



Auckland

The first project to emerge from the breakup of **Big Sideways** (which happened, ironically, shortly after the signing of a contract with Mushroom Records) is **Last Man Down**, featuring **Chris Green** on sax. The band's lynchpin is keyboardist **Ross Mullins**, who is well known as a session player. The band, completed by David White (ex Blues Busters) on bass and Mike Visser on drums, plays all original material. Meanwhile, Green is understood to have other projects up his sleeve.

New **Great Unwashed** bassist is **Ross Humphries** (ex Pin Group, Talking Horse Band). The Unwashed and Dunedin's fab **Chills** just might be popping over to Australia for a short tour in October, too ... meanwhile, across the Tasman, **Split Enz** have played a handful of shows without Tim Finn, as the older brother was in

Europe promoting his solo album. Younger brother Neil has had the odd sharp thing to say about Tim in the press recently ... and Oz was not to the liking of **Sonya Waters**, who recently returned to Auckland after a few months there.

Les Wilson, the Gluepot's popular manager, was farewelled recently after 12 years' service which saw the pub develop into the country's most prestigious hotel venue ... **Ja Ja Jackal** have recorded their debut single 'Fun Supreme'/'Back and Beyond' at Mascot Studios with Phil Yule and are looking for a release deal. They are handled by the newly set-up **Progressive Promotions**, as are Nick Hanson's new band **Spare Messiah** and **Slice of Life**, a five piece who have begun playing publicly after three years of playing together.

Hello Sailor will reform for a single night to mark the closure of the **Crypt** nightclub, a frequent early venue for the band. The original lineup will play their farewell on July 1. The Crypt is to be redecorated and will reopen as a swept-up cabaret ... **Ian Morris** is working on some songs with the new **Moving Targets** lineup with a view to choosing tracks for a single ... **Marginal Era** have been in the wars lately, being dropped by their record company, Reaction, and having a tiff with the

people from **Shazam**. Their new single 'You Fascinate' will be the last on Reaction. The band walked out on **Shazam** filming, claiming that a promise from the director that they would not have to have a crowd of young girls dancing in front of them for the filming was broken when they were told they weren't allowed to play without the dancers. Paul Agar and band will continue undaunted, however, and have a well-known face from the biz interested in taking over their management.

Plans For A Building recently recorded their debut single 'Some Altar, Some Sacrifice' (at Echo Park — the new name for Genesis Studios) c/w 'Heart and Soul' (at Last Laugh) for release on Hit Singles. They are: Tom Pound, vocals; Eric Paulston, keyboards; Philip Bishop, bass; Patrick Pound, guitars; and new member Roddy Carlson (ex Danse Macabre) on drums ... **Last Laugh** has finished its CND *Celebration* cassette compilation. Featured are Miltown Stowaways, Marie and the Atom, Papakura PO, Martial Law, Otis Mace, Louise Brandt, Pamela Gray, Velvet Vipers and Dead Image. Pre-release orders, \$6 from Box 6884 Auckland. Meanwhile the studio has been occupied with the recording of a debut LP for Peter Stewart and demos for ex Fla-

mingo **Karen Hill**. Marie and the Atom and From Scratch records begin soon.

Former La De Das' vocalist **Phil Keys** died aged 35 in Sydney recently, of heart disease. A La De Das' reformation of sorts was being postulated at the time ... and for those of you treasuring copies of the **Mockers** LP, the band would like to correct some credits on the sleeve. The sequencer parts of 'Good Old Days' and 'You Only Live Once' were by **Andrew Milne** of Katango, not Simon Lee (who?) ... the **Pleasure Boys** are looking for a new drummer following the departure of **Fred Soar** to a respectable career. Phone 398-967.

Adam and the Air Aces are the three scoundrels, poet **Bruce Bisset** and musicians **Taranaki Sol** and **Ralph Bennett**. If you live anywhere in the North Island big enough to own a main street you'll probably catch them at some time on their extensive June-July tour.

The Kiwi Animal debut album *Music Media* is out now or thereabouts. You'll be able to hear it and other things on Campus Radio, 10pm-1am, Monday, June 18. Further info, song lyrics, etc, can be obtained from Box 6972, Auckland.

The **Henchmen** have begun

recording their second LP, *Excelsior Obermensch* at Progressive. Don't hold your breath though, release isn't scheduled until January.

Russell Brown

Wellington

The big news this month is the Radio Active 89FM **Band of the Year** contest to be held at Victoria University Union Hall from 5-7 July. The first two nights will see four bands competing each night for places in the final plus a name act to close. The final, will be held on Saturday July 7, with a name act to close. Prizes include recording time at Marmalade Studios, a guaranteed release on Jayrem, cash and free publicity.

