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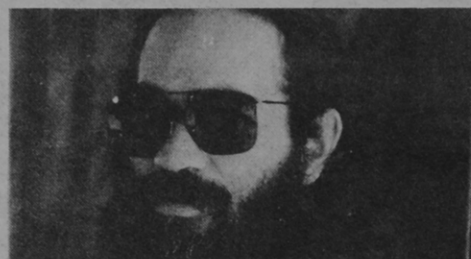
goes well, record an album. Mushroom boss, Michael Gudinski will visit NZ in May to finalise details. Incidentally, the band's stay in Australia will coincide with producer David Tickle's visit to record the Enz's follow-up to *True Colours*.

Talking of sport, here's some soccer news. The Swingers ably assisted by Dudes Morris and Ulrich, slaughtered SI lightweights the **Newz**, April 16 on the latter's homeground. The score was Swingers 10, Newz 2 ... more importantly top Christchurch bands hit Auckland soon. The **Pop Mechanix** play Station Hotel (May 15-17), the Gluepot and Kicks (May 29-31) and **Newz** head north selling their debut album, playing the Gluepot (May 20, 21) and Windsor Castle (May 22-24). By the way, Pop Mechanix were known as Splash Alley, Newz were known as Bon Marche, and, they are known to our typesetters as the Newtz. Also from the flat city, **Steamshack** play Mainstreet May 29-31 and Wellington's Last Resort June 12-15.

On the eve of their first excursion south, the **Features** had half of their equipment stolen. A Ludwig drum kit, AC130 Vox, mics, an echo unit and leads. If you can help find the gear, phone Auckland 606-287. The **Features** and **Spelling Mistakes** 45s on **Propellor** are out soon ... in the stores now are new **Rippers** by Swingers, **Terrorways/Proud Scum** and **Brazier/Chunn** with respective friends.

Graham Brazier is back in town, as is **Paul Hewson** ... late April **Dave McCartney** demoed four songs for Polygram Records. Ex-Sailors and Jan Preston helped out ... the Preston, Harry Lyon, Neil Hannan and Steve Osborne band, **Coup D'Etat** (ex-Wolfgang) is going down a storm. The band and friends are planning some beer-less concerts with loads of guests, at Maidment Theatre, May 23, 24 & 25 ... by the way, **Ricky Ball** is busy, drumming in Jilly's band (with Peter Woods, Beaver, Eddie Hansen and Paul Woolright) and opening a boutique, Madame X, 17 Swanson Street.

The new **Furys** line-up is Dave McLean, Simon Elton (bass), Mike Cooney (guitar) and Steve Butler (drums) ... Auckland band the **Gor-**



Billy TK

don Bennetts have been thrown out of their third practise room in three months ... bands recording at Mandrill in July include Pop Mechanix, Airstrike, Trooper and Cruze ... the **Techtones** have impressed many with their new songs and fun covers, Honeycombs' 'Have I The Right', Beatles' 'You Can't Do That', and Hollies' 'I'm Alive'. Techtones have recorded two new numbers, 'Shed A Tear' and 'Hi-Flying' at the new Harlequin studio.

Kim Fowley writes from Paris that he is "still waiting for something great to produce from NZ." Kim is back in LA May 5, so post a

cassette to Kim Fowley c/o 6000 Sunset Boulevard, Hollywood, California 90028, USA or to Kim Fowley c/o Southern Music, 48 Security Building, 198 Queen St, Auckland. ... a USA reader has sent us the address of the Bruce Springsteen Fanzine *Thunder Road*. To subscribe send \$6 (or \$10 for airmail) for four issues to *Thunder Road*, West Coast Office, PO Box 861, Cypress, California 90630 USA.

Hamilton band **Suss-Spex** will reside in Auckland ... Masterton readers, take care! Two 'new wave' bands are at large in your town, **Anti-Bodies** and **Sid Scab and the Pusspots** ... hot in Hastings are **Steel Mice** (stars Eddy Swing, Double Standard and ever popular 254.T). Watch for Napier four piece **Stop** — D. Standard tells us, they are "comparable to PIL but a step ahead."

Split Enz are super big in Oz at the moment. Their album *True Colours* and the single "I Got You" have both been number one on sales charts for four weeks. Next single is Tim's composition "I Hope I Never" ... John Batchelor's band **Socket Set** has split ... **Toy Love** purchased an ex-Post Office van to provide additional transport for the band. But thieves nicked a wheel, so it's out of action. The band have several new songs and "Bedroom" is a favourite. After doing a radio interview that the DJ loved, the station does not want Toy Love back due to the polite lovers' inability to say nice things about every Oz band mentioned and the odd pun or joke at the expense of mankind, and Australians ... **Toad Hall** Rare Records, a specialist mail order service, has been closed down by Perth police due to breaches of the copyright act. MRA Records are also closed.

Two recent live-to-air shows were **Crocodiles** on Radio Hauraki from Mandrill Studios and **Spelling Mistakes** at Mainstreet, live on Radio B ... speaking of Mistakes, they won the Windsor Castle Rock Quest. Second was **Flicks** and **Modes** and **Extras** were third ... open again is the Island of Real site in Airedale Street. It's under new management, is now named **XS** and is open Thursday to Sunday, 8pm to 2am ... also new in town is **Starship 1** an espresso coffee bar in Vulcan Lane with light meals and amazing life size superheroes by Paul Pattie and a Dick Frizzell Superman triptych ...

Mainstreet is now open early with five bands a night from 6.30 p.m. You can see rock bands before and after the movies and check out Jazz Alley, paying only once ... **Red Mole** play Mainstreet Sunday May 18, with **Whizz Kids** and Paul Robinson's **Valentinos** plus NZ 16mm films. The Mole show is titled *I'll Never Dance Down Bugis St Again*.

Billy TK will release a 45 shortly. Tracks are "Rhythm of Your Love" and "Sail Us Gently", both recorded during his 18 month stay in LA. Persons involved in the recordings included Mark Curry (Eagles engineer) and Chick Corea's drummer. Keen to record with his own band, Billy TK will record at Mascot in June. The band is Ara Mete (drums), Pihana Tahapehi (guitar), Johnny Tihirahi (bass), Reggie Rutene (percussion/vocals) and Kaupa McLeod (vocals). Billy TK is currently touring NZ but will leave for overseas later this year. Work in the US is likely as Billy TK is managed by Alan Goodman, owner of 'One Step Up' studios, Hollywood.

Squeeze in Fanshawe Street is featuring more bands. Headliners coming up are **Tigers** **CONTINUED ON PAGE 24**

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New bands: first up **Pipeline** who are really an off-shoot of Hampton with the exception of North Islander Dave Westcott. Second **Medium Wave** who have been boasting "a fantastic female vocalist" feature guitarist Allan James (ex-Task and Hampton) and a Mr and Mrs Will Stockton. Last, Andy Coombe finally has a band on the circuit by the name of **Scooter** with Lloyd Wheeler (bass, ex-Chasebank), Murray Williams (covals? ex-Ear Supply), Ross Walters (keyboards, ex-Trooper) and Bob Kennedy (drums, ex-Thoroughbred). Coombe is also playing occasionally with ex-Shuffles Julian Finnerty and Richard Hall under the name of This Side Up.

Heavenly Bodies preparing original material for a *Radio With Pictures* video ... **Rockylox** have completed a clip for *Ready to Roll*. They are playing at Christchurch's Aranui in the first two weeks of May.

Rumours of a **Clean** reunion in the Coronation Hall along with Bored Games and new band the Drones who have yet to go public ... the **Stains** seem to have disappeared.

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