

Rumours

UK & USA

The British rags report **Simple Minds** as leaving for a tour of this part of the world early next year. Meanwhile the band has a new single 'Waterfront' ... **David Bowie** is to play Abraham Lincoln in an "avant-garde opera" about the former US president ... Bowie's benefit gig at the Hammersmith Odeon raised over £90,000 for the community centre in his home neighbourhood of Brixton ... CBS has announced Michael Jackson's *Thriller* LP as the biggest selling album in the company's history ... **Feargal Sharkey**, lately of the Undertones is the first guest vocalist for **Vince (Yazoo) Clarke's** new project the Assembly with the single 'Never Never'. Clarke plans an entire album using various guests ... and other ex-Undertones **Dee O'Neill** and **Mickey Bradley** have wasted no time in forming a new group ... **Keef Richards** is to marry his girlfriend, model **Patti Hanson** ... the campaigning of **Stevie Wonder** was one of the major factors prompting the US government to set aside the third Monday in January to annually honour **Martin Luther King** ... **Yoko Ono** has two albums in the pipeline. One, *Milk and Honey*, is made up half of her compositions and half of previously unreleased Lennon material. The other, *Every Man Needs a Woman* features various artists (including Lennon's young son Sean) on old and new Ono compositions ... **Malcolm McLaren** is now himself being

managed by Clash man **Bernie Rhodes** ... the Clash are thought to be recommending live work, on a low-key level, in Britain's Northern regions soon ... **Grandmaster Flash** has been accused of stealing the backing track for his new single 'White Lines' from 'Cavern' by NY group **Liquid Liquid** ... **Grace Jones'** film debut will be in *Conan 2* ... **King Sunny Ade** plays himself in the new Robert Altman movie *O.C. & Stiggs* and will probably contribute the soundtrack ... the life of the man who made the **Who** big, **Kit Lambert**, is to be filmed and the lead role will be played by **Hywell Bennett** (TV's *Shelley*) ... rumours that **Nick Roeg** will direct the video for the new **Tom Robinson** single ... **Andrew Loog Oldham** to come out of the woodwork to produce new **Bobby Womack** album ... the man convicted of starting the fight that led to former Fun Boy Three member **Lynval Golding** being hospitalised last year has been given 2½ years jail ... a host of dub poets including **Linton Kwesi Johnson** turned up at a British tribute to murdered Jamaican poet **Mikey Smith** recently ... Brit metallers **Def Leppard** lived to regret calling their El Paso audience "dirty Mexicans". A riot closed down the gig and DF were banned on the town's radio stations and had their records burned by angry locals.

Forthcoming albums: **ABC** *Beauty Stab*, **Bob Dylan** *Infidels*, **Jimmy Cliff** *Power and the Glory*, **John Hiatt** *Riding With the King*, **Girlschool** *Play Dirty*, **Laurie Anderson** *Mr Heartbreak*, **Musical Youth** *Different Style!*, **Nick Heyward** *North of a Miracle*, **X** *More Fun in the New World*, **Paul Haig** *Rhythm of Life*, **Farmer's**



Evasive Action

Boys Get Out and Walk, **Gap Band** *Jammin'*, **Blood on the Cats** (psychobilly compilation), **The Soul Mining**.

Singles: **David Bowie** 'White Light White Heat' (live, RCA), **Style Council** 'A Solid Bond in Your Heart', **Ray Manzarek** 'The Wounds of Fate', **Tina Turner** 'Let's Stay Together', **Go-Betweens** 'Man 'o Sea, Man 'o Sand', **Jimmy the Hoover** 'Kill the Kwik', **Weather Girls** 'I'm Gonna Wash that Man Right Out of My Hair', **Pauline Black** 'Threw It Away'.

Christchurch

Mark Cassin is now in charge of band management at the Hillsborough and Gladstone and can be contacted at the former. Official reason is that owner **Brian Gibson** decided only one frontman was necessary, leaving **Jim Wilson** free to manage bands, principally **ECG** and **Roco Coca**.

