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"The highlight of Avant Garage was the characters that came through in the music," says Zagni. "The Big Sideways was more conventional - everyone was trying to be that sound."

Unlike the Big Sideways, Avant Garage steered clear of pubs and mainly played venues like art galleries and theatres. But this year's model did record an album, this time at Mascot Studios and produced by Steve Garden. Each member produced and composed one track.

He says one of the most interesting aspects of the PEP groups has been the music workshops in schools.

"You see how starved the young kids are of music," he says. "They've really missed out."

Another permanent fixture to come out of the schemes has been Unsong Records, which was formed to release the Big Sideways album and Robbie Sinclair's *Three Voices* and is now to release the Avant Garage album and the Miltown Stowaways' *Tension Melee*.

But although Zagni will continue to be part of Unsong, he has decided two PEP schemes is enough. He will not be available for another scheme this year but intends to form his own group at the end of October, when a couple of well-known musicians return from overseas. The new group will give him a chance to perform and develop his own work, something his position as scheme director did not allow. RB

Rumours

UK & USA

Bauhaus have split in the wake of their new album *Burning from the Inside*. Singer Pete Murphy will pursue a solo career which will probably involve film. Daniel Ash and Kevin Askins will continue with their group Tones on Tail and bassist David Jay already has a solo single out ... Rip Rig and Panic have undergone a three-way split. Pianist Mark Springer will go solo, drummer Bruce Smith has joined Don Cherry in New York and the remaining

members will now be known as Les Enfants Terribles ... and rock historians are scurrying to their journals to record the demise of Kajagoogoo. Seems singer Limahl was squeezed out by the rest of the group who want to get serious ... Marc Almond (Soft Cell) has said he will cease live performances and recording, in an open letter to the press. His unexpected decision follows Almond threatening a rock writer with a whip and being assaulted by a passer-by outside his own home. But it seems he may already be reconsidering his decision ... and the Members say now that they are not breaking up but singer Nicky Tesco is pursuing a solo career ... bad news for the little girls: Duran Duran singer Simon Le Bon has announced his engagement ... Helen Terry, the additional singer on Culture Club single 'Church of the Poison Mind', is now a permanent member of the band and features strongly on the new album *Colour By Numbers* ... Kiss visit to Argentina has been called off for "technical and logistic reasons" after a zealot army commando group began firing on ticket offices to keep "this group of violent drug addicts and homosexuals" out of wholesome Argentina ... new Jayne County single 'Princess Di' causing controversy in the USA but no one's had the nerve to release it in the UK ... Jeffrey Lee Pierce reportedly having trouble holding on to the rest of the Gun Club ... Mike Barson is back with Madness after doing a Strummer-style disappearing act for a while ... Harold Melvin of the Bluenotes was recently busted for possessing 90 grams of cocaine, marijuana, amphetamine and a handgun after cops searched his hotel room ... Elvis Costello recently joined Tony Bennett and the Count Basie Big Band onstage in New York for the filming of US nostalgia programme *Swing It Again* ... Style Council video for 'Long Hot Summer' cut after BBC decided a scene showing Mick and Paul lying on a blanket stroking each other's cheeks was too hot to handle ... Malcolm McLaren's 15-year-old son has formed a punk band with the name Loud and Horrid ... Steve Ray Vaughan, the guitarist booted off the Bowie tour, now has his own band, Double Trouble, touring the UK ... *Da Doo Ron Ron*, a new docu-

mentary on Phil Spector, features interviews with everyone but the man himself ... Charisma label now distributed world-wide by Virgin records. The new deal will not affect Genesis, who will stay with Polygram in this country.

Albums: Depeche Mode *Construction Time Again*, 10cc *Windows in the Jungle*, Stray Cats *Rant 'n' Rave*, Neil (Young) and the Shocking Pinks *Everybody's Rockin'*, Monochrome Set *Volume! Brilliance! Contrast!*, Joan Jett and the Blackhearts *Album*, Public Image Ltd *Live in Japan* (first single This Is Not A Love Song), Jeffrey Osborne *Stay With Me Tonight*, New Edition *Candy Girl*, Cabaret Voltaire *The Crackdown*, Marc and the Mambas *Torment and Toreros*, Dolly Parton *Burlap and Satin*,

currently being mixed and is due for release in October.

