their acid folk rock is spoilt only by a slight studio unease.

GARY MOORE's past catches up with him on a double album from Raw Power called 'Anthology', which goes back to his 'Grinding Stone' days with CBS in 1973 and takes in his late '70s MCA period, including his big hit with Phil Lynott, 'Parisien Walkways'. There are also tracks from his '83-'84 albums on Jet, 'Live' and 'Dirty Fingers'.





SNAKES OF SHAKE, those proud Glaswegians, have re-recorded their indie single 'Southern Cross' which comes out on Making Waves this week as a warning of their debut album, 'Gracelands And The Natural Wood' which follows in a couple of weeks.

TWO MINDS CRACK, the South Wales duo-turned-trio who released two highly acclaimed indie singles in 1984 – 'The Hunger And The Greed' and 'Enemies Of Promise' – return from a year spent writing and securing a deal with WEA with a single this week called 'Cry Cry Cry'.

C CAT TRANCE, who've been working on a new album due out next month, revive 'Screaming (To Be With You)' from their previous album, remixed to bring out the Arabic rhythms.

BILLY JENKINS has bravely titled his new album on Allmusic (through Backs) 'Uncommerciality'. Released on September 19 it includes songs such as 'Sade's Lips', 'Spastics Dancing', 'Bhopal' and 'Margaret's Menstrual Problem'.

BRIAN SPENCE, one of our free EP artistes, who left school to join Bilbo Baggins and then set up a duo with Colin Chisholm, goes solo with his first single on Polydor this week called 'Here It From The Heart'. (See Jaws on page 11.)

WALLY JUMP JUNIOR AND THE CRIMINAL ELEMENT, who formed in New York's Conconquak Prison while

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imprisoned for robbery, reply
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this week called 'Jummp
Back'. Spot the difference.

MICHAEL McDONALD follows his duet with Patti Labelle with a solo single on MCA called 'Sweet Freedom'.

THE WEEDS, the manchester band who supported The Fall on their last British tour, come up with their first single this week on In Tape called 'China Doll'.

RIO release their second album on Music For Nations this weekend called 'Sex Crimes', which includes their recent single 'Atlantic Radio'.

with her first album since 1982's 'Green Light' this week on Warner Brothers, titled 'Nine Lives', which features songs by Bryan Adams and Toots Hibbert and keyboards from former Small Face Ian McLagen.

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TOTO release their sixth album on CBS this week called 'Farenheit' although it's their first with new vocalist Joseph Williams.

MATT MOFFITT, formerly with cult Aussie band Matt Finish, has a solo single released on CBS this week called 'Miss This Tonight'. THE FUZZTONES, who've started recording their next album even though they haven't yet found a replacement for guitarist Elan Portnoy, have a four-track EP of material previously unavailable (except on import) out on ABC (through Pinnacle) next week called 'Bad News Travels Fast'.



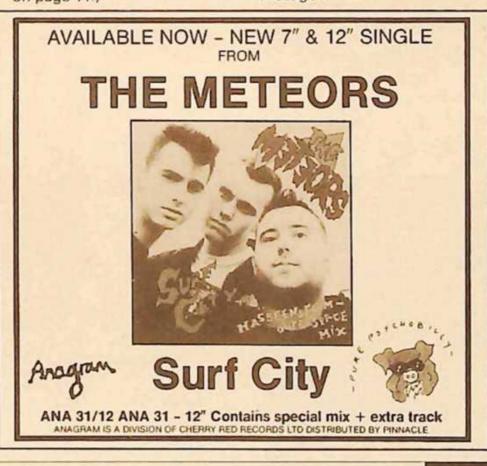
TOM ROBINSON will have his new album released by RCA on September 15 called 'Still Loving You'. The title track is also a single which comes with a limited edition free cassette containing extra tracks 'A Song For You' and a live version of 'Old Friend'.

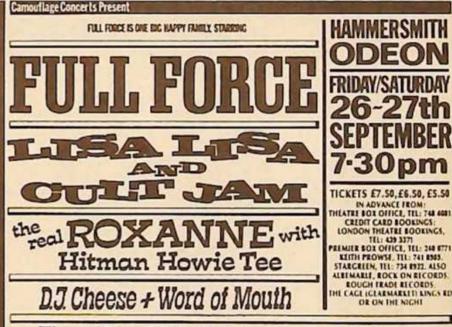
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Cherrelle, The SOS Band, Lou Rawls and Haywoode are among the acts on the 'Solid Soul' compilation on Epic this week, released in conjunction with Channel 4's series.

TENDER LUGERS, an Ipswich quartet, release a mini-album called 'Johnny Orgy' on Kick! (through Backs) which they describe as "a soundtrack for modern-day cherubs and sumo wrestlers".





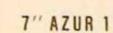


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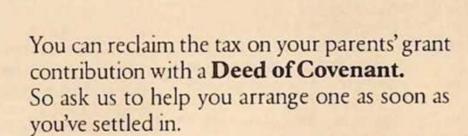
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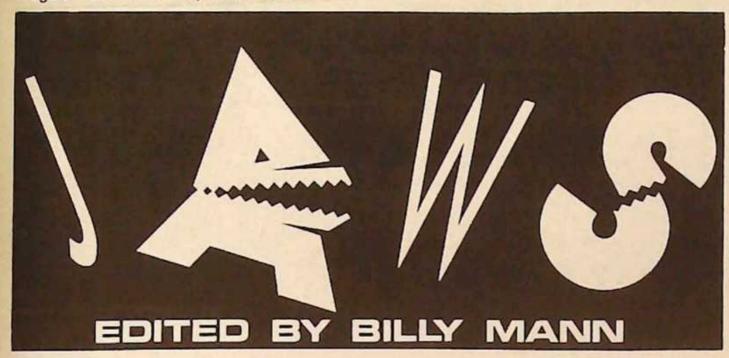
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CHILD~KILLING TEDDY BEARS

"Pious, but ready to ravish. Just wait till they turn nasty"

BROTHER AND sister Johnston didn't spend their childhood together tipping spiders into each other's beds like most, which might explain one or two things about the most shy couple in pop.

Like their featherlight, sugarcoated melodies, understatement comes as natural to them as deep breaths come to the rest of us. Reaching new heights of honeydew on the latest 'Happy Together' single, Peter and Sophie are

Northern, vulnerable and are dying to do "perverse things ... musically," but content themselves right now with a long series of almost silent booms.

More interestingly, Sophie, like a good sister should, tells me about his mld-'70s get-up as soon as he leaves the room for a moment.

"Robert Plant perm, highwaist, bright blue Oxford bags, desert wellies and very flared shirts."

These days he writes

their songs and when he looks up, suddenly, bears a startling resemblance to Anthony Perkins in Psycho. Apart from that, there's nothing exactly startling about them, bar this promising knack of stamping out these slightly luxurious, scenic synth-pop flickers.

While sister sits and nervously tugs her fringe, brother sits and longs for me to ask some of my stock techno-buff questions. But they don't



S AND P: brother and sister in arms

come.

So what would The Johnstons be if they weren't a pop group but were an inanimate object instead?

"A child's toy . . . a Teddy bear with a sharp piece of metal sticking out so, when the child picks it up ... blood everywhere."

See, as troublesome as the rest of us when you ask them the wrong questions!

At the moment though, we're all rummaging under the stairs, hunting down those hidden barbs. Are these Johnstons too darn soft? After all, 'Happy Together', its pampered charms allowing, makes even those early **Everything But The Girl** undertones seem like whiplashed fury by comparison. So do these

Johnston's shout loud enough for us?

"Hummmmm," hums Peter. "We'll be getting more risky, some of that subversion will start leaking out."

At the moment though? "With this single, the idea was to just introduce this soft, delicate side, to make a simple, succulent pop record. There's a darker, more askew side to us that will come forth."

As a second breath, following last year's 'Losing You' on their own Smash The Majors, 'Happy Together' will do for now. Pious, but ready to ravish. Just walt 'til they turn nasty.

"Just wait 'til she leaves the room and I'll tell you what I did tip in that bed." JONH WILDE ONE BITES ... BITES ...

 IN PREPARATION for their forthcoming massive tour **Everything But The Girl** guitarist **Benji Watt** has been spotted pumping Iron down at Haverstock Hill gymnasium. "I'm trying to cultivate that Go-West look," he told Jaws.

U2 DRUMMER Larry Mullen is currently under doctor's orders at New York's Miller Institute for "piano hand", a kind of tennis elbow for drummers Bruce Springsteen's drummer Max Weinberg also suffered from this complaint and was cured by the Miller, so let's hope Larry will soon be back behind the traps.

 GERALD O'DOWD, brother of Boy (and a boxer) has been nicked. He has been accused of smashing a £600 pub window. The pub in question is the Duke Of Cambridge in Woolwich and Gerald, 22, will appear at inner London Crown Court next week.

 MANY, MANY people are waiting with balted breath for the publication of Kitty Kelly's long-awaited (see we told you they were walting) tome - an already notorious exposé of the somewhat suspect career of Francis A Sinatra, Jaws, for its part, is rather more eager to sink its teeth into a book currently the subject of many. many rumours Stateside.

You see, it seems that the infamous Miss Pamela, the one time wife of Michael Des Barres and, much more importantly. head girl of the celebrated West Coast catering company, Girls Together Outrageously, is, even, as we speak, collaborating upon her autobiography.

In their time the GTOs (including such greats as Cynthia Plastercaster, Miss Mercy, Miss Lucy and The Two Michelles) must have catered for the need of just about every major name in rock, and we reckon they're all sweating on this one.

APPOINTMENT



MS BROWN subbing one of Jonh Wilde's epic features

WE KNOW It's late, but we would like to take this opportunity to announce that Clyn Brown is our new Features Editor. Starting her career in Journalism at Woman And Home, the move to Sounds has proved to be the making of Glyn, 19. Her award-winning features on Robert Smith, The Cuit and Nick Cave, as well as her great command of the tricky situation, made her the obvious choice for Features Editor when the position fell vacant following the departure of Sandy Robertson. "The competition was very flerce," Sounds editor Tony Stewart, 63, told Jaws, "but Glyn did a great interview and I'm. pleased to have her as one of my right hand men."

But it was Glyn's judgement and decisiveness that really won her the job. Always the first to spot a story and pull it off with the minimum of fuss and worry, Glyn inspires those of us who work with her to tackle our work with the same tough confidence. And we are very grateful for it. Well done Glyn. Get the ale in.

THERE AIN'T 'alf been some jealous bastards. And this week's jealous bastard, or is it bitch, is our correspondent Poison Ivy of Abingdon, who writes in a foul flurry of bile to denounce up-and-coming young popsters Talulah Gosh.

We at Jaws have no right to like Talulah Gosh, spits sweet, innocent dyslexic Ivy. No right at all, because they're all, wait for it, rich students! And more, much more than this, lead singer Marigold's father is not one of the downtrodden mass that constitutes Maggie's Millions.

Oh no, our favourite Pastel fan has had the absolute bloody cheek to choose a father who is some sort of medium sized cog in the machinery of the advertising world. Well lawdy, lawdy, hold the front page!

NICKED CORTINA



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IF THE walls of power will shake by the pounding of dancing feet, the soulful motivation of 1,000 dances and the sweat of Northern Soul dance halls, then Avanti's cause will be half won. This is because Avanti want to play the theme track to social revolution as well as the thermometer and ignition of resistence. They are gutsy socialists, laying their politics on the line with heavy dancefloor agitation in songs like the bold 'Belief Is All', a powerful, funking militant stomp.

There's maybe too close an allegiance to The Redskins for Avanti's own good, but this is made up for by the fact that they draw heavily from the inspiration of Wilson Pickett. Heavy bass lines romp caustically alongside powerful lyrics about this country's hidden decay and callous lack of social concern.

Avanti come from Dagenham, a stone's throw away from Billy Bragg land and my private mansions. When they express themselves pertinently in the poignant 'Those days, These Lifetimes' they produce political pop of the most endearing kind, which is sensually blissful instead of dogmatically cold.

Avanti are the voice of power and struggle, funk and soul and hopeful despair. In fact they're well

RON ROM

SAVING THE BEAT FOR UNCLE

"Oh no, this is terrible! What will happen to the Fat Boys? Will the beat be safe from the Russians? To find out, tune in next time, same fat time, same fat channel."

THOSE DARNED Ruskies have been at it again. Their fiendish plan to overwhelm the Western world by leaking all kinds of poisonous nuclear waste whenever the wind was blowing in the right direction has been shelved in favour of a much cleverer, much more fiendish little plot. Checking out the scene Stateside, the men from the only party Viscount Althorp can't crash

had come to the conclusion that:

"Ve can rule the vorld with the human beat noise, if ve make a good copy of the real Fat Boys."

And so, after months of research, the KGB were ready. Their handpicked trio of agents had been fed nothing but spaghettl and Big Macs for weeks and they were ready to go. At a hip-hop-hoe-down at Madison Square Gardens they pounced! The lights went down, and so did the Fat Boys. The beat was turning RED! Now read on, dot dot. dot

I was so hooked I couldn't wait. I just had to get the hot poop straight

from the horse's mouth. So I got on the old transatlantic dog (the ghost of Garry Bushell's past haunts my typewriter!) and found myself talking to a bleary-eyed Damon 'Kool Rock-Ski' Wimbley. So come on, Kool Rock-Ski, just what is going to happen? Will you be able to save The Beat for Uncle Sam?

"Well, I can't really tell you that because we're just starting to write the concluding episode right now. But don't worry, it'll all be alright in the end."

A weight the size of any two Fat Boys you might care to mention (and the other two, Darren 'Human Beat

Box' Robinson and Mark 'Prince Markie Dee' Morales, are no slimmer than the mighty Kool Rock-Ski) is raised from my cruelly slumped shoulders. The worry had been keeping me awake nights.

If you don't already know, rap, the music the music press had hoped it had seen the back of, is back again. And with a vengeance. Starting perhaps with the Whistle single, '(Nothing Serious) Just Bugging', sharp and funny rap cuts have begun, once more, to pepper the British charts.

The film Krush Groove and Run DMC's new album have hit hard,

and the whole hip hop scene is gathering itself and dancing on its

At this time, Brooklyn's meaty rap stars, the Fat Boys, have released a third heavyweight rap album. It's called 'Big And Beautiful', and it is.

And naturally enough, the Fat Boys think it's their best work yet, "or at least the best since the first"

The thing I love about this music is that it is without doubt, of the street It is about as pure as you can get. And consequently it revolves around humour and motion, about arrogance and self-mockery, around the opposite sex, fast cars, clothes

SINISTER PLAGUE HITS STREETS OF LONDON

Every kerb and pavement presents a new challenge ... because it's there

TYPICAL, ISN'T It? Just when you think you're living in a civilised world, something comes along to remind us we're still barbarlans. No swarms of locusts, no plagues; instead we have AIDS, it Bites, and the most terrifying new phenomenon of them all, a modern plague which has rapidly taken hold in every city in the land, a disease which has all but paralysed the capital - the motorcycle dispatch rider.

This most dangerous species does not regard dispatching as work (Christ no, most of these Individuals have taken solemn vows never to do a day's work In their lives); to them their vocation is a real-life doublebill of Mad Max and Death Race 2000, the survival of the most mentally deficient, and

strictly no taking of prisoners. The ultimate test of all, for both hunters and their quarry. is, of course, the legendary Wardour Street Grand Prix,

compared to which the Isle Of Man TT pales into miserable Insignificance. With 60 races a minute, nine hours a day, five days a week on the boulevards of Soho, the middle of the road is the safest vantage point from which to observe the elite practitioners of the art going through their routines, as every kerb and pavement presents the challenge of a new teeny K2 to be conquered, because It's there.

The threat to life might not be so great If these modernday Ben Hurs rode machines which bore some resemblance to motorbikes. But taking their cue from Transformers (robots in disguise), the customisers of the dispatch model have successfully managed to convert the classic motorcycle into a Chieftain tank, thereby ousting the hundreds of this world's frustrated Barry Sheenes and replacing them

with thousands of would-be General Pattons.

As with their metal steeds, the gallant knights of the road have done their utmost to disguise the frall human form, swathing themselves in layers of custom-crud-encrusted grey oversults, which give their occupants the outward appearance of something between Refrigerator Perry and a Michelin man.

Their approach is signalled by the familiar swish-swishing of legging on legging and the curious dialect that filters through three scarves and a Darth Vader helmet: "Gnmmph **Gnmmph Bond Street Gnmmph** Gnmmph package".

I attempted to Interview one, a particularly grimy specimen (probably male), who introduced himself as "Gnmmph", but all I could get out of him were London postal codes and the religion he practised, some obscure Eastern mystic faith called 'A

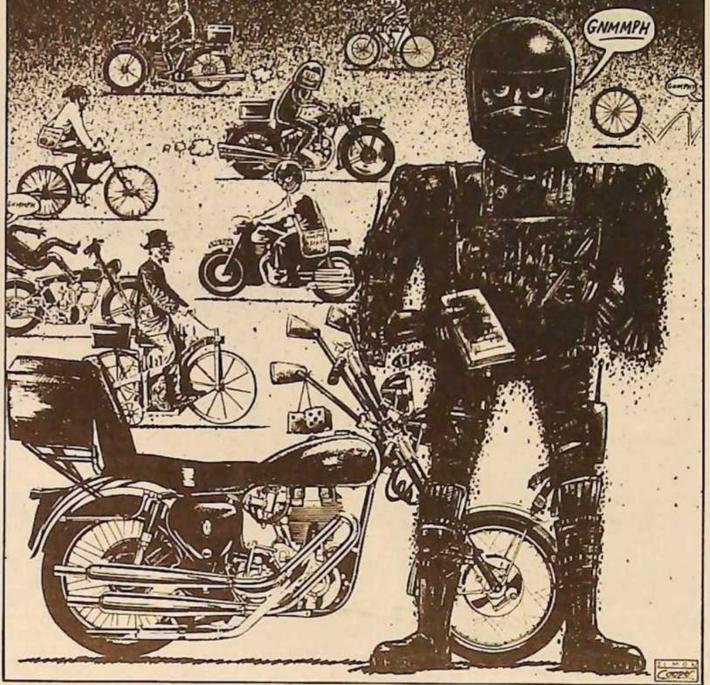


Illustration by Simon Cooper

TO Z'.

But however distasteful biker dispatch riders may be, an altogether more sinister freak offshoot has evolved from the strain over the last couple of years, the bicycle dispatch rider.

If the matt-camouflaged easy riders are the moths of the order, then their pedalpushing cousins are the butterflies. Bedecked in daft colour combinations bearing labels of Italian conglomerates who could be manufacturing anything from contraceptives to Armalite rifles, the flyweight pony express has recently undergone a traumatic identity crisis. going to bed in early June as Bernard Hinault, only to emerge from the chrysalls 20 days later as Greg LeMond.

These psychological misfits are especially dangerous, sweeping up and over kerbs to

dodge red lights, and swooping silently between fruit stalls to ambush passing tourists.

But whatever the chosen form of conveyance, one thing is certain - dispatch riders constitute a very real threat to the fabric of society and should be stamped out now. Give the pavements back to the pedestrian!

ANGRY HURT

Soweto For The Man



PAUL SIMON might have thought he was in · London to deliver a pre-emptive strike against Anti-Apartheid rumblings over the South African connections to his new album, but his record company clearly had other ideas.

This was the Eurolaunch for 'Graceland', the album Warners thought they might never see. (For review, see Albums, page 29). And not only had the diminutive superstar been tempted out of virtual retirement into the studio, he was also being unusually talkative.

So journalists from all over Europe mingled with Her Majesty's Press in the lush, red velveteen of the Mayfair Theatre. And this is just the beginning of a massive marketing campaign for 'Graceland' -"Two years and three continents in the making". And the fact that there's controversy in the air (not to mention at least 21 dead on the streets of Soweto as the conference starts) gives everybody something to write about.

For Paul Simon the issue is plain enough. Haltingly but eloquently he explained how he heard a bootleg cassette of African music which he tracked down to Soweto. He checked it all out with the bands involved and then flew over to Johannesburg to record with them, paying them triple American rates of 190 dollars an hour and even giving some of them co-writing credits - the first time he's ever shared his songwriting.

For this he's been getting flak from the Anti-Apartheid lobby for breaking the UN resolution

banning any cultural links with South Africa. Little wonder that he says, "I'm with the musicians and the artists. I didn't ask permission from the African National Congress and I didn't ask permission from the Pretoria Government.

"I'm generally suspicious of political motives. When there are radical transfers of power on either the left or the right the artist always gets screwed. The guys with the guns say, This is important, and the guys with guitars don't have much else to say."

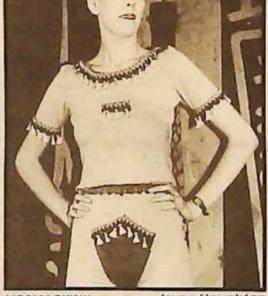
Despite pressure from The Guardian, he refuses to issue the ritual militant condemnation of apartheid. Paul Simon is non-aligned, although he's refused one million dollar offers to play Sun City, on his own and with Garfunkel.

Sitting next to him at the conference was Joseph Shabalala, singer with Ladysmith Black Mambazo from Soweto. Paul asked journalists not to ask him "awkward questions that might cause him trouble at home. There is a chance of reprisals" especially with the reporter from South African Times sitting in the second row.

When Paul is asked whether he thinks Afrikaners will like the record he turns to Joseph and says, "I don't know. What do you think?"

Joseph is silent and expressionless for five seconds. Then he grunts and says "No", lapsing back into the same silent, expressionless pose again. Aw, the sound of silence.

HUGE DANGLING CONVERSATION



LIPSMACKIN'I

Jayne Houghton

staged a lingerie and swimwear fashion show by a designer who thinks that this is what women should be wearing next to the skin.

The model above was one of a dozen who slouched attractively in size 12 DMs or Japanese style filp-flops to show off various cotton-and-Lycra mix garments that brought a whole new meaning to the term "unmentionables".

Many of them, like this two-piece, featured a combination of Victorian lampshade tassles and contrasting patches over the, er, tollet area.

Just the thing to wear under this season's skintight leggings, eh girls?

and dance. The people who make rap music are, predominantly, young kids not too far removed from you or I (all three Fat Boys are still in their teens), and they share many of the same obsessions

The Fat Boys have been keen to document their nose for the trend. On their first album cover, all six feet came wrapped (you just can't keep a good pun down) in prime Adidas sneakers. By the second, a single pair of Puma had arrived. And now on the third, an immaculate pair of £120 Fila track shoes take pride of place.

hoped it had seen the back of - is back, and the whole hip hop scene is gathering itself and dancing on its head. Roger Holland spoke to the Fat Boys, teenage recording stars with no trace of the tortured artist complex Clearly the Fat Boys have been

If you didn't already know, rap - the music the music press had

making money. Equally obviously they have been spending it in just the same way that the gang on the Clapham Omnibus would be spending It.

"A lot of the guys are now wearing Bally shoes. But people like Whodini are all into Giorgio Armani and clothes like those."

These people sound very familiar to me. On a phone line with more cracks in it than Joan Collins' face, Kool Rock-Ski chirps on about designer labels and the coming fashions. Here are three teenage

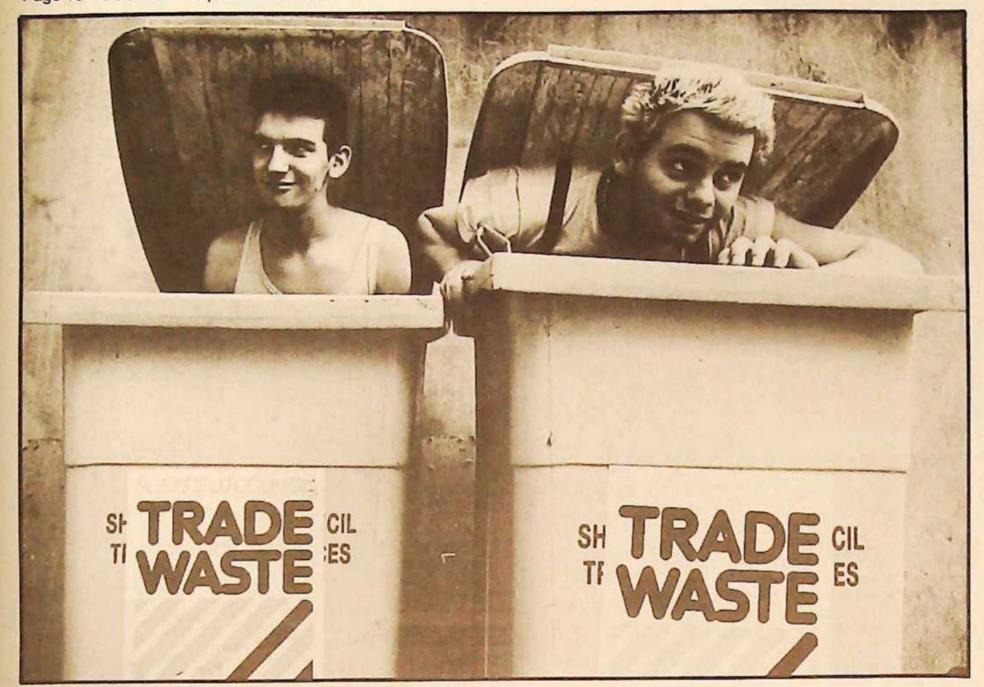
recording stars with no trace of the tortured artist complex.

And just to prove it, their single at the moment in this country is 'In The House', a rip roaring, chunky, pneumatic wobble.

The Fat Boys hope to make it over to this side of Reagan's pond by the end of the year, if possible. But the filming of their second movie, Disorderly, might hold them back until the New Year. In more than one sense, the Fat Boys are BIG. And with any luck they're going to get bigger and bigger.



FAT BOYS: Looking for a pizza the action



WOT D'YA fink of it so far. .



THE BLUDGEON BROTHERS

"Spring saw them scavenging the streets for chocolate wrappers"

The Nyah Fearties used to be incredibly loud. Then they supported Half Man Half Biscuit and spent two weeks bumming around France with The Pogues. Our star reporter, Granualle, took to the trail of the hobo blues and still hasn't come back. M Scanlon gets it in the can

SCOTTISH SOUL doesn't come sharper than Nyah Fearties and their anarchic trall of hobo blues.

Bludgeon brothers Davey and Stephen use acoustic guitars and vociferous voices, sparkplugged by whatever percussion the occasion provides. And ask them about 'kindred spirits', and they'll tell you more about their sound than you need to know: Elvis, John Lee Hooker, Alex Harvey, The Pogues, spaghetti-western wizard **Ennio Morricone and** "anyone who gets up and plays what they feel".

If soul is something that stirs within the performer and strikes the same chord in the listener, then the Feartles' recent trip around France gave the word its definitive meaning.

Besides the screaming madamoiselles of Marsellies, the pair recall: "Bordeaux was brilliant. The audience all started howling; they just howled their way through the set."

The original Feartles were founded by Davey some three years ago in Kilmarnock, and went through a series of mad monikers, eventually amalgamating their musical genius into the Root Searching Metal Bashin' Feartles. Davey looked after bass while Stephen took to burundistyle drums.

"We used to be incredibly loud, mainly due to the 40 gallon oil drums. There was so much sound that you could improvise all the way through. The audience were never sure what we were doing; it was mental."

