

Rumours

• **The Clash** have been busking in the North Of England (their first UK "gigs" in over a year), playing outside pubs and clubs and and staying with fans.

• **The Eurythmics** have surfaced again with the release of their new album, *Be Yourself Tonight*, but live performances are some way off because of Annie Lennox's voice problems. She is, however, making her film debut with **Donald Sutherland** and **Al Pacino** in *Revolution*. Meanwhile, Dave is producing **Feargal Sharkey**.

• **Jerry Lee Lewis** is reportedly in hospital after collapsing with internal haemorrhaging.

• The new venture for former **Bronski** guy, **Jimmy Somerville**, is called **The Body Politic**, after they weren't allowed to called themselves the Committee..

• **Police** bassman **Sting** has recorded a jazzy LP, *Dream Of the Blue Turtle*, on which he plays guitar and sings. It includes a duet with **Mark Knopfler**. The band on the record will soon hit the road — it includes Weather Report's Omar Hakim (drums), Miles Davis Band's Kenny Kirkland (keyboards), Brandon Marsalis (sax) and a couple of backing singers. Sting has now also tossed away the peroxide bottle for a new brunette look.

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tial" royalties are owed. Bronze, who have also been having hassles with **Motorhead**, say there's no problem.

• **Big Beat Records** have released another trash compilation, *Return of the Living Dead*, the soundtrack from the Hemdale film. It features unreleased **Cramps** and **Damned** tracks, plus stuff by various US bands.

• The 50th Anniversary celebrations for New York's **Apollo Theatre** included both the sublime and ridiculous, with appearances by **Patti Labelle**, **Al Green**, **Billy Preston**, **Mavis Staples**, **Little Richard** and others — and also **Rod Stewart** singing 'Sitting On the Dock Of the Bay' and **George Michael** joining **Smokey Robinson** on 'Careless Whisper'.

• **Miles Davis** is to release a version of **Cyndi Lauper's** 'Time After Time'.

• **Nile Rodgers** kindly stepped in to help the **Thompson Twins** finish their new LP in Paris after it was delayed by singer Tom Bailey's collapse.

• Island Records has come up with the first Washington Go-Go movie, *Good To Go*.

• **Madness** are to release a version of the **Scritti Politti** hit of a coupla years back, 'The Sweetest Girl'.

• **Bronze Records** has been issued with winding-up notices by **Uriah Heep**, claiming "substan-

• **Albums:** Talking Heads, *Little Creatures*, Style Council *Our Favourite Shop*, Stylistics *Some Things Never Change*, Dead Or Alive *Youthquake*, Joe Walsh *The Confessor*, Nile Rodgers, *B-Movie Matinee*, Nina Hagen *Nina In Ekstacy*, David Grant *Hopes and Dreams*, George Thorogood and the Destroyers *Maverick*, David Thomas and the Pedestrians *More Places Forever*, Jah Wobble and Ollie Mallard *Neon Moon*.

• **Singles:** Shriekback 'Nemesis', OMD 'So In Love', Propaganda 'Duel' (LPs due soon from all three.)

Auckland
Neil Finn has a new band, the

Mullaness, they've recorded demos in Melbourne. Lineup is Finn, former Enz drummer Paul Hester, Craig Hooper (guitar) and Nick Seymour (bass). A major NZ tour is planned later this year ... among NZers winning attention in the UK is manic poet **David Eggleton**, who was accorded a half page story and pic in the May 25 *NME*. Nice things were said about Eggleton and NZ music in general ... the new **Fetus Productions** record is *Luminous Trails*, an eight-track collection recorded in Sydney over the past year and apparently representing a wide cross-section of material. The duo will wing off for Japan and Europe again in August-September.

