



SMALL STUFF

Pauline Murray, Penetration

The **Bee Gees** split rumour is untrue. They are currently working on their new studio album, Barry's producing the next Barbra Streisand, Robin's producing soulster Jimmy Ruffin and Maurice is writing the music for RSO flick *The Fan.* They will tour Europe in Sept 1980... what happened to Willy De Ville and his band? After releasing two albums and recording a third, Capitol Records sacked **Mink De Ville.** The songs on the unreleased album were written by Willy with veteran writer Doc Pomus and recorded in Paris. Currently Willy's recording tunes with Jack Nitzsche for Al Pacino movie *Cruising* ... speaking to *Rolling Stone* mag about the final **Little Feat** album, *Down On The Farm*, Bill Payne said, "it would have turned out differently if Lowell was alive. He would have wanted to replace a few slide or vocal parts. It's not a perfect album but the stuff he did is great." The future? "Little Feat just do not exist without Lowell," said Payne... rumour has it that there's a Dylan bootleg (*Manchester Parade*) with several of his new songs with presaved lyrics. At his recent San Francisco concert he didn't play songs recorded prior to *Slow Train Coming*. Dylan performed his eighteen song set with top musicians (Jim Kneltner, Tim Drummond, Spooner Oldham and Fred Tackett) and a gospel pianist and chorus. Less than a third of the 2,200 strong audience stayed for the encores ... **Penetration** have decided to split. Pauline Murray told *NME*, "I wanted it to be fun, not to be always thinking



about hit singles, cracking America and writing for the next LP ... guitarist for the Only Ones, John Perry, was arrested in Minnesota for speedy driving. He caused a stir at the jail 'cause no way were the local crims gonna have a punk rocker staying overnight ... Roxy Music have recorded all the backing tracks for their follow-up to Manifesto.—Only Bryan Ferry's lyrics remain to be added. Keyboards player Dave Skinner has left and Ferry did the tinkling on the new recordings ... a London divorce court has ended Bianca and Mick's marriage. The financial settlement has not been disclosed ... Talking Heads are not happy about plans to re-title their jaunty little number, "Life During Wartime" — to make it more acceptable to USA radio ... the Ontario Court of Appeal rejected attempts to change Keith Richards' sentence ... it's likely that Mitch Ryder and the Detroit Wheels will support Bruce Springsteen on his UK tour. Lynn Goldsmith, rock photographer and Bruce's ex-girlfriend is sueing Bruce for three million bucks, for public embarrassment and damage to her career, after he dragged her onstage at the MUSE concert. Springsteen fanzine, Rolling Stone neglected to report all that Bruce said on stage. The grapevine reports that Bruce was a mite abusive ... look out for a MUSE two or three LP set with a 16 page booklet about the concerts

and the issues and performances by Springsteen, Petty, Poco, Doobies, Jackson Browne, Tosh, Ry Cooder, Bonnie Raitt, John Hall and more. The MUSE board (Brown, Hall etc) is producing assisted by producers of individual artists, such as Jon Landau and Peter Asher... the slogan to promote Nicolette Larson newie. In the Nick of Time, is GET THE NICK (theyeven use the Knack's 'Futura' typeface)... new names around include the Sex Beatles, Spelling Missteaks, Surf Punks and Elektra LA signing Naughty Sweeties... the Dead Kennedy's vocalist polled a weak fourth (three percent of votes) in the San Francisco mayoral election ... new labels for label-mongers. Nick Lowe is punkabilly and Police, Blondie etc are MOW (middle-of-the-wave)... Carlene Carter newie is Two Sides to Every Woman. Hubble, Nick Lowe, is in Holland producing the new Costello. Carlene told Cashbox, "the last phone call cost about \$300." They've written several songs together (some over the phone).... in time for the UK Xmas is Sid Vicious solo outing consisting of various tapes Virgin records own/or have purchased of Sid upfront of the Pistols or with New York musicians. DOA (Dead On Arrival), Lech Kowalski's film of their only USA tour and a Nancy and Sid interview may hit screens before the official flick The Great Rock'n Roll Swindle... the Adverts have split... Aussie rockers Sports have a hit in US with "Who Listens to the Radio". Their album Don't Throw Stones is released in US on Arista and Sire in UK... Oz band ACIDC have sold half a million copies of their latest, Highway to Hell in the US alone... Marc Bolan freaks — there's probably about eight albums of unreleased live or studio material, including collaborations with Steve Harfley (20 songs) and Donovan, UK live '71, Japan live' '73, an ortestral 'Children of Ran' and soundtracks... the lan Hunter band, with guitarist Mick Ronson, recorded a live about a sub sound the several UK gigs... Jam newie, Setting Suns includes Motown tune "Heatwave"... Sham 69 star, Jimya Pursey has signed a sol three members are in a new band **Buddy Odor**. The very interesting Gruppo Sportivo debut *Mistakes* will be released in NZ in January.



