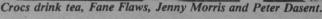


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> Special Guest Kim Patterson, trumpet







Street Talk, Gluepot.

New CB, Roland Kileen on the right.

About to happen big, it seems, are the Tigers who took the EMI Records conference by storm. A single entitled "Red Dress" release shortly, was recorded at Marmalade with the Robinson/Smith team. The Tigers remain an enigma in Wellington. Although based in the city the band have yet to perform here and are still without a regular guitarist. Currently using Kevin Bayley.

The Capital now has its own rock press, with the first *In Touch* on the streets. The mag is initially only being distributed in Wellington monthly and plans to cover movies and other areas in addition to music. It is being produced by Mike Ashton and former RIU correspondent Gary Steel.

Somebody done somebody wrong dept Ambitious Vegetables have been complaining long and loud about the scratching of themselves and the **Steroids** from the Radio Windy Oriental Bay extravaganza. It seems they were replaced by the **Kevin O'Brien Band** and are accusing Windy's Phil O'Brien of nepotism. (Mr O'Brien was out of town-and thus unable to comment on the accusations.) The Veges stocks are rising. Negotiations are in progress for out of town gigs at Mainstreet, Hillcrest and Hillsborough and tapes of four songs are being hawked around radio stations.

New band due to appear soon — Dirt Cheap and reported to be disbanding are the **Ducks** ... this time a bouquet to the management of Willies for giving the bog walls a coat of black-board paint and supplying chalk. Admirable support for local artists ... **Steroids** hit the South Island in March, and have plans for a stint in Auckland after that ... in March at the Last Resort, lookout for **Dirt Cheap** (March 13), **Reel to Real** (March 14,15,16) and **Crocodiles** (March 20, 21 22, 23).

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Newz are recording an album for a nonmajor record company. Possible titles are Heard The Newz? or Bon Marche Are The New Newz members are Tony Rabbett and Brad Coates. The group has delayed its N.I. tour until late April ... a mix-up in bookings has delayed the Vapour and the Trails N.I. ven-

Rocky ("Message In A Bottle") Lox opened for Split Enz, cooking it up in white shirts complete with medalions ... support for Police in Christchurch is the Vauxhalls.

Pop Mechanix are back and sounding good Midge Marsden and band failed to make it across the Strait and missed his week at the Gladstone ... coming to town soon are Heavenly Bodies, Street Talk, Steroids and Swingers.

Cowboys are doing well at regular gig, The Star and Garter ... Sunday night at the Brevet club were Toy Love, Comics (new and good). those infectious Androidss, and most of the Basket Cases. Harry Sparkle sang "Rebel"

with Toy Love.

Luke Neary has returned from Aussie and is forming a new band to be called Spivs ...

Vacuum have a new bassist, Alastair Parker, ex-Basket Cases and Dizzy Blonde ... Steamshack is looking for a guitarist ... Breathless oking for a guitarist ... **Breathless**new bunch of reactionaries round town, Niteshift.

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David Kilgour, who was playing bass with the **Stains**, has left possibly to join his brother Hamish in the **Sobs**. He will be replaced by Terry Moore. Incidentally **Stains** lead vocalist is David Lockray.

Martin Phillips (guitar) ex-Same and Peter Gutteridge (bass) ex-Clean areforming a band but they still need a drummer. Heavenly Bodies have recorded four of their original songs in the Dowling Street studios for radio promotion.

Steve Larkins, keyboards player for Back to Back, has decided to stay with the band. They lost guitarist/vocalist Kipa Hiakita a few weeks

ago.
Andy Coombe, ex-Growing Pains, has been writing a lot of material for his new band who are to make an appearance in a few weeks.

openers at the recent Split Enz concert Rockylox provided a robust bracket of originals. The Enz had the capacity 2,800 fans on their feet before they even got on stage. From there they danced through what was announced as their best concert of the tour.

George Kay AUCKLAND

Congrats to **Split Enz** for achieving the number one spot on the NZ album sales chart. Is it the first time for an NZ group? The 45 off *True Colours*, "I Got You" is at number two on the singles chart. Enz hope to be back this way in November. They're now in Oz doing eight weeks on the east coast then two in Perth.

weeks on the east coast then two in Perth. By late March a specially priced Citizen Band live album will be out. Entitled CB Bootleg, it in Mike Chunn's opinion features their best ever recordings of both "City Slitz" and "Another Night". Other tracks are "Ladder Song", "I Feel Good", "Rust In My Car", "Julia", "S.O.S.", Office Come Alive", "Acrobat" and "Protection".

First single on Ripper Records is a double A side — Terrorways reformed to record "Shor-

side — Terrorways reformed to record "Shorthaired Rock'n'Roll" and Proud Scum recorded the flip, "Suicide II" prior to their split. Expect it late March ... Ripperish enterprise, Propeller Records (Griggs and Co) is making waves, threatening to release a Features single, "City Scenes" c/w "Victim" and Lennon-McCartney tune, "Do You Wanna Know A Secret'

More new little vinyls. Street Talk have their new single out — "She's Done It Again" c/w "Long Night Blues". Also from WEA the new Toy Love 45, "Don't Ask Me" c/w "Sheep". Street Talk tracks were produced by Bruce Lynch and Toy Love were produced by Todd

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