



HELMET return to play Auckland's Powerstation on October 22. The band guitarist on tour is CHRIS TRAYNOR from ORANGE 9mm.



After opening for TINA TURNER last summer COLLECTIVE SOUL play one New Zealand gig at the Powerstation in Auckland on October 19.



The ROLLING STONES are touring the USA as they release their *Bridges To Babylon* album. The band will play English summer outdoor concerts in mid-1998. The band play Hawaii January 11, but it is not known whether they will tour downunder.



The SPICE GIRLS meet MEATLOAF! They also have a new single 'Spice Up Your Life' and an album in November, *Spiceworld*. The group will perform at a Nelson Mandela fundraising concert for young, underprivileged South Africans, in Johannesburg on November 1.

When British PM TONY BLAIR had a reception at 10 Downing St for music people (OASIS attended), DAMON ALBARN did not turn up, leaving a phone message, "Dear Tony, I've become a Communist. Enjoy the schmooze, comrade." BLUR play Auckland on October 24.



JANET seems to have dropped the name JACKSON for her new album *The Velvet Rope*. On the first single 'Got 'til It's Gone' (with Q-Tip) JANET utilises a sample from JONI MITCHELL's 'Big Yellow Taxi'.

The old and the new Foo! Departing FOO FIGHTERS guitarist PAT SMEAR (left) is pictured with new guitarist FRANZ STAHL prior to Stahl's debut with the band at the MTV Video Music Awards. Previously Stahl was in Wool and Dave Grohl's early hardcore band Scream. After opening for RAGE AGAINST THE MACHINE in the USA, the FOO FIGHTERS are doing their own tour.



THE DANDY WARHOLS have an alternative radio hit single with the heroin-chic plsstake 'Not If You Were the Last Junkie On Earth' from their new album *Come Down*.



OCEAN COLOUR SCENE
Marchin' Already



The No.1 UK album featuring 'Hundred Mile High City' and 'Travellers Tune'

SMASH MOUTH
Fush Yu Mang



Featuring the single 'Walkin' on the Sun' ("It ain't no joke, I would like to buy the world a toke...")

DAYS OF THE NEW
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Produced by Scott Litt (R.E.M.) includes 'Touch, Peel and Stand'



FOREST FOR THE TREES
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FFTT is Carl Stephenson who co-wrote and produced Beck's 'Loser' Try the single 'Dream'

THE CRYSTAL METHOD
Vegas



Features 'Trip Like I Do' and 'Busy Child' "The Crystal Method whomp like the Chemical Brothers." - Spin