The Metal Bashin'
Feartles reached the climax
of their chaotic career at
the Klimarnock Festival in
mid-'85, when they
smashed the stage apart

and frightened the onlookers to hell.

A subsequent search for gigs forced them to abandon their roots and turn to acoustic pursuits. With banjo, bass and guitar they headed toward London and a regular spot at The Timebox in Kentish Town.

"Our first gig was busking in the bar with Half Man Half Biscult, and the next night we got put on stage. We used to play and then go round the audience with a hat, which hadn't been heard of in London for ages. The first night we got £15 and then we started thinking that it wasn't right because people had already paid £2.50 and we were taking more money off them."

They decided to look, instead, for bands of similar spirit which led to an impromptu support with Concrete Bullet-Proof invisible and a coveted Pogues date at the Hammersmith Palais. The Fearties formed an instant affinity with the latter and quickly became, as Stephen says, Pogue family.

Spring saw them scavenging the streets for empty chocolate wrappers before embarking on their legendary Mars Bar Tour, which stretched from London to Edinburgh via National Express; and was followed by "two weeks of scadging off The Pogues in France".

Plans are afoot to record their first single on The Isle Of Arran but, meanwhile, The Nyah Feartles provide positive proof that there's more to Kilmarnock culture than old women singing 'The Northern Lights Of Aberdeen'.

"Who wants to hear stupid Scottish songs that mean bugger all to anyone?" they ask.

BITES... BITES... BITES... BITES

ON A flight from New York to Dublin, Cactus World News were totally flabbergasted to find themselves in the company, and talking politics, with Teddy Kennedy. But they weren't half as surprised as Jaws was to learn that The Pogues are filming a spagnetti western in Spain in which they play the McMahon family, who are addicted to caffeine, don't drink alcohol and don't swear.

PHIL OAKEY, 51, who is a singer with a band called Human League, has developed a strange habit. He drives a Sinclair C5 electric car around the house. And not surprisingly, his companion Joanne Catherall is not too pleased. "He's a bloody nuisance," she told Jaws in an exclusive interview at their home in Sheffield. "Just look what he's done to the furniture. How can I ask anybody round for tea when all the chairs are battered and scraped?"



"ERE, 'AVE you 'eard the one about the Eengleesh journalist?"

Dole are the necessary bar staff of warped European "rock music". Chris Roberts pinched one of their cigarettes and asked about Unemployment Benefit

I AM sitting somehow indoors in sunshine with two Belgian cats and several more Belgian musicians. Dole, they are called. The Musicians. Dunno about the cats.

Dole, two years old in this incarnation, drew some murmurs here with the singles 'Haircut' and 'Rumroad', and have just released their debut album The Speed Of Hope' on the rather exceptional Play It Again, Sam! label.

Despite a comprehending production by Adrian Borland of The Sound, and intriguing lyrics, Dole remain to my ears a wash of unjarring pop proficiency.

They've been likened to The Teardrop Explodes but there are segments of Simple Minds and all that so-sincere bombast in their constructions.

Supporting The Neon Judgement recently, they sweated naive enthusiasm diluted by technical prowess. Remy, Pierre, Michel, Eric and Marc are earnest and honest.

"In most pop music you have to be really simple; you have to be understood in three minutes. But maybe we are more interesting than that."

So what are you all about?

"Everyday life. Views of the world from the inside and outside. The main themes are love and hate and death and. . . dreams, always dreams. Important things for human beings."

Dole consider themselves more French than Belgian. They live on the border and their name is taken from a small town in Eastern France, I mention Unemployment Benefit.

"We didn't know about that when we chose the name! It's not the meaning we wanted; there's no link. We've never really taken care of image, we just want to be as we are."

What's the best thing about your job? "Playing. Having those incredible feelings

And the worst thing?

"We're always trying to look at the best, never mind the worst."

Yes, that's probably a healthy attitude, I comment, and pinch one of their cigarettes.

Dole are the necessary bar staff of warped European "rock music", and palatable rather than piercing. Heroes with voices, rattling the bars of the cage.

The Life Of Brian

BILBO BAGGINS - now that was a band. Well, wasn't it? I'm not at all sure myself, but ex-Bilbo Brian Spence assures me that they scorched a hot chart trail to number 41 some years back.

Now, alas, BB are consigned to the backwaters of bargain-bin obscurity, sharing cut-out racks with the likes of Gary US Bonds, Bitches Sin and Mandrake Paddlesteamer. But our Brian has dug his heels in and is out to make a go of it again, solo. So now he has an album, 'Brothers', a single, 'Hear It From The Heart', and a prized slot on the new, not-to-bemissed Sounds 7-incher all set to start his balls rolling.

So what's he got that others haven't? In a word, nothing. Nothing apart from "just, er, strong songs". And if you don't think that'll be enough, just cast

your mind back to '85 and an LP called 'Reckless'.

Is Bryan Adams a fair likeness, Brian?

"Well, I know for a fact that I'm gonna get it. I did think of changing my name at one point "

Too late now. "Actually, when I first tried getting a deal, I was compared

to Rick Springfield." Poor sod Mind you, the whole sound of the record, and the many comparisons to US radio rock, neglect one thing he's a Scot.

"There was a time when I was doing really Scottish-sounding songs - singing with an accent and all that. Y'know, the very first time I read about Big. Country I thought to myself that's the band I should be in!"

Brian's even done his time packing coal for peanuts in

Edinburgh, But with songs this catchy, he should soon start packing 'em in all over the place.

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O YOU want to know the long and short of it, pal?

Well, let me tell you about Phillip Boa And The Voodoo Club.

Let me say that I'm sitting here with the Germanic Phillip Boa and he's damn tall (er, long, you see) and beside him is Pla from Voodoo Club and she's, well, she's small.

They're the odd couple. . But, if you heard their music (and I recommend it, really), you'd see how they fit together.

I mean, I could boast. I could go on about how I raved over this lot, the cream of Europe's music resurgence, a year back in this very organ. I could say, yeah, their 'Ostrich' single was great, shame all the other comics had to wait until they brought it out in Britain and flipped the sides before they'd write about it.

And, sure, I could tell you how I reviewed their debut album 'Philisters' ages ago, but only since its recent appearance on Red Flame and its name change to 'Philistrines' (subtle, huh?) have the mess of marauding musos begun to realise that there's talent outside of bland old UK and its fishing rights.

But I won't go on about all that. Instead, I'll ask Phillip how it all started. Yeah, I'll find for you the secrets of Voodoo.

"I used to be a guitarist in some unknown punk influenced band at home in Dortmund, and Pia was the synth player. About 1983 time we broke away and tried to write songs that weren't tied down by the usual clichés. "We'd never been satisfied and we'd been doing it since 1979, so we started to do our thing and it sounded pretty good. It sounded a little like The

Residents - well, so someone said. We

BABY SNAKES



PHILLIP BOA And The Voodoo Club: snakes in the grass

PHILLIP BOA AND THE VOODOO CLUB have fallen for the spirit of punk and the ghost of Frank Zappa. DAVE HENDERSON makes snake eyes in their direction

played for about four months and then we got a drummer.

"People called him The Voodoo because he used to live in Tahiti and drum with about 20 people there. Anyhow, he came back to Germany and he was a fan of Frank Zappa – er, he never liked punk. He never had any real drums, either."

Still, not to worry, because the spell of The Voodoo lived on, and around 1984 he joined Pia and Phillip in a project where his Zappa influences met the Boa aprés-punk mêlée in a kind of head-on collision.

"We rehearsed and it went really well, we ended up recording a six track mini album, 'Most Boring World', which was released in 1984...but it didn't sell. It's deleted now and even though people have asked to re-press it, I don't think it's good enough."

So, with 'Boring World' making a few indiscreet waves throughout Europe, Phillip decided to further enhance the Boa sound with a new member for the group.

T THE end of 1984 we engaged a second drummer and he was, er, a normal drummer."

Well, I suppose as normal as you can get within the rich textured sound that goes to make up Phillip Boa And The Voodoo Club.

"The first record had made us ambitious but we weren't satisfied. With this new drummer we rehearsed and it was real good and in our wish to escape, again, from rock 'n' roll, we engaged some violins. What we tried to do was create music that was the ghost of Frank Zappa..."

You mean the spirit?

"Ah, yes, the spirit. The spirit of punk, the spirit of Frank Zappa."

Boa's love of classical music was evident, too, and the first example was the aforementioned 'Philister' now 'Philistrines' album.

The reason for the slight spelling change?

"No reason.

You were happy with the album?
"Yes, very satisfied. When it first
came out in Germany it got a very
good response. It sold well, too. It was
the second best independent seller in
Germany, second only to Einsturzende
Neubauten."

So, how come we hear little or nothing about Phillip Boa, and the majority of press, when focusing on West German bands, pick out people like Die Tödliche Doris or Die Krupps?

Phillip gets excited.

"That seems to be down to certain journalists' personal taste alone. For instance, in Germany, Die Tödliche Doris don't sell any records. No one likes them. They sell about 40 records at the most."

Well, ain't that always the way? Still, good people, now that the message of Phillip Boa is yours, now that you've read this far and discovered that the Boa sound consists of a strange hybrid of Zappa and punk, a mix of strings, rampant guitars, synth and two very different styles of percussion, you must be impressed. Oh yes, and then there's the vocals. The strange interplay of Phillip's gruff half-spoken vocal lines and Pia's beautiful harmonies.

"Yes. I'm glad we tried that."
And the next move?

"Well, we're about ready with our next album." (Said album is another progression, by the way, which has brought perspiration in all the right places from people who've actually heard snatches of it.)

"And, we should be doing some live shows in England around the end of the year. That's so people can see if they really like the Voodoo Club."

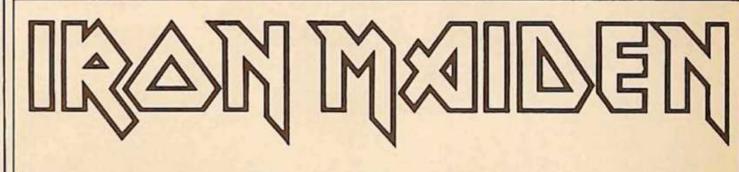
Ah, Phillip, come on. You know we'll just die a death for you. After all, the Brits are well known for getting the message, even if it takes an interminable time, reams of press attention and three or four powerful albums. Still, that's rock 'n' roll, isn't it? "I suppose so."

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It's time to slide some riding chaps over your Levi's, bury your head beneath a ten gallon hat, grab some beans and a guitar, saddle-up and ride 'cos real country music's in town. Get wise to the latest Stateside country sensation DWIGHT YOAKAM.

JONH WILDE goes rustling

"N ENGLAND, there are these people who don't quite know why I'd appeal to young people or why I'd appeal to the rock audience.

"They don't know that what they're told is country, is in fact not country music at all, and hasn't been for 15 years.

"The Oakridge Boys? It's all a bunch of bullshit, second-rate pop artists, Bgrade, well down the cabaret road. What people don't like about country isn't country at all."

Dwight Yoakam, the new firefly of country music, arrives here with some volume of adulatory attention to balance on his burly Kentucky shoulders. He comes billed as "the greatest purveyor of honky-tonk since George Jones" and he's ready for all of it.

In Britain to drag his piquant hillbilly across the boards and to draw notice to the debut Warners LP 'Guitars Cadillacs Etc Etc', Yoakam is telling me about the purity of his task.

"I'm not trying to be revivalist or trying to take country beyond country. All I'm doing is justice to the form, in keeping with the tradition of the form. It's not tempting for me to be more playful with it, though there's nothing wrong with people doing that. As long as they're honest about it.

"If you want to take something from country and do something else with it, go ahead. If you've got balls, you'll say, Yeah, I do weirdo-art stuff, I'm gonna spray whipped cream across my forehead and jump around with a sparkler up my ass. They should just do that, but, hell, don't call it jazz.

"What I do is turn up and give pure honky-tonk, hillbilly music and I stay within my parameters which are cast-iron solid. I have to deal in certain chord progressions and forms, otherwise I get out of country. Those parameters give me a sense of perspective which allows me a definite discipline."

Six years ago, the poor bleeder was out on his ear in Nashville, dismissed as "too country" by those looking for a pop crossover. Having honed his pristine hillbilly down to a hard edge and a whiskey-soaked sob, Yoakam has emerged with a plain-speaking front and a candid, ingenuous vision.

"The music," he freely admits, "has no sense of the collective image of America, that's not what I'm trying to depict. It's not like Sam Shepard's images, it's more like looking after myself.

"Yeah, like all country music taken purely as an ethnic American art form, it has that sense of desolation and that tragic feel.

"Like, my mom is always asking me why I write such sad songs! Well, I guess I just feel compelled to express sadness. But wondering where the tragedy comes from in country music is like wondering why the blues are the blues."

Equally, he confesses that his

"If you want surprises and intrigue, look at pop art. Hell, I'm not gonna come on stage

and blowtorch my ass, I'm not gonna be swallowing any grenades up there, I'm just set to play my songs and howl at the damn ceiling," he insists.

OAKAM'S FUNDAMENTALIST faith in the roots of country comes, of course, at a time when we almost automatically expect those roots to come wrapped paternally about the stems of modern R&B or light-foot pop; when we take it for granted that the hillbilly whoop will form some part of the latest strategic bastardisation.

Together with others, notably the mighty Judds, Yoakam's down-home homesick honky-tonk veers back towards the poignancy of the veteran sound. With string-tie flapping and ten-gallon precariously perched, he flutters from sobbing laments to ya-hoo yelps, all stirring tales of cheatin', lyin, and lovin'.

On the highly articulate debut album he plays with familiar gestures, but these roots are still tugging like thunder.

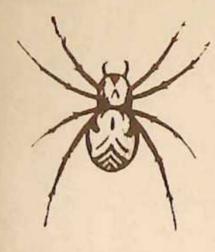
Getting almost provident, Dwight tips his Mont Blanc of a hat ever so slightly and sends me packing with a quaint line in deceptive logic.

"Basically, the only sure thing is uncertainty when you think about it, that's what keeps all this interesting. I'm not doing any of this to surprise people but, of course, chance is what lets us escape the boredom.

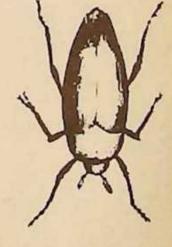
"I deal (he takes a deep breath) in momentary absolutism, which is a complete contradiction in terms, but it makes sense to me."

Dwight Yoakam smiles like a man who knows the lost chord is out there somewhere, ragged and rootless. He smiles like a man who knows he's gonna find it.

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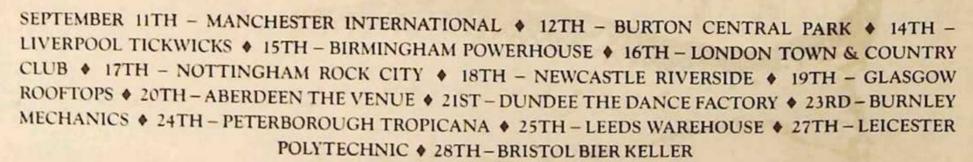


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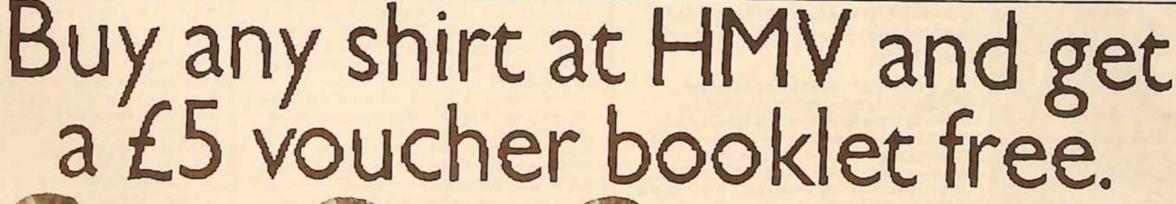


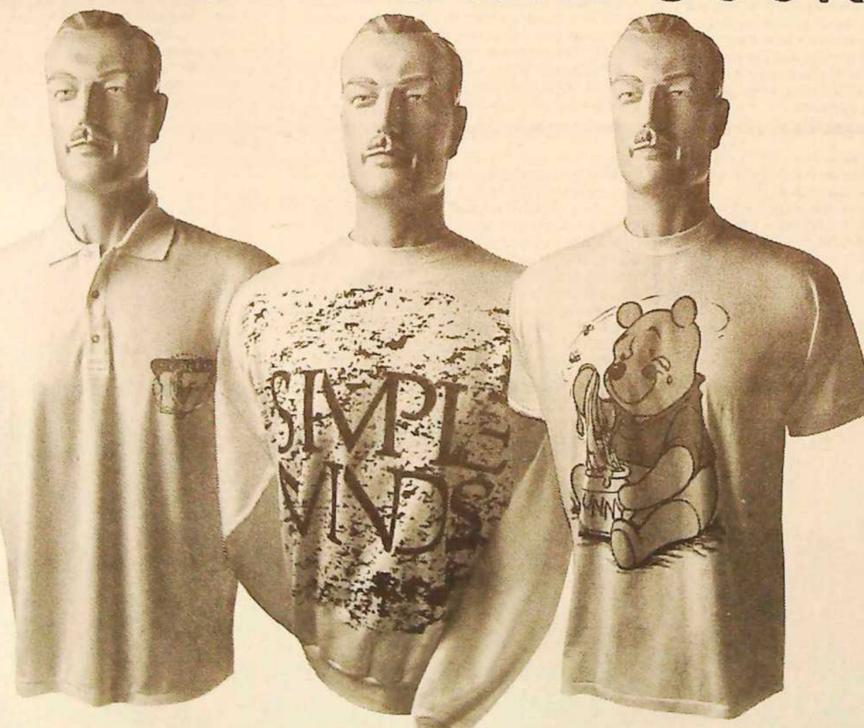


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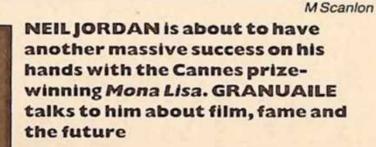
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NEIL JORDAN: smiling all the way to the bank

BOB HOSKINS and Cathy Tyson in Mona Lisa



Jordan is being hailed as one of the world's foremost directors. His latest release, Mona Lisa, has reaped big box-office rewards in America and looks set to repeat that success when it opens in London on Friday.

Mona Lisa is an intense love story detailing a small-time crook's ill-fated obsession with an enigmatic call-girl. Bob Hoskins won Best Actor at Cannes for his portrayal of George, a naive but heroic loser, who chauffeurs the mysterious Simone (Cathy Tyson) through a web of vice, drugs and violence.

"I wanted to make a love story set in London," says Jordan. "A personal film about the confusions between men and women, and the contradiction of impossible desires. It's about a man who thinks the simple solution to the world's problems is to give his heart and then finds that it is not quite the solution it was intended to be; but he still can't help doing it."

Jordan created the character with Bob Hoskins in mind and, after making changes to a heavy-handed first draft, the pair worked very closely together.

"The first draft of the script was quite violent, but that was written by another writer based on a story by me. There were elements in it that I was unhappy with, so we changed them as we went along."

Hoskins is matched by a stunning debut from Cathy Tyson, discovered by Jordan when she played the leading role in the Royal Shakespeare Company's production of Louise Page's Golden Girls.

"The central woman is black in the way that Othello is black; it's one more factor in her difference from the other character. He's middle-aged, he's got no style, he's an ex-con, a soft-hearted emotional baby. She is a young woman who is very beautiful, with a sense of style and poise that is totally strange to him. The man becomes obsessed with the person who is most different from him, and the least right."

The action centres on low-life London, flicking from the plush respectability of West End hotels to sleazy Soho and the terminal despair around red-light King's Cross. The final scenes were shot in Brighton.

"I spent most of my childhood by the sea and I find that I can only resolve a story that somehow ends up near the water," Jordan explains. "So that's why they end up on Brighton pier."

Juxtaposed to the main plot is the growing relationship between George and his schoolgirl daughter, a sharp contrast to the loveless streets; and the fairy-tale symbolism which he spins with his solid friend Thomas (Robbie Coltrane).

Mona Lisa is poignant but tinged with humour, brutally realistic yet strangely dream-like. Its chief strength is the plausibility of the characters (from Hoskins and Tyson to Michael Caine as the merciless racketeer Mortwell), and Jordan's inimitable vision for detail.

"It's rare in a film that you can get all the different elements to work but Mona Lisa seemed to work very well," he says.

Nell Jordan's rise to international fame is not quite as meteoric as it appears. Born in Sligo 36 years ago, he was a leading light in Dublin theatre before developing the Irish Writers' Co-Operative in 1974. Five years later, he was awarded the Guardian Fiction Prize for his first collection of stories, Night In Tunisia, and went on to publish two novels, The Past and Dream Of A Beast.

After writing an impressive film script called Travellers, he was invited to work as creative consultant on John Boorman's Excalibur, an involvement which led to the financing of his first feature film in 1982. Angel was a haunting debut which caused controversy (over finance) in Ireland, but collected critical acclaim abroad. Two years later, Company Of Wolves established Jordan as a top director.

The success of his films has, Jordan agrees, made it difficult for him to write, but he tries to maintain a balance between the two.

"Directing is a bit like performing in front of a lot of people. I like the contact it gives me with other people, and the way that you have to share and build up relationships. With writing you're far more in control. It's private; no one can tell you that you can't afford another page, but they'll tell you that you can't afford another scene."

Since completing Mona Lisa, Jordan has been working on his third novel and prepared another film script, provisionally titled Ghost Tours.

"It will be a comedy set in a castle somewhere in the west of Ireland. It's about a guy who runs a castle as a hotel, and he can't get any guests. It's a farce."

Simultaneously he is involved in a more serious project: a film about the life of Irish revolutionary Michael Collins. Collins fought in the Easter Rising of 1916 and led Republican organisation and Intelligence in the War of Independence. But he also signed the Treaty to end the war in 1921, which created the Irish Free State, and was shot dead in the subsequent Civil War.

"I think it's important to make a film about that part of Irish history, which should explain the conflict that exists there at the present time," says Jordan. "When you make films, they belong to the world, and in a way they are quite important in telling stories about facets of life to people in other countries.

"I see the Michael Collins film as being important in that light: it's telling the story of the revolution, the War of Independence, the truce, and what happens after the truce, which is a Civil War, to the world at large. Obviously it will have to be in quite a popular form."

It may be some time, however, before the film appears.

"I've been writing a script for a long, long time. I first started it when I finished Angel, and I've made two films since. It's going to be a very expensive movie, as period films always are."

He has also considered doing an Irish-American film on a similar scale to Coppola's The Godfather.

"I've been thinking about it for quite a while but haven't written it yet."

When talking about influences, Jordan cites poetry, particularly that of William Butler Yeats, and acknowledges that "Bunuel has had a profound effect on whatever there is left of my mind".

Jordan accepts that it is not always easy to transmit his ideas on a film set.

"Sometimes I find it difficult to communicate with people at large, and on the film set there's a massive amount of people you have to get across to. Angel was tough 'cause it was the first time I'd ever made a film, so I didn't know how to communciate to anybody," he laughs.

"And Company Of Wolves was difficult cause nobody had a clue what it was about apart from me, and sometimes even I wasn't sure. Mona Lisa was a happier experience in a lot of ways than the other movies. That doesn't mean to say that it's any better or worse, but it was a very happy experience."

A fulfilment for Neil Jordan and compelling to watch as the characters get swept by a tide of events beyond their control. Only at the end is the character George able to put the affair into perspective and calmly acknowledge that, although he had loved Simone, she could never love him. Like Bob Hoskins said, "If this doesn't leave them in tears, f*** 'em!"



MIRACLES

(Orion Pictures International)
QUITE CLEARLY, Tom Conti

has become another of those curious and unlikely cinema sex symbols. Like Dudley Moore, the man is a midget with a silly nose, and, like Moore, he is making heap big dollars pandering to the whims of middle aged America.

Miracles sees Conti, a very rich surgeon freshly cleaned out by his only just ex-wife, a now even richer criminal lawyer, set out on his way to a party to

celebrate their divorce. But of course he doesn't get there, because down in some unspecified country in the southern American continent, an alcoholic medicine man unable to save the daughter of his chieftan has just sent up a forlorn prayer for help.

And so, a few token bolts of lightning later, Conti crashes his car into the car driven by, and oh what a surprise this is, his ex-wife, Teri Garr. The two are immediately hijacked by a pair of passing dynamite-happy terrorists and after a number of utterly expected adventures, good old Doc Conti does the decent thing by the now severely sober medicine man, his chief and the dying girl. And of course he then procedes to do the same to the almost attractive Ms Garr.

If these two hadn't remarried

by the end of this film it really would have been a miracle.

Miracles is a film in which the combatants really do need eyes in the tops of their heads. For if there is anything up there which could conceivably fall onto anybody's skull, then you can be sure that it will do so – just as soon as has been thoroughly telegraphed to the audience.

ROGER HOLLAND



TOM CONTI: why so surprised?

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Press) REGARDLESS OF what one thinks of the 'artistry' of Paul McCartney - and personally I find the ageing Rupert Bear of pop irksome - the fact that he's an ex-Beatle, the sixth richest person in Britain, and the most financially successful songwriter of all time, makes Macca a ripe prune to be plucked by biographers. His should be one of the greatest showbiz stories ever told. But the failing of Chris Salewicz's study is its patchiness.

That the solo career and the Wings era of James Paul McCartney, which spans some 16 years since the man had The Beatles legally dissolved, is dealt with by Salewicz in a mere 25 pages somewhat undermines the publisher's claim that this book is "the complete biography". And given there are already a number of studies of Macca around, the question becomes: does this tome add anything more to our collective knowledge about the multi-millionaire mop-top?

While Salewicz fails fairly abysmally to penetrate the reclusive, private world of the latter day McCartney - there are no exclusive interviews with the man here - he scores with his 'psychological' analysis of Macca which provides the framework for this biography.

Salewicz paints a picture of McCartney as a complex, spiteful - Macca once hung a bunch of frogs on barbed wire in a huff - gifted, yet conformist man. In particular, the chapters dealing with Paul's childhood, his schooldays and the social milieu the singer grew up in are most absorbing. But while the author manages to illuminate the somewhat undervalued role that McCartney had in shaping the destiny of The Beatles, if you want to know more about what really made that band tick, I suggest you look at the Rolling Stone reader on John and Yoko.

JACK BARRON

GOOD TO GO

(RRC/Island) IN WILD Style, a journalist called Blondie accidentally discovered hip-hop. In Good To Go, a journalist called Blass, and played by one Art Garfunkel, first tries to nip go-go in the bud, then undergoes a socially aware volte-face and encourages its crossing into the big (bad) time. He does this by using the powers invested in him by virtue of his being a

Wild Style was brash, colourful, often exciting. Good To Go, which features Trouble Funk, Redds And The Boys and Chuck Brown And The Soul Searchers, is contrived, hammy, often ridiculous.

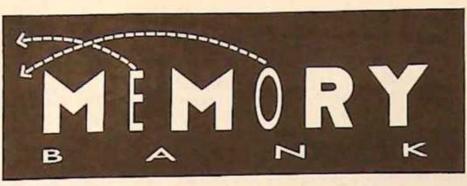
Garfunkel, hopelessly miscast and offensively wimpy, is desperate for a "story". Some go-go kids rape and murder an elderly nurse (ten minutes later we are supposed to forgive this as being down to youthful buoyancy) when "high on grass". Quite correctly, the press crucifies them.

