

The Son of Rock and Roll is the title of Rocky Burnette's debut album. With a hit single in the US, Australia, and here, Rocky, son of Rockabilly star Johnny Burnette, is making a determined attempt to live up to it. Burnette was in New Zealand recently to promote his album, and he hopes to return in January and tour here with his band.

Son of Rock and Roll has taken years to put together. Frustration with the disco trend in America saw Rocky head for Britain, where the much-sought after recording contract was signed. The British public, however, didn't warm to the 'Son of Rock and Roll' tag, and, tapes in hand, Rocky retreated to the US.

With all this moving around, the album was made in a number of different studios, and features hordes of musicians.

Rocky explains, "There are only six musicians in my band, but I've made so many friends over the last few years and I wanted everyone on my album." Among those featured are Dave Edmunds and ex-King Crimson member, Mel Collins, who now plays sax permanently in Burnette's touring band.

Live, Rocky Burnette performs almost straight rock and roll. On record it's a different matter. "I worked for many years as a professional songwriter. Consequently, I sometimes produce commercial songs subconsciously. 'Tired of Toeing the Line' is a prime example."

Despite that song's success, Rocky maintains that the next album will be far more rock and roll. "I think we shall stick to one studio, one producer and just my touring band. It will be back to roots a bit more."

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Hot news for this month is that XTC will tour NZ mid September. Their new album *Black Sea* will be released to coincide with the tour.

Dates for Howard Devoto's *Magazine* have been confirmed. They play the Town Halls: Christchurch August 30, Wellington August 31 and Auckland September 1. Rumoured support for Auckland is revamped Pop Mechanix.

But first act on your calendar is the **Members** who make a return visit to Auckland playing the Town Hall with Spelling Mistakes on August 22. They play Christchurch Town Hall August 20 with the Hoovers and Wellington's Winter Show Building August 21 with Puppettz, the Red (ex-Ambitious Vegetables) and Backstreet.

Both **Toy Love** and **Sharon O'Neill** & band have commenced homecoming tours. Lovers dates are August 10-12 Napier, 13 Levin, 14 Wanganui, 15 & 16 Wellington's Billy de Club, 18 Nelson, 19 Christchurch's Gladstone, 20-24 Dunedin's Cook, 27-31 Christchurch's Hillsborough, September 3 & 4 New Plymouth, 5 & 6 Hamilton's Framptons, 9 & 10 Windsor Castle and 11-13 Gluepot and Kicks.

Sharon's dates are August 11 & 12 Palmerston North, 13 & 14 Hawkes Bay, 15 & 16 Gisborne, 18 & 19 Hamilton's Framptons, 20 & 23 Auckland's Mainstreet. Guest for the Auckland dates is **Kevin Borich** and band.

Members Return

The Members are the first bona-fide new-wave band to make a return visit to this country, and they can't wait to get back. Why? Quite simply because they like it here.

Vocalist Nicky Tesco goes so far as to say, "New Zealand was the best part of our last world tour. I'm really looking forward to sitting around in those fish restaurants eating oysters."

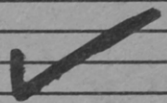
Right now, the Members are touring the US. Having been there before enables them to play the prestige New York venues like Hurrahs and the Mudd Club. Guitarist Jean Marie Carroll is very happy with the shows to date. "It's been packed every night so far — really great. Mind you, New York is in the middle of a heatwave at the moment. Maybe they are only coming in for the air-conditioning."

Although things may be hot in the Big Apple, back home in Britain the climate for the Members is decidedly cooler. So much so that late 79 — early 80 saw them virtually gig-less for eight months. Nicky comments, "Things in Britain are not very good for anyone at present. We are all just very pleased to be away from it all."

And keep away is what they intend to do. From New York they go cross-country to LA for more shows, then hop a DC10 for Godzone. After that? Not even a passing thought for Australia, but back to America for repeat performances in LA and New York.

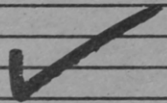
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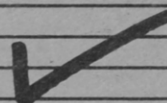
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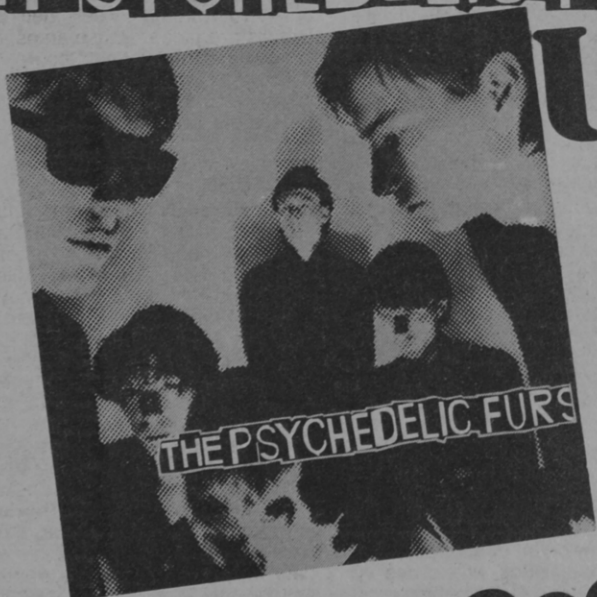
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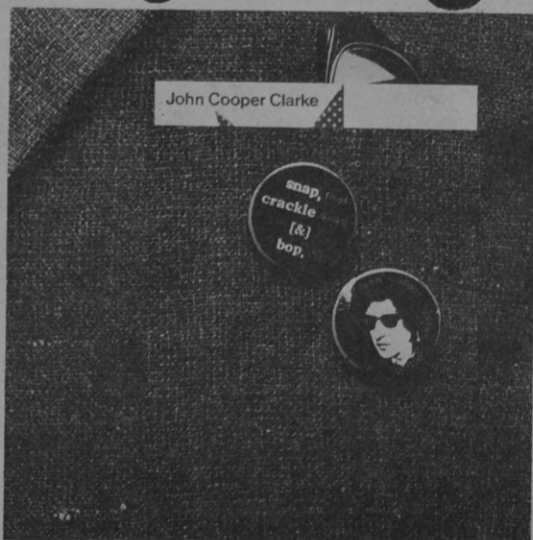
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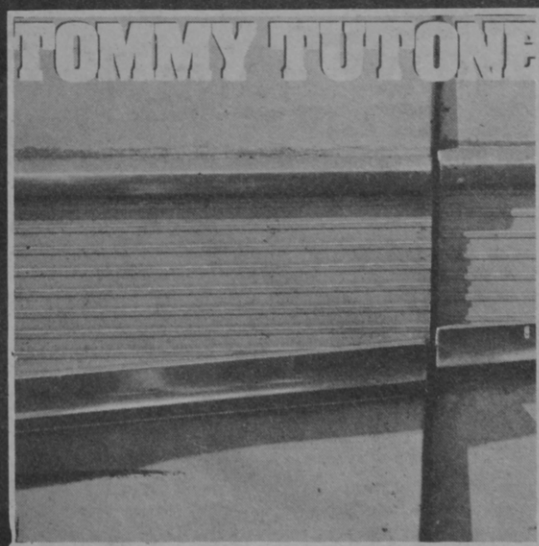
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