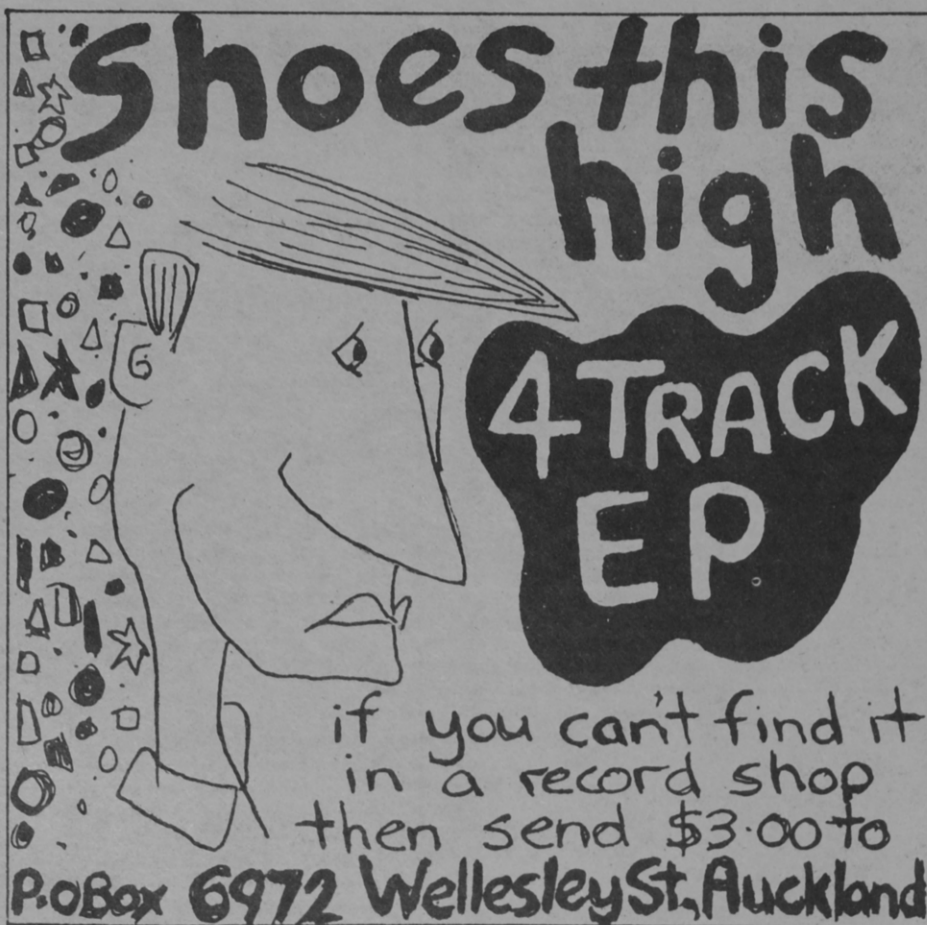


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RUMOURS

UK & USA

In Britain Chrysalis Records have released a **Split Enz** compilation *Beginning of the Enz* with tracks from the *Mental Notes* and *Dizrythmia* albums. Tracks are 'My Mistake', 'Crosswords', 'Bold As Brass', 'Another Great Divide', 'Charley', 'Late Last Night', 'Stranger Than Fiction', 'Time For A Change' and 'Walking Down The Road'. The *NME* pictured Mike Chunn in early Enz garb when reviewing the *Beginning of The Enz*. 'Poor Boy' is the second single off *True Colours* in the UK ... also in England **John Lennon's** 'Imagine' tops the single charts while *Double Fantasy* is top selling album. 'Happy Christmas/War Is Over' is also top five ... **Jam** cleaned up in the *NME* readers' poll winning best band, best album (*Sound Affects*), best single ('Going Underground'), best bassist, best guitarist, best vocalist, best drummer and best songwriter. Second in group, album and single categories was **Joy Division**. **UB40** won best new act while **Adam Ant** merely won best dressed ... next Werner Herzog flick stars **Mick Jagger** and **Stones** songs on the soundtrack ... ex **Pistol**, **Glen Matlock** has joined rock scribe Nick Kent in the *Subterraneans* ... **Joe Jackson** and band have parted company as have **Graham Parker** and band. The *Rumour* are backing Garland Jeffreys on his USA tour ... new **Springsteen** single 'Fade Away' features unreleased 'Be True' on flip. Bruce has sold out five nights at Wembley Arena on March/April UK tour ... **Ramones** have no producer for next platter. Song titles include 'She's A Sensation' and 'The KKK Took My Baby Away' ... **David Bowie** is in New York mixing soundtrack for D.A. Pennebaker film of his '73 farewell performance ... Capitol USA will release a compilation *The Songs Lennon and McCartney Gave Away* featuring material performed by Cilla Black, Peter and Gordon, Billy J. Kramer etc ... punk/rockabilly three piece **Stray Cats** got rave review for first London gig ... Joe Strummer told *NME*, "PIL sounds to me like Uriah Heep on mandrax." ... **Bob Marley** and the Wailers are recording in Jamaica ... **Bowie's** new single 'Scary Monsters' is available on a single cassette in the UK. First with a laser etched 45 are A&M act **Styx** ... **Young Marble Giants** have split while Andy Corrigan has left **Mekons** to be Bow Wow road manager ... new vinyl includes **Costello** newie *Trust*, Gen X *Kiss Me Deadly*, Stranglers *Themeninblack*, Stevie Winwood *Arc Of A Diver*, *Factory Quartet* (Factory label compilation starring Durutti Column, Kevin Hewick, Blur & The Royal Family & the Poor), Boomtown Rats *Mondo Bongo*, UFO *The Wild, the Willing & the Innocent*, Spodgenessa-bounds.