But - oh no! This might prevent the go-go kids getting that grail of grails -The Big Record Deal! Crikey! Just one little rape and murder and we might be deprived of the crucial go-go crossover!

An anti-racism campaign mounts. All well right on, had not the balance of right and wrong been dreadfully muddled in the film's opening half-hour.

Director/writer Blaine Novak should be assigned to Bananarama videos for the rest of his paltry existence. If the crossover hinges on this. bye-bye go-go.

CHRIS ROBERTS



Sunday September 7 1936 Birthday of Buddy Holly (Charles Holley), in

Lubbock, Texas. Birthday of Chrissie Hynde of The Pretenders, in Akron,

1978 Death of Keith Moon of The Who, aged 31, from an accidental overdose of pills following heavy drinking, at his London home.

Kenny Morris and John Mackay upped and quit Siouxsie & The Banshees, on the eve of a string of UK tour dates.

1984 Several big names, including Wham! and Style Council. played a charity show at the Royal Albert Hall to benefit the UK's striking miners.

Monday September 8 1968 The Beatles performed 'Hey Jude' in a surprise appearance on David Frost's TV show Frost On Sunday.

1971 Elvis Presley became the sixth recipient of the Bing Crosby Award, given by the US National Academy Of Recording Arts And Science to members who have made 'creative contributions of

outstanding artistic or scientific significance to the field of phonograph records'.

Jimmy McCullough left Wings to play guitar on a UK tour with the newly-reformed Small Faces 'Futurama', the world's first

Science Fiction Music Festival, was held over a two-day period at Leeds Queens Hall. Bands appearing included Joy Division, Orchestral Manoeuvres In The Dark (now OMD), Hawkwind, The Fall, A Certain Ratio, PiL, Cabaret Voltaire, Scritti Politti, The Only Ones, The Teardrop Explodes, Echo & The Bunnymen, The Monochrome Set and Spizz Energi.

Tuesday September 9 1941 Birthday of Otis Redding,

in Dawson, Georgia. Birthday of Dave Stewart of the Eurythmics, in Sunderland.

The Old Grey Whistle Test had its first showing on BBC 2.

1979 Sid Bernstein, an American promoter, placed a \$20,000 dollar full-page ad in the New York Times, appealing to The Beatles to reform to play a benefit concert for him, in aid of the Kampuchean boat people.

Wednesday September 10 Birthday of Don Powell of Slade, in Bilston, Staffs. Birthday of Slobhan Fahey of Bananarama, in Dublin. Rod Stewart recorded his first-ever single, 'Good Morning Little Schoolgirl',

which was released by Decca. Radio I banned The Rolling Stones' 'Star Star' because of objections to alleged obscenity in the lyrics. 1974 The New York Dolls split

Paul Carrack, who had replaced Jools Holland in Squeeze, left to join

Carlene Carter's band

Thursday September II 1957 Birthday of Jon Moss of Culture Club.

SOUNDS September 6 1986 Page 17 1958 Birthday of Mick Talbot of

the Style Council. Birthday of Rory Lyons of King Kurt The Who played live in America with Kenney

Jones on drums for the first time, in Passaic, New Jersey. Graham Bonnet left the Michael Schenker Group, to be replaced on lead vocals by Gary Bardens.

Friday September 12 1952 Birthday of Nell Peart of Rush, in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

1966 The Monkees' TV show was first shown in the USA, in the same week that their debut single 'Last Train To

Clarksville' hit the charts there. 1970 Bob Dylan headlined a memorial concert for folk singer Woody Guthrie, at the Hollywood Bowl.

Saturday September 13

1974 Stevie Wonder played his first gig since his serious road accident the previous year, at the Nassau Coliseum in Long



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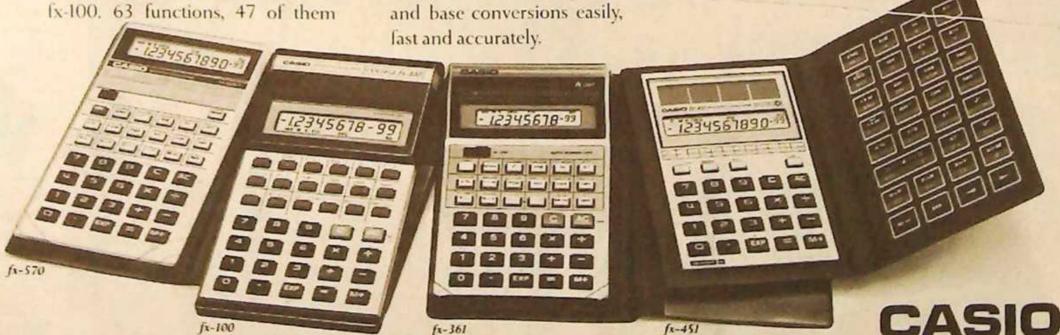
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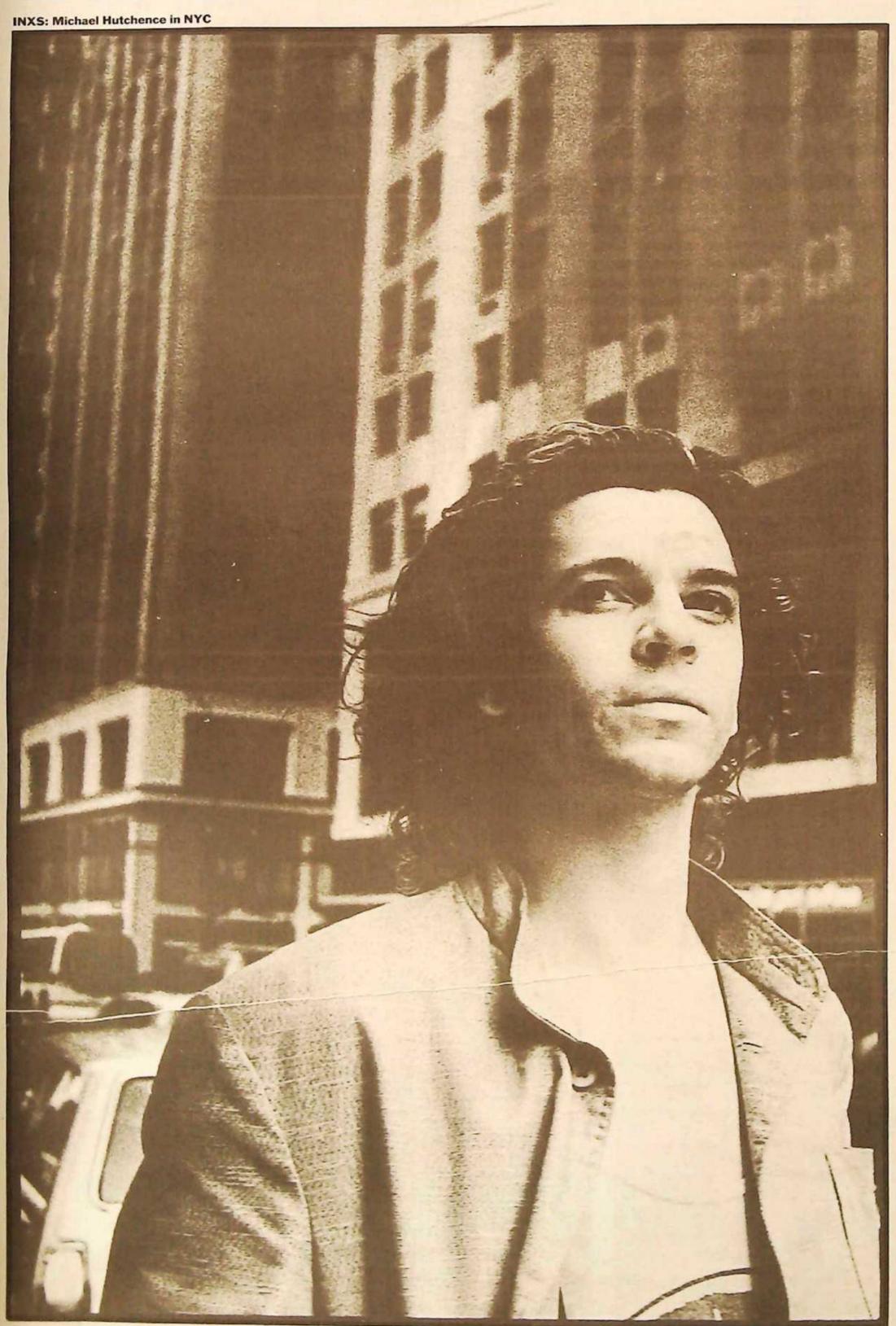
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DAYLIGHT ROBBERY



Meet INXS, the band who decided to rock over here and still stay down under.
ROBBI MILLAR jets to NYC to shake the hand of MICHAEL HUTCHENCE, the hunkiest thing since Dave Lee Roth. GREG FREEMAN tries to steal the show

"EOPLE IN England don't know what to do with INXS, they don't know where we fit in.

"We're not a cult indie act like Nick Cave, yet we're not like AC/DC either; we're somewhere in the middle.

"I mean, it's like when we were doing Wembley (with Queen): you're walking out in front of 75,000 English people and you just know that all of them have got Rolf Harris in their heads! For us, it's not like doing gigs, it's more like changing attitudes."

Michael Hutchence does go sharkfishing, but he doesn't play a
didgeridoo. He's the lead singer of
INXS – just about the biggest rock
noise in the Antipodes right now – and
everywhere he plays, young girls
clamber over each other to hurl roses
and teddy bears and (yes!) knickers at
his sweating torso.

Michael was voted the 'hunkiest figure in rock' in a recent American poll. Dave Lee Roth came second.

And after a Top Ten hit called 'What You Need', with a pretty much sold out US tour in progress, INXS are fast building up an American profile that's every bit as statuesque as the one that netted them seven Australian 'Grammies' last year.

In Britain, though, where INXS have been releasing records and playing dates intermittently since '84, the red carpet has stayed tightly rolled. None of their singles have done enough to boost INXS out of the 'just another Aussie pop band' trap (wherein Men At Work have much to answer for) and the music press reaction has been to curl its lip and carry on scribbling eulogies to Mr Cave.

Which is a shame. Because, although INXS' last two LPs – 'The Swing', funky and dance-orientated, responsible for the excellent single 'Original Sin', and this year's harder, rockier 'Listen Like Thieves' – haven't been startlingly novel trailers for the band, their live show is something else entirely.

In front of a normally ice cool New York audience, they let rip and elicit the kind of response normally reserved for Springsteen or Prince: frantic hysteria, blind devotion. They earn every minute of it, just as they did at the Albert Hall and Hammersmith Odeon earlier this year, fighting for an audience and winning; taking more willing prisoners than The Triffids or The Go-Betweens are ever likely to.

INXS may not be press darlings yet, but it's odds-on that they soon will be.

"ENEVER thought there was any need for us to go to England. England's fairly well preoccupied with its own music, and Australian bands don't have a great track record there."

Michael Hutchence is sitting in the chrome wasteland of an upmarket New York hotel bar, suffering a little from the XS of the night before.

He is cautious, maybe a little bemused, faced with a representative of that strange beast, the UK music media ("In London, it's groovier to be a journalist than to be in a band, right?").

He is explaining why INXS - that's Michael, guitarists Tim Farriss and Kirk Pengilly, bassist Garry Beers, drummer Jon Farriss and keyboard player Andrew Farriss – decided to take the plunge in Britain.

"We got this feeling that a lot of people wanted to see us and liked us. Between the record company and the press and whoever, it didn't make sense . . . but we just said, F*** it! We're gonna put on a show at the Hammersmith Odeon. And it sold out!"

I think this surprised even Michael.

"The mechanics of the English (British, Michael, British!) music scene are very strange; there's nothing tangible, there's no rules . . . I let the people decide, always."

The people's response was favourable, and now INXS can only wait to see if they back it up by pushing the new single, 'Kiss The Dirt (Falling Down The Mountain)', into the charts. But considering the highly fashionable status currently enjoyed by so many Aussie bands, in London at least, why did INXS delay their campaign for so long?

"There's this myth – and I really do think it's a myth – that if you're really serious about your music, you go live in London as soon as possible. But just about every band I've talked to who's done that, they've all ended up in garrets, starving, saying, What are we doing here?

"We've never tried to live overseas.
We've stayed in Australia. And so we've managed to maintain that link with Australia so that they don't say, Oh well, INXS are too big for us now. We've never had that problem. And if we're fast enough on our feet, we can keep moving around the world."

Michael and INXS have been together now for nine years and five albums, which is a long lifespan for any band. It's particularly long for a six-piece whose lineup includes three brothers.

"We get along pretty well, considering," muses Michael, refuting any suggestion that the family element must occasionally alienate the other three band members.

But perhaps they stuck together because they had to, to present a united front to the infamous Aussie pub circuit which shaped them into the band they are today and which, according to Michael, "still puts chills down my spine, just thinking about it".



INXS case the joint

It's not so much a way of seeing bands as a way of life, and if London club bands think they're getting a raw deal . . .

"Our pubs are big," explains Michael.

"They've just got tiles on the floor, tiles on the walls, and they hose them out every night. One bar runs the whole length of the place. They're definitely dedicated to drinking.

"The whole scene is very hard. There's these characters that run every gig and these guys are notorious. They're bastards. They get hold of bands and push them through the pubs until they die. And make lots of money out of them . . .

"We escaped. Fortunately, our manager wasn't interested in such small-time ideas."

DUSHING THE past firmly behind him, Michael Hutchence decides to risk a drink and orders a Japanese beer. I resist the temptation to make feeble

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SOUNDS September 6 1986 Page 19 puns about 'amber nectar'. He, out of all of INXS, least fits the standard comic book view of the lager-swilling Paul Hogan style 'bloke'.

"The cliché character of the Aussie male with the beergut, it exists. It's really bad. They stand in bars all day, drinking beer . . . and they're in the union, which is run by an English person, usually . . . "

Michael isn't averse to scoring a point for his own team.

"It's true! They import these union leaders, maybe because they've had lots of practise at not working! But Australians are very lazy people. Any excuse to go to the beach. I'm not really into that ethic."

He doesn't have time to be. Aside from INXS' commitments, Michael's just finished the lead role in an Australian movie called Dogs In Space, due out in the new year.

"It's about a guy called Sam, who lives in Melbourne in 1979; a middle class boy who dives off the deep end into the Melbourne scene . . . It's low budget, doesn't pull any punches."

And around Christmas, INXS are due to start recording their sixth LP, breaking a long held rule by again enlisting the help of Chris Thomas (responsible for the pared down energy of the 'Thieves' album).

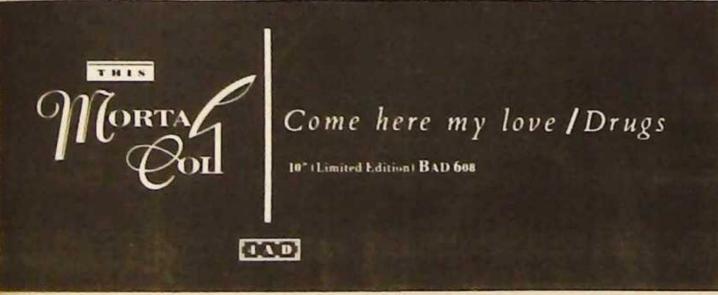
"Yeah, we'll actually stay with the same producer for the first time, but we'll probably kick him up the arse! We're just gonna make the next album a bit more . . . studio; the sound's gonna be more hi-fi."

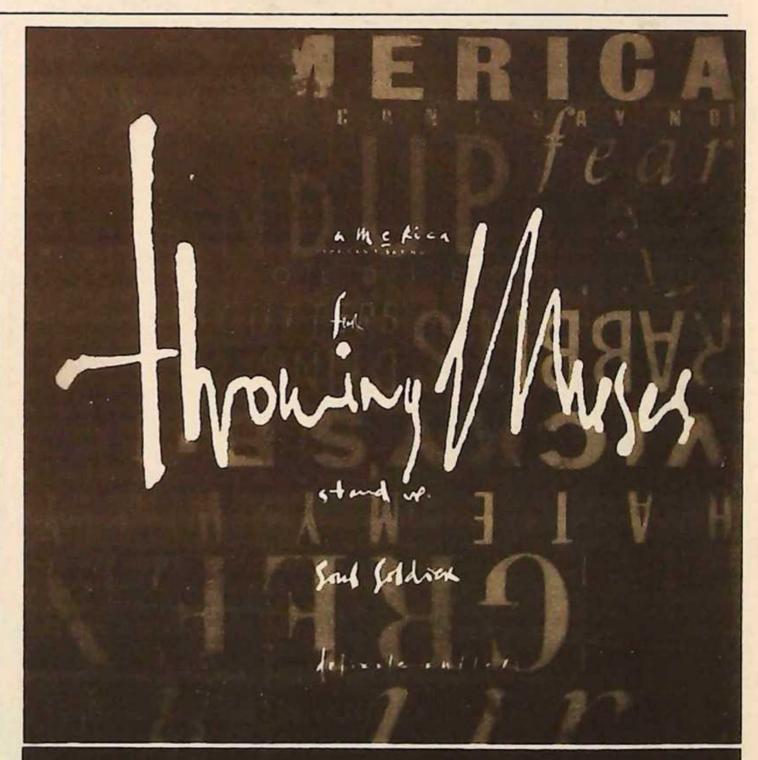
Just what it will sound like is anyone's guess. INXS are not known for slavishly repeating a winning formula; every record they've made has broken the previous one's mould. That's probably why they're such elusive buggers to write about, to catch and to pigeonhole, to slot neatly into the scheme of things.

That's also why they're going to be around for quite some time to come.

"INXS are not good . . . not easy copy.
They're not on a plate for you. You have to
dig deep to find out what we're about. All
we really are is, like, a pop group; we're
very natural. INXS are hard to pin down. I
hope we always will be!"







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MONSTERS MASHED

CAN YOU please tell me the whereabouts of the Monsters Of Rock Festival that Roger Holland reported on - 'cos it sure as hell doesn't seem to be the same one as I attended. Firstly, he states boldly that he turned up late and missed the excellent sub-Mötley gloss of Warlock. Very professional that, I must say. Then he whines about the sound quality on the day. Well from where I was situated (about 100 yards from the stage) it was superb. Surely if your job is to review the bands on show it is only fair that you should do your best to get near the stage and not sit near the back where the sound is bound to be poorer.

Now for some comments on two of his reviews. How he could praise the dire Bad News is quite unbelievable. They were worse than could have been anticipated. Sure, their music was crap, that's only to be expected, but their pathetic attempts at comedy never stretched further than unleashing a never ending barrage of expletives and some clumsy, pedestrian posturing. From the moment Rik Mayall uttered the inevitable "Do you want to see my willy?" to their almost apologetic retreat from the stage, they bludgeoned us with a host of stereotyped clichés that the infinitely superior Spinal Tap boys erased from the blueprint years ago.

If the Bad News review was puzzling, then the one of the Scorpions was infuriating. By writing the whole piece as some meaningful critique on the virtues of heavy metal, Holland set out to impress more with his literary flair rather than his knowledge of the music. Yet he showed himself to be so thick that he failed miserably to comprehend the essential element of camp that motivates the Scorps. Like some boring, flag waving feminist, he launched a tirade against the band's so-called sexist stance. Just because they're German doesn't mean that they are automatically devoid of a sense of humour. The Scorpions were one of only two bands on the day (the other being Warlock) who actually looked as if they were enjoying themselves.

Why shouldn't they, though? With a repertoire of songs that transcend the strictures of heavy metal, they can't help but exude the aura of self-assurance that Roger Holland so detests.

Donington '86 belonged to the Scorpions and them alone. Given only half a stage, no lights to speak of and with the elements threatening to spoil the party, they injected a jolt of energy into the huge crowd that not even Motorhead's menacing thrash could do.

So, Roger Holland, if you want to get on the right side of a bunch of posing public

By Sue Buckley

school wankers like the Comic Strip mob then do so. But leave the Scorpions to get on with the job of entertaining that they are so obviously the masters of. -Andrew Pedrick, Sherbourne, Dorset

BOMBZ AWAY

AH, A Cherry Bombz interview - exciting! Half a page - not so exciting. Still, I'll read it to see what Andy has to say for himself.

"But now, I don't think I'll ever want to work with any of those guys again."

Rather two-faced I would have thought. In their last interview (Sounds, November 30) it was quoted:

". . . he anticipates working with Mike Monroe in the future ... "

Hanoi Rocks meant a lot to me, probably more than anything in the world, which is why I started a fanzine about them (Mental Beat). The Cherry Bombz are a great band, but they'll never be half the band Hanoi were.

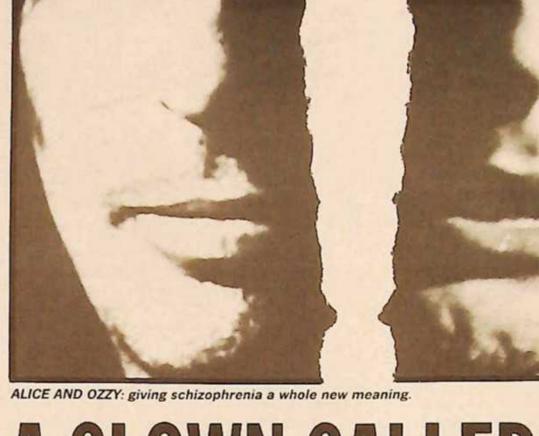
Sorry Andy, this interview's just lost you one very loyal fan, even though it may have gained you a few in the process. Now, I'll just keep an eye out for the Secret Chiefs (Michael's new band) and Baby Sharks (Sam's new band). I don't even think I'll even buy The Cherry Bombz' debut LP, I'll just get someone to tape it for me.

I'll carry on editing the fanzine, but I shan't go and see The Cherry Bombz again. - Keith Corcoran, Mental Beat, Dundee

ACID HUMOUR

WHILE SOUNDS pursues its ever descending spiral of descent to purgatory, coming ever closer to the acid bath of degredation, a true flame of individualities fanned to a level with Manson And Erickson. You pus bags of pop, spewing your weakhearted bodies for the next Top 20 hit, while the innovation and freakiness of his music remains slicing the tendons apart with slithers of glass.

Hell man, the true messiah of the '60s, that demented



A CLOWN CALLED ALICE

I'VE FINALLY been forced to despatch this missive and get a few things sorted out for you, with regard to the Ozzy Osbourne interview (Sounds, August 16). I've nothing against Ozzy himself-good luck to him-but the interest both here and in the USA that's been afforded to him is totally undeserved.

On leaving Sabbath, he embarked on a career and a series of tactics which echo the manipulations of Alice Cooper (say it loud). Similarities occur from the yawn-inducing incident with the dove and the bat (echoes of Alice in 1969) to the Born Again Christian Anti Ozzy campaigns (echoes of Mary Whitehouse, Leo Abse and a host of other Bible-punching evangelists with their anti-Alice crusades in '73), to the publicity surrounding the suicide of an Ozzy fan (echoes of the suicide of a Canadian teenager who hanged himself in '74 after listening to the 'Killer' album). There was Ozzy's battle with booze (echoes of Alice's much publicised dry-out in '78), and the blood, guts and gore of his stage shows including a hanging (echoes of Alice in '72). And finally Oz now being

offered the part of a Bible puncher in a movie (echoes of Alice being offered the role of Preacher Bill Sunday in a stage play in '76). Ozzy's career has been an imitation (but a good one at points admittedly) of Alice's sensationalist exploits.

All I'm asking is, give the credit to the originator and instigator of not only Ozzy's successes but Mötley Crüe, Twisted Sister, WASP and even Frankie Goes To Hollywood (ask Paul Morley) and Sigue Sigue Sputnik.

Ozzy Osbourne sells records, but he will never capture the consciousness of a particular era or have the wide-ranging influence of Alice Cooper. Where Ozzy is blatant and plagiaristic, Alice provides a sharper counter-point between a stage show which in one and a half hours can either demolish an audience into submission or show them that the world outside, with its lunacies and absurdities, is a world we are part of. Ozzy, on the other hand, descends into pantomime and parody.

Alice did it first, Alice does it best.

Thank you. - Dwight Frye

soul of psycho manic slime lets rip, and you ignore it. Pick up your charred remains, Pouncey, immerse your arms in acid and get that interview.

Sky Sunlight Saxon, that Spirit of the '60s, the Love Dog of the Universe is out there, so ignore The Fugs,

Iggy and Swans and let your mind be caressed by the tendrils of a man possessed. -The Psychotic Vegetable Stomper

HOME IS WHERE THE ART IS

BLAH BLAH blah blah blah review! Blah blah blah "Blah blah blah" blah blah, next

time send someone who blah blah blah and not blah blah blah. - A Rush-un, Tobes of Hades, Hartlepool

PS: Sec, I told you, Rush aren't just another band that build a following here, make a wheelbarrow full of money then forget all about this little island off the coast of Europe.



FESTIVAL FEVER ... not gotta lotta bottles ...

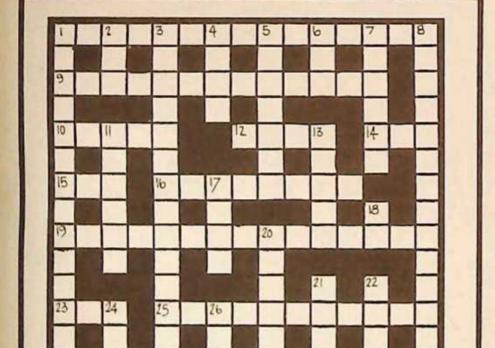
Tony Mottram

ROGER HOLLAND, while trying to impress on us what a True Metal Fan he is (and reviewing Donington at the same time), failed to notice what happened to the real fans before we even got inside the arena.

Holland must have gone straight into the backstage area, because me and my mate, after lugging eight two-litre plastic bottles of lager each to the entrance gates, as we've done every year, were told that no bottles, including plastic ones, were allowed in this year. A security guy said

they wanted everyone to buy lager and beer inside at £1.10 per pint! So we missed Warlock, because we were taking all the bloody lager back to the car.

We enjoyed the gig in the end even though we had to buy the booze inside. But Donington can get stuffed next year if this is really the case, and a lot of other guys felt the same. Bottle fight? That's a laugh, only about six bottles got inside! - Angry Steve



 Traditional speech, shared by The Long Ryders and Ronnie Turkeyneck (5.2.3.5) 9. Where we were originally squeezed (2.3.8) 10. The Hollies' famous brother didn't have this quality (5) 12. This Bobby was once 'sunny' (4) 14. Mike Nesmith wanted to go down here (3) 15. Label for Royal Symphony Orchestra (1.1.1) 16. Did the Sprouts have a hearty one? (8) 19. During which, I hope, Rodney had a jolly good time (1.5.2.3.5) 23. Macca went back to this (3) 25. UK outlet for the talents of Berry Gordy's US stable (5.6) 27. Boss Asbury Duke (9.6) Duke (9.6)

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LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

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American Football Stripped Down To Its Underpants...