John Cale/Tall Dwarfs concert at Christchurch's Hillsborough was to be filmed by TVNZ for later screening ... next *Radio With Pictures* Mainstreet special will be Narcs and Coconut Rough on Sept 16. The two will probably take a side each of a live album. Haggling at present is over what label the LP will be on.

The Dickheads have split and returned to Taihape, disenchanted with the biz. Bass player Lez White is in Auckland and looking for work, ph 451-381 ... former Meemee Yoh is filling the drum seat for the Diehards' tour after the (amicable) departure of Stephen Eldson. And which well-known young guitarist-about-town will join the Diehards? ... Richard



Gun Crazy (L-R): Lisle Kinney, Peter Harrison, Colin Budd, Simon Hannah, Andrew Langsford.

Alan Vega *Saturn Strip*, Rainbow *Bent Out of Shape*, Throbbing Gristle *Editions - Frankfurt, Berlin* (soundtrack to Derek Jarman movie *In the Shadow of the Sun to follow soon*), Punk and Disorderly *Vol III*, Ian Gillan Band *Live At Budokan*, MC5 *Babes in Arms* (rarities), Au Pairs *Live in Berlin*.

Singles: New Order *Confusion* EP, Gang of Four 'Is It Love', Comsat Angels 'Will You Stay Tonight', Special AKA 'Racist Friend', John Foxx 'Your Dress', Glove (Robert Smith and Steve Severin) 'Like An Animal', Joe Jackson 'Cosmopolitan', UB40 'Red, Red Wine'.

Auckland

Graham Brazier will return to the Legionnaires for the band to play the national record industry awards on Nov 7. The band without Brazier has been gigging as the Pink Flamingos and helping to promote Dave McCartney's new solo album *The Catch*, which is

Newcombe (Katango) standing in on keyboards on Marginal Era's national tour after the sudden departure of Phil McDonald ... Colin Bayley (ex Short Story, Silent Movies) has joined MiSex as second guitar to Kevin Stanton.

Flak and Eight Living Legs will have three tracks each on their EP *Emigration* due out in October on Flying Nun ... Terror of Tinytown's 'I Am the Need' and Mockers' 'Alvison Park' (B-side now 'New Horizons') out last week in Sept. Mockers will pick up all the pieces of their rudely interrupted southern tour ... Marching Orders are recording a single with Doug Hood ... Moving Targets in Harlequin recently to record debut 45 ... and DD Smash's Ian Morris has a solo single 'Boot' under the name Jag Moritz out soon.

Tom Sharplin and Russ Le Roq are among the faces in the New Independent Theatre's production of *Grease*, which opens in October ... pub duo John and Paul have just finished a self-financed album

at Azimuth Studios. Paul recently had four guitars stolen from his home: Two Sunburst Fender Strats (No L48680 and No 534096), an Ibanez Ragtime electric/acoustic slimline mahogany guitar and a Ibanez silver series Precision bass. Ph 600-470 or 543-169 if you know anything ... Normal Ambitions have recorded an EP *Watch It There* at Progressive and are looking for a release deal ... Campus Radio's Kiwi Music Show (9pm Mondays) is still wanting demo tapes, particularly from outside Auckland. Send 'em to Campus Radio, Auckland University Students' Assn, Private Bag, Auckland.

