



Def Leppard return with 'Adrenalize'. They are (L-R) Rick Savage, Joe Elliot, Rick Allen and Phil Collen.



FLYING NUN TRADING CARDS

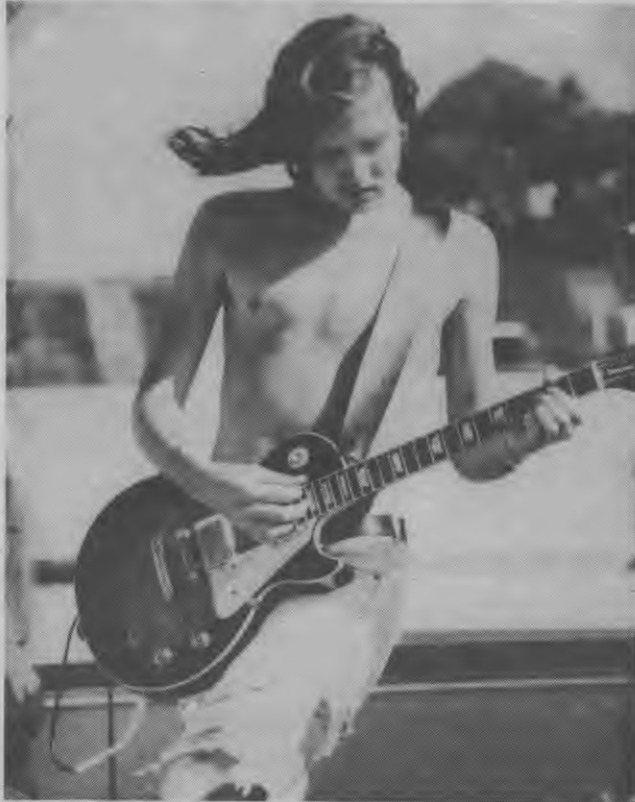
Flying Nun's cassette sized pack of trading cards is just dinky — a pocket size potted history of the label, the bands, the people, the places that made it happen — some 41 cards decorated with

groovy FN graphics, cartoons and grainy photos in turquoise, black and white with explanatory text on the back. "We thought it would be a good fun thing to do" explains Roger Shepherd. Our

favourite is the plain black one in homage to that colour's pre-eminence in Dunedin: ("all those people in black jerseys had a pretty good time in the 1980s. They were HAPPY people. Truly"

says the card).

The cards will be available in their plastic cassette case in a shop near you soon, sold as a set.



Sean Sturm. Nixons live on the roof of a Ponsonby Road liquor wholesaler.

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UPFRONT

Prince plays several concerts at the Sydney Entertainment Centre from April 24 to May 1, but he will not visit NZ. For bookings phone Seedknee 00612-266-4800 . . . good news is that Red Hot Chili Peppers play Auckland May 24 and Wellington May 25 . . . Vince Neil has parted company with Motley Crue. Neil said, "I didn't share the enthusiasm for the band's new musical direction." Neil objected to the heavier direction, adding keyboards and using backup singers. He plans to do a solo album while the other Crue are looking for a singer as Neil. "Didn't share their determination and passion for music." . . . Buzzcocks are recording new material in New York with Bill Laswell . . . Sinead O'Connor obtained a 20 minute meeting with the Irish Premier to argue the case for abortion, highlighted by the Irish legal system's refusing an abortion for a 14 year old rape victim. The 25 year old singer admitted to journalists that she had had two abortions,

three months ago and 18 months ago . . . the Aids Benefit concert featuring the remaining members of Queen and guests, is expected to have Guns N' Roses, George Michael and Elton John in the lineup . . . the BBC has banned the Jesus & Marychan song 'Reverence' for the lyric "I wanna die like Jesus Christ; I wanna die like JFK." The group appear in the USA on Rick Rubin's Def American label . . . Morrissey is working with ex Bowie guitarist Mick Ronson . . . meanwhile David Bowie's search for an elusive hit has taken him back to Nile Rodgers, who produced 'Let's Dance' . . . a Soundgarden EP will feature covers of Black Sabbath's 'Into the Void' and Devo's 'Girl U Want' . . . Def Leppard are looking for a guitarist to tour. On their forthcoming album *Adrenalize*, Phil Collen plays all the guitar . . . Red Hot Chili Peppers and Ice Cube have signed on to do Perry Farrell's *Lollapalooza Two* . . . Luther Vandross whose albums never sell less than a million copies, is suing Sony Records for not selling even of his albums as they have pigeon-holed him and not actively sought to expand his market." . . . Joe Strummer is writing and recording with the Pogues for their new album.

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