Circus Block 4 have boxed on since the departure of their vocalist and will release a 12" single 'In Stone In Steel' in late June ... A heavy metal special was filmed recently at Ascot Theatre for RWP. Acts involved were **Strike-master**, **Tokyo** and **Nightshade**.

The **Idles** are recording a single at Mandrill about now.

David Taylor

Christchurch

The **Star and Garter** is now the city's only live venue with regular band changes as the Gladstone now has **Art Union** resident six nights a week. Apparently the

management feels the lower door charges possible with a resident band will result in more cash spent over the bar. The final nail apparently came when the 500 or so people who turned up to see the Mockers on a Monday night didn't spend as much as expected ... meanwhile the Star and Garter will be seeing the **White Boys**, **Bats**, **Idles** and various Dunedin bands in the near future ... Hard-working Aussie band **Electric Lady** may tour in late July/August. Lineup includes guitarist **Eddie Hanson**, once of Ticket.

The Edge (featuring Dick Driver) have an EP due out shortly. Three of the four tracks are 'Memories', 'Heels Over Head' and 'I Said Oi' (the last being rather a party piece for the band, apparently).

Timaru's **Terminus** is now being booked by Ezzy Promotions and an itinerary can also be arranged including Motueka and Blenheim. Call 482-590.

The Academy Cinema will present the classic 1930s anti-pot propaganda film *Reefer Madness* on June 17. The film is being toured throughout the country by Pleasure Pak Promotions, run by local lad JohnE Leach. The film shows in Dunedin June 14, 15, 16 and finishes on the West Coast at the end of the month. It tours the North Island in July.

GG

KINGSLEY SMITH NEW ARRIVALS

KORG POLY 800 The fully professional, digitally programmable, midi interfaceable, surprisingly portable. Unbelievably affordable. \$995.

KORG POLY 61 6 voice, 64 program midi retrofit available soon. Ex demo model. \$1400.

HAMMOND DRUM MACHINE Digital Drums at an affordable price \$1495.

KAHLER TREMOLO SYSTEMS To fit strats, Les Pauls & Basses, starting at \$289.

HOTCAKES A fresh batch of the popular NZ made overdrive/sustain unit. \$75.

SIMMONS SD58 5 pce New cut price version of the popular electronic drum kit. \$3500

ROLAND JUNO 106 New 6 voice, 128 programmable portamento. Midi. \$1495.

BADASS BRIDGES Top quality replacement bridges starting from as little as \$49.95.

GIBSON ES 335. Semi Acoustic. 2 to choose from, Cherry Red & Walnut \$1750.

FENDER SUPER TWIN 200. Parametric Equalizer and Overdrive, just some of the features of this combo amp.

ROCKIT AMPS. A complete range Guitar, P.A. & Bass Amps and Speakers. The best in locally made Amps.

ROLAND JSQ 60 SEQUENCER. New low cost sequencer for Juno 60s'. 2000 notes, overdubs & tape interface. \$695