Former Proud Scum member John Jenkins has surfaced in London punk outfit Vortex, interviewed recently in *Melody Maker*. "Can't say he's making much money but he seems to be having a good time," his Mum told *RIU* ... Cor Blimey! are Steve Melville (drums), Richard Morris (ex Crocodiles, guitar, keyboards), Debbie Chin (ex Gurlz, bass), Shelley Pratt (ex Gurlz, vocals), Paul Lightfoot (guitar). Single planned soon ... Skin Dynamics are Caroline Allan (keyboards, vocals), Rewi Wong (ex Stiff Richards, drums, vocals), Shane Duncan (guitar, vocals), Tony Kurta (ex Bon Bon Licks, bass, vocals) ... Public Enemy looking for a singer, ph Steve 479-5896. Band will continue as a three-piece in the meantime.

Recording recently at Harlequin Studios have been: Auckland Walk, Double Man, Rowan Hunt, Pacific Highway and C04. Russell Brown

Wellington

Ritz 2, Sept 10 at the Majestic Cabaret Willis St, looks set to be 83s premier local music event with Miltown Stowaways, Verlaines, Naked Spots Dance and Floorman Shuffle performing. (Ritz 1, for the curious, took place last year.) There's also a floorshow, video on a 20' x 20' screen and other treats. Tickets \$15. Food and drink available.

Rock Against Racism gig at Victoria Uni, Sept 17 with Pelicans, Ray Mercer Band, Reggae Rockers (ex-Kaos) and Naked Spots Dance. Proceeds to various anti-racism organisations ... Peace Festival set for weekend of Sept 24, 25 with variety concert

at Pipitea Marae featuring Shona Laing among others ... TOM magazine recently held Juju Jive party at the Sheaf. King Sunny Ade didn't play but Unrestful Movements and Jon Cleary did. Other entertainment included Polynesian song and dance from the Atiu Young Ones and cabaret act, the DTs ...

Moving Targets won the second Battle of the Bands final by a narrow margin over Vietnam ... Body Electric pulled out of the recent Town Hall concert with DD Smash and Hip Singles because time was not made available to them for the soundcheck crucial to their music. Jayrem have just released a re-recorded dance mix of 'Pulsing' b/w 'Electro Dub' version of same in 12" format as a limited numbered edition of 500. BE's 9 track LP, *Presentation and Reality*, due October and features crowd-pleasers 'Zanzibar' and 'Babies On Parade'.

More Jayrem releases: 6 track EP 'No Pain' by Sonya Waters (ex-Instigators, Big Sideways) available now; Hammond Gamble album *Every Whisper Shouts* (Sept 19); expect Neighbours' live LP *Made in the Gluepot*, featuring an 11 minute version of 'Funky Kingston', in October; also Terror of Tinytown 12" 'I Am the Need' (Ze Disc) and Dave McCartney solo album (assisted by various Legionnaires); Sam Hunt's *Bottle to Battle to Death* album to be released Stateside to coincide with the bard's Sept tour. Local release date still uncertain. David Taylor

Dunedin

The Netherworld Dancing Toys have just completed a highly successful tour of the North Island. They laid down tracks for a new single in Auckland.

With the break-up of the Stones Jeff Batts and Wayne Elsey are considering forming another band ... with Sneaky Feelings off the road for six months, vocalist David Pine is jamming with Dave Kilgour and two of the Blue Meanies.

The Chant have broken up but vocalist Damien Woodhouse is currently forming a new line-up ... new bands include a three piece, Sub-Title who played at the Empire recently and plan to do Christchurch as well. George Kay

