

NZ's PREMIER LICENSED ROCK VENUE
506 QUEEN STREET PHONE 774-422



WEDNESDAY MAY 14
THE DAVID THOMPSON GROUP
THE SNIPE
BLACK ROSE

THURS 15, FRI 16, SAT 17 MAY
PRISONER
THE RICH
THE PUSH
RADIAL PLY

THURS 22, FRI 23, SAT 24 MAY
THE SWINGERS
AIRSTRIKE
THE WHIZZ KIDS
COMMITTEE

QUEENS BIRTHDAY WEEKEND
THE ROCK EXPLOSION CONTINUES
WITH 6 BANDS PER NIGHT

JAZZ ALLEY
THE MAINSTREET RESTAURANT
EVERY THURS, FRI & SAT, WITH
SPACE CASE

MAINSTREET ROCKS
OPEN EVERY WED, THURS, FRI & SAT
FROM 6PM TO 3AM



CB at French's

The Drongoes

Flight X-7, Mainstreet.



RUMOURS

Marching Girls will have a single released in Australia on Missing Link's Au-Go-Go label. It may emerge here on Ripper. The tracks are "First In Line" and "True Love".

The band nearly split in March after an incident in a pub involving Johnny, 13 stitches, a girl and a glass. The band intended to be working again by May and to tour NZ in June or July. Below is part of a rave live review in Melbourne music mag, *Juke* by Adrian Ryan.

"Marching Girls give new substance to the tired adjective 'minimal'. They've taken the stripped-down stance of the Police and the original Talking Heads, made it simpler and injected a heart-felt energy into it that makes them hard to resist."

The first night *Toy Love* played the Stage Door, it was held up by masked gun-men. The band are banned from two suburban venues due to misconduct on stage by the lead singer. Sometimes Jamrag, Tina from Butch Slags and Scum's guitarist have opened for Toy Love as the 1977 Memorial Society, I mean, *Vince Link and the Secret Chimps* performing "I Don't Care", "Teenage Kicks" etc.

Toy Love on Sunday April 27, recorded 15 demos at ATA studios, Glebe. They may record the album at ATA, May 23 to June 6. Probable producer is Todd Hunter. He will work with a top Sydney engineer. The EP is out, 2JJ is playing "Rebel" and both *Roadrunner* and Aussie *Rolling Stone* have done stories on the band. In fact, Chris Knox told RS, "England's always been the goal, and still is. We'd like to be there within nine months."

Breaking into the Sydney scene is proving tough financially but Toy Love have the work, including a Friday residency at the Civic. Expect NZ raid and the album in July.

Also returning in July are *Citizen Band* who as a three-piece have been working small Sydney venues. But in early May they played French's, Stranded and Astra. Just arrived from NZ is Cerwin Vega gear and soundman Andrew Lovrin. Zanier news is that Brent Eccles is singing "Protection". When *RIU* expressed doubts about even the ex-bassist's singing of the Parker tune, Eccles replied, "I sing it better than he does."

New Zealanders making a living in New York are *Drongoes*. In the band are Richard Kennedy (ex-Country Flyers), Tony Drongo (ex-McMaster, was in Wonder Ones and Red Mole), Jean-Marie Pomme de Terre (ex-Red Mole) and Stanley John Mitchell (ex-Straite and Salty Dog). They arrived in NY, April last year. They now play the leading NY rock clubs, Bitter End, CBGBs and Max's. Stay tuned as negotiations are underway for Drongoes to record.

THE CORPORATION

CHRISTCHURCH

The *Comics* are away again, Timaru-Dunedin-Timaru. They return to the Aranui for four week spot in mid-May, when Simon Darke's *Newz* goes North. The Comics are laying down demos for a North Island visit around July.

Mike Waldegrave (Cowboys) has had two guitars stolen. One's a Psalm, the other is a Sunburst Les Paul. Any clues? Mike's phone number is 852-370 ... despite an impressive

start, the *Hoovers* (Lance Parkyn, Steve Ward and Murray Couling) will take a couple of months off for rehearsal ... will Bob Ogilvie join *Vapour and the Trails* when the band returns mid-June.

Heavenly Bodies return to the Gladstone May 14-17. Crocodiles and Street Talk both hit town in June.

The race is on for the first single. The *Gordons* are now in the running. New bands include the Gordons' guests, the *Bennets* and the *Guitars* ... we have it on good authority that Frank Steentjees has had that haircut and that members of the *Androids* return to town shortly. Has Auckland run out of Drambue? JW

WELLINGTON

Current developments of interest centre on venues rather than acts. *Willies Wine Bar* is now under new management. It is to become a six nights a week rock venue, and hopes to attract top NZ acts. Acts booked include Midge Marsden and a return appearance by the Tigers.

At last Wellington will have a first rate licensed venue. The Rock Theatre is indeed, as rumoured last month, under new management. *Billy The Club* is the new name and opening the club are *Newz* (May 14 & 15) and *Flight X-7* with *Ambitious Vegetables* (May 16 & 17).

Noteworthy also is that over the last few months, the *Thistle Ballroom* in Cuba Street has evolved into the Capital's punk HQ, with the *Spies* and *Shoes This High* performing. *Ambitious Vegetables* also performed there recently after their northern excursion. They have done a clip for *Radio With Pictures* and still intend to release a single in the near future.

Dead but not forgotten dept: *Bad Breaks* disintegrated following difficulties mentioned last month ... while passing through *Pop Mechanix* recorded a number at EMI for TVNZ. R. SOLEZ

AUCKLAND

April's surprise was *Th'Dudes'* premature demise, just as "Bliss" hit the stores with a B side labelled "On The Box". Final fling at Mainstreet featured Ian Morris wearing only his guitar, and uncompromising Auckland new wavers, Karl and Chris (Features) and one Elginon joining Th'Dudes on stage for "All Along The Watchtower" ... new *Street Talk* album is titled *Battleground Of Fun* and will be in stores early June as the band commences an extensive national tour (Dunedin too) ...

Th'Dudes are in the studio completing a surprise second album of tracks recorded since *Right First Time*. It is entitled *Where Are The Boys?*

The *Swingers* will cross the Tasman first week in July and immediately record a single for Mushroom Records. In mid July the band will commence a four week tour of Australia as support act for the Sports. After the tour the *Swingers* will be based in Melbourne and if all

CONTINUED ON PAGE 10

GET DRESSED!

Pink
in lettering

ART BY STIGGS
PRINT BY SNAKE

RIP IT UP

N.Z. ROCK 'N' ROLL MAG.

on a cream (off-white) T-shirt

Blue
border

mix of
2 colours

YOU MAY INSPECT
A SAMPLE
AT TASTE
RECORDS

IF YOU WISH TO PURCHASE BY POST SEND \$8.50 TO RIP IT UP,
PO BOX 5689, AUCKLAND 1. SIZES ☐ SM ☐ M ☐ OS ☐ TICK THE ONE THAT FITS

NAME \$ ENCLOSED
ADDRESS PHONE

Mechanix

Practical Wireless Tour

Windsor Castle
New Station Hotel
DB Te Mata, Havelock North
Kicks, Shore City
Hillcrest, Hamilton

May 12-14
May 15-17
May 21-24
May 29-31
June 2-7



I'm in the
Space
Race.