

Rumours

UK & USA

The **Clash** have split again. Guitarists Nick Sheppard and Vince White and drummer Peter Howard have departed "amicably" from the group, leaving once again the nucleus of **Strummer** and **Simonon**. Former Clash members **Mick Jones** and **Topper Headon** have their own musical bags at present, so any reformation rumours seem groundless ... **Siouxsie** has been doing her concerts sitting on a chair, after dislocating her patella (kneecap) on stage. The injury is apparently particularly painful, but she was back up on the boards the night after she did it ... **Spandau Ballet** lost out on their bid to have four directors of their company Chrysalis Records put in jail. The company reportedly broke an injunction won by the band to stop any TV advertising for the new Spandau compilation, *The Singles Collection*. The group are unhappy with the standard of presentation of the record and didn't want it released. But they lost out and the TV injunction has since been quashed too ... **New Order** have become the first major UK group to play a benefit gig for AIDS research ... **Linton Kwesi Johnson** has announced that he has given up music in order to concentrate on his work in

the community. But he's leaving something to remember him by in a double live LP to be released on Rough Trade ... the new **Yoko Ono** LP, *Starpeace*, is produced by **Bill Laswell** and features the talents of **Sly & Robbie**, **Nona Hendryx** and **Bernie Worrell**, as well as a vocal from **Sean Ono Lennon** ... at time of writing **Jerry Lee Lewis** was in hospital recovering from surgery on a perforated stomach and was not at all a well man ... the **Strawbs** are reforming ... **Malcolm McLaren** has landed a contract to work as a producer with CBS films. First two projects are a film version of *Fans* and a weird '80s surf movie. His new LP, *Swamp Thing*, is mainly composed of old stuff recorded at the same time as *Duck Rock* and even he doesn't seem very interested in it ... the **Jesus and Mary Chain** debut LP is *Psychocandy*, it contains all three singles so far and, yes, it will be released in NZ thru WEA ... **New Model Army** have been refused entry to the USA on the grounds that they are "of no artistic merit" ... **Fine Young Cannibals**, **Depeche Mode**, **Alison Moyet** and **Echo & the Bunnymen** are among the artists who will contribute to a 90-min documentary on international ecology and the politics surrounding it, currently being prepared by the BBC's *Green on the Screen* show ... former Television guitarist **Richard Lloyd** is back after dealing with drug and alcohol

problems and has a new LP, *Field of Fire* ... **Lou Reed**, **Tom Waits**, **Marianne Faithfull** and **Richard Butler** are among contributors to *Lost In the Stars*, an LP paying tribute to composer **Kurt Weill** ... the first **Art of Noise** offering since leaving ZTT is a single called 'Legs' ... former *NME* editor **Neil Spencer** has stepped in at the helm of *The Face* while **Nick Logan** has a wee rest ... and CBS extend still further the limits of making money out of a bunch of songs with a new box set, the *Born In the USA 12" Single Collection*. The 70-minute package contains extended, remixed, dub and live versions of the songs y'all know and lurve.

Albums: Pere Ubu *Terminal Tower: An Archival Collection* (bout time), Robert Wyatt *Old Rottenhat*, Joni Mitchell *Dog Eat Dog*, Lloyd Cole and the Commotions *Easy Pieces*, Dead Kennedys *Frankenchrist*, Twisted Sister *Come Out and Play*, Al Green *He Is the Light*, Replacements *Tim*, Pete Townshend *White City* (film soundtrack), Alan Vega *Just A Million Dreams*, Rain Parade *Crashing Dream*, Lydia Lunch *The Drowning of Lucy Hamilton*, the Alarm *Strength*, Johnny Winter *Serious Business*, Johnny Thunders *Que Sera Sera* (with Stiv Bators and Wilko Johnson guesting), Paul Haig *The Warp of Pure Fun*, Scraping Foetus Off the Wheel *Nail*, Don Dixon *Most of the Girls Like To Dance*, Brian Eno *Thursday Afternoon* (compact disc

only), Dead Can Dance *Spleen and Ideal*, Shannon Do You Wanna Get Away, Clarence Clemons *Hero*.

Singles: Associates 'Take Me to the Girl', Cramps 'Can Your Pussy Do the Dog?', Peter Murphy 'Final Solution' (a cover of the Pere Ubu classic), China Crisis 'The Highest High', Chuck Brown & the Soul Searchers 'Sho Yuh Right'.

