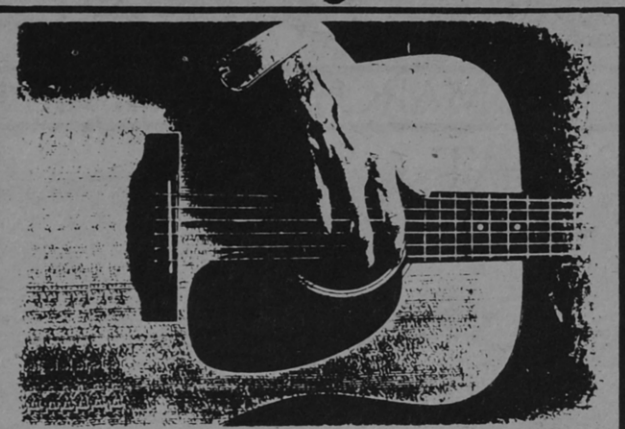


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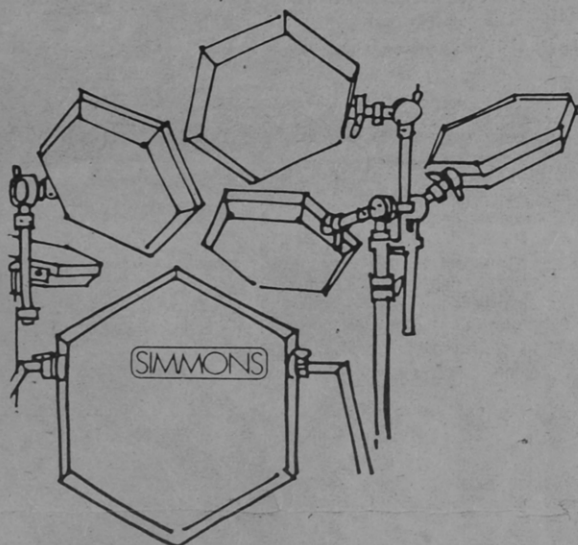


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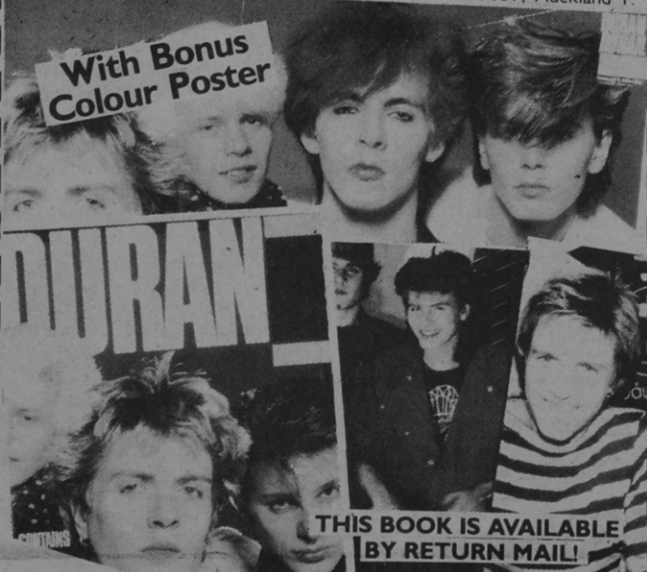
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## Rumours

### Auckland

A star-studded ensemble under the name **The Party Boys** will tour North Island centres in April. The lineup features DD Smash's Dave Dobbyn and Peter Warren, Graham Brazier, Dave McArtney, Mike Chunn and Jenny Morris. Dobbyn, Warren and Morris return from Australia for the tour ... drummer Paul Hewitt has left Coconut Rough and has been replaced by Eddie Olsen, leaving Auckland Walk with an empty drumseat ... **Dance Exponents** leave for Australia early April but before that will go into the studio to record a four or five track EP of older songs that missed out on the album. Next single off the album is to be 'I'll Say Goodbye'. Meanwhile *Prayers Be Answered* is only a whisker away from the 15,000 sales necessary for platinum status.

Milwaukee's **Violent Femmes** play Auckland's Gluepot on April 10. The Femmes have a reputation as a cheeky, messy, highly enjoyable live band ... despite rumours to the contrary. **Moving Targets** are still going and in fact sport new songs, a new sound and new members: Paul Gilbert (guitar, ex Visitors, Gorilla Biscuits), Brian O'Donnell (bass, ex Lip Service, Stark Naked), Will Earlie (drums, ex Low Profile) and Russell Baillie (tenor sax, keyboards) who join guitar/alto sax player John Addison, the only survivor from last year's band ... Hamilton's mighty **Ha Ha Ha** mag may be undergoing a name change for nebulous reasons. The band of the mag may also be retitled ... the same city's **S.H.I.T.** have gone underground for some remodeling after violence spoiled a recent gig.