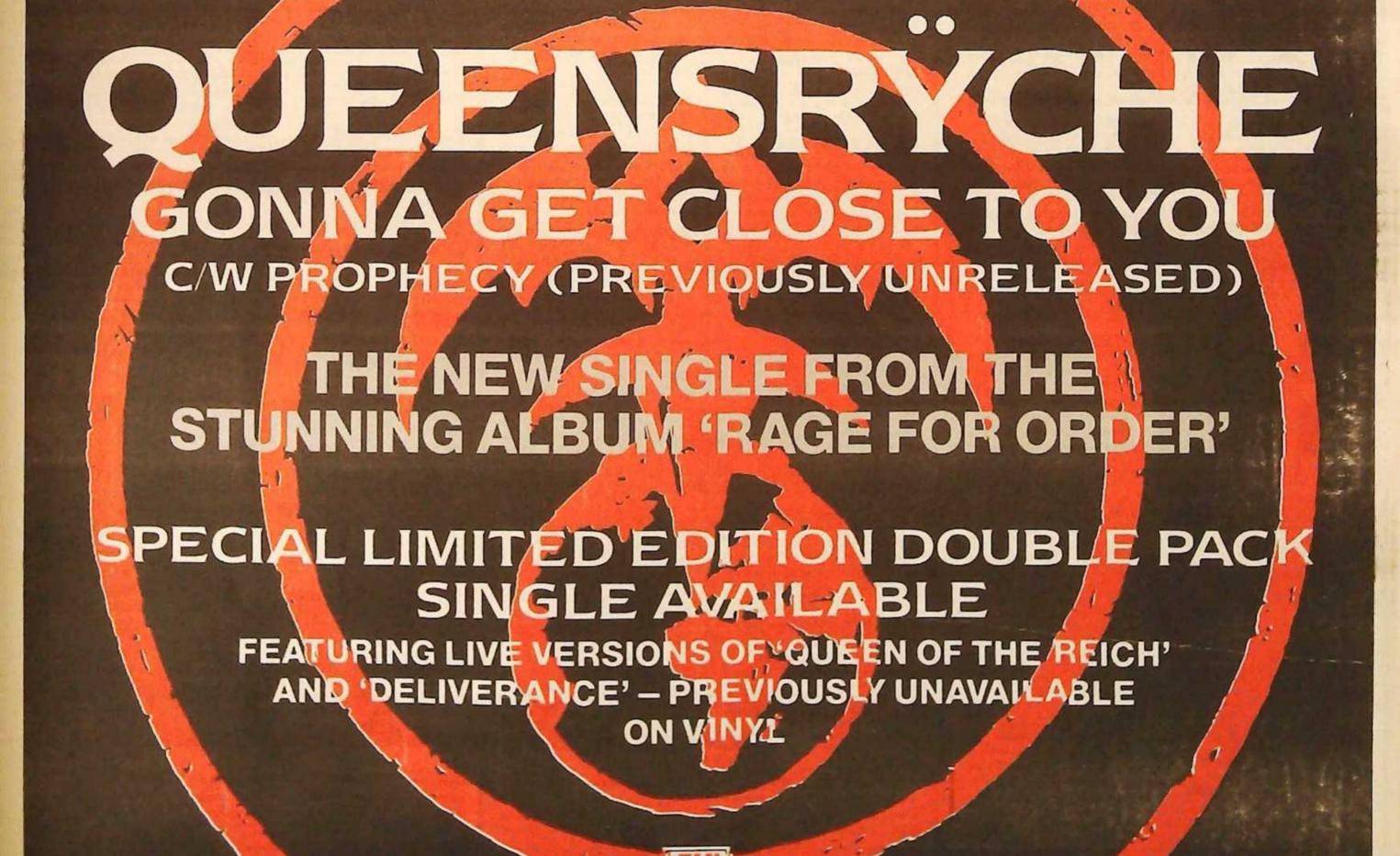
The crack of skulls, the crunch of bones, wild living, drug taking and super stardom! Yes, it could be rock 'n' roll, but it isn't. It's **American Football**, the USA's biggest sport, which is now attracting a massive British audience.

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Reviewed by Mr Spencer



SINGLE OF THE WEEK

swans, hot-headed but dignified, splashing around in lakes in no particular direction, content to suddenly come hurtling out of the water every so often in order to get things straight and warn off unwanted visitors.

Swans are indeed like swans. "Push your ass up and move around", they instruct us, adding: "Open your mouth, here is your money This feels good...". And all the while there's this frightful grinding, sluggish background plod. It gets you thinking.

It gets you wondering what it is exactly these Swans are tackling. Prostitution? Religion? Prostitution and religion? It seems we're talking metaphors! Half-a-dozen plays and your imagination's working overtime, lapping up that gutteral drone of a voice and digging those evil trumpets, those sudden shards of guitar right at the very end, those weirdo lyrics...

"Keep your head on the ground", the vocalist intones, "Holy money, holy love...". I can hardly bear to go on. It's wild, seedy, reeking of New York lowlife, so why does it attract me so? What is it about the foul and the ugly that reduces the average human being to a slobbering wretch? Do we all have a darker side? It's a heavy subject — our irrational craving for that which repels us.

"Push your ass up..."

Expertly produced (it goes to the toilet all over the unlistenable murk of last year's 'Cop' LP), the new 12-inch only Swans release is stimulating, thought-provoking, and most of all troublesome. It leaves you hoping that you'll never have to meet them 'in the flesh' so to speak, if that's OK, thanks all the same.

THE FALL 'Mr Pharmacist'
(Beggars Banquet) Radical
change of music stance for
the band; this is altogether
more of a straightforward
rocker than any of their
previous works. Unavoidably,
perhaps, it suffers as a result.
You expect at the very least a
bit of oddness, a good

Were it by unknowns I'd hail it as a gritty Northern toe-tapper: bunged up nostrils, chip butties, greasy hair and the future of contemporary music in a tub of mushy peas. As it is, it's just not bad verging on trivial.

natured struggle, but instead

you get. . . dance music!

THE CASSANDRA COMPLEX 'Datakill'

(Rouska) Devil worshipping Leeds louts, the Cassandras stick out their third enemy-trouncing single to date. It begins deceptively, just a rhythm program, growing steadily until in the end it climaxes with a mad flurry of rock guitars and wobbly keyboards.

I like these boys because they take the coldest of modern day instruments (various boring computerised items) and tackle them with such glorious ineptitude that they unfailingly reduce their machines to quivering, spluttering death-beasts, hellbent on destruction. This is a lot of fun.

FRANKIE GOES TO HOLLYWOOD 'Rage Hard' (ZTT) Which would've been

(ZTT) Which would've been Single Of The Week if there hadn't been the danger of us looking safe, dull and, more importantly, establishment.

It's great. FGTH would appear to have successfully returned after an impossible one and a half years of slumber. It's scarcely credible, but this is, er. . . a red hor record. Huge! Catchy! Superbly understated!

The 12-inch version boasts an array of spot-on

witticisms, fun fun fun. To complement the aforementioned gags, why not enjoy a joke of your very own? Yes? Right then, make up your own ZTT type catchphrase and scrawl it all over this sentence. . .(insert clever slogan here).

Heart Is Weak' (CBS) On the front, Anna La Cazio's skimpy black dress is looking reliable enough, but turn over and suddenly it's fallen from her left shoulder and, any moment now, the garment could drop away completely. How odd. I hope she hangs

DAN HARTMAN Waiting

on to her receipts in future.

To See You' (Epic) A man of broad horizons, sprinting from the metallic pomp of 'Frankenstein' in his Edgar Winter Group days to 'Instant Replay's disco bomp in '78, and now to this – silky smooth mid-'80s pop tripe. Question: is such eclecticism healthy or just plain boring?

HIPSWAY 'Long White Car'
(Mercury) Another
question: do the much
admired Hipsway represent
the imminent explosion of the

admired Hipsway represent the imminent explosion of th zeitgeist, or are they simply another bunch of toothless trollops with barely an idea between them?

PETE WYLIE 'Diamond
Girl' (MDM) Apparently, this
man's a genius. Why is this?
He writes a good tune and
sings it at a satisfactory
volume; he also owns a
formidable leather jacket, but
surely that's all?

Anyway, it's clear that any real 'genius' worth his or her salt would never go on Wogan, not even if the BBC offered to pay him or her a large amount of money. How often have you seen lan Paice or Roger Glover on Terry's now ailing show? My point is made.

SAXON 'Waiting For The Night' (EMI) In a week not exactly overflowing with interesting singles, the so often underrated Barnsley barnstormers hit back with a bit of a surprise – a pretty tune, beefy, bruising, but delicate like a rose petal. File next to 'Stallions Of The Highway' in the box marked Rock Anthems.

THE BANGLES 'Walk Like An Egyptian' (CBS) Erk! File next to Uriah Heep's 'Free 'N' Easy' in the Duff Rock Anthems box and soak in petrol, just for a cheap giggle. You'll derive little pleasure otherwise from this ridiculous object, which incidentally features more bare female shoulders per square inch than both of Cock Robin's put together.

THE CHAMELEONS 'Swamp Thing' (Geffen)

Mancunians who've been edging closer and closer to stardom for five years now, without ever actually getting anywhere. In the past they've justified their large cult following with brief spurts of brilliance (1983's 'Paper Tigers' is a marvel even today), but this moody little devil is run of the mill and won't open any new doors for them. Sad.

SPLASH 'Qu'est-Ce Que
C'est' (Rocket) Which has
that rapid, throbbing dance
beat running through it, with
brainless vocals singing the
title over and over and four,
uh, muscular guys exploring
each other's armpits on the
cover. How could anybody
stoop to this level? Sexy? Not
today, thanks very much!

NAT 'KING' COLE 'Mona Lisa' (Capitol) To be honest, this shows up everything else something rotten. A voice of divine purity, strings too beauteous to be true, heaven. An example of what you'll hear should you visit the film of the same title (see Scanners, page 16), 'Mona Lisa' ranks alongside Matt Monro's 'Somewhere' and Sinatra's 'It Was A Very Good Year' in the All Time Greats stakes. And I've never been more serious.

'Are You Ready' (CBS) No! (Tee hee hee! This is a bit like Knock Down Ginger, he mused, colliding with an Alsation as he darted around the corner into an unlit alleyway.)

(Tent) For their sparkling performance on the last ever Pebble Mill At One, I'll love Five Star forever. This song bubbles, rather like the delicious honeycomb centre of the chocolate bar currently sponsoring the group. They really are infectious, aren't they? The way they all boogie in formation and that, and in such cold weather, too.

Right, I'd like one large box of Crunchies for myself and another for my friend if that's OK. Much obliged.

VARIOUS ARTISTS 'The

Sounds Polydor Free EP' (Sounds/Polydor) Top value for money giveaway featuring: 1) A juicy cut from Brian Spence's fab LP 'Brothers'. 2) A slice of hard groovin' funk courtesy of Chris Sutton. 3) A spot of humorous reggae from ragamuffin MC Smiley Culture. 4) An excellent and otherwise hard to get hold of track by The Velvet Underground, I mean to say, guy'nor, what more could you possibly require?

THE PSYLONS 'Mockery
Of Decline' (E-Type) This is
bizarre, wonderful, totally off
the wall. I love it but I'll need
time to adjust my clothing.
Good God, it's brilliant! (At
this point I must soberly

make it clear that since there's zero competition, anything halfway decent is bound to appear otherworldly and messiah-like.) Chopping guitars and hissing drums with an unusual humming sound floating above the surface.

Mustn't say 'psychedelic', therefore words fail me.

QUEENSRŸCHE 'Gonna Get Close To You' (EMI

America) Heavy metal with more than a touch of the experimental about it.

But initial promising signs are overshadowed, depressingly, by unpleasant prowler-in-the-shadows connotations attached to the title statement. A let-down, but the potential for change is there.

THE BIG SOUND AUTHORITY 'Don't Let Our Love Start A War'

(MCA) I'm not sure why, but they remind me of The New Seekers doing 'There's A Whole Lot Of Lovin', which shouldn't necessarily be a bad thing. But let's be honest, old Lyn Paul's going through a bit of a quiet patch at the moment, and if she can't crack it in '86 then what hope is there for this lot?

THE SING MARKET 'Via TV' (The Dark Network)

Curious, gently 'futuristic' item, apparently expounding the virtues of watching television first thing in the morning. A major shift of style for the normally '60s orientated Dark Network label.

BALAAM AND THE ANGEL 'Light Of The

World' (Virgin) A crushingly subtle collision of moods. One moment fragile, sensitive, romantic – the next, bludgeoning. Clever stuff, reminds me somehow of a Saxon review I once wrote.

You Ever Done? (Cherry Red) Nice. A lullaby of a song, soothing and exquisitely restrained. Deserving of widespread exposure.

THE METEORS 'Surf City'
(Anagram) Non-committal
comment followed by vague
references to psychobilly –
taking shirts off, loonies
guzzling beer, chicken
dancing etc – followed swiftly
by a resounding full stop.

THE EXPLOITED 'Jesus Is Dead EP' (Rough Justice)

Non-committal comment followed by vague references to paahnk rok – taking shirts off, loonies guzzling creasote, slam darncin' etc – followed swiftly by the sound of nervous laughter, then silence.

BLACK LACE 'Wig Wam
Bam' (Flair) This band is
able to laugh at themselves,
as we discover upon examing
the blurb. "At last, a bearable
summer hit from Black
Lace...", it says. But it isn't
summer anymore, it isn't a
hit, and it isn't bearable.
Titter.

'The Bridge' (MCA)

Disappointingly average, U2/ Alarm-by-numbers stadium rock from a group who seemed capable of so much more. Hardly original comments, but then it's hardly an original sound. Nothingy, like eating toffee papers without the toffees inside. Bit of a sick joke, that one.

CYNDI LAUPER 'True Colors' (Portrait)

Impassioned ballad stuff from person who, not long ago, was extremely fascinating. Now she isn't, which is a pity. Thinks: must stop being so apologetic.

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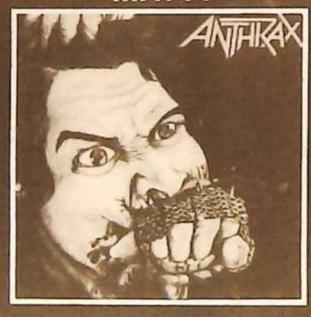


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ALL ABOARD THE BROTHERSHIP

Order are sitting in their extremely nice, extremely comfortable Manchester rehearsal rooms, autographing album covers and waiting.

They're waiting to do an interview (something they never used to do), waiting to set out on tour (another thing they never used to do), waiting to release a single, 'State Of The Nation' (any moment now) and waiting to release their fourth album, 'Brotherhood' (for the end of September).

The album makes me quite willing to cash in all my superlatives in one fell swoop and wish I could afford a compact disc player (my poor old hi-fi can't handle it at all), but right now I'm just watching Bernard/Barney Albrecht/Sumner signing autographs (something I never imagined him doing).

"Who are these for, anyway?"

"Stoke Mandeville – you know, the place where they have bad backs."

"Must be a weird place to live."

"It's not a town, divvy, it's a hospital!"
In case you don't know, New Order aren't aggressive people and they aren't stupid people. They are friendly and early on a Friday morning they're really quite unnervingly witty.

The fourth quarter, Hooky (as you say), is late and it's time to leave for the pub, which Barney tells us used to have loads of 'character'.

"It was really wild, with a woman with metal teeth playing the organ and inflatable pictures of kittens all over."

Now it's just cold and Barney's deciding that he doesn't like its fresh salmon sandwiches. He's going fishing for salmon tomorrow but, now he knows what they taste like, he's not so keen on catching any.

Barney's also had a late night and is feeling a little shellshocked (just to get things going, you understand). So, what the hell, how are you feeling Barney?

"Knackered, and I've got an infection in me

And how are you feeling right now, doing this interview?

"Well, the only reason I'm doing it is because the others want to do it."

So it's a tolerable evil?

"We've been doing a few of them recently and some of them have been revealing __but I don't

Not baited and not bearlike, NEW ORDER emerge from the shadow of past misunderstandings and smile benificently upon ROY WILKINSON. They manage to convey their new sense of adjustment and quite a bit besides while remaining evasive, but RUSSELL YOUNG still pictures bared souls

want to do them anymore because ... first, they make you think about what you're doing and then they make you think like the person you're talking to ... and that's really bad. Also, I've noticed that I change through the day. I could give you one set of answers in the morning and then give you a completely different set at night. It's weird.

"But most of all, I think doing interviews can stop the flow of something happening."

He talks a lot about "things happening", about juices in his head and about the subconscious. It all makes him sound a bit of a closet surrealist, but this distracted artist ("I am an artist, but on my own terms") would never willingly pigeonhole himself with such a trade description. The nearest he comes is admitting to being "really fascinated by the way people think".

For a moment all this sounds a bit dubious, but step back and consider the group's down to earth, determinedly unostentatious personality together with their evident honesty and awkward charm and then put this beside their music with its disturbing beauty and exhilarating blend of fragility and aggression — the public broadcast of private moments. Then, talk of spiritual things seems as natural as this band.

The last song on 'Brotherhood' is a bizarre, almost throwaway thing which recalls the spirit of the "piss off" line of the second album's 'Your Silent Face'. First it collapses in hysterics, then it dies with the sound of a needle scraping across record grooves.

"Yeah, well the album was ... really hard work. We wrote 70 per cent of it in the studio, and we got to this last song and I started singing it dead serious but when I got to that line about a pig (I think you are a pig/You should be in a zoo) (laughs) well, it just sounded ridiculous and I burst out laughing. We could have done it again but we thought, f"k it, it works as it is."

Your lyrics are often the sing-song rhyming type and the sentiments of your songs are often bitter, petulant dismissals of people. All this gives me the impression that you're a little frustrated, a little inarticulate and that all that somehow comes bursting out in this startling music. (It is startling music.)

Barney: "I don't feel inarticulate I just feel — well, different, a bit. It's just that when I'm thinking about something, I don't feel the need to embellish it because you're only doing that for display purposes, and that's tasteless. If I've got something to write about — which is rare — I just do it as simply as possible."

But you have brought in some new devices, similar to the tongue in cheek storyline on 'Love Vigilantes' 'All Day Long' from the new LP reminds me of that

"Yeah, that's one of the more serious songs."

The song in question is about child beating and this is what's called interview technique, and

GILLIAN

it's tacky because when I ask, Are any of your songs autobiographical?, I'm half hoping he'll say, Yeah, I was molested, I had a dead unhappy childhood.

He doesn't, he just thinks for a moment and starts up with his laconic, habitually slurred speech and says very, very slowly: "Well, some are a bit, but it's disguised. I could never, never do it straight, it's like baring your arse in public—it's embarrassing."

In New Order's early days — in what I took to be 50 per cent honesty and 50 per cent not wanting to talk about the obvious (hello, Mr Curtis) — the band always stressed that all they were interested in was the music. But Barney's married now, with a kid. Can things like this alter your perspectives, change your priorities?

"Up to now the music's been the most important thing in my life, but I'm going through a big change in the way I think. That's another reason why I don't really want to do interviews. I won't have anything to say until I've changed."

What are you changing to? "Won't know 'til I get there."

From?

"Just someone who's totally dedicated to one thing – music."

I see. You know you're just a bit idiosyncratic? "Always have been, I've always felt a bit out of place."

All the time?

"Well, whenever I try to do something that everyone else does."

Like what?

"Like watching telly. I just can't sit there without thinking, why do people do this, what do they get out of it?"

You know, Dallas, Dynasty, that sort of thing. Power, corruption and lies.

Hooky (as everyone says) has arrived at last. He's driven me back to the New Order Bat Cave in his big silver sports car ("I like speed") and is being a model interviewee. How does minor cult status suit you?

"I'd have thought we could be hoping for major cult status by now."

Not the band, I meant you. The bass round the ankles, the 'repartee' with the audience, everyone calling you Hooky. You've become something of a mascot.

"I can take it or leave it. A mascot? You calling me a goat or something?"

He's so relaxed and so self assured that he's almost but just not quite coasting, and (you should know this by now but I'll tell you anyway) he's not a thug and he doesn't grunt. He says he doesn't really understand what he's doing but he tells me that "writing a classic bass riff like on 'Age Of Consent' is extremely satisfying" and that he's confident that what he's done and is doing





will be around for some time.

"When I saw us (Joy Division) on So It Goes, it made so much sense and seemed so fresh. I'm glad Joy Division have that timelessness, 'cos I think it'll last. Like The Doors, who weren't really big until ten years after they finished."

He thinks interviews are a bit futile ("how can you hope to get to understand someone through talking to them for an hour?") but he's doing them, and graciously. As he says, being in a band gets you out a bit and gives you more confidence in yourself.

Hook's very direct and just a bit of a lad. This comes to the fore when he tells me about "just having had enough of one particularly obnoxious heckler at a show and getting the bastard right between the eyes with me headstock".

There's more when I ask what he could do outside a band: "I've always wanted a scrapyard. Just sitting there and getting a few quid for parts and wrecking all the cars — an idea which has always appealed to me."

On the wall of the rehearsal room hangs a T-shirt with Ian Curtis' face on it, to which someone's added a Hitler moustache. I think that tells you a lot about New Order's new-found adjustment. That and the fact that they sign autographs but don't quite, because Barney's squiggle doesn't contain his names. It really says Phil Barnes.

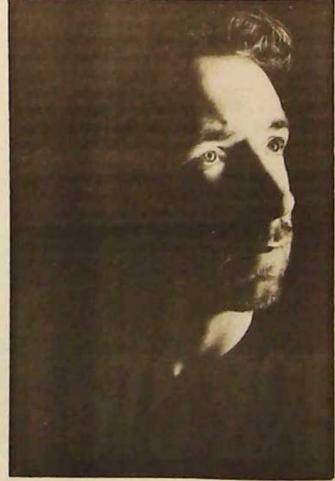
Here's four "total idiots" with this near perfect company structure behind them and they're making these records like 'Brotherhood' with its spellbinding more-acoustic-than-ever realisation of the slightly flawed 'Low Life'. Cyril Connolly once spoke of stretches of English countryside whose beauty made him feel suicidal and I'm afraid this is just like that.

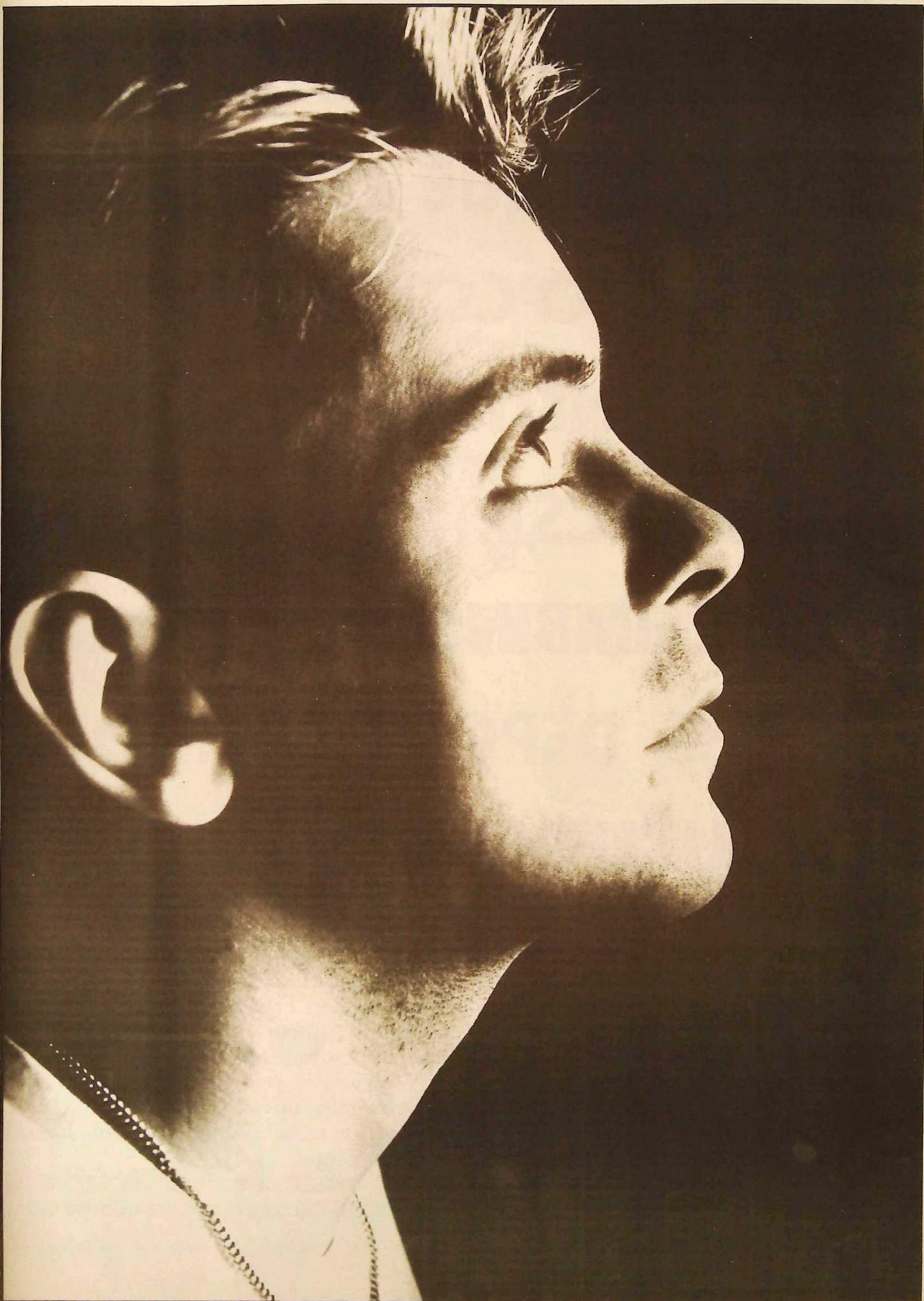
I ask Stephen Morris about this, saying, Don't you think about what you're doing a great deal, don't you get absored by it and, well, I can imagine it containing the seeds of madness. He just smiles and tells me he's too boring for that.