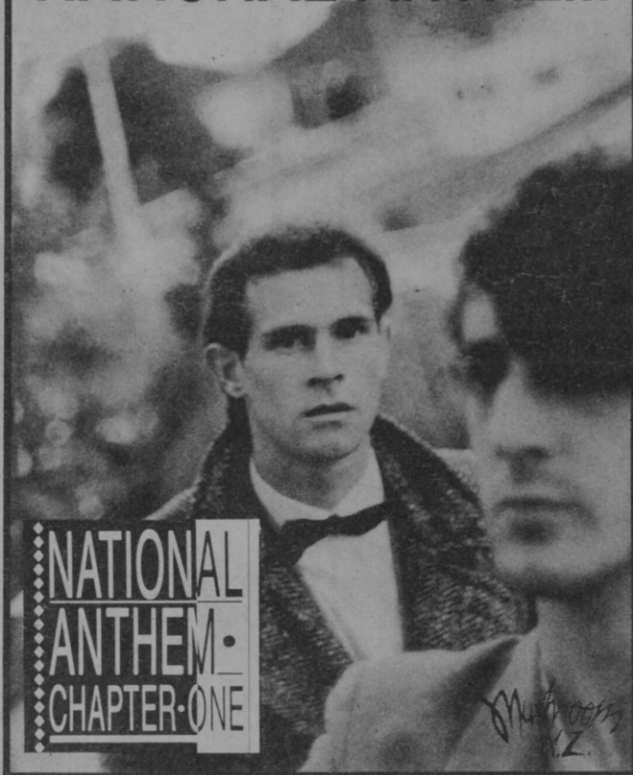
KINGSLEY SMITH'S

26 CUSTOMS ST. AUCKLAND 793-139

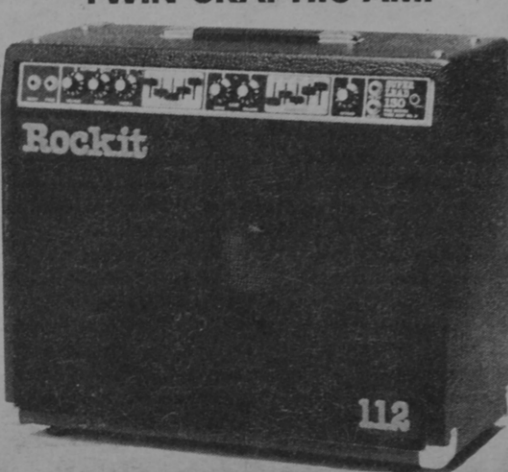
32 MANNERS ST. WELLINGTON 730-632

THE MUSICIANS MUSIC SHOP

CHAPTER ONE THE DEBUT SINGLE FROM NATIONAL ANTHEM



Introducing the SUPER LEAD 130 TWIN GRAPHIC AMP



The Superlead MK6 Twin Graphic tube amp has now set a new standard in guitar amplification that all other manufacturers will want to equal. This amazing amplifier will truly surprise you. Nothing even comes close to its sound creativity.

So don't Boogie, Rock — it with a Rockit.

Rockit

Further information available from:
**CLEF INDUSTRIES LTD, PO Box 37-005,
Parnell, Auckland Ph 502-112
Factory, 7 Kent St, Newmarket,**



AGENTS FOR
GROOVE TUBES

New Rock Record
\$13.95
719 page directory of LPs and musicians of rock era.

"If you prefer facts to theories and opinions, then this is the one to add to your library ... unrivalled in its sphere."

New Musical Express
(listings not reviews)

Duran Duran
(revised) \$9.50

David Bowie Black Book
Book \$22.50
127 pages of remarkable colour and B&W photos, all the key dates and discography.

Heavy Metal Photobook
\$18.95 Large format. 134 pages, as many colour as B&W. All the top HM scots including Led Zeppelin, AC/DC, Deep Purple.

Velvet Underground & Lou Reed \$11.50

Siouxsie & Banshees \$11.50

Split Enz Photo Book
\$14.95
120 colour photos by Enz bassist

Encyclopedia Metallica \$11.95
AC/DC: Hell Ain't I
No Bad Place \$13.50

Spandau Ballet \$9.50
In Their Own Words

David Bowie: His Private & ...
\$12.50

Culture Club \$9.50
In Their Own Words

The Jam: Beat Concerto
\$18.95 Authorised bio by Paolo Hewitt. The inside story, 134 pages. Paul Weller said "there is no more to be said on the Jam's formation and rise than is contained in this book."

Led Zeppelin \$19.50
Large format, 100pp of B&W/colour photos with essay by Chris Welch. \$19.50.

AC/DC PhotoBook
Large format, 100pp of B&W/colour photos with essay by Chris Welch. \$19.50.

Duran Duran Lyric Book \$8.95
ALSO AVAILABLE
Duran Duran In Their Own Words \$9.50

ALSO AVAILABLE
☐ Kate Bush \$13.50
☐ Toyah \$11.25
☐ Deep Purple \$20.95
Illustrated bio, 96pp, B&W/colour.
☐ Stiff Records Story \$8.95
☐ Whitesnake \$6.95
☐ Sex Pistols \$11.50
☐ Neil Young \$13.50
☐ Book With No Name (New Romantics) \$14.95
☐ Blondie \$14.95
Illustrated Bio by Lester Bangs

☐ New Rock'n'Roll A-Z of 80s Music \$14.95
☐ The Who \$18.95
Large format Illustrated Bio.
☐ Pink Floyd: Visual Documentary \$22.50
☐ New Wave Discography \$22.50 736 pages — all labels, 45s, 12"s, fanzines etc.
☐ Complete Synthesiser \$18.95
☐ Punk Words and Music \$15.95
☐ Rock Family Trees (Pete Frame) Vol.1 \$14.95, Vol.2 \$22.50

BOOKS BY MAIL

To order any of these books or to request a catalogue (enclose standard stamped-addressed-envelope), write to: **Books By Mail, Rip It Up, PO Box 5689, Auckland 1.**

Name

Address

\$ enclosed

Title/s required: