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RUMOURS

Billy & the Blue Flames
Pink Flamingos (L-R), Jim Lawrie, Dave
McArtney, Paul Hewson, Paul Woolright.



Auckland

In the midst of split rumours, **Toy Love** are holidaying and likely to appear at Sweetwaters for an undisclosed sum. (That's how you make news out of people doing nothing.) "Brides Of Frankenstein" animated clip should hit screens soon ... **Citizen Band** will record "Home Tonight" within hours of arriving back in NZ, for a CBS single.

Pop Mechanix are doing a 3 track single on RCA Records. A side is "The Ritz". "Brains Are Dumb" and "Talking" are on the other side ... the **Crocodiles** have left Mandrill Records. They are now on their own label, Foolish Records, but they are still distributed by RCA. The album, *Looking At Ourselves* will be out on November 10 ... also in November, expect **Tigers** (*Let's Get Started*), **Coup D'Etat**, **Pink Flamingos** and **Hammond Gamble** albums.

Techtones' 45 "That Girl" should be in stores soon ... due to Spelling Mistakes split, Propeller will not record "Another Girl". Instead the label has recorded a Fane Flaws single ... new soon on Ripper is Reel to Real 45, "Time To Leave"/"Can You Ever Be Right". There will be no AK '80, Ripper is instead co-compiling *Homegrown* with Radio Hauraki ... **Knobz** have out on Bunk Records, a 45, "Culture"/"Chipping Away". Knobz hit Auckland soon (Oct 21-25 Gluepot, Nov 3-5 Windsor Castle) ... **Gordons** have recorded three tracks at Harlequin, for a 45. Tunes are "Future Shock", "Machine Song" and "Adults And Children".

Jon Stevens Band cancelled their Gluepot gig, so **Coup D'Etat** play the Gluepot October 17-19 ... Nigel Russell of **Spelling Mistakes** is now vocalist in Cadets, while SM drummer Julian Hansen sings in band with two ex-Respectables ... **Newmatics** have a new drummer, Ben Staple. The band has recorded "Misery Like That" and "Walkie Talkies". Newmatics have a three band gig at XS on

November 7 & 8, with the Blue Flames and Secret Agents.

By the way, who are **Billy and the Blue Flames**? There is Mike Cooney (ex-Furys guitar), Peter Hoffman (ex-Terrorways guitar), Kerry Buchanan (ex-Terrorways drums), Struan Knuckey (double bass) and Billy Hood (vocalist). They're into rockabilly ... who are the **Heretics** ... **Inside Information** are Richard von Sturmer and Charlotte Wrightson of Plague fame, ex-Rex Reason and band dudes, Richard Lello and John Schmidt and star of Blam Blam Blam and Scratch, Don McGlashen. Their first show is 'There is no depression in New Zealand'.

A big CONGRATS to **Split Enz**, NZ's finest export. With a hit LP and single in both the USA and UK — in the UK the single is top 10 — anyone would be hard pressed to name a greater cultural achievement by a group of Enzeders.

Big loss for Auckland in September, was Mainstreet Cabaret. Their closure resulted from their inability to comply with ridiculously low sound level requirements. Though the building was in recent months extensively (and expensively) soundproofed, the level required was lower than readings of conversation, sea-gulls and rain on the cabaret roof. Toy Love were barely audible when *RIU's* Editor visited the property border on the venue's last weekend.

Trooper have split ... **Relax** is back ... Kathy Mouat is the new lead singer in the **Modes** ... **Rebel Truce** is new band with Dean Martelli (ex-Terrorway), Terry Toweling, Adolf Sutterman and Bones II ... also new are the Moderns, Larry & the Ladders and the Yoyos ... on Sundays **XS** is now open on afternoons, not evenings.

New thing around town is **Rhythm Method** a band with John Quigley (guitar), Dave Harris (brass), Bill McGechie (vocals), Gill Civil (keyboards) and Simon Mark-Brown (drums).
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