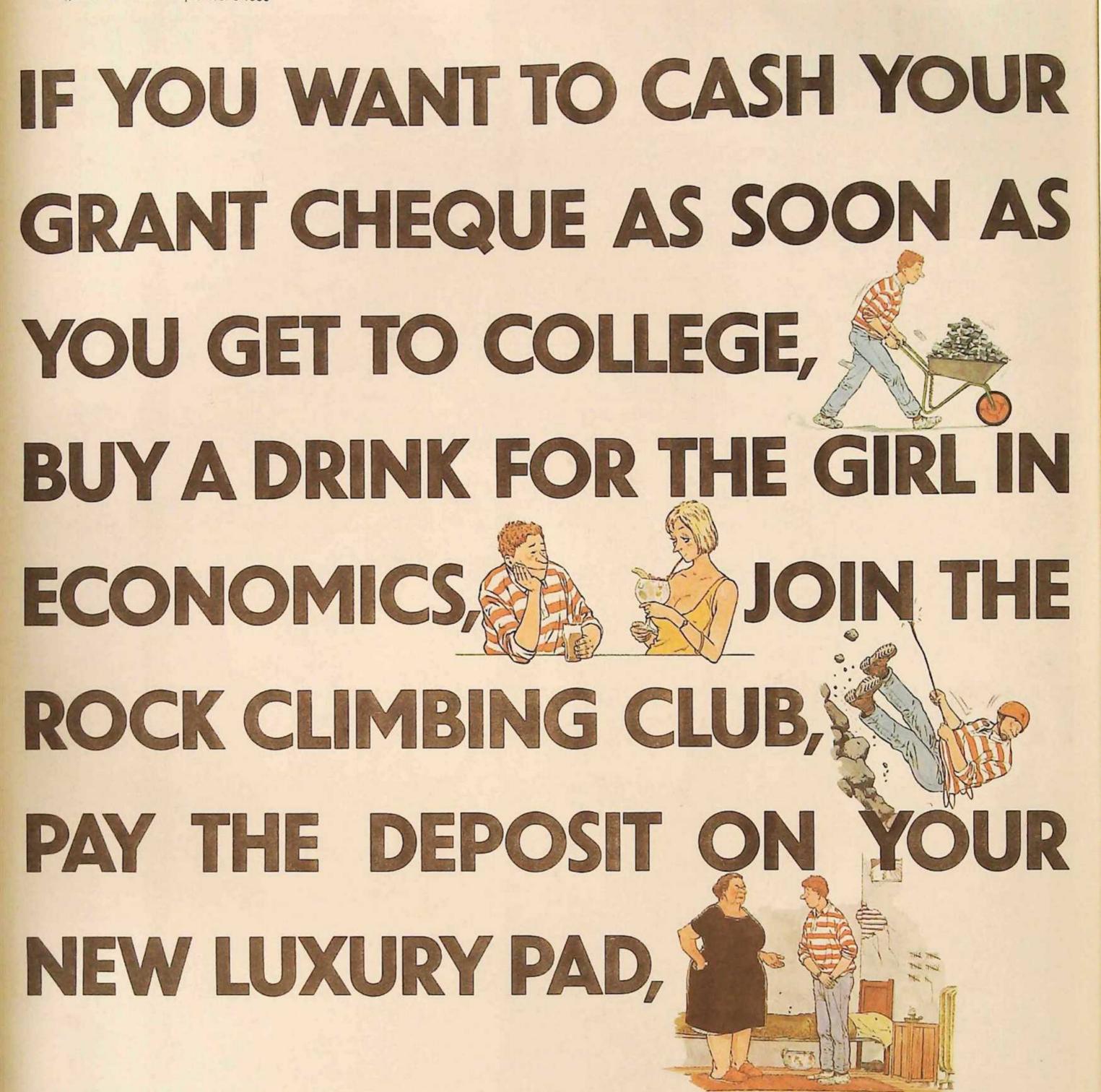
Stephen and Gillian are, after all, the affable, politely public face of New Order and they don't mind that tag at all ("What's wrong with being pleasant?"). Stephen with his ever so slightly camp voice is utterly unaffected, while Gillian is quiet. (You're quiet, aren't you? "You guessed it. Yes, I'm very quiet"). She's taking piano lessons and has started to use the black keys recently in New Order.

She doesn't mind the others taking the lead ("Well, they talk the most, don't they?") but I get the feeling that her muted presence is pretty important to New Order because these four people are now so close that, if you took one away, the whole thing would unbalance They've been together for years, (Barney and Hooky go back almost 20) and it looks like they'll just be going on together in their own determined way. Not a bad album title, 'Brotherhood'.

PETER







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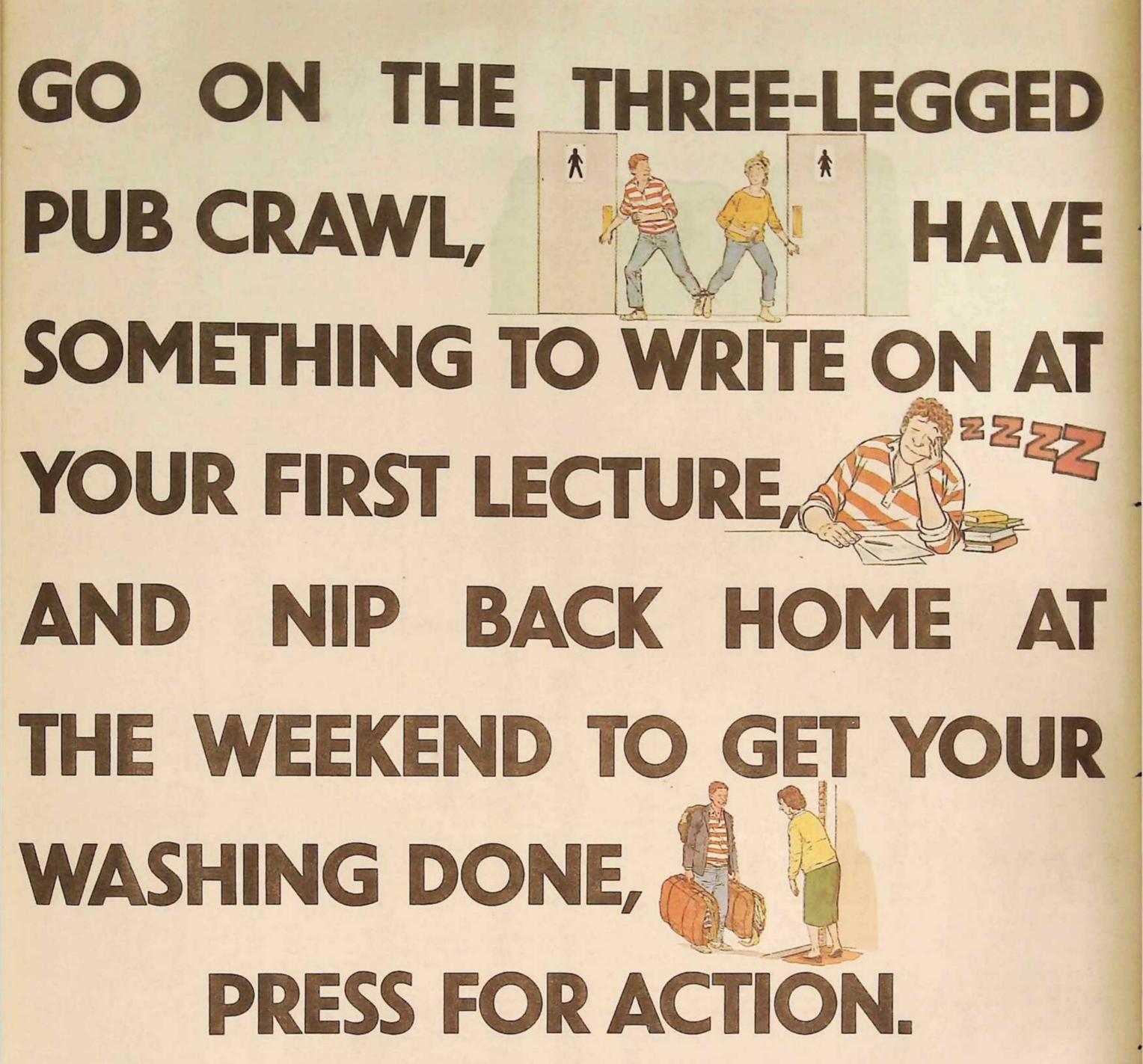
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HUEY LEWIS AND THE NEWS 'Fore' (Chrysalis

CDL 1534)**** 'HIP TO Be Square', the last track on side one, says it all for Huey Lewis: a slick Nick Lowe rip-off, right down to the title.

But then 'Fore' is pretty square, something the whole family can jive and sway to. There's nothing to upset the Washington wives except possibly one suspect reference to "playing with my microphone stand".

Hang on though. You don't get to be mega-bucks in America by ripping off Nick Lowe. Of course not. You need instant, timeless, swinging singalongs that can infiltrate any airwave and coo softly in the most inattentive braincell.

So there's at least two more songs like 'Stuck On You' waiting in the wings, all straight out of the Chapman/ Chinn songwriters' manual. Plus a commercial gamble with a Bruce Hornsby song that starts to look more like an inspired hunch now that Bruce is purring up the charts with 'The Way It Is'

That little lot will get the record company off their backs and let the band fill up the rest of the album with as much good time rock 'n' roll and doo-wop harmonies as they can cram in.

And this is where the fun starts. You can almost check out the influences in time to the beat - a touch of the Jordanaires here, a sprinkling of The Tymes there.

The last track on side two is another that says it all for Huey - 'Simple As That'. But, like the song, there's more to 'Fore' than that.

HUGH FIELDER

THE BATFISH BOYS 'Head' (Batfish Inc USS 106)****

HAVE YOU ever noticed how these long-haired greasy types are always singing about some character called Johnny? He's back again on the first track of 'Head', in the guise of 'The Whiskey Priest' - Johnny was this, Johnny did that, you know the score. But Johnny who, that's what I want to know. Johnny Morris? Johnny Hart, perhaps, or Mathis, or maybe B Goode?

Whatever, The Batfish Boys remind me of Sunday evenings at the Croydon Greyhound waiting for The Pink Fairies to blow out yet another gig, to be replaced at short notice by Stray. In terms of both appearance and material, the Batfish crew have far more in common with those stalwarts of the '70s than anything spewed up by the punk revolution, churning up a parallel (as opposed to identical) furrow to that of the Love Reaction.

Fronted by Si, the Violet who didn't so much shrink as expand, these Boys are as attractive a proposition as a pack of mandrill baboons dangling steamy rumps over terrified drivers' windscreens in a safari park - rock bottom

never smelled so sweet. Throwbacks to an earlier age, right down to their song titles - 'Love Pig', 'Fat Tuesday' and (golly, I'm just a sucker for parentheses) '(I Don't Wanna Be Your) Dinasaur (Baby)' - the oily



SUDDEN SWAY: how about Cluedo next time, lads?

the heart of the matter.

The Neurotics say that the

next socialist government

social change and not tinker

must bring about radical

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standards, about

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motorbike, otherwise we'll

backfiring nation. They sing

manipulation, about despair

and about pride. They argue

that lip service is not enough

and they make their all too

mixture of humour, hatred

Kickstarting A Backfiring

Nation' is an 'absolutely live'

album which should be heard

and basic musical power.

in conjunction with its

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just end up kickstarting a

SUDDEN SWAY 'Spacemate' (Blanco Y Negro BYN 8B)****

MORE CRANKINESS and caprices from the edges of fancy. Sudden Sway's debut LP comes complex and asks itself, Are we pretending? Oh, they're asking for it alright.

So it comes in this chunky box and introduces this enormously difficult parlour game, 'Spacemate, The Three Step Dimensional Expansion Programme That Really Works', that sounds like a load of old hokum to me. Too strange for the light of day, it fashions itself after some never-ending series of chain-letters and chucks words like 'psibil', 'karma' and 'interactive' about like it's feeding pigeons with them

Unlike Cluedo, it attempts to subvert the Divine Plan, which is fair enough but I'd rather find out who clobbered Colonel Peacock in the conservatory any rainy after-

After the 'Spacemate' paper chase, you're dying to get to the music itself: four sides, two at 45 and two at 33. Less packed with baloney than the hardscrabble that surrounds it, Sudden Sway's LP makes you wish that every pop group would dive through glass to see what happens.

They make for baffling entertainment, guaranteed no hot dogs on sale in the foyer,

ANDY HURT

can of rock 'n' roll is prised

daubed over the virgin face of

open once more and the

contents smeared and

the new establishment.

Grime time is now!

THE NEUROTICS

Backfiring Nation'

(Jungle Records FREUD

"SATURDAY NIGHT smashed

out of my brains, lying on the

The Neurotics have a

smartly savage wit which is

honed and directed by their

They have a loosely melodic

generally strikes straight to

rough-edged punk beat which

acute political awareness.

'Kickstarting A

floor looking really

10)****

intelligent."

dig? At best, they besiege their listeners with scrawls of far-fetched melody and hyperbolise with childish glee. On, say, 'Drink Xtravite', they dazzle with simplicity, faintly recalling Human League at their best. Then, with 'O Copper Eskimo', they go plink-plonkfizz and get quirky in a sombre yet fetching kind of way.

So what about Sway's notorious repute as cosmic culture vultures? Well, 'Spacemate' (the record!) is hardly scot free of their playful egg-hedonism, but what the hell! If anything, they prove that their disguised conceptions lie on the right side of being waggish. That's not all. Sudden Sway's new album splits its sides with all the devious chicanery they pack into it. They're all thumbs, they make great mistakes, their nonsense is always inspired.

So what about Sudden Sway? They're too bloody clever, of course. They annoy with their noise and their daft ruses and that's why we come back to them. Sudden Sway, get this, are a revolutionary pop group because they'll never be consumed as passively as the rest of the pop pack. Sway run the race on one leg while almost everyone else has a torn ligament.

'Spacemate' is an audacious statement and the music laps you up. A shifty spectacular. JONH WILDE

> complementary live 12-inch single, 'Living With Unemployment'. During the course of both records, we are treated almost to a revue in which a number of highly competent latterday ranters get to add their own comments. And, as befits one of your actual five star review albums, 'Kickstarting A Backfiring Nation' raises a

number of questions. Like just why do all ranters sound exactly the same? Do they all hail from Harlow? And why do The Housemartins sell so many records when the far braver, far better Neurotics seem to be banging their fiercely committed heads on a firmly bolted door?

ROGER HOLLAND

ADAM ANT 'Adam Ant's Hits' (CBS

4500741)**** STRANGELY TIMED, for sure. Surely CBS are not anticipating another generation drooling over Adam's high camp and glorious pop bilge?

That's where he really began, with these hits. Lapsed teenagers, now beerbellied clerical officers with 'Ant Music' tattooed across their craniums, will beg to differ, but the man's 15 minutes of inspiration were launched by the boisterous 'Dog Eat Dog' and lasted as long as it takes to peel an orange.

By the time 'Stand And Deliver' came along, the videos were growing into glorious burlesque while the songs - I use the term with flippancy - sounded like they were prodded onstage with one of those long sticks you use for shifting hay. There were, though, some notable final flickers: the razor-edged Kev Rowland satire, 'Goody Two Shoes', especially the bit about Al Green's wallet; the pelvic thrusts of 'Apollo 9'.

So you wade through and, by the end of side one, you're convinced that Adam straddled the pop playground of the early '70s like a brace of Californian redwoods. Then you start choking on some of the lumps on side two and you've already convinced yourself he did nothing of the sort.

Hear it side by side with the companion video edition, though, and you begin to swing back to the original conviction. It was Adam's decadent comedies that made the whole explosion so plainly momentous. When Diana Dors waves that wand at the wildly grinning Ant, you sigh and forget all the rotten records he made and would probably still make now.

'Hits' isn't comprehensively great, but buy the video and chuckle 'til your socks drop

JONH WILDE

GREAT PLAINS 'Naked At The Buy, Sell, And Trade' (Homestead Records HMS 048)****

THE SEARCH is on for the most unsightly group in the world. And not only do I think I've found this week's contenders but, in the process, I've also discovered the origin of people's silly grins and what happened to Chuck Berry's orphan. It's all

Seriously though, have you noticed that aesthetically pleasing talents and physical attributes rarely collide? At the moment I can only think of The Died Pretty and certainly no band to come out of America in the past few months. Indeed, it seems that the more plug ugly a group are, the more they play the music of Venus.

This especially applies to Ohio's Great Plains. The thought of seeing them naked is enough to send a shudder through the blind, but sheesh, when they undress their feelings the airwaves they disturb are magnificent.

The Greats are indeed just that. They're like The Violent Femmes could be if you cut Gordon Gano's head off and substituted a sense of lacerating humour for smugness and God turned out to be John Belushi.

Only on this, their second album, it's apparent that there is more to the (appropriately named) Plains than cheap and cheerful laughs. Though there are plenty of the latter on songs such as 'Letter To A Fanzine', which poses the immortal question: "Why do punk rock guys go out with new wave

Great Plains' music is the outcry of fools who fall in love and, more often than not, get spurned and burned but who still return for more. As you will, if you buy this record. Do the strip trip and get 'Naked. . .' right now.

JACK BARRON

GLORIA GAYNOR 'The Power' (Stylus SMR618) ** THE MOST talked-about album of the year . . . in

Gloria's kitchen. "Maybe," says Gloria, buttering some toast, "I should release an album of duff cover versions like 'Every Breath You Take' and 'What A Wonderful World'. I could even do 'She's Out Of My Life' and change the gender; that'd be sensible. And 'The Heat Is On' - that's a really excellent song. Hmmm. Yes".

"Hot damn, the Bears lost again," says Hubby.

"And I could get massive TV promotion. And I could give away a free 12-inch medley of all my greatest hits. All three of them."

"What was that, dear?" "I just know it'll sell like silver beeswax. Yep, this is gonna be my masterpiece. Know what I'm gonna call it, honey?"

"Uuh . . . 'Masterpiece'?" "No, bozo. I'm gonna call it get this - 'The Power'!!!"

"Gee, that's good Glozz, that's real good. Next time you're on tour, can I have an au pair?"

CHRIS ROBERTS

THE BRIGADE 'The Dividing Line' (Better Youth Organization BYO 012) *****

HEY, SOMETHING'S going down in the backwaters of California. The Youth Brigade must be feeling their age 'cause they've metamorphosised into The Brigade. And in the process, they've produced their finest and most far-reaching album

Maybe they'll lose out



PAUL: yawn. ..

RADIO

STARS

THIS MUCH I'll concede: the name's a bit corny, the songs a

bit samey, the geniality a bit sickly, and Swerv Goldsworthy's

pink suit is more than a bit dodgy. But damn it all, 'Indis-

In a perfect world, this release would come at the height of

a hot and hazy summer, where each of its singles could

shimmer on the nation's trannies like heatwaves off baking

tarmac. It's hardly suited to a wet and windy Aldershot but

There are more (twice as many) fine singles here than on

Whitney Houston's laughably overrated debut, though it's

doubtful whether any will chart. The irony of a band called FM

not being able to get on the radio is as baffling as it is bitter,

but what do you buggers care? If you did, I wouldn't have an

Yes, they do sound, ho hum, American. So? This is good

pop, not bad rock, rarely dipping into stifling creaminess or

ever-popular Panavision prattle. 'American Girls' ("destination

U-S-A!" - gak!) has lost much of its warmth and swing to

clinical over-production (hit seeking) but the trembling charm

of 'Face To Face' and 'Frozen Heart' more than compensates.

either tickle your spine or turn your stomach. Yet I doubt that

Saturated with melody but bone dry of originality, FM will

FM 'Indiscreet' (Portrait PRT 26827)****

creet's a peach.

we'll just have to make do.

injustice to carp on about.

Blessings', it's very seamless. But to tell the truth, the rest is very boring. All the songs are about "real love", "new love" but most of all "old love", the one where you "Think how far you've come/ The victories you've won/ What's kept you through the years."

I ask myself who needs this and I think of Mozzer and 'Panic', a song which assured itself of immortal status just by mentioning Carlisle and Grasmere. I live near Grasmere, where the only people that A 'n' S matter to are the coachloads of hairdressers who go down to Preston (a big place) on a Saturday night and dance to. . . Ashford And Simpson!

What does this music mean to my life? Very little. Hang the DJ? I prefer to pull his plugs out.

ROY WILKINSON



FM: we suspect the LP's title refers to the shirts

though. This kind of music

(yes, music) isn't going to

impress the perverse slam

dancing loonies who want to

crash their brains against the

walls and spill their cans of

Bud over the sidewalk. This

guitars are still there, the

it's a pretty good record.

that The Adicts always

insincerity of nouveau

with big, big emotions.

message is too, but there's

album has subtlety. The wild

songs and style and . . . well,

The Brigade take away the

feedback and do everything

threatened; they revive the

new light on the pompous

spirit of '77 while throwing a

stadium acts like U2 and Big

Country. This is a big sound

Something is stirring in California, and it ain't the cocktails.

DAVE HENDERSON

VARIOUS ARTISTS 'Summer Days, Boogle Nights' (Portrait PRT 10052)****

INSPIRED PERHAPS by the enormous success of the recent re-releases from The Real Thing, the best band ever to emerge from the backstreets of Liverpool, 'Summer Days, Boogie Nights' is the undisputed album of the year. Gathering together 16 superlative soul smashes from the '70s, it reasserts most convincingly the everlasting quality of great

soul music.

It moves with sweet silky steps from The O'Jays' 'Love Train' through such precious gems as 'Don't Let Love Get You Down' from Archie Bell And The Drells, 'Me And Mrs Jones' and 'Only The Strong Survive' from Billy Paul and The Isley Brothers' 'Summer Breeze', before really underlining its point with Candi Staton's 'Young Hearts Run Free'. Then there's 'Heaven Must Be Missing An Angel' by Tavares, '(You Make Me Feel Like) A Natural Woman' from Aretha Franklin and the ultimate joy, 'Can't Get By Without You (The Decade Mix)' by The Real Thing.

Why can't people (Whitney and Madonna aside) make records this good today? I listen to this absolutely brilliant compilation and. . . words just fail me.

ROGER HOLLAND

CHRISTIAN DEATH

'Atrocities' (Normal Records NORMAL 18)****3/4

THE PRESS release advises me to sit back and listen to this LP with a favourite drink. But this music is too exciting for a mug of cocoa. This is cocktail music, a spooky mixture of sweet and sour, hot and chilled. A potent draught that's been shaken, not stirred.

The 'prologue' side includes pagan wailings on 'Tales Of Innocence', a hauntingly sluggish number, and 'Strapping Me Down', music to crack your whip to. The Los Angeles trio use their whips to flog us mercilessly, each switch leaving reddened weals on skin that's too pure, too white. Do Christian Death aim to corrupt with these heathen hymns, these impious lyrics of doom and despondency?

Side two, the finale side as it's known, is gothic gloominess too illuminating to be totally depressing. Indeed, the classic Billie Holiday's 'Gloomy Sunday' is almost a soft blues number with its tinkling piano,

moaning cello and Doris Day voice. It's uplifting and yet, at the same time, overcast, a gloomier Sunday than Billie ever knew.

you'll find a stronger set of tunes all year.

Mood music is how to describe these varied sounds. Now a whisper and then a howling wind on 'The Death Of Josef' - all accomplished without synthesisers.

One always applauds at orchestral performances; the exceptional deserve a standing ovation. Those who remain seated during 'Atrocities' are either deaf or

ASHFORD AND SIMPSON 'Real Love'

PAUL ELLIOTT

(Capitol EST 2019)** AFTER 20 years together, Ashford And Simpson, the peaches and cream apotheosis of mainstream, sartorially inelegent soul, continue the faint vulgarity of their "long running public love affair" with a new album. And, surprise surprise, it's described in the tireless press release as "seamless" and "sensual".

Ashford And Simpson have lots of talent (the fact that

GRACE UNDER PRESSURE

THE APOSTLES 'The Lives And Times Of The Apostles' (GURT Gurt II) **1/2

THE APOSTLES' bizarre stream of pseudo-classical instrumentals and tinny politico-punk speed threats is different, intense and challenging, It's full of surprising U-turns and crass vitriol. Yet somehow, the whole grainy creation reeks of cheapness, of perhaps unavoidable squalour. And you know you won't be

No poetic illusions for sale

CHRIS ROBERTS

PAUL McCARTNEY 'Press To Play' (EMI PCSD 103) *1/2 JOHN LENNON is the most overrated songwriter of all time, but the strength of Paul McCartney's voice since your parents' fave pop group split up has merited all manner of hyperbole. There have been moments - 'Maybe I'm Amazed', 'Jet' - when he's screamed and shouted like a man possessed. No mean fraud for the ninth richest man in Britain, on whom complacency must drip from every ceiling like a filial.

Of course, his chummy grins and matey thumbs-ups are about as stylish as a turd in a bidet, but even we nubile teen-punk revolutionaries (ahem) have to admit the man is not completely devoid of talent.

His first all-new album for three years, the first to be recorded at his own studio, is, however, a sexless corpse.

There are ten tracks, six co-written with former 10CC person Eric Stewart. They are produced by Hugh Padgham (Genesis, Police) and endeavour to be "buoyant rockers" or "beautiful ballads" or "wistful epics". Unfortunately, what they really are is cold fried eggs.

'However Absurd', the climax, would serve to demonstrate this - it's simply the least absurd piece of music you could suffer yawning through. Not a bead of artistry leaps from the fat-bellied record (once you've found it beneath the gratuitous babooshka-style packaging). And whereas the legend-withoutany-enigma would normally impress with craftsmanship, his sure touch as a brickie-of-vignettes seems to have stayed behind in the cocktail lounge, being easy going with Noel Edmonds.

Vapid, cliched, and obsolete, 'Press To Play' is the work of an understandably content man who labours under the delusion that "to get Phil (Collins) in on drums" is to be "just going for flavour of the month". You mean like March 1973, Paul?

Slack Mac's most endearing statement here is in George Hurrell's sepia cover photograph, which again shows his love for Linda to be ostentatious, illogical and really rather wonderfully sweet. Just keep him away from recording studios, pet. **CHRIS ROBERTS**

playing it again. dead, because this is art like they wrote 'Ain't No Mozart never knew it. Mountain High Enough' for KEZ OWEN Marvin and Tammi puts that

PAUL SIMON 'Graceland' (Warner

Brothers Records UK WX52)***

"HELLO DARKNESS my old friend, I've come to talk to you again . . . " Twenty-one years on from these words, each etched with tears for fears of one sort or another, Paul Simon has taken himself beyond the borders of the civilised world to that disgraceland, South Africa, in order to record this album. Yet it would be churlish not to admit that on this LP, there are three of the most marvellous melodies I have ever heard.

To travel into 'Graceland', which takes its title from Elvis Presley's home in Memphis, is to glimpse the preoccupations of a middleaged American man - loneliness, obesity, and failed relationships - while in the background a timebomb ticks noisily away. That timebomb is, of course, South Africa.

Attracted to the stamping Mbaganga, the relentless township jive of Soweto (see Jaws), and after taking advice from expatriates Harry Belafonte and Hugh Masekela, Simon flew to Johannesberg to cut this album with the cream of SA's musicians. These include Tao Ea Matsekha, General MD Shirinda And The Gaza Sisters, Stimela and The Boyoyo Boys Band. Later on, some songs were recorded with the breathless acapella group Ladysmith Black Mambazo and, nearer home, Rocking Dopsie And The Twisters plus LA's Los Lobos.

Was it worth it, or is 'Graceland' just a rich man's indulgence and a folly of naive politics?

This is hardly the first occasion Simon has incorporated ethnic music into his pop. In the past, 'El Condor Pasa' floated on the eagle wings of Andean melody and 'Mother And Child Reunion' was given birth through reggae forceps. The crucial difference is those idioms weren't the cultural expressions of a nation at war for emancipation.

That the fight against apartheid barely figures overtly in the singer's lyrics except on 'Homeless' - which is given a stunning vocal foundation by the exquisite Ladysmith Black Mambazo - is perhaps the record's ultimate failing. But given Simon's belief in music as a cultural Elastoplast, and that he refused to take part in Steve Van Zandt's 'Sun City' protest because it originally named people who'd played there, this is not surprising.

Yet Simon himself turned down an offer of one million dollars to perform at Sun City and, unlike Malcolm McLaren, he hasn't simply ripped off the ideas of South African groups. Co-composers are noted and will be paid royalties. And that just leaves us with the music, some of which is extraordinary.

