

**'TV EYE' FROM PAGE 16**

Faigan told of the group's new EP, the ominously titled *Knife*: "The sales pitch for *Knife* is like 'WE SUFFERED FOR OUR ART NOW YOU'RE GOING TO DIE FOR IT!' Violence implicit in every note. It's got three tracks; 'This

Is Your Lucky Night', a pub song of sorts, aimed squarely at the 'Knocking On Heaven's Door'/'Casino Soul' scene. I'll leave the criticism to the critical mass (check musicians-as-frustrated-critics angle here?) but I'd say A Fucking Hit! 'Deniz

Tek' — our tribute to Radio Birdman. Steve wrote the music and I don't get credited but I wrote the words, they go like this: 'DENIZ TEK — OH YEAH! DENIZ TEK — OH YEAH!' dig monolithic M-Head drumming and Kev on reptile bass. Blow, man! And

finally 'The Great Western', an instrumental we couldn't find words for at first (tho' a later, vocalised version turns up on the *Summer Of Love* tape. Whooo — SONUVABITCH!)" (Since the letter Watson and Smith — as the Hyphenears — have released a new six-track EP, the ominously-titled *Garden Of Lycanthropy*.)

Smith on ambitions: "Have no regrets. Not go up in a firestorm. 1985 be a constructive and vital year for SYTA — we'll make it happen. Be a fireman, a pilot, an All Black, a father, be famous, be fat, be an ape — I have no doubt that Watson and any other man worth a pinch of shit shares these feelings."

Faigan on the scene: "Don't like much what's going on in the current NZ scene but as yet I'm powerless to intervene ... Christchurch is pretty arid right now. Radio U is a big toilet bowl run by unconscious con-men — mostly people don't realise they're being sold shit and the people selling it will never understand that they're selling shit — 'the kids are being hyped, man' — radio controlled by Nazis. You've heard it all before. POSITIVE THINGS: a few good band, fewer brilliant ones ... the Great Unwashed, the Rip, Axemen, Doublehappys, the Rip ... that *Songs From the Lowland* tape is really good ... marie and the Atom at the State Trinity Centre were truly amazing. Look Blue Go Purple likewise ... Otis mace and David Eggleton at the Star & Garter ... the Kefflins are good but I shouldn't mention them 'cos two of them live here (incest! witch hunts! drugs! cannibalism! merciless self-abuse!)"

The time has come to close this journal on the strange and wonderful TV Eye clan — plumbing my memory and my emotions I could write a hundred books on the lives of these ludicrous adventurers. But before you go, dear reader, I would assure you that all the above is quite true — once again the universe of truth proves to hold a strangeness and diversity that stretches far beyond mere imagination. But what is "truth"? And what separates it from what is "imaginary", "not real"? Could the fabric of the Universe be the thinnest of gauze curtains?

But here I must leave you. Rest beckons and my pipe is packed a-ready (the opium is a vice, granted, but surely there are far worse in this world?). I will depart with a proverb spoken in the wilds of South Auckland: "When the Falcon has been rebored it should be a time for rejoicing but only a fool runs races on ice cream." Russell Brown

**UK & USA**

The soundtrack rights to the **Michael Jackson** movie debut (not counting *The Wiz*) have been picked up by American **David Geffen**. Filming will begin as soon as the current Jacksons' tour ends and the screenplay will probably be *Streetchandy*, by *Flashdance* author Tom Hadley and about a young New York street singer "discovering his talent". Of course what Michael sez goes and if he wants another screenplay he gets it ... **Echo and the Bunnymen** are taking a year-long break as a group and singer **Ian McCulloch** already has his first solo single out. It's Walter Houston's 'September Song' b/w a version of the traditional 'Cockles and Mussels', and is reportedly markedly different from Bunnymen stuff ... **Boy George** has penned a tune for the new **Beach Boys** LP, which is being produced by **Steve Levine** ... the **ROIR** international punk compilation cassette, *World Class Punk*, which includes our own **K4** is getting excellent early reviews ... the **Frankie** news: it had to happen; a group called **Bonzo Goes to Washington** is filling some UK dance floors with its 'Five Minutes' single on Sleeping Bag Records ... new **Captain Sensible** single 'One Christmas Catalogue' contains a version of 'Relax' ... and back to the "real" thing, **David Frost** recently collected 8000 pounds for appearing in the new FGTH video ... Nigerian musician-alternative politician **Fela Kuti** has been sentenced to five years' jail on charges of allegedly illegally possessing 1500 pounds (that's money, like) and trying to take it out of the country. The money was found on another member of the touring party who was at the airport on the way to a US tour but Fela took the rap. An appeal has been made but hopes are not too high ... **Phil Collins** is set to venture down this end of the world early next year ... **Barry Levinson** (*Diner*) is to make a **Jerry Lee Lewis** biopic starring **Mickey Rourke** ... major British indie distributor **Pinnacle** has gone into receivership creating problems for a host of labels, including 4AD, Cherry Red, Ace

and Crammed. 4AD has already switched distribution for the new Cocteau Twins LP, even though it is owed £50,000 ... the guitar-playing future of **Tom Petty** lies in the balance after he shattered bones in his hand when he slammed it against the wall in an "unthinking fit of pique" while listening to a studio playback of his new LP *Southern Accents* ... **UB40** have scored a coup by signing **Winston Reedy** and **Mikey Dread** to their **Dep International** label. The recently-released concept video for last year's *Labour Of Love* LP has been getting far better reviews than the album did ... **Paul Weller** was all set to produce the comeback **Lulu** single until he discovered she'd appeared at one of the big Tory party rallies in 1982 and then it was *all off* ... reggae experimentalist **Keith Hudson** died in New York recently of cancer, aged 36 ... **Paul Haig** is currently mixing his new LP which features names like former Associate Alan Rankine.

Part-time goodtime band the **Honeydrippers** (Robert Plant, Jimmy Page, Jeff Beck and Nile Rodgers) doing well in the USA charts with the single 'Sea Of Love' and 5-track EP, *The Honeydrippers, Vol 1*. Production is by the legendary **Ahmet Ertegun** ... new label under EMI America is the New York-based **Manhattan Records**, which will feature jazz artists and New York street music ... meanwhile, **Grace Jones** has left the Island label to join EMI ... **Boy George** is presumably most miffed at a plot by USA police which involved calling wanted criminals and enticing them out into the arms of the law by telling them they'd won a chauffeur-driven trip to a Culture Club concert and a chance to meet George and then driving them all the way to the lockup. Verrry low ... members of Culture Club, Wham, the Police, Spandau Ballet, Duran Duran, U2, Bananarama, Style Council, Kool and the Gang, Heaven 17, Status Quo and Paul Young got together recently to record a Christmas single to benefit the *Daily Mirror* Ethiopian famine appeal. The song was written by Bob Geldof

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