Bill Dieren 7" EP should be out very soon. It features songs by **Boris Vian**, a French nightclub performer who died in 1959. The songs have been translated and arranged by **Bill D** and **Carol Woodward**. Entitled *Feast of Frogs*, it contains: 'I'm A Snob', 'Hurt Me Johnny', 'Monsieur Le President' and 'I Drink'. **Mary Rose Wilkinson** guests on 'Johnny'. Release will be via **Prototype Publications** ... **Above Ground** seem likely to split ... local indie collective **Onset/Offset** declare war on automatic pressing machines after half their batch of new 45s were totally defective. The 7" single concerned features **We Too** track 'Crushed Velvet

Morning and 'Lydia' by **Dopplier** (a one-off ensemble of musicians who featured on *20 Solid Krypton Hits*). The second volume of that auspicious compilation will be out soon on cassette and a couple of months later on LP. We're promised the album will be "Elevated to Super-Mana Collector's Item" due to the presence of the **McGoohans** 'Psychedelic Texas'. It also features **They Were Expendable** with a live recording of 'Stuck and Starved at Mainstreet' plus **Bottletops** and **Toerag**. The latter two are also issuing a 7" EP featuring additional songs.

AEB are all go with their cassette release of the LP by Los Angeles bands **Millions of Dead Cops**. The release has been financed by private loan and the successful **Buck A Head** special at the Gladstone on Labour Day. The LP will be available by mail order by the end of the year. Next release will be an LP by Wellington's **Mole Manne**, recorded at Tandem. Any enquiries regarding the collective's **Scratched Records** label can be made at PO Box 13-407, Armagh St, ChCh or ph 50-638. No **AEB** gigs this month but look out for the three day festival Feb 4,5,6 next year in Mid Canterbury. Projected ticket cost is \$5 and it's hoped to feature three overseas acts.

ECF's next EP will be recorded at the Hillsborough on Nov 9 ... fellow New Futurists **Roco Coca** release their debut single 'Always on My Mind' Nov 14. They seem likely to go resident in ChCh late this month. New Timaru band **Jane Fonda(!)** will be coming north

to support RC soon.

The **Desperate Measures/Unauthorised** cassette album has been selling well in city shops. It's available by mail from **Fail Safe**, Box 3003, ChCh for \$6.50 ... and, fresh from their first gigs out of ChCh at Wgtn's Rock Theatre last month, **Evasive Action** are looking to release some songs they recorded recently.

Dance Exponents and **Triffids** will feature in a FREE gig at Hagley Park, Sunday, Dec 18. Sponsor is 3ZM ... recent violence at the Gladstone has caused management to change booking policy.

Said **Triffids** are now managed by **Andy Cooke**, in place of **Lee Hubber**, who is too occupied with the **Wastrels**. They will take a break until their next appearance at the Gladstone (Nov 24) to work on new material ... and, finally, interneer **Harry Sparkle** is arranging the **Paparua Prison Xmas** concert. Anything from PA to drum kit is desperately required. If you can assist with equipment and/or would like to play, please contact: **Mark William Smith**, PO Box 12-123, Christchurch. **Geraldine Gerrard**

Wellington

Venue developments aplenty around the capital with rumours that **Cosgroves** is closing down because of complaints about noise from house guests. Meanwhile the **Terminus** has reopened (bands contact **Lesley Thomas** at **Cosmic Rock Consultants** ph 858-711) and **Rawa House** at the top end of Cuba Street has been the site for Sunday afternoon concerts by up and coming bands.

The **Music Awards** show was on at the **Michael Fowler Centre**, November 7. **Karen Hay's** recent suggestion on **RWP** that an award be presented for best EP has considerable support around town as the EP is the format most favoured by young bands and homegrown labels.

Wellington Arts Centre Trust is "taking the arts to the streets" with public performances by a variety of artists. Bands involved include:

Tony Richards Ensemble, **Shona Laing**, **Brass Edition** and **Swimming With The Ducks**.

The **Rock Theatre** punk gig, featured **Destructive Adolescents**, **Boner**, **No Idea**, **Flesh D-Vice** and **Aftershock**. A well-organised success ...

Unrestful Movements, fresh from visits to Auckland and Christchurch, are losing their drummer but will stay together ... the original three members of **Neoteric Tribesmen** have reformed with a new vocalist as the **Resurrectionists** ... the **Bobby Sands Memorial All Stars Starvation Show Band**, better known as **Ourselves Alone** are taking their Irish rebel music to **Palmerston North** and Auckland this month. See *Coruba Calendar*.