In particular the opening cut, 'The Boy In The Bubble', a lyrical allusion to the potential magic inherent in our technologically insane world, which is given force by the slinking Sotho accordians of Tao Ea Matsekha, stands out. So too does the aforementioned 'Homeless', while 'Graceland' itself is perhaps one of the finest songs Simon has ever written.

A quest for personal emotional redemption in which Presley's home figures as a metaphor for salvation, 'Graceland' rushes down the country tracks of the pedal steel guitar of King Sunny Ade's wizard Demola Adepoju. It's simply brilliant, and in the light of it, quirky works such as the single 'You Can Call Me Al' and the small talk party of 'I Know What I Know' are trivial beyond belief.

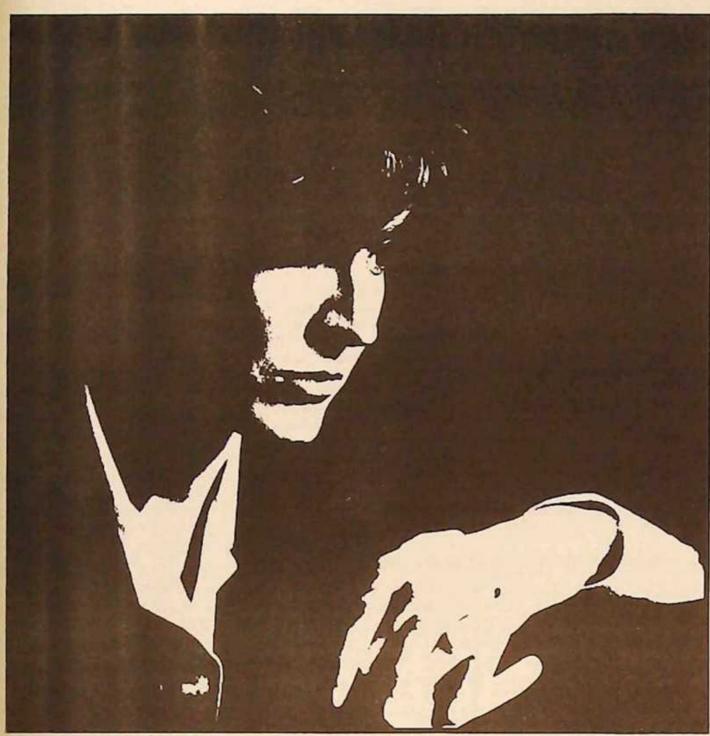
For good or ill, the reverberations and repercussions of this album will live with Paul Simon long after this review has turned into yesterday's news, and the sound of silence has fallen once again.

JACK BARRON



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DAVID SYLVIAN proves that blonds don't always have more fun...

DAVID SYLVIAN 'Gone To Earth' (Virgin VDL I)****

ONE BREATH too many, one prayer too few, one stray flick of the left wrist and the whole palace would crumble like sugar.

Sylvian's achievement in sustaining songs that study laughter and forgetfulness, never — while laughing or forgetting — is quite remarkable. This is the record he's been gliding towards since 'The Tenant' and it's the perfect realisation of artist converting image to mood, subverting fantasy to superreality. Delicate, but with the strength of legions, it's an '80s masterpiece and conceivably his finest approximation of distilled beauty ever. (This valued judgement from someone who refused to admit that even 'Adolescent Sex' was a little silly.)

It's when he comes in with "I hear your voice..." on the third track, 'Before The Bullfight', that you check over your shoulder and notice that pop music was left behind miles back, years ago... this new awareness fascinates rather than disturbs you.

Normally, your pectorals only turn into bushbabies about four times a year. During the next hour these creatures settle and reproduce. 'Gone To Earth' feels lovely; it doesn't run from danger but nestles in its lap and seduces it. It says to The Horror: "You are not omnipotent." Yes, it's an angel.

It's about strength returning.

It's perhaps more significant that Richard Barbieri and Steve Jansen are involved than Nelson, Fripp etc, though the latter's contribution to the title track is inspired. The whole floats independently over rivers and fields. And always, stepping out from under rocks and behind trees, is the voice. Now nurtured to a point above and beyond what T S Eliot (bear with me) might describe as "the general mess of imprecision of feeling, undisciplined squads of emotion", it's employed deftly, to stirring effect. It's the coolest voice in the world.

The two instrumental sides are inscrutably elegaic but it's the songs here, the wonderful songs, that reaffirm and stoop to flourish. The first time I heard 'Wave' sour into silence with the genuinely agonising "I'd tear my very soul to make you mine", I changed my name to Salieri and went to bed for three days. A womb with a view. At the year's end there'll be this and the new This Mortal Coil paradigm, a globe full of memories and a globule of hope. Home is wherever this is.

Almost as breathtaking as it is life-giving. The last romantic.

CHRIS ROBERTS

JONH WILDE

SAM MYERS AND ANSON FUNDERBURGH 'My Love Is Here To Stay' (Making Waves SPIN

as come with the same war whoop they'd gladly reserve for napalm. Sperm becomes just something to shoot, all part of the general ongoing blitzkrieg. 'Shoot U Full Of Love' is the aural equivalent

of being sick into your own

Vinnie, even more visually

unappealing than ever, leads

neanderthals through the

usual dribble of screeching

solos and vomiting riffs and

squeaky vocals, oblivious to

the stink they're giving off.

I hate to sound even

remotely offended by this

sort of nonsense, but when something becomes less than

slightly human... well, I have

You Wanna Make Love' (note,

a breaking point. During 'Do

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The only surprising fact to

note is that there's only one

Streets' on the entire album.

When you're dealing with a

dog of a record like this, that comes as some kind of

song called 'Back On The

miracle.

his faithful herd of

206)***3/4 RONNIE EARL AND THE BROADCASTERS 'They Call Me Mr Earl' (Making

Waves SPIN 125)**** I'VE BEEN racking my brains trying to twig the common thread linking these two records. 'My Love Is Here To Stay' features the guitar of Anson Funderburgh and the vocals and harmonica playing of Sam Myers and it's an R & B album. A quite different proposition altogether is the R & B album by guitarist Ronnie Earl and harmonica player Sugar Ray Norcia. Got it! They're both released by Making Waves!

We're in the land of the walking bass line here, down in the Lone Star state, Texas seemingly having a monopoly in the white blues guitar stakes. Of the two, Ronnie Earl's is not surprisingly the rockier, less bound by the rules and traditions of the form. He pops from boogie to blues ballad and back, but turns in his performance on his own 'Follow Your Heart'.

Sam Myers is the black joker in the pack and a writer of some solid blues pieces. He can hit an impressively low note (the ones on 'Hep Cats In Big Town' measuring just under four on the Richter scale) and, with the fabulous Funderburgh (just can't resist that joke), he wisely includes Mr Berry's 'Wee Wee Hours'. Silly chart, anyone?

ANDY HURT

LITTLE FEAT 'As Time Goes By – The Best Of Little Feat' (Warner Brothers WX 36)**** RY COODER 'Why Don't You Try Me Tonight? – The Best Of Ry Cooder' (Warner Brothers

WX37)****
THE FINEST moments from a couple of cults.

Primarily, both these artists fall into the category of 'albums band'; you won't catch either of these names turning up on one of those 'Now That's What I Call Rhino Droppings' collections. Both have also been tagged as a 'critics' band', an unfortunate moniker that takes some shaking off. Lowell George did it by expiring too early in his career while Ry sneaked off to the movies and has stayed there ever since.

Personally, I think Ry's best work has been done for the cinema. I also like the idea that people come out of films like Paris, Texas haunted as much by the soundtrack as by the images and story they have experienced. Ry Cooder will never have to make one of those dreadful 'pop video' thingies in his life, and that's a neat move.

Ry's greatest flips through most of the goodies on his early albums and concentrates hard on his 'Bop Till You Drop' and

'Borderline' periods for the whole of side two. If you're loaded then get all Ry's albums and forget about this; if you're broke this'll do for now.

As for Little Feat, well, let's try and forget the awful Neon Park Bogey duck smudged on the front and poke a thumb up in the air for Lowell and the boys. 'Willin' is on it, of course, but there's some weirder stuff swirling round here too, something that still sounds like it's kicking to get out.

I know people who'd rather undergo a heart transplant operation than listen to this bunch, but the perverse streak in me kinda melts when I hear that slide guitar get hot. Lowell George was once a Mother Of Invention. This album proves it.

EDWIN POUNCEY

THE GARGOYLES 'Mrs
Two Dinners' (Reasonable
IRRI)***

WELL, I suppose the obvious comparison is with Half Man Half Biscuit but this probably isn't the right comparison. The Gargoyles represent the reactivation of a tradition that was put on hold for the duration of the punk generation; the lads from the

Yorkshire fishing port of Ool are effectively picking up where the Albertos left off.

The instrumental department of The Gargoyles does the necessary, bashing out some pleasant enough tunes while ambling from rockabilly to mock Tudor. But crucially, it's in the humour section where they come a cropper. The initial ideas are generally fine per se, but they invariably find themselves up shit creek without a paddle when it comes to developing the gag and sustaining the laughs.

The result is a collection of seven three minute long knock-knock jokes. They'd be better advised to opt for a shower of shorter, snappier items.

I'm on the side of these lads (honest!), as the raucous music hall tradition they are descended from is running out of practitioners. But there's little here to challenge the likes of Benny Hill and Frankie Howerd in terms of seaside postcard humour. It's one thing to observe that the breeches worn in Shakespeare's day resemble incontinence pants, but it's another kettle of halibut altogether when it comes to conveying such bowelbusting wit in a song.

ANDY HURT

UZI 'Sleep Asylum' (Homestead Records HMSS 055)****

AND: A playful word, though too fizzy perhaps for this starless evening stroll through an orchard of neuroses where obsessions are hung from trees like executed men and left to rot. No ifs, Uzi are a group of buts. Like. . .

But where do they come from? Boston, Mass.

But who are they? Thalia, an ex-Dangerous Bird who pecks the pupils out of the damned human fruit that dangles from the gnarled branches. A woman who takes the ice cloak of Siouxsie and smashes it into a million tiny igloos of 'but what if?' thoughts.

But though she sings (wonderfully) of loneliness, Thalia isn't a one woman band. She's helped out by Irv on doomy bass and Bob on garrotte guitar, while Danny gallops around his drums like a horse running from a slaughterhouse. But it's the tape insertions by Phil of found and gouged noises like waterdrops and screams that really get to you.

But what do Uzi sound like? Always the impossible question, nevertheless here are some hints: they do not resemble the death cackle of the Israeli machine gun which is the source for their name. Their schizo-rock locks into the angst you feel when you lose your good luck charm, a nameless fear given shape by songs that have imperious cheekbones and dark circles of possessed power beneath their criminal eyes.

But is that enough? Well, with the Banshees in a hooting mess and Killing Joke gagging, Uzi's rich reflection of life's cruel humour and pale light isn't simply acceptable, it's necessary. Not a sleeper, this is a spectre-acular debut. Cop it or forever kick your butts.

JACK BARRON
VINNIE VINCENT

'Vinnie Vincent Invasion' (Chrysalis CHR 1529)*

THERE'S A limit to how far anything can sink? Well, that's what I thought. Even groin-thrusting, misogynist HM must have its shame threshold. Here comes Vinnie, though, waving his willy around in the air like an epileptic trying to hold a flagpole, still not jaded with this mawkish muck after caking his boat with lurid slobber for years with the dreadful Kiss.

Here, they can whine on about something as gorgeous

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GEORGE BENSON 'While The City Sleeps' (Warner Brothers WX 55)***43

'WHILE THE City Sleeps' delivers the perfect case for the prosecution in the drum programming vs human touch debate. The split on the eight tracks is virtually 50/50, with Narada Michael Walden rolling the production dice on most numbers to determine whether he exercises his wrists or an index finger in search of the optimum biffboom-crack.

As something of a confirmed musical Luddite (Kraftwerk excepted), my sympathies clearly lie with muscle power, and a song like 'Love Is Here Tonight' makes me wonder why a perfectly decent drummer like Walden should want to opt for regulation machine beats. This basically quite reasonable song becomes an irrelevance once the ear homes in on an ever present woodblock click at the end of each bar.

But perhaps the artificiality of much of the album is in keeping with the commercial blandness of the venture. I hear rumours that Benson was once a jazz guitarist of some repute, but now all that remains are the last vestiges of a fertile heritage, like the little stumpy bits on snakes that were once legs. The most obvious little stump in the Benson routine is the familiar 'dwerp doobie dweep doo' vocal mimickry of trademark

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guitar lines, wheeled out for the sake of the good old days, like Vera Lynn croaking 'We'll Meet Again'.

At the end of the day, Benson is capable of better than this. 'While The City Sleeps' is an album fired and inspired by a tough background of jacuzzis, BMWs and polo ponies. . . of course, I don't know if George is into any of these things, but it sure sounds as though he could fit in snugly.

ANDY HURT

GARY MOORE 'Rockin' Every Night' (10 Records XID 1)****

A WELL-DESERVED and overdue British release for the definitive Gary Moore live album. Recorded during the 1983 tour of Japan, it's a happy combination of the not too complicated technical ecstasy of Moore's superb guitar playing and the not too crass power of his rhythms, perfectly complemented by his sidesmen.

For a band of the usually rightly despised rock journeymen, lan Paice, Neil Murray and Don Airey all contribute successfully and with due restraint, while John Sloman excels on his share of the vocals.

And perhaps the only fault with Moore's performances since he became a frontman is that, for a singer, he's not a bad guitarist.

His vocal on Free's classic 'Wishing Well' could only ever have been a bit of an embarrassment compared

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with the memories of Paul Rodgers' depth of expression, but throughout this album, wherever Moore opts to take the lead vocal, he lets himself down.

In the world of loud guitars and padded codpieces, there are very few acceptable tables of fare. One such is the Motorhead rock 'n' roll orgasm. Another is the early Black Sabbath grand metal fuzz. A third is the lunatic fringe outrage theatre of, say, The Dictators. And the last is the loose-limbed, athletic overdrive of bands like this.

Clean cut, hard-headed, energetic and not too embarrassingly, unwittingly stupid, Gary Moore is to be congratulated on his modicum of good taste.

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"YOU HAVE to realise there are two Readings: the one that goes on out there and the one that goes on in here," smoothed grey-haired promoter, Harold Pendleton, monarch of this blighted state of steaming archaic cultural crap that trades under the name of the 24th National Rock Festival.

'Out there . . .' For a businessman, Mr Pendleton has such a felicitous turn of phrase and charm it makes me shudder. 'Out there', and all it implies, is so apt . . .

Beyond thought, beyond co-ordination, beyond belief, a bottomless pit where right now, at this second, the disciples of The Lords Of The New Church are listening to the wailing of fumbling fingers on the fretboards of electric guitars and the gnashing of teeth against windpipes.

'In here' - to be precise, Mr Pendleton's backstage caravan, the furthest one can penetrate into the bowels of the Reading Festival, which after a three-year hiatus has

lurched into gear again - the conversation is unreasonably reasonable. Yet I expected no different. And to be candid, after 48 hours in this musical purgatory with all its attendant attractions to take one's mind off the entertainment, I wasn't in a condition to argue with Harold ... much.

"I do this for the kids out there ... And because it's a social event . . . Is there really only one black band on this

the Marquee, a recording studio, sound and lighting firms, and who has recently sold off a music publishing company.

Ironically, the only Jaz(z) to rear its ugly head here in the past two days has traded by the surname of Coleman not Ornette but the demagogue of Killing Joke, a band whose most outrageous aspect is the acute angle of its singer's Alpine nose. This is a group that makes gargoyles

The news on the radio was bad - a plague of locusts was eating Africa - and on the tape, Stump were singing perhaps the most important question of the future: "Does the fish have chips?"

Little did I realise at the time that I'd end up smoking a spliff in a hearse whose owner maintained, "We drive this thing to symbolise the death of rock culture". Or that I'd look into the eyes of Kiki Dee and feel forced to write



HAWKWIND'S Dave Brock: "I said peace, maaan, not pi..."

weekend? Yeah, Ruby Turner,

It wasn't deliberate, we only had two weeks to book the bands and six weeks to sell the tickets.

she's great . .

Mr Pendleton talks with all the tact, guile and professional affability of someone who's used to dealing with local politicians and policemen. He used to be a chartered accountant, but numbers aren't his speciality

"No, I don't know how many people have turned up this weekend yet ... No, I don't know if we are going to make a loss, we might break even . . . Sure I look upon this as an investment for the future

"I've kept the unofficial title of the National Jazz Festival as such because of nostalgic reasons. When I first got involved with this, it was during the days of Cleo Lane and Johnny Dankworth,"

seem gay and plays love like

"Why do I continue to organise this festival? Well like I said, there are two Readings: the one out there and the one in here . . . For me this is almost like a family occasion, I get to see my friends," concluded Mr Pendleton.

Meet the black sheep of the fold, Harold.

And so I stepped out into the inky night, raging in the words of Dylan Thomas against the dying of the light.

"Long live rock!" someone shrieked.

"Welcome to Reading 1986: the day the music died," I muttered.

Ahhhhh! This review already seems beyond redemption, but then I guess it was like that right from the start. After all, the portents weren't exactly groovy as I drove through the pouring rain to this open public toilet in Reading.

her a love letter; or that I'd miss seeing an amputee flashing his shinless leg to Lemmy.

No siree!

I came to Reading because it's the only festival in Europe I haven't had a gibber about. Yet I quickly found out why I'd left it till last ...

Reading 1986: never has so much efficient organisation been expended in the worthless pursuit of such feeble music before such an idiotic crowd.

"This concerns flowers and f****g," announced Wayne Hussey by way of an introduction. A brazen boy, what he could have said is, This is like making love to a geranium - dead boring, as he tossed out purple blooms to the crowd who can't have numbered more than several thousand.

'Over The Hills And Far Away' followed. The leader of The Mission heads one of the many current groups - such as Balaam And The Angel before them - who are intent on pushing early '70s Brit rock up a muddy slope like misshapen children of Prometheus. Doing a cover of Free's 'Wishing Well' not only bulldozed them artistically but also made way for those do-over specialists, Doctor & The Medics, who had me swiftly searching for some

In search of the lost chord, I walked out of the arena as Killing Joke quivered with comical yet impressive superiority. This is one hell of a snotty band, but that's only to be expected with Jaz's gargantuan nose.

chemical balm.

The real guffaw about Killing Joke is they've never been able to appreciate giggles at their own expense. They're the last people to see that their macho, mystical, power-crazed antics might rightly be perceived as hokum.

Drip, drip, drip went the atmosphere. Was it the rain, the spirit in the sky, or simply the yellow w(h)ine of plastic bottles filled with urine?

Saturday: The Day Of The Big Pee. Everywhere I look it's pissing down. Park the car. Some people with grass growing out of their earthsmeared skins are leaking against the corrugated iron fence. Out in the arena it's also gushing, not simply with rain but also hard vinyl.

Ruby Turner, the only clean, punchy act out of the mire of regressive riffery, is bravely cutting out her soul and funk. A woman with a voice as imposing and sensuous as her bulk, nobody is really checking her unforced passion. Instead they're playing record breakers . . . of a kind.

"I'd rather go blind," sings Ruby, climbing the cobwebs of a Christine McVie song, as I watch a vinyl single arc through the air. Indeed, so fascinated am I that, as it begins its elliptic course to somewhere in my vicinity, I (stupidly) don't actually stop its flight. Instead I take the observing existentialist's option, which means the vinyl lacerates the girl standing next to me square on the head.

Philosophy? Hah! It was at this skull-splitting second I

realised how irrelevant it was. Nonetheless, I picked the record up. The fractured vinvl was an NME freebie.

Reading is legendary for record company gratuities. The principle is this: the more free drink and food you put down a music journalist's gullet the more likely you are to get good reviews for your bands.

EMI's tent held the promise of a pool table, chilled white wine, fresh food, bad conversation and ... Kiki Dee. Looking like a dream who'd been wrapped in cotton wool. she strolled into the tent with the male equivalent of a walking deckchair.

Of course, I sold my soul instantly, in the interests of research you understand . . but mostly in praise of Kiki's red hair.

"This is the first festival I've been to since Woodstock," muttered an American, who smelled like he hadn't washed since 1967, as I sat down in the hallowed enclosure. "Oh dear, I've just realised you did the last interview with Saxon," said the headboy of EMI press, Brian Munns.

A normal critique is valued as abnormal in the obtuse world of HM.

This is what Rod Smallwood, the manager of Iron Maiden, once said to me in an LA nightclub concerning my chat with Saxon: "You bastard!"

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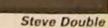
I did wonder if Saxon's singer, Biff Byford would be equally forthcoming as he walked around the EMI tent.

At that moment a 100-foot tall Hofmeister bear began puffing up in the arena and gradually took off. Yeah, now that's what I call art!

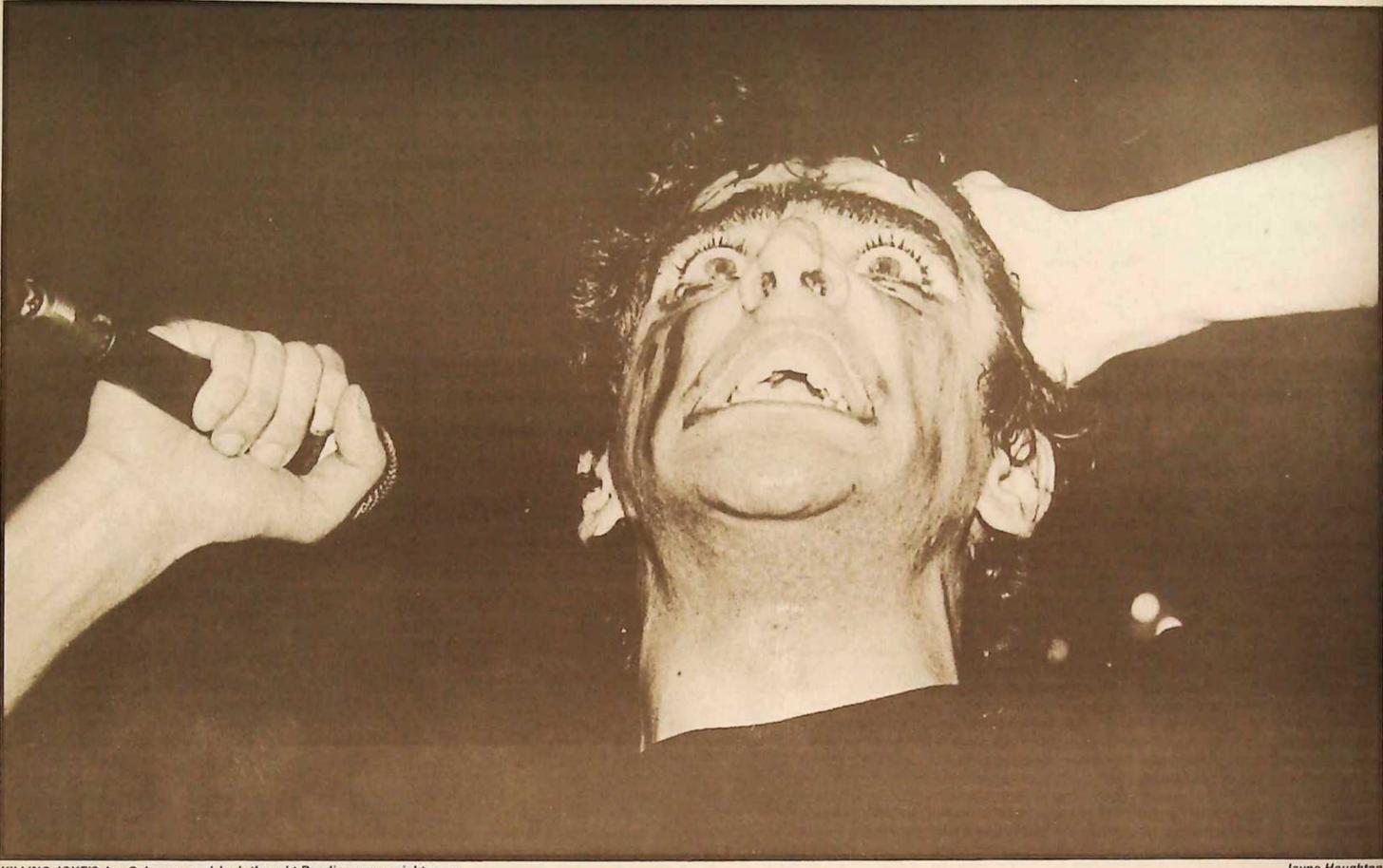
Ignoring the maxim that you shouldn't work with children or animals - and that includes inflatable lager ads and the diehard boneheads who tend to congregate in front of Reading's twin stages - three American groups in quick succession shook their booty but - dung! - none



SAXON'S Biff: looks like our reviewer stepped backwards just in time



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Jayne Houghton

KILLING JOKE'S Jaz Coleman: and Jack thought Reading was a nightmare...

rang my bell.

Rough Cutt wear trousers from the David Lee Roth reject shop and offer some lame Van Halen motifs they found in a back alley in LA. Bare-chested singer Paul Shortino is, however, ace at catching flying missiles, a trick he may have picked up as an extra in Spinal Tap.

"This is dedicated to the memories of Jimi Hendrix and Janis Joplin," he announced as the band stumbled into a coronary version of 'Piece Of My Heart'.

Does it come with chips? I wondered.

John Waite And The No Brakes Band didn't provide the answer to Stump's

conundrum either. The sensitive, non-chest beating end of FM metal that millions find attractive (though not me), Waite was later heard (at an impromptu press conference) to say of the missiles that flew his way during the set: "It's just the kids trying to make contact with you.'

The Outlaws, a mid-'70s refried Southern rockaboogie outfit whose one moment of fame come when they supported The Who, viewed things differently. "I don't know who the jerk is who is throwing mud at us, but if I wasn't up here playing I'd come down and kick your ass," growled the singer.

We were obviously moving into the balls-against-the-wall section of the evening. Rock as rebellion, no surrender, the beat of the mythical street. To guitars screeching a million clichés, Saxon, the Bernard Mannings of HM, hit the boards.

"This is rock. This is Saturday night, the rock night. This is Reading, you don't throw things on the rock night," shouted the incredibly articulate Biff Byford. "I wanna hear you say f*** off!"

The continuing popularity of Saxon, while it never ceases to amaze me, can be accounted for fairly easily. They offer, through songs

such as 'Wheels Of Steel', a corny compromise between the bloodblasting edge of Motorhead and the vacuity of mid-Atlantic guitar pyrotechnics. They are about having a beer or two, a headbang and a singalong.

Saxon existed before that mouthful the NWOBHM came into being and they will last long after it has disappeared from the collective consciousness. Biff is Baden Powell on a night off and his little scouts follow him everywhere.

"God, this place is sooo depressing," said Justin aka Slade of New Model Army. "The audience is the most apathetic one I've ever seen and the way the music is so conformist to rock stereotypes is disgusting."

You should have been here yesterday, I told the man prior to stocking up on buckshee EMI drinks and heading out into the arena on a quest for bad acid and, eventually, a trip into the timewarp of Hawkwind.

From the church on the site - I told you it's a well organised event - I could have sworn I heard the hymn 'Rock Of Ages', while a fight broke out between a drunk and a Chinese waiter and The Cherry Bombz failed to detonate. This isn't hysteria this is a hysterectomy . . . or at least, that's how singer Anita Chellamah dances.

