

RUMOURS

UK & USA

Stray Cats are recording in Montserrat, prior to NZ tour. Brian is producing. A Little Richard sax man is present, as is piano man Ian Stewart ... after two months in a Cologne ballroom, Ultravox have completed Rage In Eden ... Skids roll on with Jobson and Webb joined by Associates' McKenzie and Rankine and Ken Lockie on the single 'Fields' and album Teardron Explodes are on the single 'Fields' and album loy ... Teardrop Explodes are recording an album for Xmas, The Great Dominions. An album of Scott Walker solo tracks compiled by Teardrops' Julian Cope is out on Zoo in the UK ... funk bassist Busta Jones has been asked to play on next recordings by Gang Of Four, Talking Heads and the Rolling Stones ... Chic have revealed where they got their chic look from — Bryan Ferry on TOTP in 1975, and that they abandoned Aretha Franklin sessions when Aretha insisted on disco. when Aretha insisted on disco. Edwards told NME: "I didn't want people mad at me for turning Aretha disco." ... Debbie Harry's solo with Chic, Kookoo is out soon. If ya got want out and all planed is allowed district. your old Blondie albums dirty, don't worry, Santa will bring a hits package ... album title of the month goes to Sleepy LaBeefe with It Ain't What You







Tom Verlaine's 'Dreamtime' soon.

Eat, It's The Way How You Eat, It's The Way How You Chew It. Runner-up is Orange Juice with Love Is Patient and Kind, Love Is Not Jealous And Boastful; It Is Not Arrogant Or Rude. Love Never Ends ... U2 have a double single in UK. Four live and two new studio tracks ... Simple Minds will release a twin album Sons And Fascination and Sister Feelings release a twin album Sons And Fascination and Sister Feelings Call, in two sleeves but packaged together ... Elvis Costello has completed his album of country covers, recorded in Nashville with Billy Sherrill producing ... Ruts DC have quit Virgin and formed Bohemian Records ... new medley single is Friendly Hopeful's Tribute To The Punks Of '76'. Includes 'In The City', 'Career Opportunities' etc ... Cars' vocalist Ric Ocasek has signed to Geffen while Kevin Coyne now records with Cherry Red ... Pete Shelley's solo single is

... Pete Shelley's solo single is 'Homosapien' ... Siouxsie and Banshee, Budgie have recorded an EP, drums and vocals only. Banshee, Steve Severin will record with Robert Smith ... Andy Summers' solo album will be produced by Robert Fripp. Police newie is Ghost In The Machine ... Tenpole Tudor has UK hit with 'Wunderbar' ... Joe Cocker is vocalist on new

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New in UK are X Wild Gift (Rough Trade), Delta 5 Whirl (Pre), Gregory Issacs More Gregory (Pre), Culture Vital Selection (Virgin), Gladiators Vital Selection (Virgin), Mighty Diamonds Vital Selection (Virgin), Carlene Carter Blue Nun (with Nick again),

Meatloaf Deadringer, Cabaret Voltaire Red Mecca, Thin Lizzy Trouble Boys, Ian Hunter Short Back And Sides, Bob Dylan Shot Of Love, Blue Oyster Cult Fear Of Unknown Origin, Warren Zevon The Envoy, Funkadelic The Electric Spanking Of War Babies, John Foxx The Garden, Eyeless In Gaza Caught In Flux, Joy Division Still (live and more), Bob Marley Chances Are (previously unreleased pre-Island material on WEA) and 20/20 Look Out.

Wellington

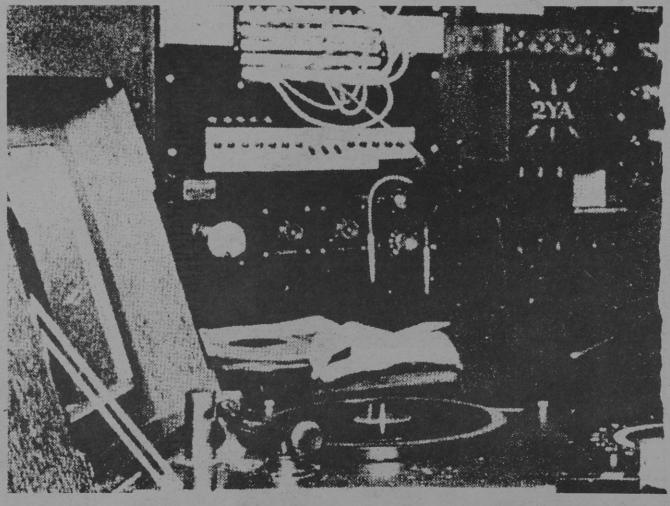
Wellington
Things looking up on the live front. An organised lower North Island circuit kicks off soon with two Wellington gigs, Quinn's Post and new club Studio 7. After a successful first week with Mockers and Naughty Boys, Studio 7 looks set to fill the hole left by the demise of the Resort (bookings phone Don Mackay 847-157).
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Street, which has hosted a couple of gigs including 'Not the Royal Wedding Party'. Performers have included Smelly Feet, Neoteric Tribesmen, Naked Spots (who have lost their vocalist), Second Nose and Knives Of West Eleven.

BRF are now drummerless but like Steroids, are celebrating recent chart showings. Bunk has gone under just when it was starting to make headway. Closure of El Clubbo is bad news for Palmerston North people.

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