Rumours

there he received the London 'Street Entertainer of the Year' award for poetry at the Covent Garden Festival and was filmed for a TV documentary. He also performed in the USA and Eugene New that he's back his first rope. Now that he's back, his first book, People of the Land is due

Maiden China have split after hassles within the band and with management ... new hard-rock management ... new hard-rock four-piece is **Fallen Angel** ... R&B kings the **Furys** have temporari-ly replaced guitarist Steve Hub-bard (who is recovering from a

motorcyle accident) with pianist Dave Curtis (not the one with 'Wheel of Fortune'). They play a Christmas season at the Westward Ho Tavern in Kelston, ending on New Year's Eve ... **Desire** are looking for backing musicians to do live gigs. Ph Gary on 478-9436.

And Bevan Sweeney would very much like to hear from anyone who knows about a Tama snare stand and a Gretsch tom stalk borrowed/stolen from the Windsor after a Not Really Any-thing gig — the kit is useless without the stalk. Ph 396-988. Russell Brown

Wellington

Coming your way from Jayrem for the year of '86 are **Confessor**

with their metallic 'First Sin' ... **Stutz** have a four-track EP out soon and are also contemplating a name change ... John Niland has an album almost ready ... Stormbringer have a new LP due and it is rumoured to be the hot

metal album of the year.

Secrets of the Estranged, the new Flesh D-Vice album is finalnew Flesh D-Vice album is finally out after several delays ... the Hulamen have a new EP of unreleased material tumbling our way ... Strikemaster have been busy touring and have also recroded new material at Marmalade ... Blitz have a new single ... Lionheart have been busy at Frontier ... the Paras are gearing up for an assault on the Wellington area and if all goes well the North Island as well ... the Spines

are switching labels from Jayrem to Flying Nun and they hope to be recording in the new year. Watch out for Flying Kiwi '86

in March, which amongst other things will include a night of New Zealand music video. If you have a contribution (whether it has been screened or not), please contact Merlene on Wellington 850-241. The Flying Kiwi '86 is part of the Fringe Festival running alongside the International Festival of the Arts and will also include the most ambitious rock extravaganza ever staged in

Wellington.
On December 21 the Wellington Performers' Collective and Eye-Time present the End of Years Musical Awards. It will take place at the Sunset Cafe in Macara from mid-day on, kicking off with acoustic music and working through to bands such as Jungle Mice, the Sheets and Flesh D-Vice as well as several others from all around the country. It has been described by organisers Matt Nis-bet and Merlene Chambers as "a reaction to the commercial streamling of New Zealand

Gerald Dwyer

Singles Kar

Artists United Against Apartheid

Sun City (Manhattan) 12"

Star-studded protest song, which uses the South African Las Vegas-like entertainment centre as a symbol for the political system of apartheid. This bites even harder than the two previous musical protests, with some hard raps from Run DMC and hot vocals from Bobby Womack, Joey Ra-mone, George Clinton and many others. The 12" is state-of-the-art production from Arthur Baker, Stevie Van Zandt and Keith Le Blanc. An essential political statement and essential music. One of the records of the year.

Princess Say I'm Your Number One (Stimulant) 12"

/ital dance cut with an irresistible beat and fine vocals, that has already crossed to the pop charts. All to the credit of the men behind

the Stimulant label, who knew that soul of this calibre needed local release. let's hope they continue to have further successes.

Nona Hendryx If Looks Could Kill (D.O.A.) (RCA) 12"

I suspect this one is going to be a sleeper — not as immediate or beat crazy as 'I Sweat', more melody and less rhythm. A good sub-tle mix from Arthur Baker, and the Latin Rascals allow Nona to sing at her most soulful. After a few listens you'll be hooked. Dazz Band Hot Spet (Metown) 12".

Hot Spot (Motown) 12"
A disappointment after the bone-crunching 'Let It All Blow', this one just doesn't go anywhere. The Dazz Band are capable of better than this, and hopefully their forthcoming album will prove it. forthcoming album will prove it. **Sheena Easton**

Do It For Love (EMI) 12"

After her recent black chart success with Prince's 'Sugar Walls', Sheena tries for another one with reliable Nile Rodgers, but the Scottish nightingale and Mr Nile sound a bit tired. The song consists of Sheena saying "Do it" lots of times and Nile doing a sub-Madonna mix on her. It's time for Nile to return

Phantom, Rocker & Slick

Men Without Shame (EMI) 12"
Well you just better like guitars, because Mr Slick plays 'em long and hard, while Mr Phantom and Mr Rocker make the rest of this bar band menage a trois. The title just about says it all just about says it all.

Freddie Jackson You Are My Lady (Capitol)

Second side from the cool soul-man's great album. A few might find it a bit M.O.R., but have a close listen to the way he uses his voice, and that great bass line. This is far too hip to be M.O.R.; for discerning turntables anywhere.

The Cure Close To Me (WEA) 12"

This is a strange one. Lots of great horns with a jazzy tinge, add a nifty shuffle beat. As with 'Love Cats' we find Robert Smith in a poppy mood, but this is just so much better. A possible hit.

The Damned Is It A Dream (MCA) 12"

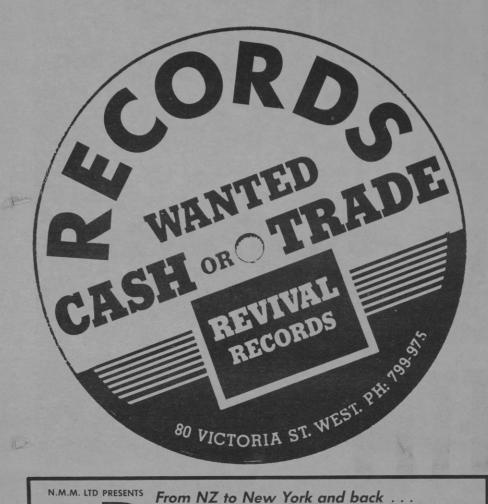
The A-side is an extended cut from the folky *Phantasmagoria*, but the B-side has a neat live ver sion of the Pistols' 'Pretty Vacant' and a sloppy 'Wild Thing' — I always did like the Damned when they were loud and obnoxious.

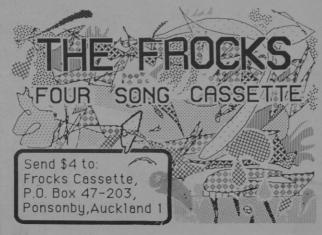
George Thorogood & the

Destroyers Rock 'n' Roll Christmas (EMI)

Rock 'n' Roll Christmas (EMI)
Jeez, I just love Christmas songs
and I love really dumb rock 'n' roll
songs even better — so this is a
double winner. All George wants
for Christmas is "a Chuck Berry album and a picture of Elvis too."
Great rockin' sax and nifty guitar.
As George says: "Go Santa, go, go,
go!"

Kerry Buchanan





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