Wellington

Released late February on **Bunk** through CBS will be **Puppetz** debut single, 'Confused Again'/'Identity Crisis'. By then the band will be



Stray Cats

on a three month NZ tour. Forthcoming Bunk projects include **Taste Of Bounty** and **Steroids** singles and a Knobz album, financed by the band ... Ex-Backstreet kingpin **Chris West** has produced at his own expense a limited edition demo record of his own songs. Entitled *Mixed Emotions*, the package is conceived as a promotional device. Enquiries phone 757-257.

Seen around town prior to Sweetwaters shopping for a cheap (smashtime) are **Beat Rhythm Fashion** generally acclaimed saviours of the **** album ... now gigging regularly are ska outfit **Preservatives** ... with a full line-up and rehearsing new material are the **Innocent** ... a dose of the same seems in store for **Mockers** who have been more than a little overexposed of late ... the **Red** not only dead but defiled. Prior to calling it quits unknown persons broke into their practice room and smashed all their gear.

New around town are **Nobodies Heroes** catering to the devoties of the boot fad and **Insects That Jive Upon Crippled Grass Blades** (Insects That Jive for short) at the arty 'Life in the Naked Wallsockets Dance' end of the market ... rumoured to be joining **Crocodiles** is Rodent bassist **Jonathon Swartz**. Subsequent fate of Rodents is unknown but there are a few stray ex Crocs around ... at Resort soon are Lip Service, Crocodiles and Local Heroes and at Terminus look out for Ariel, Pop Mechanix, Rodents and Steamshack.


Les Crew

Dunedin

Hank Vandervis, bassist with the up-and-coming **Elevators**, has been organizing successful festivals at Broom Valley over Port Chalmers way. The second and most successful was staged at the end of January and featured new band **Sneaky Feelings** (Martin Durrant drums, Matthew Bannister guitar), the **Clean**, a highly charged set from **Bored Games** who may be splitting, the **Elevators**, **Broken Models** and an American country boogie duo, Gypsy Mountain.

Also at the end of last month was the **4XO Festival** hop, which attracted a thousand people to see the Clean, Millie Grant's Last Deal and Broken Models ... Steve Haggie (ex-Knobz, CONTINUED ON PAGE 6

NEW SINGLE: "CONFUSED AGAIN"



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