



Alec Bathgate, Chris Knox, Mike Dooley and Phil Judd.

within the band. A shame because they were building up quite a following in Dunedin and they looked all set to tour Australia next year.

Recent **Clean** end of year Polytech gig marred by bad P.A., but the band continue to go from strength to strength with David Kilgour much improved as lead guitarist. Bassist Mick Dawson has left the **Enemy** (replacement is Phil Judd) and is back in Dunedin to reform **Heavenly Bodies**, famous for their great Animals and Kinks cover versions. Co-guitarist Hayden Olssen has left **After Dark** but they have replaced him with keyboards player Murray Stewart to fill out their sound. The band has just completed a very impressive three week stint at the Prince of Wales, their first regular work for a while. **Cruze** are going through an unsettled period at the moment which may result in personnel changes in the new year.

Disco is still popular down here, goddammit, and the Lion Tavern have installed a disco set-up which may phase out live acts in the near future. Not encouraging for the local bands short of work.
George Kay and Keith Tannock.

RUMOURS

Citizen Band are leaving New Zealand. The group which was recently voted Most Promising Group of '78 by the Recording Industry Association is leaving for a twelve day national tour of Western Samoa. CB have recently changed record companies from Mandrill to CBS... Since the firing of saxist, Brett Salter, the **Suburban**

Reptiles have disintegrated. **Phil Judd**, who played briefly with the Reptiles, is now playing bass for the **Enemy** although a name change is in the offing... **Dennis Mason** (ex-Redeye) is playing with **Rough Justice** for dates in early '79. The Rougho's have been rehearsing plenty of new stuff lately... So has **Rick Steele** with his Hot Biscuit Band with Dave Maybee (guit), Mike Parker (bass) and Paul Kunac (drums)... **The Rockets** have added ex-Chapeaux vocalist, Al Hunter... Annette Morrison is no

longer with **Spatz**. Bruno is guesting with the group on sax occasionally. The band are soon to put down demos at Marmalade studios... **Golden Harvest's** single "I Need Your Love" has gone gold. The group's album is in the shops now... **Living Force** are back after recording in USA and will appear at the Nam-bassa Festival... **Berlin** have a new bass player (Mark Two) and new guitarist (Steve Roach)... **Larry Morris** has signed with Polygram Records. His new single is "Best is Yet to Come"... A big outdoor show is scheduled for New Year's Eve at Gisborne with the Alastair Riddell Band, Rough Justice, Sphinx and three others... **The Streets** from Palm. Nth are touring the North Island... seems that the guitarist in the latest Lion Breweries imported black US band couldn't play a Pablo Cruise guitar solo, so **Ready To Roll** technician George Barris played and our hip, funky muso mimed. I ask you... Rumours are rife that **Noel Crombie** is leaving Enz to record solo album for Jagat Siddha Swarup Goswami Prabhupad Records with Pit Hopkins producing... the **Split Enz** entered a Welsh studio recently to start recording their fourth album with **Mallory Earl** producing and Peter Woodward engineering. Tentative title is *Here We Go Again*...
Vince Eager and L.B. Sands

CHRISTCHURCH

Mollett Street as a venue for rock bands is no more. The very Last Mollett Street was held in early December and the line-up included reformations of **The Vandals** and **The Doomed** amongst other old favourites. (This is written before the actual last night so I don't know a hell of a lot, do I?). The closure is a result of structural problems (and a bit of niggles with owners). Now that the demand for such a place is obviously there, organisers are looking for a suitable replacement venue... here's hoping... **Flint**, of **Super Cyril** fame, have had a lead change, Blair Allchurch from **Vapour and the Trails** replaces Mark Wootton.

Three Christchurch Bands are to be on the telly in near future. On Starzone (Dec 16) you will have the pleasure of viewing **Bon Marche**, **Shannon** and a specially formed one! So now you can all see what CHCH swings to, apart from Labour.

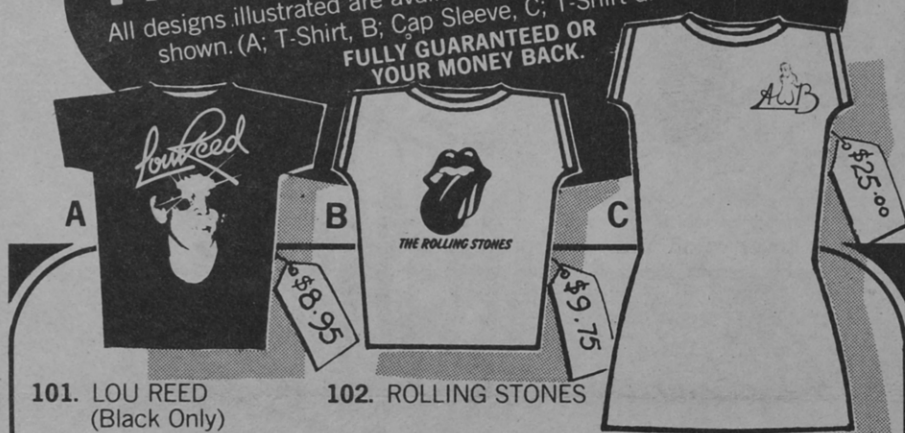
Negotiations are currently underway to get a series of open-air concerts for the coming summer months. Bands to appear will include hopefully all of what the Cave Rock is bringing into town. And what is the Cave Rock bringing into town? Expect **Lip Service**, **Citizen Band**, **Alastair Riddell**, **Reel to Real** and **Th' Dudes**. And by the time you've seen all that lot it'll be 1979... Happy new year.
M. Moore

DUNEDIN

Bare Wires, who recently supported Peter Frampton at his Christchurch concert, are splitting up after Christmas apparently because of the increasingly divergent musical directions

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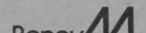


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