

Rumours

Wellington

A concert for the **Nicaragua Must Survive** campaign will take place on July 6 in the Opera House. Acts include the Topp Twins, Tombolas, Tim Woon, Ourselves Alone, and the satirists Reg & Shell. All proceeds will go towards raising funds for educational materials and medical supplies. There are plans for a similar concert in Auckland in August. For further info contact Gordon Campbell at 721-777.

The **Skeptics** will play soon in the city and have new material in the works ... over the top but rock-in' are the **Crawbilly Creeps** who are mixing live material at present, with some film footage in the can ...?Fog had bad luck at a recent Wellington gig when

their guitarist collapsed and had to be hospitalised just as they were to take the stage ... the **Manson Family** have finally given the capital a taste of their psychotic brand of rock.

Members of **Compos Mentis** are planning a punk festival for this summer ... **Confessor** have their new EP out, called *First Sin* ... **Jayrem** have a feast of vinyl ready soon: a **Luke Hurley** LP, a **Black Uhuru** LP *Brutal*, and 12" *The Great Train Robbery*, a **Low Profile** 12" *The Cutting Edge*, and a **Rodger Fox Big Band** record. Promised are **Linton Kwesi Johnson** live, **Sex Pistols** live, and a reggae sampler.

In the studio are: the **Remarkables**, **Tombolas**, **Aoteoroa**, produced by **Dennis Mason**, and **Dread**, **Beat and Blood**, produced by **Nigel Stone**, who will soon begin work on the next **Netherworlds** LP ... **Roman Antix** have been busy on the *Rocky Hor-*

ror Show and have a new single out soon ... **Strikemaster** are putting the finished touches on the album *Misguided Desires* ... **Skuldren** are a new band from the Hutt Valley.

The **Brothers Gorgonzola** have called it quits: a song of their's will be on the forthcoming *Hard Edge* compilation ... **Frontier Studios** have reopened after renovations with a new 16-track. Recording there are **Grace Under Pressure**, **ESP** (produced by **Dave McCartney**), the **Spines** and **Tin Syndrome** ... **Caroline Easther** has left *Let's Planet*.

New venue in town is the late-night cafe **Electric Ballroom** (formerly the "Flying Ballroom") in Manner's Mall, which will run until late September, musicians interested contact Les Hill or Angela Main on (04)842-399 ... after four years booking bands into the Cricketers, **David Hyams** is moving to work for the Arts Council.

Now booking the Steinie Bar is **Rob Morrison**.

Bill Direen and the **Blue Ladder** theatre group will present plays this month at the Aro Street hall starting on June 21 ... the third issue of *Anti System* is out. Write to: Simon, Anarchy Organisation, Box 14156, Kilbirnie, Wellington ... and finally, contrary to *RWP* info, the **Gordons** are not dead — so watch out!

Gerald Dwyer/Andre Upston

On Tape

The Bong Bong Church
(\$7, Box 1212, Dunedin)

Hey, I like it! There are no Words' and 'Middy Movies' sound like Wire. They're well-recorded, but where's the rest? There's sup-

posed to be more but I can't find it on the tape ... I can't find any other info either, but going by those two songs, Billy Bong and the BBC are worth investigating.

The Worst
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(Fringe Cassettes, Box 6143, Dunedin)

Um, if this is Dunedin's underground ... I don't like Susan Heap's poetry very much and that of Sug Morley is gross and little else. But 'Into the Wild' by Steve Thomas is okay and Grant Fox's work is a lot more interesting. There's Chris McDonald's rad 'Dance No 5 Fandanguillo Choros No 2' as well. The really interesting thing is the literature from these people — anarcho-hippy-weirdo-tarot bedside reading.

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