**Katango** go into the recording studio to make a single within a month ... the **Aerial Railway** is running courses in sound engineering at its Moehay studio, Port Charles, Coromandel. The six-day courses give a technical background to all aspects of sound recording and will run during April. The \$250 fee includes food, accommodation, tuition and 24-hour access to the studio. Contact 87 Vermont St, Ponsonby, ph 768-913.

The **Fat City Jumpers** are John Malloy (piano), Wim van Bokhoven (vocals), Phil Parker (drums), Peter Future (bass), Phil

Oxenham (guitar). They play Malloy songs, including some Top Scientists' material ... the **Joes** are Brett Power (lead guitar), Kevin Riddell (rhythm guitar), Connal Cowan (bass) and Mark Cranswick (drums). They play blues rock with a few twists ... the reason for the **Sons in Jeopardy** national tour being blown out was politicking at Otago University. Seems the student union went back on Orientation gig contracts that had been signed and sealed. The band, having already shelled out for posters, etc, couldn't contemplate the tour without the Otago guarantee.

Auckland sound team the **Sick Crew** whose six members include, the Marsden brothers, Steve and Eric, and the burly Scruff, were banned from working at the Police gig here after doing Sweetwaters and Elton John because production manager Nigel Hawthorne thought they were 'weird.' Dem's de breaks ... and will we see an **Androids** reunion? Well, not right now, maybe, but keep an ear open in about five months' time. **Russell Brown**

### Christchurch

The **Triffids** head for Auckland very soon to play live and record an EP and accompanying video. If well received, the band will stay in AK for a while after recording is finished and then take in a short North Island tour on the way home ... the **Gordons** farewell tour reaches Wellington, March 22 and finishes in Auckland, April 18. From there it's off to Melbourne and, if all goes well, the rest of the world ... **ECF** have left for Wellington, Palmerston North and Auckland. They'll be back if "everything goes wrong."

At long last the **Millions of Dead Cops** cassette is available. Initial run is going only to ChCh record stores but copies can be obtained direct from the **Alternative Entertainment Bureau**, PO Box 13-407, ChCh for \$5.50 ... also in the pipeline are another series of **Caledonian Hall** gigs with lots of famous/infamous bands. The first will be in early April and will probably feature **Southern Front**, **Venetians** (featuring new bass player Mike), **Horizon** and

**Straight Out**. Usual nominal door charge of 50 cents ... **AEB** is also negotiating for a couple of hours a week on Radio U with the intention of featuring NZ bands and explaining what the Unemployed Rights Centre can do to assist the jobless. Tapes are welcomed, send to above address.

**New Bands:** **Southern Front** has been drawn from a long history of local bands (Unauthorised, Desperate Measures, Clients, Evasive Action). Lineup is Harry (vocals), Eric (bass), Gibby (drums) and an unknown name on guitar ...

Sponsorship of the **84 Band War** has switched from Coca-Cola to Izona and Benson Hair Stylists because of fluffing around at head office level. Entries close March 12.

The **Hard Rock Cafe** (ex Swingles Night Club, Lichfield St) has had a change of entertainment policy and will be featuring bands like Art Union, Roca Coca and Louie and the Hot Sticks. **Geraldine Gerrard**

### Wellington

The Victoria Uni radio station **Radio Active** (89 FM) is back on air and will continue all year, a haven from the AM muddle ... **Body Electric** have moved to Auckland for several months so as to better cover the north of the North Island ...

When the **Flying Nun** tour passed through town in February

the **Chills** saw their next single, 'Pink Frost', cut. Also cut recently was **Sneaky Feelings'** superb debut album. Expect a North Island tour by **Sneaky Feelings** around April.

**Tin Syndrome** and **Circus Block 4** are about to record new material for release by Jayrem ... the **Naked Spots Dance LP** has finally been released and **Banana Dominion**, the follow-up to **Barking Up The Right Tree**, will be released soon ... **Hammond Gamble's** recent album is to be released in Australia, and **Sam Hunt's** album also seems likely to be released in Oz to coincide with the bard's waltz **David Taylor**

### Dunedin

The **Rip** with Jeff Harford on drums briefly changed their name to the **Malimas** but wisely reverted back to the **Rip**. They're also headlining at the **Empire** early this month.

**Richard Wallis** is back and he's been hanging around with the **Wake** but there are rumours that he'll reform **Gamauche**. **Armchair Thrillers** lost their drummer, **Nick Neill**, to **Crystal Zoom** who've been offending people with a poster featuring a battered old man.

**Netherworld Dancing Toys** received an ecstatic reception during the recent varsity hops. They have an EP imminent, as do **Pretty Idles**, titled 'Agroculture'. **John Dodd** is playing with the **Blind Venetians**.

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