As a presentation of sex and sensuality, The Cherry Bombz, more than any other group over the weekend, typified just how sterile the rock crotch strut has become. And the inclusion of ex-Clasher Terry Chimes on drums was also a pointer to the irony of how the minor celebrities of 1977 and all that have ended up regurgitating formulas they would have sneered at a decade ago.

Chiefs Of Relief have at least taken the boily beast into the '80s but they hardly made a dent on the audience at all - despite the presence of ex-Pistol Paul Cook and that old dog of Bow Wow Wow Matthew Ashman compared to . . . wait for it . . . The Enid.

Older than time itself and twice as nutty as extra thick peanut butter, Robert John Godfrey - the goofy, bald and totally bad behemoth of pomp keyboards - has a fanatical following, or maybe he just writes all the letters we receive about The Enid at Sounds himself. To listen to the trio tackle 'Wild Thing' and 'Itchycoo Park', bandaided by a couple of girls in black plastic dresses and boob tubes, was the height of Reading's absurdity.

"This is about a subject you all know about, it's called 'Waiting'," glimmered Slade as New Model Army not only unexpectedly produced the most gripping noises of the weekend but also managed to galvanise the crowd with more subjects to think about than where the next riff was coming from and how much was the scrumpy.

Trapped as I was in the Labour Party tent - having a long and slightly berserk argument with some earnest young men about the

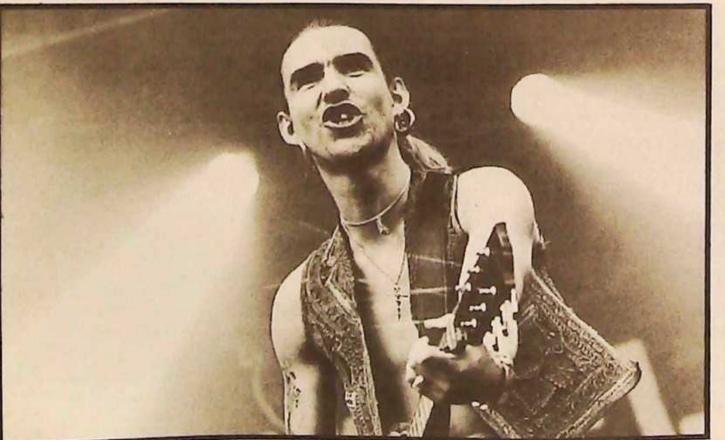
duplicity of Kinnock and the hypocrisy of the trade unions - I hardly caught half of NMA's set, but here are snapper Steve Double's thoughts, for what they're worth: "Great, powerful, quivering with energy, committed, the best thing I've seen during this three day visit to hell."

Politically satiated, I strode out of the Labour Party's gaff to find that hell had been transformed into a passable perfumed garden. Psychedelic colours were enveloping the uniform of crummy denim and leather. The site was starting to look at least half full; the acolytes of Zodiac Mindwarp and Hawkwind had arrived. I broke out the joss sticks,

"It was weird," said Haggis aka Kid Chaos after the Mindwarps had climaxed and the hosepipes had been removed from their trousers. "I've only been out of school for three years and I used to laugh at the kids who used to buy Kerrang! Then I walk onstage and those same kids I used to laugh at are all in the front row going, Aaayup boyo! Strange world isn't it?"

Nah, cosmic baby. Zodiac are the ladder in the stockings which lead to 'High Heel Heaven' and everybody except the most po-faced ideologue can understand the joke. The ultimate laugh, however, may well be on us because the Mindwarps are actually developing into a vivid and original musical troupe.

God help us all.



NMA'S Slade: well, the pork pies in the EMI tent were a little hard

Steve Double



DWIGHT YOAKAM: leader of the pack

Jayne Houghton

DWIGHT ON!

DWIGHT YOAKAM Dingwalls

DWIGHT'S GOT a full house. It's sown onto the sleeve of his black and white shirt and is in the suit of hearts. Very apt, that. Country is supposed to be about wearing your heart on your sleeve, letting the world see the bum deal life's given you. The white man's blues and all that bullshit.

That's what they'd have you believe, only tonight Dwight's playing with a winning hand.

OK, the game is loaded in his favour, but he does his best between songs to play down the drunkards and the so-hip-it-hurts and the saw-him-on-the-telly types with a mildly affected but still disarming honesty. Blue eyes peek out from under his cowboy hat as the man they said was too country for Nashville strums and strolls and struts his band through an encyclopedia of the music beloved by America's common folk.

It's not glitz and showtime and Liberace with a hangover and heartache; it's Hank Williams and Johnny Cash in a sweet, sweat-sodden club of fools, kicking at the terminally ill corpse of modern country crap. In other words, it's back to basics.

It's not because Yoakam is new that a lot of people are getting in a tizz about him.

Precisely the opposite: it's because he's reaching back in time. He's digging up the roots that got buried in the American smash and grab for cash, and those roots are honky-tonk, hillbilly, bluegrass — in fact, everything that preceded rock 'n' roll.

Whereas on the LP 'Guitars, Cadillacs, Etc, Etc', there's a soft edge to the sound, in this grime palace the grit hits the fan like buckshot in the chest. Dwight's ultimate hick voice twangs through the tunes, matched only by the guitar of Pete Anderson, a man who can make his instrument cry and burn with more passion than a thousand rock slobs half his age.

A slozzled Andy Kershaw yells his approval and Dwight dedicates a tune to "a fella I heard likes George Jones. This one's for Nick Cave". Yoakam is a man with a mission, an educator with a song book and a few tricks up his sleeve. When he sends another song out to "the hillbilly cat", it's not until they kickstart the engine of 'Little Sister' that I twig he means Elvis Presley. (Dig out the Sun sessions and you can hear for yourselves.)

But this country melee isn't just the root of rock 'n' roll, it's the heart of it too. And as everybody knows, hearts are trumps.

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Nephilim already boast
much fervent support, the
sort of deadheads I used to
follow Southern Death Cult
around the country with,
sleeping with rats in barns
outside Southport. They don't
chicken dance any more
either. Hey, progress.

Minor fanzine editors argued whether this mess was going to be Electric Ballroom big or Wembley big. I wouldn't rule out the latter.
Nephilim are ugly enough,
gullible enough, rancid
enough, capitalistic enough
to be enormous. Every scrap
of melodrama ever imagined
leaks into their flow and
colours the water. Every last
warmed-over Zep riff is
hauled back for one last blowjob. Every last argument for
the worth of rock is led, by
the ear, off to execution.

Nephilim describe themselves as 'spaghetti metal' and the fanzine editors are rushing off to press. Life can be tiresome. But not for me.

JONH MITDE

HOT HOUSE FLOWERS Dublin Top Hat

WHAT IS it about this phenomenon they call Hot House Flowers that everybody and their mother has deemed them to be cooler than death and the greatest thing since, well, the last greatest thing? What is it about them that they can reduce more than 800 normally sane and ordinary people to a quivering, boogleing mass?

The answer is not in any meticulous hype,

manipulative marketing or groomed image. But, surprise surprise, it's to be found in the music – a ragged soul stew fused with heavy dollops of good time R 'n' B and topped off with some well funky rock 'n' roll.

While most bands can only muster up one half-decent singer, Hot House Flowers have in Maria Doyle and Liam O'Maonlai two expressive and inspired vocalists. Maria can sing the coaxing, teasing, joking 'Show Me A Good Man' while Liam plays the loner on Robert Cray's 'Phone Booth'; Maria can tingle that spine with 'Stormy Monday' while Liam gets into some serious dancing, vocalising and polemic on 'Chain Gang'.

If most of the set comprises obscure soul numbers, their own songs are never wallflowers. 'Are You Happy' is sheer exuberance, while the closing 'Love Don't Work This Way' – a contender for their debut single – is beautifully complete.

With massive understatement, this reviewer will casually predict great things for this band. When you're hot. . . you're hot!

CONOR O'MAHONY

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Then detach the survey by cutting along the dotted line on the left hand side of the facing page (page 35), making sure you don't cut off any of the boxes containing your

answers on page 36!

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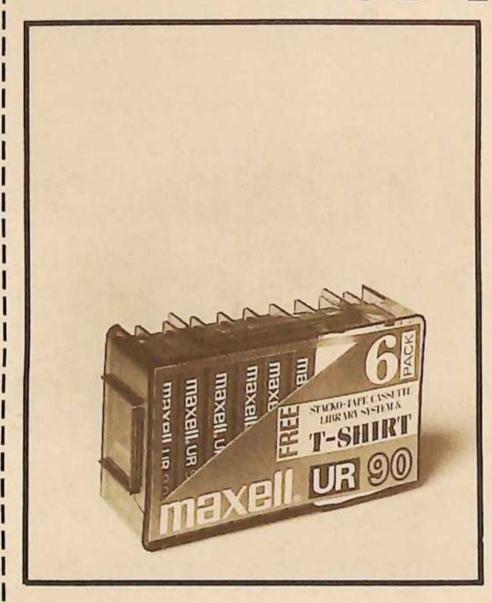
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BLUE IN HEAVEN, the Dublin band who were recently dropped from Art Of Noise's American tour for "musical incompatability" (I), return to Britain for gigs at Leeds Warehouse September 9. Hull Adelphi 10, Leicester Princess Charlotte 11, Hammersmith

JOHN FOXX, The Heavenly Bodies, Sean Bonner and Roger Eno will all be performing specially written pieces at an Echoes Of The Cross Festival at Kennington St Peters Church on September

who've been impressing several Sounds scribes, play Felixstowe

Cavendish Hall September 6, Yeovil's Buddy's 7, Lincoln Balloon

Timebox 24, Bristol Yate Spirals 30, Litchfield Enot's Social Club

Farm 10, Bristol Western Star Domino Club 19, Kentish Town

MEGA CITY FOUR, Captain Tripps and Desperate Dave will be

promoting their joint EP 'We Played Squash With Fergie And

THE DENTISTS, who are re-releasing their 'Down And Out In Paris And Chatham' EP on Tambourine (through Pinnacle), will

be supporting The Martini Sluts at Hammersmith Clarendon

MARSHALL TRIUMPH, a London quartet, plan to "raise Eddie

And Gate September 8, Woolwich Tramshed 9, Kennington

Cochran's zombie and the ghost of T Rex" at Kentish Town Bull

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DUMPY'S RUSTY NUTS pack more dates into their schedule at

Carlisle Stars And Stripes September 4, Ayr Pavillion 5,

Birkenhead Stairways 6, Warrington Lion 20.

Lost' at Woking Old Schoolhouse on September 20.

THE CHESTERFIELDS, beat group contenders from Yeovil

Clarendon 12

6 at 5pm.

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Clarendon 20.

WARLOCK, who've just been over for Donington and released their second album on Vertigo called 'True As Steel', will be back at the end of November as special guests of WASP on their British tour.

GOODBYE MR MacKENZIE, who have their first single out on The Precious Organisation this week - a double A-side called 'The Rattler'/'Candlestick Park' - have Scottish dates at Glasgow University September 5, Aberdeen Venue 6, Edinburgh Buster Browns 8, Wishaw Heathery Bar 16.

JAKE THE PILGRIM aims to put an end to "this mincing pretend psychedelia" at Kentish Town Bull And Gate September 9, Hammersmith Clarendon 24.

THE FARM, the Liverpool combo signed to Fire who have their 'Pastures Old And New' album out next week, play Bristol Tropic Club September 10, Leeds Adam And Eves 17, Manchester Broadwalk 18, Covent Garden Rock Garden 19.

STARS OF HEAVEN, the Dublin band whose 'Clothes Of Pride' indie single got them a deal with Rough Trade, come over to plug their 'Sacred Heart Hotel' mini-album at Herne Hill Half Moon September 3, Bristol Moon Club 6, Fetcham Riverside 7.

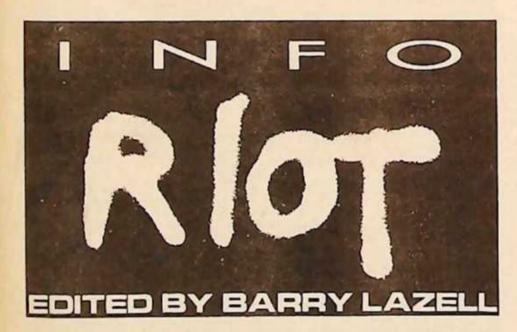
RED LETTER DAY, Portsmouth punksters whose 'Suzie's Bombed Out Tonight' led to a John Peel session and a deal with Quiet Records, have a new 12-inch out called 'Released Emotions' and a string of gigs at Portsmouth Kings Club September 3, Oxford Jericho Club 5, Hastings Crypt 7, Horsham Champagne Club 9, Preston Rumbles 10, Bournemouth Rooftop 12, Camden Dingwalls 21, Hull Adelphi 24, Stevenage The Fold 25, Bradford Royal Standard 26, Folkestone Bottoms October 3.

DANGER ZONE, who came out of the debris of Seconds Of Pleasure and have just had their 'Get Wise' album released by Portrait, have gigs lined up at North Kensington Bay 63 September 20, Clerkenwell Horseshoe October 4, Sydenham Rub-A-Dub 9, Bethnal Green Upstairs at Harry's 22, Brighton Zap Club 25.

FIELDS OF THE NEPHILIM celebrate their first single on Situation Two called 'Power' with gigs at Bath Moles September 5, Brighton Heretics 11, Penzance Demelzas 12, Letchworth Plinston Hall 13, Croydon Underground 14, Dudley JB's 19, Leeds Adam And Eves 23, Carlisle Stars And Stripes 24, Barrow Bluebird 25, Retford Porterhouse 26, Fetcham Riverside October

JUICE ON THE LOOSE stay close to the metropolis this month with gigs at The 100 Club September 5, Putney Half Moon 6, Camden Dublin Castle 12, Croydon Cartoon 13, Hackney Lord Cecil 19, Cricklewood Production Village 20, Camden Dublin Castle 26, Putney Half Moon 27.

STATE OF EMERGENCY, a multi-media group led by singer Steve Marshall who've released a single on their own eponymous label (through Red Rhino) called 'Feel No Way', will be appearing at the Battersea Arts Centre September 20 and Birmingham Midlands Arts Centre October 20.



REMINISCING

ANDREW ASHBRIDGE of Eaglesfield in Cumbria wrote recently to say "I've been trying to piece together an REM discography, but I'm still finding gaps. Any chance of completing one and putting it into Info Riot?"

Well, using the notes Andrew sent and adding in all the other info I could find, I've put together as complete a listing for REM as possible, and I think all straightforward releases by the band are included. What I suspect might be missing are the odds and ends-type compilation appearances, and other imports of note - which is why this is appearing now in this form, so that readers who

have any missing info can supply same for a follow-up.

To start with the UK singles, I think these are actually complete. Like everything by REM, they're all on IRS; the changes of prefix and catalogue number have come about because the label has switched homes from A&M to MCA during the band's career.

PFD 1017 'Radio Free Europe'/'There She Goes Again' (7-inch) Aug 1983

PFB 1026 'Talk About The Passion'/'Shaking Through' (7inch) Nov 1983 (Also on 12inch as PFSX 1026, with two additional tracks, 'Carnival Of Sorts' and '1,000,000')

IRS 105 'S Central Rain'/



THE BIG DISH, Sounds Single Of The Weekers who are playing the Anti-Apartheid gigs at Glasgow Barrowlands on September 5 and 6, have a second stint on September 5 with a late-night gig at Edinburgh Hoochie Coochie, and come down for their first London gig of the year at the Harlesden Mean Fiddler September 15. A college tour is being set up for the autumn.

MOURNBLADE have added three more dates to their British tour this month at Tamworth Arts Centre September 6, Basildon Roundacre 18, Shepherd's Bush Wellington 25.

THE SHAKERS have two dates with fellow Southenders The Wilko Johnson Band at Woolwich Tramshed September 6 and Southend Queens Hotel 13 before starting work on a minialbum.

CRY, a hard rockin' quartet from Barnsley, will be kickin' ass alongside Geneva and Schaeffer at Doncaster Rotters September

THE SMOKING MIRROR, a "shadowy" group from Warwick, promote their 'Ice And Shale' cassette with gigs at Coventry Hand And Heart September 13, Worcester The Albion 26, Tamworth Rat Hole 28, Coventry Pilgrim Club 30

HUGH MASEKELA and Kalahari will be playing a benefit gig for The Botswana International School Of Music at London's Limelight on September 21.

'King Of The Road' (7-inch) Mar 1984 (Also on 12-inch as IRSX 105, with two additional tracks, 'Voice Of Harold' and 'Pale Blue Eyes')

IRS 107 '(Don't Go Back To) Rockville'/'Wolves' (7-inch) Jun 1984 (Also on 12-inch as IRSX 107, with two additional tracks, '9 Minus 9 (Live)' and

IRM 102 'Can't Get There From Here'/'Bandwagon' (7inch) Jul 1985 (Also on 12-inch

IRM 105 'Wendell Gee'/ 'Crazy' (7-inch) Oct 1985 (This one got the multi-format treatment. There was a 12-inch on IRT 105 which had the additional track 'Driver 8 (Live)', and also a 7-inch double-pack on IRMD 105, which had the standard 7-incher plus a second disc containing extra tracks 'Age Of You' and 'Burning Down' - though not 'Driver 8'

Moving on to albums, there

SP 70604 'Murmur' Aug IRSA 7045 'Reckoning' Apr

MIRF 1003 'Fables Of The Reconstruction' Jul 1985 TRS 5783 'Lifes Rich

which was actually a minialbum (or maxi-EP), was never issued in the UK as far as I'm aware, though imported copies were on sale here. Released in the States in September 1982, it was titled 'Chronic Town' (SP 70502), and included the tracks 'Carnival Of Sorts (Boxcars)'/ 'Stumble'/'Wolves, Lower'/ 'Gardening At Night'/ 1,000,000'. This was later

issued in Holland as a 12-inch EP (ILP 26097, in October 1984), with the same tracks,

order. Andrew notes some compilation album appearances thus: 'Gardening At Night' on 'Jamming! A New Optimism' (Situation 2 SITU 11, in June 1984); 'Windout' on the Bachelor Party soundtrack

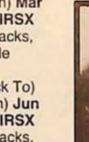
though (I think) in a different

album (IRSA 7051, in Dec 1984); and 'Ages Of You' on 'Live! For Life' (MIRF 1013, in Jul 1986).

He adds: "There are other oddities, such as guitarist Peter Buck appearing on a track on the Dream Academy LP; also several US import singles." Details of these and other bits and pieces are what we'd like.



THE GODFATHERS, who have a double A-side single combining 'I Want Everything' with a version of Rolf Harris' 'Sunarise' out this week, have a couple of London dates arranged at The Marquee September 9 and Kentish Town Town & Country Club (with Robyn Hitchcock) October 10. Provincial gigs are being lined up in between.



'Gardening At Night (Live)'

as IRT 102, with additional track 'Burning Hell')

(Live), note!)

There was also a Dutch 12inch equivalent of the above release (ILSA 12-6587), which had three of the four tracks on the UK double-pack, and substituted 'Driver 8 (Live)' for 'Crazy'

have been three UK releases by the band, as follows:

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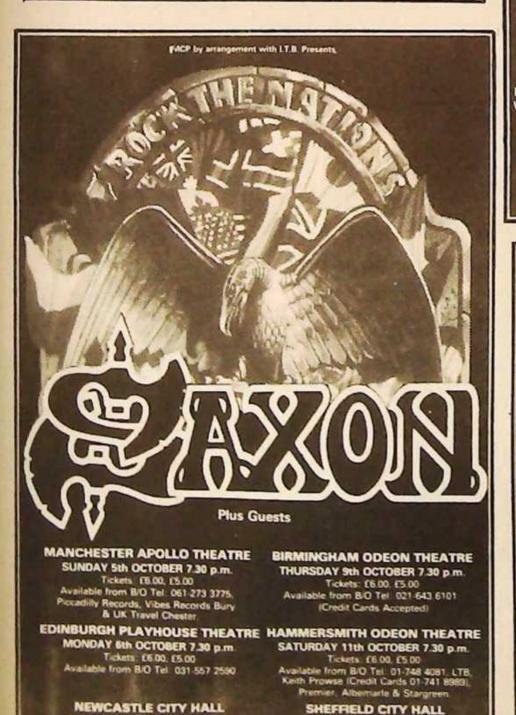
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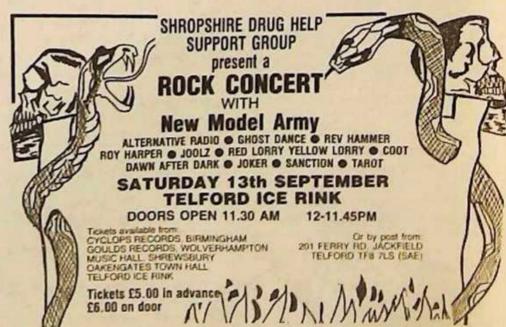
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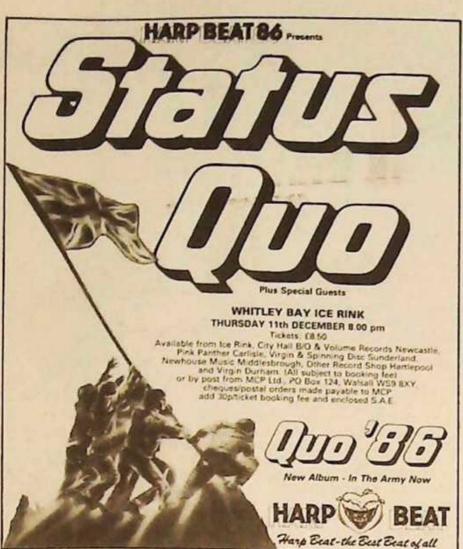
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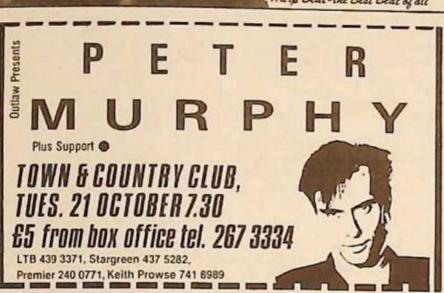
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Edwin Starr will be H.A.P.P.Y. in London's Mean Fiddler on Sunday, as will Happy Mondays but this time on a Thursday and at Acklam Bay 63.

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LONDON Chalk Farm Enterprise Huge Big Massive/Children Held Hostage/ Magnifico

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LONDON Fulham Kings Head (01-736 1413) Every Second Counts LONDON Greenwich Tunnel Club (01-858 0895) Pablo's/Spoilt For Choice/Simon

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LONDON Oxford Street 100 Club (01-636 0933) Demon

LONDON Putney Half Moon (01-788 2387) Kit Packham And The Rhubarb Tarts

LONDON Putney Zeeta's (01-788 2101) Painted Word/In Flight

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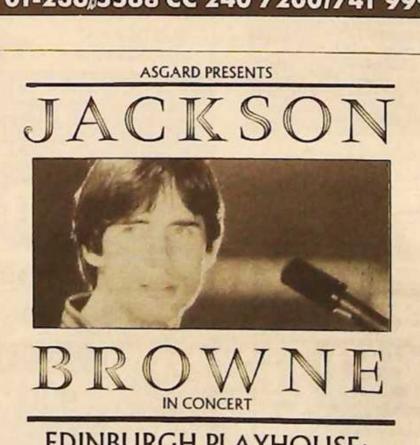
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DEAD CORONATION STREET STARS

- 1 ERNIE BISHOP Murdered in a wages snatch
- 2 LEN FAIRCLOUGH Blew his mind out in a car
- STANLEY OGDEN Old Father Time
- BERT TILSLEY Never recovered from a tyre blowing up in his face 5 JERRY BOOTH Heart attack
- 6 VALERIE BARLOW Ken's first wife, snuffed it in a fire after electrical fault in

8 VERA GEE Wife of Fred, another fire victim

- 7 ALBERT TATLOCK Old Father Time again
- RENEE ROBERTS Wife of Alf, kept death on the road 10 DON ASHTON Kept death off the road and in the canal due to being pissed up
 - on too much Newton And Ridleys Compiled by Tapps, Victoria Street Resistance

INDIE SINGLES

2 — TOKYO STORM WARNING (PART 1) Elvis Costello Imp/

3 LIKE A HURRICANE/GARDEN OF DELIGHT The Mission

5 — THE LAST BULLET IN THE GUN Terry & Gerry Intape

8 16 GIMME GIMME (A MAN AFTER MIDNIGHT) The

10 13 THIS BOY CAN WAIT The Wedding Present Reception

BETTER DEAD THAN WED Class War Mortarhate

5 WILD CHILD Zodiac Mindwarp And The Love Reaction Food

8 UNDERSTANDING JANE The Icicle Works Beggars Banquet

I'M SNIFFING WITH YOU HOO Pop Will Eat Itself Desperate

1 A QUESTION OF TIME Depeche Mode Mute

Demon

Chapter 22

Leather Nun Wire

7 I'M ON FIRE Guana Batz ID

16 17 BLUE MONDAY New Order Factory

30 I SEE RED Frenzy ID

- PRIME MOVER The Leather Nun Wire

BRILLIANT MIND Furniture Stiff

MORNING SIR Bogshed Help Yourself

23 CRYSTAL CRESCENT Primal Scream Creation

42 RUNAWAY Luis Cardenas Consolidated Allied

32 30 ALMOST PRAYED Weather Prophets Creation

33 34 TRUCK TRAIN TRACTOR The Pastels Glass

IMAGES OF FIRE Fatal Charm Native

37 39 HOLY HACK JACK Demented Are Go ID

40 41 E102/SAD? BMX Bandits 53rd & 3rd

42 48 THIS IS NOT LOVE Yeah Jazz Upright

44 22 NEVER SAY DIE Broken Bones Fallout

47 38 DRAG RACING Big Stick Blast First

50 37 BABY I LOVE YOU SO Colourbox 4AD

Merciful Release

48 45 NEW ROSE The Damned Stiff

38 26 RIVER OF NO RETURN Ghost Dance Karbon

41 24 LIVING TOO LATE The Fall Beggars Banquet

39 35 GEORDIE'S GONE TO JAIL The Toy Dolls Volume

43 43 GODSTAR Psychic TV And The Angels Of Light Temple

46 32 HEARTACHE Gene Loves Jezebel Beggars Banquet

49 36 OI! AIN'T DEAD Condemned '84 RFB Recordings

45 25 MEXICO SUNDOWN BLUES James Ray And The Performance

BODY AILMENTS

20 14 CRUMMY STUFF The Ramones Beggars Banquet

21 15 TRUMPTON RIOTS Half Man Half Biscuit Probe Plus

THE SINGER Nick Cave And The Bad Seeds Mute

28 IS THERE ANYONE OUT THERE Mighty Mighty Girlie

LIKE AN ANGEL The Mighty Lemon Drops Dreamworld

BOOKS ON THE BONFIRE The Bolshoi Beggars Banquet

BABY'S ON FIRE The Creepers And Marc Riley Intape

WHOLE WIDE WORLD The Soup Dragons Subway

THE DRAIN TRAIN Cabaret Voltaire Doublevision

35 47 BIGMOUTH STRIKES AGAIN The Smiths Rough Trade

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3 2 PANIC The Smiths Rough Trade

