

Tygers Of Pan Tang

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 12 Hammersmith, a totally un-compromising full-on live aural attack, by possible the loudest three-piece you'll ever hear. It features tracks from their three previous albums, Overkill, Bomber and the excellent Ace of Spades. Motorhead comprise Taylor on drums and Fast Eddie Clarke on guitar. From the word go there's not a trace of subtlety — Motorhead kills your lawns!

## Ted Nugent

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Let's not forget our American friends. We have just had one of the all-time great HM albums released here. Intensities in Ten Cities is Ted Nugent at his carnivorous best, with live versions of 'Put Up Or Shut Up', 'Jailbait', 'Tim A Predator' and an outrageous version of 'Land Of A Thousand Dances'. Ted epitomises the motor city—hard, tough, badass heavy metal in the tradition of his metal in the tradition of his earlier efforts, Ted Nugent, Free For All, Cat Scratch Fever, Double Live Gonzo and count-

### Ozzie Osbourne's Blizzard of Ozz

An old headbanger from way back, Ozzie Osbourne (ex-Black Sabbath) has an extremely powerful new band with Lee Kerslake (Uriah Heep), Bob Daisley (Rainbow) and new guitar hero, American Randy Rhoades. Ozzy is back better than ever, and up to all his old

# Joe Perry Project

Joe Perry surprised everyone by leaving Aerosmith to form his own band. The title track of the Project's debut, Let the Music do the Talking sums up the whole album. Its blistering guitars, frenetic vocals and rock solid bass and drums make Aerosmith sound like a bunch of wimps.

## Rainbow

Rainbow have been around for years, since the demise of Deep Purple. They feature two stalwarts — Ritchie Blackmore and Roger Glover. They peaked on *Down to Earth* with the reset week of Casham Range! great vocals of Graham Bonnet and powerhouse drumming of Cozy Powell, who have both since departed. Forget the new album, check the earlier ones like Long Live Rock 'n' Roll, or Rainbow Rising.

# Saxon

Saxon are the definitive new HM band. Their first albums, Saxon and Wheels of Steel are both available here. Screaming, spitting guitars, pounding bass, thundering drums and piercing vocals are the order of the day. Unfortunately, their new album Strong Arm of the Law (on the Carrere label) is unavailable bare.

### Scorpions

Huge in Germany, and also now in Britain, they have two albums out here, Love Drive and Animal Magnetism. Euro-



Van Halen

# Michael Schenker Group

Michael Schenker left UFO a couple of years ago, went into hibernation and has just released a new album. One of the more innovative HM guitarists, he has come up with a couple of stunning tracks, 'Armed and Ready' and 'Cry for the Nations'.

A very politically and socially concerned French band who owe a lot to Bon Scott, Trust have the distinction of having had their lyrics translated into English by Jimmy Pursey. Make of that what you will, but listen to 'Paris Is Still Burning' or 'Antisocial' off Repression who said HM was for thickos? Solid as the Rock of Gibraltar.

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A top HM band with two very impressive albums, Wildcat and Spellbound. From the industrial North East of England, they played the club circuit and supports before breaking through. Both albums rage from start to finish, they definitely take no prisoners.

One band which has stuck to its guns. Formed by Phil Mogg in 1971, they achieved cult in 1971, they achieved cult status in Europe. They added guitarist Michael Schenker in 1973, and the rest is history. Their recent double live album was voted top HM album in Britain in 1979, and follows the very successful Phenomenon, Force It, No Heavy Petting and Obsession

# Van Halen

Fair Warning is more subtle than Women and Children First, which featured FM single hit, 'And The Cradle Will Rock'. Poser extraordinaire Rock'. Poser extraordinaire, David Lee Roth has difficulty with low-slung lighting rigs, and guitarist Eddie Van Halen is reputed to be technically better than Segovia, but they play like alley cats who haven't had a scrap of food for weeks. Not for the faint-hearted.

Yet another post-Purple band. David Coverdale is a great vocalist in the tradition of Robert Plant and Paul Rogers. Robert Plant and Paul Rogers. There are three ex-Purples, Coverdale, Jon Lord and Ian Paice and they give a pedigree to this intelligent, hard-rocking outfit. Three albums, Ready and Willing, Live in the Heart of the City and Come and Get It are all English heavy rock at its best

There seems an unfortunate lack of HM bands in New Zealand, though I've heard rumours of a bunch of desparados who go under the name of the Woodville Warriors, currently leaving a trail of destruc-tion in the lower part of the North Island. If they come your way, catch them if you can. They're armed and dan-

You can't talk about American HM without mentioning Van Halen. Their new album

### Whitesnake

Motorheads' Philthy Animal Taylor and Fast Eddie Clarke We just jam and then tape the jam and then I write the lyrics over it. Do you think Ace of Spades is your best studio album

'LEMMY' CONTINUED FROM PAGE 11 is creating their own little fashions. Are you resentful of bad reviews?

'No, a lot of critics came round when they realised we weren't going to go away and when we proved we were popular."

"What do you think of the sexist accusations against heavy metal bands?" If we were sexist then would we have taken Girlschool

The point's been missed but I let it go. "What is the

Motorhead philosophy?"
"We don't have a philosophy except 'enjoy yourself'. We just do what we want to do. I'm just saying have a good

I'm vaguely familiar with the Motorhead album product, the best being their last studio effort, Ace of Spades, where everything is nailed down with customary muscle. But Motorhead differ from others of their creed in that their

music is brutally honest, and although it's macho, it isn't without a certain rough humour. That can't be said for

most of their colleagues. Anyway, I've always had this

theory that anyone can write a heavy metal song, so I ask

The three of us write the music and I write the lyrics.

Lemmy how Kilmister-Clarke-Taylor write theirs.

on tour?

Yeah, we're getting tighter and refining our sound more, making it faster and slicker.

Their live album, which has just been released here, went, as Lemmy says, "straight to Number 1 in Britain." I've only heard the single from it, the Motorhead title song, 'Motorhead'. It's three minutes of devastation, virtually unrivalled energy, shove your head in the speaker cabinet:

'It's a good reflection of our live concert and the sound was done by Vic Maile.

Let's end on nostalgia, on memories of another working man's band, Hawkwind. "Do you miss the Hawkwind

'Nah not much, it wasn't my band, anyway. I was only a hired hand and we didn't socialise much, whereas Motorhead does.

Socialising means pulling birds and knocking back vodkas, and that's the Motorhead philosophy. Aristotle anyone? George Kay

