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Bubbling under the NME Top 40 Chart is *Prayers On Fire*, the new album by Aussies, *Birthday Party*. NME writer, Andy Gill described the album as a great debut of '81, writing: "This sound is beautiful, it's perfect!" It's on Missing Link (through RTC here) ... Pink Floyd will perform *The Wall* for five nights at London's Earls Court. The concert will be filmed for Alan *Fame* Parker-produced movie of *The Wall* ... Canned Heat lead singer, Bob Hite died of a heart attack, April 6. Their late sixties blues hits included 'On

The Road Again' and 'Goin' Up Country' ... Clash are once again managed by Bernie Rhodes. Their new UK single is 'Magnificent Seven' remixed by Pepe Unidos, a Puerto Rican producer ... Dexys have recorded tracks with Bowie producer, Tony Visconti. The



Futurist but chic, Spandau Ballet.

band claim they have left EMI ... Chic will be involved in next Blondie album ... Mercury act Teardrop Explodes have a UK hit single with 'Reward' ... new Echo and Bunneymen 12 inch single features four live tracks from the film *Shine So Hard* ... the Who bassist John Entwistle

told NME: "I like playing heavy metal — I just can't stand listening to it ... the same way some people like the smell of their own farts but don't like smelling anyone else's." ... first Adam & the Ants' album *Dirk Wears White Sox* (on Do It) is now in the UK Top 20. *Kings Of The Wild Frontier* is still number one ... in Berlin Bruce Springsteen performed two John Fogerty songs, 'Who Will Stop The Rain' and 'Rockin' All Over The World'. Fogerty, the ex Credence Clearwater frontman is recording a solo album for Elektra/Asylum ... the Gary Glitter comeback single is 'I'm Not Just A Pretty Face' ... Stranglers are on Stiff in America ... new Robert Fripp band (Discipline) features Bill Bruford, Adrian Belew (toured downunder with Bowie) and Tony Levin.

New UK albums include Dave Edmunds *Twangin'*, Scars *Author! Author!* (on Charisma-owned new wave label, Pre), Girlschool *Hit & Run*, Kraftwerk *Computerworld* (first since 1978), Cramps *Psychodelic Jungle*, Gillian *Future Shock*, Tenpole

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