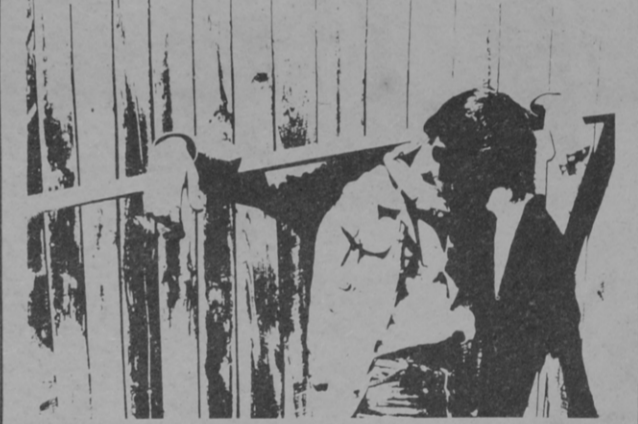
The **Pelicans** have recorded an album, *Eight Duck Treasure*, at the Broadcasting Corporation's new 24-track studio. The album is due out on **Jayrem** this month ... members of Christchurch's **AEB** have helped set up a similar collective in Wellington, the **Alternative Venue Collective**. The **AVC** will be running a dance in an as yet unnamed hall Nov 18-19, featuring **ChCh's Evasive Action** and local bands. It has also found a site for a permanent venue.

Taste of Bounty are soon to release a 4 track EP *Party Time* distributed by **WEA** ... new **Jayrem** releases: **Terror of Tintown 12"**, **'I Am The Need'**, **Body Electric** debut LP and **Pelicans EP Eight Duck Treasure**. **Capital Chaos** (including tracks by **No Tag**, **Riot 111** and **Flesh D-Vice**) and **Flesh D-Vice EP 12"** of *Hard Flesh* will be in the shops by the end of the month. Ideal for Christmas. **Jayrem** will start the new year with the long-awaited **Naked Spots** Dance album and the live **Neighbours' LP**. **David Taylor**

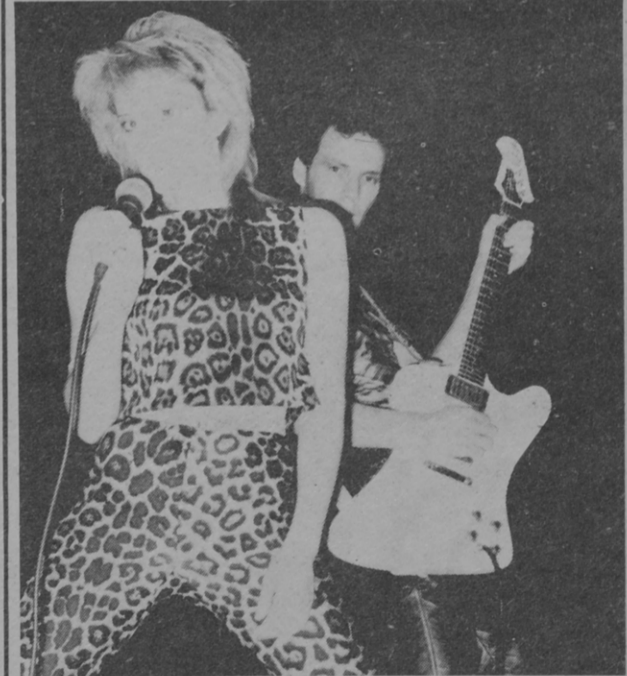
Auckland

More than 700 overseas orders have already been received for **Flying Nun's** long-awaited live Fall LP, *Fall in a Hole* ... the **Diehards** have signed with **RCA** for an EP. CONTINUED ON PAGE 28

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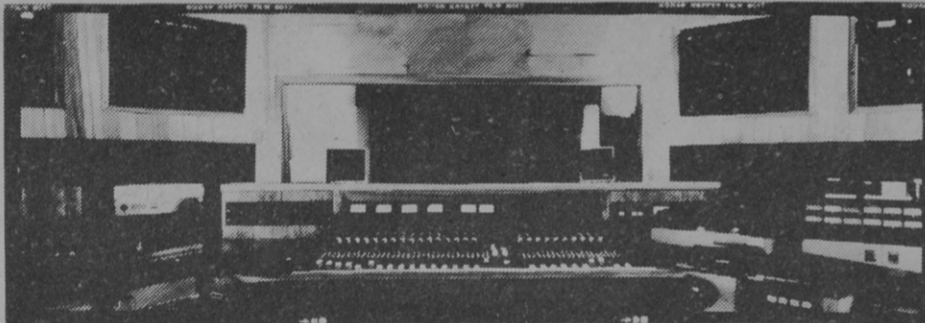
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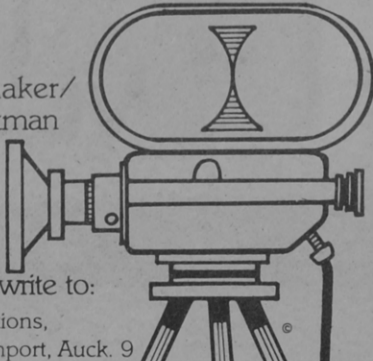
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