Auckland

The Chills played their farewell English gig on the 10th at Dingwalls, scene of their sellout first gig. A couple of the band return home for Christmas while the others stay on into January. 'Oncoming Day' and 'Leather Jacket' have been recorded for a single and should be released here early next year. Plans are firming up for a return visit in May to record an album and stay for as long as six months. Press reaction seems to have been overwhelmingly positive, with the *NME* running a laudatory, if slightly confused, review (*Came A Hot Friday* was also warmly received in the films reviews of the same issue) and *Melody Maker's* reviewer charging off into rave territory. We'll be able to see more when film shot by expatriates over the past six weeks is put together into a documentary. Meanwhile back home, *The Lost EP* has finished up number 20 in the overall singles chart for 1985 ... further developments on the UK front involve the **Expendables**. Venus

Records, a label owned by Rough Trade's export manager, have expressed much interest in the band and have asked for a compilation album for UK release ... and it seems that the next band to travel to Blighty will be the **Bats**, who are due to leave in March.

The recent Zulu Records contracts for **Hello Sailor**, **Dance Exponents** and **Roy Phillips** could get a nudge from the government if recent statements by **Trevor De Cleene** are to be believed. He expressed concern at "special partnerships" set up principally for tax avoidance in the musical sphere, now that the government had tightened up on such deals in the film industry ... meanwhile, **Sailor** have begun work on their new album with English producer **Liam Henshall** and **Dance Exponents** begin theirs early next year. At Harlequin of course ... **Netherworld Dancing Toys' Painted Years** LP has just gone gold.

Shades of Hawaii (formerly Hip In A Cathedral) are now the **Rollmops**. If you didn't know, a rollmop is a pickled herring. Deep, man ... and **Rollmops' guitarist Adam** is currently doing some solo recording at Fetus productions' inner-city home studio ... **Otis Mace** releases a four-track EP on Ode Records early next year, two tracks with the **Psychic Pet Healers** and two with the **New Society Band** ... and the **Pet Healers' siamese sibling** (joined at the rhythm section, surgery not feasi-

ble), the **Frocks** have a four-song cassette on release (see ad in this issue).

Steve Roach and **Ben Hayman** (ex Sporting Life) debuted as **Selwyn Toogood** (true!) at Campus Radio's bye-bye party at the Uni Cafe recently ... stylists **Guava Groove** plan a series of outdoor concerts at beaches and parks over the summer ... new ? **Fog** guitarist is **Stephen Bolton**, formerly of K4. Former guitarist **Blaize** is concentrating his energies on establishing an alternative venue in Wellington ... **Eight Living Legs** are alive and rockin' in Europe, with former Exploding Budgies drummer James Murray have replaced Bryn on guitar. Gigs in Holland, arranged by buddies **IF** (former Flak people) were apparently most successful. So much so, in fact, that more gigs have been booked for Feb. Both the 'Legs' and IF will be recording around that time, so they will probably collaborate in the studio. Production will be by a German called **Dolf**, who also works with a most respected German band called the **Ex** and did the most recent IF single, 'In Formation'. IF also have a track on the EMMA (a huge squat in Amsterdam) double compilation LP. All pretty impressive, no? ... poet **David Eggleton** recently returned home to NZ after gigs with all the big names of UK performance poetry (Cooper Clarke, Attila the Stockbroker, etc). During his time

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Tail Gators : Swamp Rock
Poison 13 : First You Dream
Man Size Action : Five Story Garage
Crime And The City Solution : Just South Of Heaven
Sonic Youth And Lydia Lunch : Death Valley 69
Replacements : Hootenany
Lyres : She Pays The Rent (3 Track EP)
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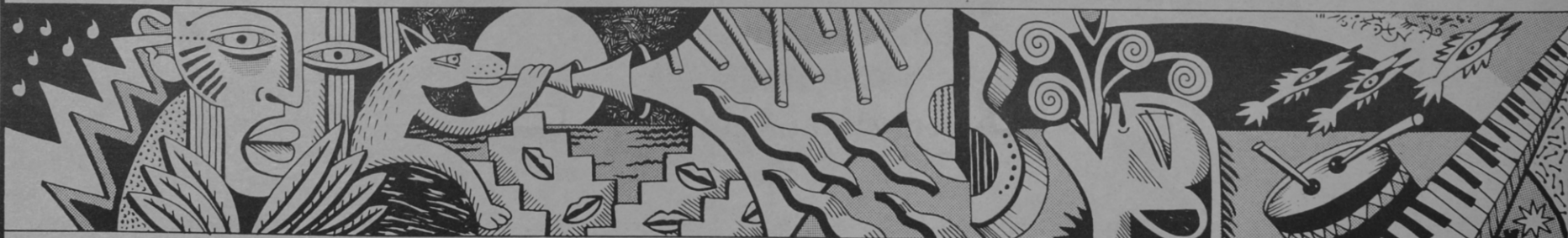
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