6 HEARD IT ALL Bodines Creation

7 10 HEART FULL OF SOUL Ghost Dance Karbon

4 SERPENTS KISS The Mission Chapter 22

9 HAPPY HOUR The Housemartins Go! Discs

HOT METAL 60

SINGLES

- 1 1 YOU GIVE LOVE A BAD NAME Bon Jovi Vertigo
- 2 YOU SHOOK ME ALL NIGHT LONG AC/DC Atlantic
- 3 WAITING FOR THE NIGHT Saxon Parlophone
- 4 2 RED SKY Status Quo Vertigo
- 5 ROCK 'N' ROLL MERCENARIES Meat Loaf With John Parr Arista
- 6 4 THE ULTIMATE SIN/LIGHTNING STRIKES Ozzy Osbourne Epic
- 7 3 YANKEE ROSE David Lee Roth Warner Brothers
- 6 AMERICAN GIRLS FM Portrait
- 5 DREAMS Van Halen Warner Brothers
- 7 LONELY NIGHT Magnum Polydor
- 8 WHY CAN'T THIS BE LOVE Van Halen Warner Brothers
- 12 11 DEAF FOREVER Motorhead GWR
- 9 WILD CHILD WASP Capitol
- 14 10 THE DIO EP Dio Vertigo
- 15 12 STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART Bryan Adams A&M
- 13 WHO MADE WHO AC/DC Atlantic
- 17 15 WILD THING Jeff Beck Epic
- 18 WHEN THE HEART RULES THE MIND GTR Arista
- 19 16 TURN TO STONE Legs Diamond Music For Nations
- 20 14 MAD HOUSE Anthrax Island



QUEENSRYCHE, with a dose of Keeganitis

ALBUMS

- 1 2 EAT 'EM AND SMILE David Lee Roth Warner Brothers
- 1 ORGASMATRON Motorhead GWR
- 3 5 RAGE FOR ORDER Queensryche EMI America
- 4 19 NIGHT SONGS Cinderella Mercury
- 5 3 THE ULTIMATE SIN Ozzy Osbourne Epic
- 6 12 WHO MADE WHO AC/DC Atlantic
- 7 8 5150 Van Halen Warner Brothers
- 8 10 QR III Quiet Riot Epic
- 9 13 RECKLESS Bryan Adams A&M
- 10 23 ON A STORYTELLER'S NIGHT Magnum FM
- 11 RESTLESS AND WILD Accept CBS
- 12 4 HEART Heart Capitol
- 13 15 ROCKIN' EVERY NIGHT (LIVE IN JAPAN) Gary Moore 10
- 14 16 UNDER LOCK AND KEY Dokken Elektra
- 15 TURBO Judas Priest CBS
- 16 7 SPREADING THE DISEASE Anthrax Music For Nations
- 17 14 LIGHTNING STRIKES Loudness WEA International
- 6 INTERMISSION Dio Vertigo
- 19 THRILL OF A LIFETIME King Kobra FM/Revolver
- 20 11 GTR GTR Arista
- 21 22 RAISED ON RADIO Journey CBS
- 22 PYROMANIA Def Leppard Vertigo
- 23 LIVE AFTER DEATH Iron Maiden EMI 24 28 SILK AND STEEL Giuffria MCA
- 9 MASTER OF PUPPETS Metallica Music For Nations
- 26 25 MISPLACED CHILDHOOD Marillion EMI
- 27 17 AFTERBURNER ZZ Top Warner Brothers
- 28 18 ELIMINATOR ZZ Top Warner Brothers
- 29 24 THEATRE OF PAIN Motley Crue Elektra
- 30 27 THE FINAL FRONTIER Keel Vertigo

IMPORTS

- 1 SLIPPERY WHEN WET Bon Jovi Vertigo
- 2 1 DANGEROUS GAMES Alcatrazz Capitol
- 3 YELLOW AND BLACK ATTACK Stryper Enigma
- 4 FIGHT TO SURVIVE White Lion Victor
- 5 2 THE SPORT OF KINGS Triumph MCA
- 6 6 LOOK WHAT THE CAT DRAGGED IN Poison Enigma
- 7 DEPTHS OF DEATH Sentinel Beast Roadrunner
- 8 3 I LIKE IT LOUD Illusion GHS
- 9 FIFTH ANGEL Fifth Angel Shrapnel
- 10 TOO LATE TO PREY Cerebus New Renaissance

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FATAL CHARM, fresh from a trip to Leatherworld

- 1 KICKING AGAINST THE PRICKS Nick Cave And The Bad Seeds Mute
- 2 1 THE QUEEN IS DEAD The Smiths Rough Trade
- WATCH YOUR STEP Ted Hawkins Gull
- 2 LONDON O HULL 4 The Housemartins Go! Discs
- 5 3 HIGH PRIEST OF LOVE Zodiac Mindwarp And The Love Reaction Food
- 6 5 GIANT The Woodentops Rough Trade
- 4 GIFT The Sisterhood Merciful Release
- 8 16 CLOCKWORK TOY Frenzy ID
- MAJOR MALFUNCTION Keith Le Blanc World
- 10 29 IN SICKNESS AND IN HEALTH Demented Are Go ID
- 11 THUNDERHEAD The Janitors Intape
- 12 18 VICTORIALAND Cocteau Twins 4AD
- 8 STEP ON IT Bogshed Help Yourself
- 14 15 RUM SODOMY AND THE LASH The Pogues Stiff
- 15 17 BORN SANDY DEVOTIONAL The Triffids Hot
- 16 12 BACK IN THE DHSS Half Man Half Biscuit Probe Plus
- 17 19 A DATE WITH ELVIS The Cramps Big Beat
- 18 SLOW DEATH The Leather Nun Wire
- 19 9 ONLY STUPID BASTARDS HELP EMI Conflict Model Army
- 20 13 MANIC POP THRILL That Petrol Emotion Demon
- 21 6 DISCOVER Gene Loves Jezebel Beggars Banquet
- 22 11 BLACK CELEBRATION Depeche Mode Mute
- 23 24 UNCARVED BLOCK Flux One Little Indian
- 24 7 BEST BEFORE 1984 Crass Crass
- 25 10 EVOL Sonic Youth Blast First
- 26 14 CONTENDERS Easterhouse Rough Trade
- 27 27 TWO KAN GURU Big Flame Ron Johnson
- 28 26 WALKING THE GHOST BACK HOME Bible Backs
- 29 21 SHOULD THE WORLD FAIL TO FALL APART Peter Murphy **Beggars Banquet**
- 30 22 OUT OF MY WAY Meat Puppets SST Compiled by Spotlight Research

- 1 SEX CRIME (1984) Eurythmics
- 2 THE AGE OF CONSENT Bronski Beat
- 3 TOO MUCH TOO YOUNG The Specials 4 ACCENT ON YOUTH Ultravox
- 5 DOES YOUR MOTHER KNOW? Abba
- 6 STRANGE LITTLE GIRL The Stranglers
- 7 TEENAGE KICKS The Undertones

- 10 GRANDAD Clive Dunn

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BILL WYMAN

- 8 EVER FALLEN IN LOVE (WITH SOME YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE)? Buzzcocks
- 9 OLDEST SWINGER IN TOWN Fred Wedlock

1 LOOK WART YOU DUN Slade

- 2 WE GOITRE GET OUT OF THIS PLACE The Animals
- 3 THE BOILS ARE BACK IN TOWN Thin Lizzy
- 4 PIMPLE WIZARD The Who
- 5 MR GANGRENE MAN The Byrds
- ARE FRIENDS EPILEPTIC? Gary Numan
- GREEN BUNIONS Booker T And The MGs WHILE MY CATARRH GENTLY WEEPS The Beatles
- 9 ALLERGY IN THE UK Sex Pistols
- 10 24 HOURS FROM ULCER Gene Pitney

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WHAT LADS OWN

- 1 BLACK ESCORT XR 3
- 2 FALSE ROLEX
- 3 ZIPPO LIGHTER
- 4 WEST HAM SEASON TICKET
- ESSEX CRICKET CLUB MEMBERSHIP 6 JACKET FROM GEE 2

- 7 SPOTTY BOXER SHORTS
- 8 STELLA ARTOIS IN THE DRINKS CABINET
- 9 CD PLAYER
- 10 TOWELLING SOCKS

Compiled by The 'Glen Lord thinks he is, but he isn't Society

INETECH

Laney Linebacker, Casio and Yamaha books, Westone Clipper Six and Roland TR-505 reviewed. Three pages edited by Tony Mitchell

LANEY LINEBACKER 65R COMBO £230.78 QQQ VVV

HOW MANY times have you heard it claimed that a new transistor guitar amp sounds so close to a valve type that you won't be able to tell the difference? How many times have you discovered that it's just not true?

In most cases amp
manufacturers have
(sensibly) given up even the
pretence of their products
being able to do it, and
console themselves (and
attempt to console guitarists)
by saying things like, Who
wants valve sound amps
anyway? They're not
fashionable. The truth, of
course, is quite the opposite,
the vast majority of pro
players sticking resolutely to
their bottles, regardless.

It's unfortunate that so much bull has flown in the past, however, because if we hadn't grown paranoid about such claims, Laney could perfectly justifiably say they've 'cracked' the valve sound problem with their new Linebacker range. Instead they keep that aspect fairly low-profiled in their publicity - just the initials DPC being used to describe what is, or seems to me to be, a major breakthrough in guitar amp technology.

The Linebacker series includes both guitar and bass models, the former coming in 30, 50, 65 and 100 watt combo versions plus a 100 watt head. The model I spirited away from the Cradley Heath heroes for review was the single 12-inch-speakered 65 watter.

Medium sized and weighing 40lb, the Linebacker is well constructed and sensibly equipped with connection facilities which include FX send and return, on-board speaker jack, DI output and headphones.

A genuine and fully equipped twin channel amp, the Linebacker has three inputs, one each for individual access to the channels plus a third which combines the two and lets you footswitch between

LINE OF ATTACK



LINEBACKER 65 REVERB: undoubtedly the best 'valve sound' combo yet

them at will. The footswitch, by the way, connects to a socket on the extreme left of

the front panel.
Green LEDs indicate which channel is in use, the rhythm channel (A) having gain, bass, middle, treble and channel master volume, Channel B

providing the same line-up, except that each control has an extra 'pull/boost' setting. A third control stage offers overall master level, presence and reverb.

The beauty of having all these facilities is that, while it might take you a little longer to familiarise yourself with what does what, the sheer range of sounds you can create is pretty exceptional. The rhythm channel, for example, not only has the usual tone controls, but they actually work! Even better, you can use the channel pre-

gain and master to set-up anything from a sparkling clean sound for a Tele through a rough-edged street fighting chord rasp to vast rhythmic mayhem.

pic: Gary Cooper

Even better than this, you can achieve these sounds at surprisingly low outputs

because the two gains work independently of the overall master control.

On channel two, a good story gets even better. Here the access to versatile sounds is enhanced by those pull/boosts.

But the presence of these (admittedly copious) facilities doesn't even begin to tell you what it is that makes the Linebacker so good. The key to that lies in the DPC (Dynamic Power Control) circuitry, which isn't just another of those infernal "fuzz box in a chip" devices, but seeks to simulate some of the complex ways in which a valve amp loads a speaker. This phenomenon has been understood for some while now, but (as far as I'm aware) no one else has yet managed to find a way of duplicating it.

Of course, there's more to the DPC system and the Laney's resultant sound than the way it drives and handles the 12-inch Fane speaker, and some of the circuitry in the Linebacker is both very clever and well disguised against prying eyes.

The result of this electronic sorcery is a sound the like of which I've never heard before coming from a tranny amp – it's quite incredible.

Moreover, not only does the Linebacker sound like a steaming valve amp when you wind it up to full overdrive, but it also manages to have many of the desirable qualities which valve amps exhibit when they're being used clean.

Again, because of the ability to balance the pre and post gains on this channel with the overall output master, you can produce these sounds at incredibly low levels, which suits the Linebacker for recording and practice work as well.

There's any number of good tranny amps around today, but when I add together all the separate advantages the Linebacker offers, I can't think of another product to touch it. The best tranny combo yet?
Undoubtedly!

GARY COOPER

PRINT OUT

THE CASIO CZ BOOK
David Crombie & Paul
Wiffen

(Amsco/Wise £5.95)

Various authors
(Amsco £8.95)

keyboard Technology has progressed to the stage where the talk is not so much about individual instruments

any more, but about

concepts, systems, and company philosophies.

Over the past two years, Casio and Yamaha have enjoyed colossal success with their own individually developed sound-producing and sound-manipulating technologies: Casio with their Phase Distortion – born out of a gigantic multi-purpose

concept instrument named

Cosmo - and Yamaha with

FM and the resultant 'X'

series of instruments.

It is not that strange, perhaps, to find that both companies' concepts have similarities. Digitally based – of course – both concepts have spawned instruments other than pure keyboards (drum machines and sequencers), and both remain shrouded in a certain amount of mystery as to precisely what's going on and how best they can be applied.

The synchronicity continues with the publication of two books under separate authorship, which set out to de-mystify concepts, provide historical backgrounds on, and generally champion their respective causes.

The first is written by longserving techno buff, musician, and business person Dave Crombie, along with the celebrated quickchange artist Paul Wiffen – who seems to pop up weekly in an ever-changing, never-ending series of company hats. Both, then, are vastly experienced in all aspects of keyboard/hi-tech life.

Sadly The Casio CZ Book does neither of them justice, since it appears as a hastily strung together series of rehashes of various Casio manuals, with little or no personal input.

It kicks off with an awkwardly titled chapter called What Synthesis Is. In this instance, it is standard Crombie fare concerning electronic oscillations and the disturbance of air particles in front of speakers. I've said it before and I'll say it again: this is all fascinating stuff if you're terminally dull already. Moreover, none of it you need to know in order to extract considerable mileage out of Casio (or any other make of) synthesisers.

What follows is a detailed run down on all parameters found on Casio CZ synths.
Well, some of it may be a little more specific than the manual but it fails to shed more light on the subject, and

the book fails completely if you are looking to it to simplify or ease programming. No tips, no suggestions, nothing. The lack of such an approach is all the more surprising when you read the interview with Casio demonstrator Richard Young, at the back of the book.

"... Square waves and drawing patterns on graphs etc. I don't think you really need to know any of that when you program a synthesiser because you can always hear what you actually program. I think you can do it by ear and 'feeling it' rather than bothering too much about the technicalities of how the sound is structured."

Where the book does have some practical application is simply in its covering of Casio synths, sequencer and drum machine under one roof. However, even this aspect becomes less significant when I still find no information on why, exactly, my SZ-1 goes berserk when being externally clocked or why it seems to think that 17

semi-quavers fit snugly into 4/4 time, etc.

On the second, Yamaha book, I must first declare a personal interest: I was 'editorially consulted' on the translation from Japanese. Sadly I can take no credit for the content, concept, or layout of the work – all of which are of an immeasurably higher standard than the Casio book.

Where the Digital X Book scores is in its professional and clear approach to all things 'X'. OK, so you won't find FM magically appearing as some easy-peasy programming system either. But the breadth of the book (both in number of instruments dealt with - 19 in all - and in its dealing with combinations of instruments and their applications) makes it an invaluable source of reference for anyone owning recent Yamaha equipment.

First, each of the 19
instruments (all DX and TX,
KX, QX and RX models, as
well as CX5M software) are
explained in reasonable detail
with particular attention
being payed to their MIDI

aspects.

After a brief expo of MIDI itself is a most useful section entitled Connecting Up The 'X' Series, in which all manner of combinations are suggested and described (with pics). In addition comes the Practical Manual, which offers tips on live techniques, recording techniques etc, introducing various pieces of Yamaha outboard gear into the bargain.

Although not actively involved with the production of the book, Dave Bristow gets in on the act with a short Dave Bristow Workshop – outlining his set-ups, philosophy on FM, and sundry observations based loosely around the TX816, of which he is undoubtedly the master.

This is a Yamahacommissioned book. But as such it does not come across as some sort of PR exercise at all; simply as an authoritive tome written by people who both know and care about what they're doing.

JULIAN COLBECK

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WESTONE CLIPPER SIX £149 QQQ VVV

I'VE WAFFLED on quite a bit in these pages about the way in which Korea's guitar makers are beginning to challenge their Japanese adversaries, and the recent launch of Westone's latest low-priced cheapie, the Clipper Six, is proof of how seriously this threat is being taken.

Although Westones have always offered better-thanaverage value for money, even this line is threatened by the ever-improving Koreans and their bargain prices. For the answer, they turned to their UK distributor FCN (and in particular Mark Ray) to come up with a design that could be made in Japan, bear the Westone name, and yet sell at Korean money. The result is the Westone Clipper

You'd be badly demented if you expected a Pantera for your £149. But money aside,

Westone have done a typically good job on this guitar. Tele-like in its body shape, fitted with a maple neck which terminates in a conventional two sided headstock, the Westone is unassuming but not unattractive.

To keep the price down, the body has been put together from 'laminated hardwoods' (presumably something like arboretum orangeboxium?). This might matter if we were talking about a £300 guitar, but it's hard to see any disadvantages at this price especially as it's just what you'd get from the majority of its Korean competitors.

The Clipper's hardware, on the other hand, is a sight better than you'll find on the majority of Korean guitars. Even though the machines look a little on the cheap side, for example, they're far tighter and better made than you usually get for this much cash. And their quality is matched down on the bridge too, which is a conventional



Fender copy, with the strings terminating through the body.

The 22-fret neck, meantime, is fast and very good to handle - again a huge improvement on much of the competition. Access to the top of the slim-fretted rosewood fingerboard is excellent, and unless you particularly like jumbo frets, then it's going to be the sort of feature which any player will enjoy.

Speaking purely personally, I hate the use of satin finishes on the back of a guitar neck another of the Clipper's features - but I'm prepared to accept that I'm in a minority.

Perhaps more to the point, though, is how well this guitar had been set-up. If they all reach the shops in this condition, then I can think of one or two other manufacturers who are going to have to pull their socks up! To say that the action was low, that the (ultra-light) strings were good and that the guitar played perfectly just as it came from the box would be an understatement. Good on yer, FCN!

Your £150 or thereabouts doesn't usually buy you such build quality, nor, come to that, can you reasonably expect a sound with much character. But here again the Clipper Six has surprises in store. For example, what looks like a bridge positioned humbucker is, in fact, two single coil pick-ups placed together. Controlling these pick-ups are two metal flick

switches (on/off for each) plus an easy-grip rotary volume control. No tone controls are provided - but how often do you use them anyway?

Character, as I say, is definitely a strong point on the Clipper. With the rear pick-up 'on', you can get a satisfying, sharp-edged rhythm sound replete with bags of 'chug' and capable of sounding sparkling and jangly - a particularly fine sound for rhythm playing through a chorus pedal, in fact.

Combine the two pick-ups. however, and you effectively have them working in parallel (but not as humbuckers), in which case they work together to give a good raspy lead sound with quite a substantial output. Having said that, the Clipper isn't really a lead guitar, as such. As it lacks a trem and with the pick-ups arranged as they are, most players will probably use it more for funky or general rhythm playing although, unless you really do demand a trem, there's no real reason why you couldn't use it for lead.

Well made, fitted with good hardware, excellently finished and set-up, the Westone Clipper Six would be an ideal beginner's guitar, although more experienced players shouldn't overlook it either.

Judged by the current competition the Clipper Six is a definite 'best buy'!

GARY COOPER

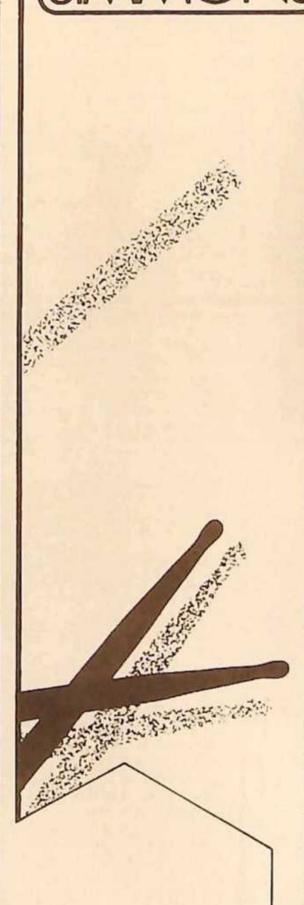
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RATINGS: QQQ - absolute perfection; QQ - good quality; Q - naff; VVV - a real bargain; VV - a fair price; V - definitely overpriced. Prices are full list unless otherwise stated





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ROLAND TR-505 RHYTHM COMPUTER £249 QQQ VVV

THE TR-505 is a relatively new Roland product, yet such has been the volume of its sales over the few months since it was introduced that reviewing it now seems like meeting an old friend.

And in many respects, it is an old friend, if, like many drum machine users, you have a soft spot for the somewhat idosyncratic but always imaginative Roland approach to rhythm programming.

Where it scores highly is in the sheer amount of facilities on offer from such a cheap machine. Digital voicing provides 16 drum and latin percussion sounds, programming and playing is greatly aided by the large liquid crystal window which displays all 'vital signs' simultaneously, there are 48 preset rhythms as well as 48 programmable memories, and of course there's MIDI, which greatly expands the ways the TR-505 can be used.

The 16 instruments are represented by large black buttons spread across most of the width of this compact, smart, matt grey plastic casing in two decks. These buttons double up for various operational functions.

Above these is a row of smaller grey function buttons, plus tempo and volume knobs.

Familiarisation is greatly aided by the accompanying manual, which is a darn sight easier and more logical to follow than some of Roland's previous efforts. There's a demonstration program which let's you check that everything's connected up and functioning.

And then if you're really lazy, you might be quite happy to construct your first half dozen or so hits from the preset rhythm patterns alone.

Once you've exhausted these, however, you'll want to go on to 'track write' mode, which enables you to program either by step or tap method. The tap method is best for anyone who finds it difficult to visualise rhythm patters graphically.

But for fast or complex structures, or for players more familiar with musical notation, the combination of the 16 instrument buttons (which in step mode become 16th-note position buttons) with the childlike simplicity of the LCD graphics, is a rhythmic sketchpad on which to doodle endlessly or create precise, fine art.

Most aids to quick and satisfying results are on hand, if not always obvious without consulting the manual. Editing is very simple, and greatly speeded by the use of 'back' and 'forward' buttons which allow you to 'drop in' changes or corrections at any stage in the game. You can swap effortlessly from step to tap mode as required.

Chaining patterns, copying, inserting and deleting are similarly catered for. There's also 'block playing' which allows you to run a whole sequence of patterns through from 'left to right' simply by pressing the first and last pattern numbers. There's even a footswitch facility for start-stop – great for all us

one man bands/studios.

The internal memory gives you about enough room for six songs (the window shows 'FUL' when it's all used up) and programs can be dumped to tape in the usual manner. On the MIDI front, you have only to hear the TR-505 linked up to Roland's Octopads to understand what kind of creative freedom this offers. Which brings me, last but not least, on to the quality of the voices. Generally speaking, they've been well pitched and constructed, and in complete rhythm patterns, they sound very convincing.

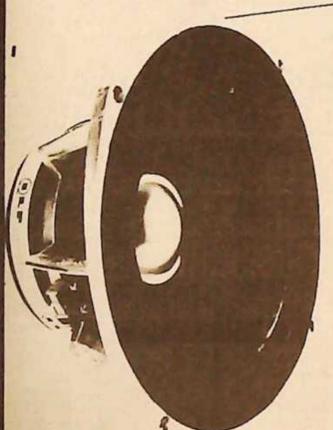
Individual analysis does, however, show up the limitations imposed by economy. Several of the longer-decay sounds, such as low conga, timbale, low, mid and hi toms, exhibit an overtone of electronic 'buzz' rather like undamped midrange speaker cab vibration, and, along with otherwise good crash and ride cymbals and open hi-hat, suffer somewhat from being cut off in their prime, decaywise. Bass drum and snare are both beefy - good 'average' choices - there are low and high cowbells of which the latter is prone to a slight 'beepy' overtone, the handclap's useable if a little toytown, and the high conga, closed hi-hat and rim shot are good standard fare.

There is no on-board EQ, but individual volumes (including accent volume) can be preset-programmed for each instrument. The resultant sound can be heard in glorious stereo or inglorious mono.

As you'd expect, the raw sounds of the TR-505 can be greatly enhanced by judicious use of reverb. Problems such as lack of decay length are then easily overcome, and one realises what a superb basic tool, for the money, the TR-505 really is.

TONY MITCHELL

AT LAST TRUE BASS POWER FROM A 12" SPEAKER



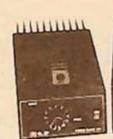
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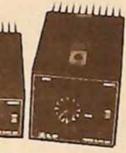
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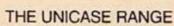
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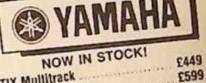
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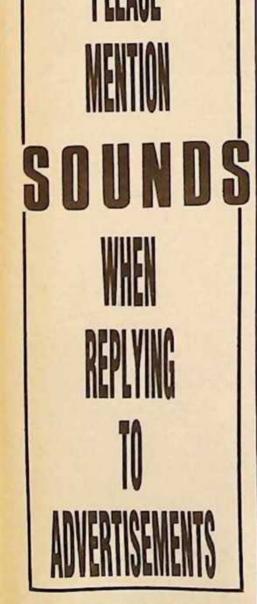
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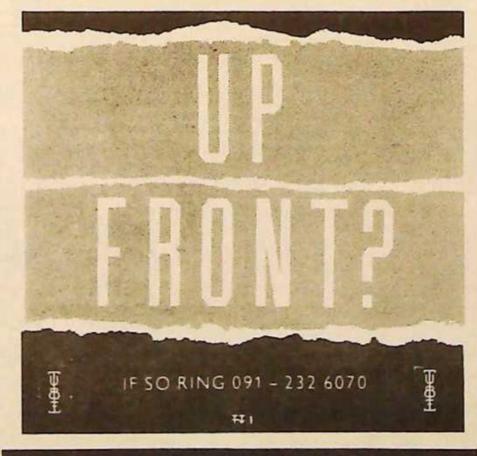
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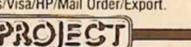
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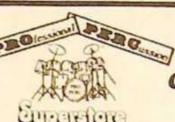
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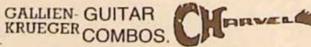
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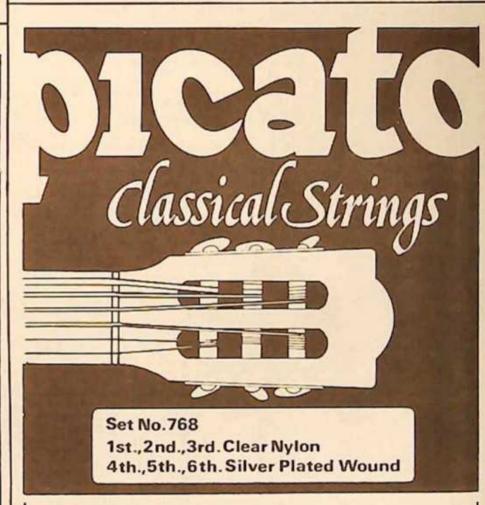


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