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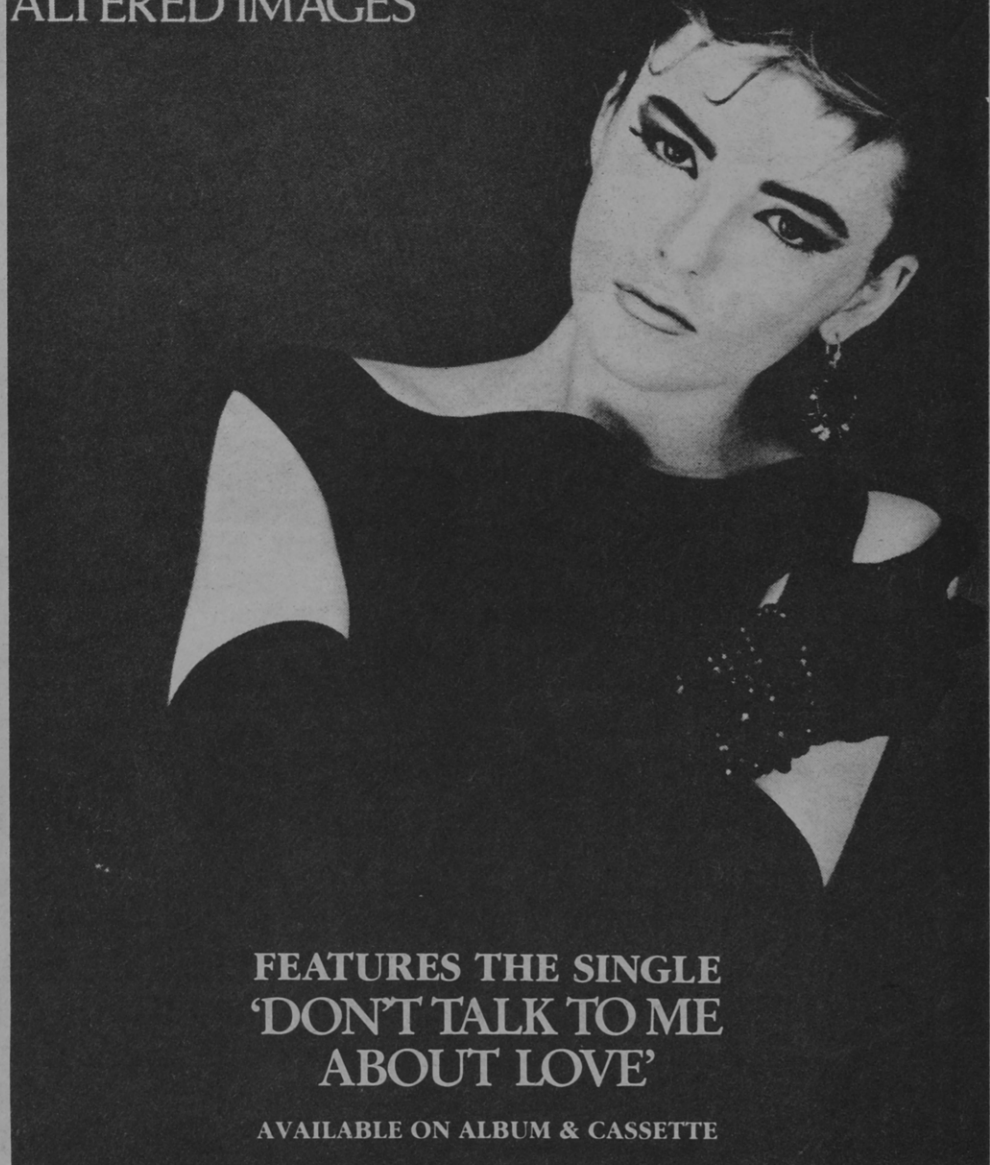
ALVISON PARK

ON TOUR SEPTEMBER

2,3	New Plymouth, White Hart	20	Wellington, Cricketers
5	Wanganui, Rutland	21	Palmerston Nth, Albert
6	Masterton, Homestead	22	Taupo, Lake Estbhmnt
7	Wellington, Cricketers	23,24	Napier, Onekawa
9,10	Dunedin, Cook	27	Wairoa
12	Frankton, Vacation	28	Gisborne, Albion
13	Invercargill, Wikiwi	29	Mt Maunganui, DB
14	Oamaru	30	Hamilton, Hillcrest
15	Timaru, Terminus	OCTOBER	
16,17	Christchurch, Gladstone	1	Hamilton, Hillcrest
18	Nelson College for Girls	7,8	Auckland, Mainstreet
19	Nelson, Rutherford	14,15	Auck, Windsor Castle

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