







Led Zeppelin may have been away for a few years but they've definitely not been forgotten. After setting a one-off British concert date at Knebworth in August, Zeppelin and their promoters were stunned to learn that the show sold out in record time for an outdoor event. In fact, 264,000 tickets were sold in two days and all without even announcing the support acts. Now a second concert at Knebworth has been scheduled and with most of the support acts confirmed (they are Todd Rundgren, the Marshall Tucker Band and Southside Johnny and the Asbury Jukes) bookings may well be equally the Asbury Jukes) bookings may well be equally heavy for the second show ... both Pete Townshend and The Clash are to play separate benefit concerts in London for the Rock Against Racism organisation. Townshend will be backed by friends Tony Butler on bass, The Who's Kenny Jones on drums, Rabbit Bun-drick on keyboards and Peter Hope-Evans on harmonica ... meanwhile Who bassist John Entwistle has begun work on his new solo album with Eagles' guitarist Joe Walsh ... Al Kooper has assembled a host of well-known musicians for his first permanent band since he musicians for his first permanent band since he formed Blood, Sweat and Tears over ten years ago. The as yet unnamed band includes guitarists Jeff Baxter and Elliot Randall, Little Feat drummer Richie Hayward, Neil Stubenhaus on bass, Kooper and session ace Jai Winding on keyboards, while taking lead vocals is Glenn Hughes formerly of Deep Purple. Kooper asserts that the band will be "a cross between Steely Dan and the Isley Brothers" ... meanwhile the real Steely Dan are recording in New York and, finding a good drummer difficult to come by, placed want ads on the notice-board at the Manhattan School of Music. Commented Donald Fagen: "We're looking for someone young and fresh" ... Mavis Staples, the stunning lead voice of the Staples has quit the group to pursue a solo career. However the Staples will continue and new members of the Staples' family will be drafted in to replace her. Mavis' new solo album Oh What a Feeling was recorded at Muscle Shoals with producers Jerry Wexler and Barry Beckett ... who also produced Dylan's newie, Slow Train Coming. It's now confirmed that backing the Zim on the album are Dire Straiters Mark Knopfler and Pick Withers together with Barry Beckett on keyboards and Tim Drummond on bass with the Muscle Shoals Horns and backup singers. A September release date is predicted ... work continues on the collaboration of the decade between the tycoon of teen, producer Phil Spector and those blitzkrieg boppers, The Ramones. The album will include a version of the Ronettes "Baby, I Love You" recorded with strings. Joey Ramone comformed Blood, Sweat and Tears over ten years

mented: "The sound on the playbacks is like the whole room shakes. It's like being blown up" ... New Zealander Charlie Tumahai is one of the members of newly formed British band The Dukes. Joining him in the combo are ex-Wings' guitarist Jimmie McCulloch, vocalist and guitarist Miller Anderson and one-time Stone the Crows keyboardist Ronnie Leahy. The Dukes are signed to Warner Brothers and a first LP is expected in September ... Nice Gestures Dept: various new wave groups in New York have scheduled a benefit to aid hospitalised soul singer Jackie Wilson and ... Graham Parker and the Rumour, currently on a US tour, have added Little Feat's "Tripe Face Boogie" to their set as a tribute to the late .Lowell George ... and Little Feat's last album is now confirmed for September release under the title Duck Lips ... British heavy metal band Whitesnake, which already includes ex-Deep Purple members David Coverdale and Jon Lord, has now been joined by another Purple member, drummer lan Paice ... despite some doubts expressed earlier, it's now certain that Nick Lowe will produce Elvis Costello's next album. Rumour also suggests that the recor-Nick Lowe will produce Elvis Costello's next album. Rumour also suggests that the recording may take place in Australia ... it's now confirmed that **Sham 69** are to split, though whether this means that the Jimmy Pursey-Sex Pistols alliance is on or not is unknown ... rumour has it that the reclusive **John Lennon** is rumour has it that the reclusive John Lennon is working on his autobiography ... the next Fleetwood Mac album is completed and is, as previously reported, a double set titled Tusks. However, Mick Fleetwood has warned that the album is something of a departure for the band and another source has commented that the songs are clearly influenced by the new wave in that the songs are short, sharp and aggressive ... Elton John is currently in the Chateau Studios in Southern France to work on his next. Joining Elton are Toto guitarist Steve Lukather plus keyboard player James Newton Howard, bassist Reggie McBride and drummer Alvin Taylor ... Pink Floyd guitarist Dave Gilmour is to produce a solo album from expretty Things guitarist Phil May ... Richard Perry has signed actress Diane Keaton to his Planet Records label ... Winston Rodney (better known as Burning Spear) is currently in Jamaica recording with the Wailers ... while the latest album from Bob Marley and the Wailers will be titled Survival To ever will be ever to ever will latest album from **Bob Marley and the Wailers** will be titled *Survival*. The cover will feature the flags of all 49 African independent nations ... flags of all 49 African independent nations ... Ian Dury has a new single set for release and, as usual with Stiff Records, it's a track not featured on any album. The single is "Reasons to Be Cheerful — Part Three" ... while Stiff artist Lene Lovich is currently in Holland at work at work on her second album ... and expect new album releases over the next couple of months from the Little River Band: First Under the Wire, J.J. Cale, Harry Nilsson (produced by veteran soul guitarist Steve Cropper), Ry Cooder's rhythm and blues slanted set Bop Till You Drop, The Sex Pistols' Carri On Sex Pistols (a mixture of interviews, banned radio ads, Cooder's rhythm and blues slanted set Bop Till You Drop, The Sex Pistols' Carri On Sex Pistols (a mixture of interviews, banned radio ads, snippets of live music and other oddments), and newies from Van Morrison and Alan Parsons ... and its with regret we note the death of trumpeter Blue Mitchell. Mitchell visited NZ twice with John Mayall ... rock and roll veteran, Chuck Berry, last month was given a three year suspended sentence after being found guilty of falsifying tax returns and failing to pay \$100,000 in taxes. His actual sentence will be four months in prison and a Court order that he must do a thousand hours of community services including a series of benefit concerts ... Little Feat members Paul Barrere and Bill Payne organised a tribute concert for Lowell George, held at LA's Forum on August 4th with all proceeds going to George's family. Friends of Lowell scheduled to appear were Linda Ronstadt, Jackson Browne, Emmy-Lou Harris, Nicolette Larson and Bonny. Raitt ... recording in New York continues on Bruce Springsteen's new album. Together with the E Street Band, he has reportedly cut a song titled "Roulette", about the nuclear accident at Three Mile Island earlier this year ... guitarist Gary Moore has quit Thin Lizzy to pursue a solo career ... drumabout the nuclear accident at Three Mile Island earlier this year ... guitarist Gary Moore has quit Thin Lizzy to pursue a solo career ... drummer Carmine Appice is putting together the Carmine Appice band with guitarist Earl Slick ... finally seeing Stateside release is the first Clash album, to which has been added four of their later singles, together with a giveaway seven inch with a further three tracks, including "I Fought the Law" ... other waxings scheduled for releases are newies from Led Zeppelin (In Through the Out Door), Aretha Franklin, Chuck Berry, John Fogerty and a double live set from Joan Armatrading ...



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