



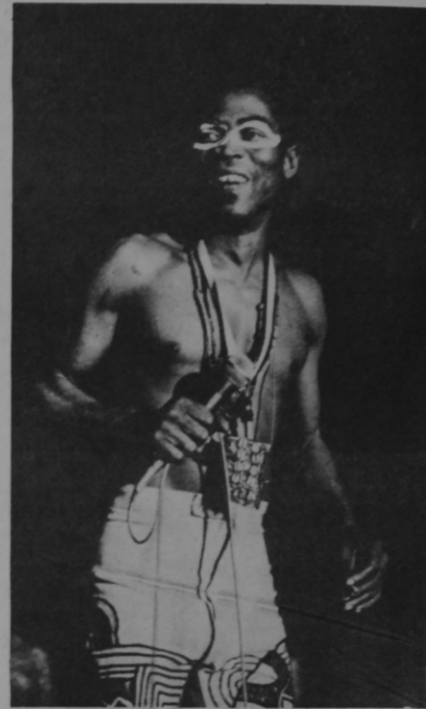
Aussies HUNTERS AND COLLECTORS make their third visit to this country to coincide with university orientation, touring from Feb 27 to March 12. They also have a new live album out soon.

Friends and relatives of jailed Nigerian musician FELA KUTI have begun the campaign to have him freed, with a series of rallies and benefits and the release of his last recordings. Kuti was jailed last October after being arrested at Lagos airport trying to leave for the USA with his band. It appears that the £1600 currency charge was simply the Nigerian government's way of putting the outspoken, politically active Kuti out of circulation. The new record is 'Army Arrangement', a typically blunt diatribe against repression in his own country. The master tapes of the record were sent to hot New York producer BILL LASWELL, who completed and remixed them, adding SLY DUNBAR and AYIB DIENG on drums and percussion and BERNIE WORRELL (ex Parliament, Talking Heads big band) on keyboards. But even if attempts to have him freed fail, Fela can take some comfort in the fact that on past form this Nigerian government probably won't last five years without being overthrown.



DAVE DOBBYN (left) and PETER WARREN tour with a new DD SMASH lineup between March 1 and 16. They bring along with them Sydney band Q.E.D. who feature former Crocodiles' singer JENNY MORRIS.

Human League's PHIL OAKEY has a single 'Together In Electric Dreams' (from soundtrack *Electric Dreams*) with the daddy of synthpop GIORGIO MORODER. For more on Giorgio, turn to p12 ...



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