Tim Shadbolt, **Tom Scott** and **Gary McCormick** hit the road together from early July as a travelling debating and comedy roadshow, sparring verbally with various celebrity teams (including the likes of Norm Jones, Karyn Hay, Cath Tizard and Ian Fraser) up and down the country ... the **Bats** will soon have their new EP, entitled *and here is 'Music For the Fireside'* out soon ... **Soul On Ice** have been financing their own recording session in Auckland with producer and former member of boogie outfit **Heatwave**, **Eric Johns** (who spends most of his time producing soundtracks for commercials in Christchurch) ... for those who missed out on the radio show, the **Chills** present *The Chills In Space* at the Windsor Castle, June 28 and 29 ... South Islanders are likely to get a chance to see what all the fuss is about with possible southern tours later this year by **Birds Nest Roys**, **Goblin Mix** and **Able Tasmans**.

The second issue of Auckland-based fanzine *One World* is out. Big strides from the first ish and stories on locals **Five Year Mission** and **Flesh D-Vice**, as well as stuff from the USA, Italy, Canada, Denmark, East Germany and Sweden and reviews. Available from PO Box 8809, Auckland for a mere buck ... also on the publications scene is *E.T.A.* (Equality Through Autonomy, a slim, serious anarchist-nihilist mag available from PO Box 35-469, Auckland for 50 cents, or free at some shops ... Napier's **Five Year Mission** have a single coming up soon ... **Flesh D-Vice** have been recording a second LP which

probably won't see the light of day for some time. They also plan a comic ... possibility of a shared EP featuring ChCh bands **No Idea** and **Horizin** — and thanks Neil for the news ... the **Henchmen** are busy writing new material for future releases. Will release a single, 'Death Machine' in a few months.

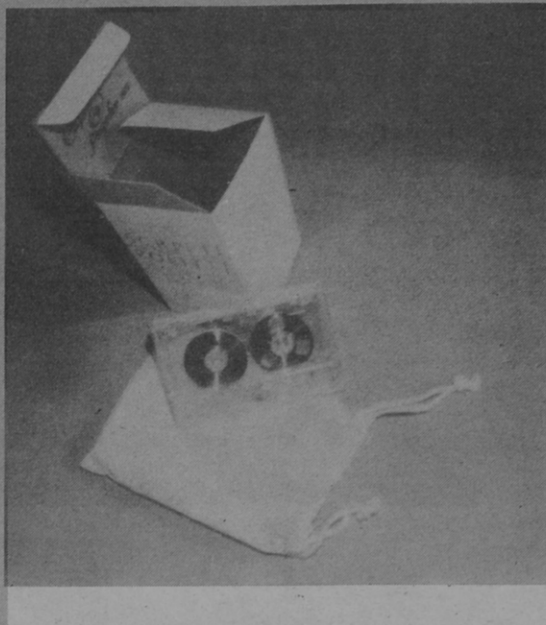
Crystal Zoom have advanced their plan for world media domination another step by picking up former Mee Mees/Infectious drummer **Yoh**. They'll begin performing again at the end of this month, starting off with short sets ... Napier band **Bedside Manner** head off on their first North Island tour this month. They recently recorded their debut single, 'Belfast', at Capture Studios this month ... Ohio band the **Undefineables**, who have been defined as "underground disco-techno-funk-pop" are expected to tour this country in August-September.

The A.C.C.'s **Outreach** programme is running a youth film festival during the August hols, from the 26th. Any interested independent local film-makers should contact Tim Rainger, ph 792-020 ... address for the *Urgent Dispensary* tape reviewed last month is PO Box 47-295, Auckland. The colourful semi-companion book, *The Book Of Feeling* is now also available. Both are \$5.00 ... 89FM's *Breakthrough* concert raised \$10,000 for Odyssey House after 2800 people paid to see DD Smash, the Narcs, Hello Sailor and Peking Man.

Arrangements for a multimedia show at the Maidment Theatre on July 34 and 24 are firming up. Performances will include music from This Kind Of Punishment, a play by David Clarkson, films by Brian Wills (with music by the Headless Chickens, aka Chris Matthews, Johnny Pierce and Michael Lawry). Tickets go on sale on July 1, \$6 from Real Groovy Records or the Record Exchange ... Mark and Dieneke, formerly of Flak, are in Holland and have a band called **If** who have an EP due soon. James Murray (ex-Exploding Budgies) visited them recently and drummed when they played a gig as Flak, playing all old Flak material.

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