

RECORDS

UK & USA

A London band is looking for a vocalist. Their line-up so far is Fast Eddie (ex Motorhead), Peter Way (ex UFO) and Topper Headon (ex Clash). Fast Eddie told NME: "Topper's not definite. He's been really great and it's possible he will be drumming with us" ... Blondie have cancelled their UK tour due to insufficient ticket sales. Jimmy Destri has quit the band ... black music's original rapper, Joe Tex ('Show Me', 'Skinny Legs and All') died of a heart attack Friday, August 13 ... John Sykes (Tygers of Pan Tang) will replace Snowy White in Thin Lizzy ... due to his throat ailment, Billy McKenzie cancelled the Associates' UK tour and his *Rip It Up* phone interview ... original schoolboy member of the Jam, Dave Waller, was found dead in his Woking Hotel bedroom. Suspected heroin poisoning. Waller co-wrote *In the Streets Today* and his poetry *Tales From Hostile Street* was the first book published by Paul Weller's publishing company ... Echo & Bunnymen have pulled out of UK Sept-Oct tour due to recording commitments ... UB40 have new album *UB40* out on their own Dep International label. Former label Graduate is rush releasing a singles LP to coincide ... new Jam single 'The Bitterest Pill (I Ever Had to Swallow)' features Belle Star Jeanie McKeown on backing vocals ... Birthday Party guitarist Rowland Howard is recording album with ex Magazine bassist Barry Adamson ... albums from Iggy Pop, James White out in UK soon on Chris Stein's Animal Records thru Chrysalis ... Velvet Underground drummer Maureen Tucker has joined Washington based



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Backstage at Right Royal Rage: Dance Exponents, Prime Movers and newcomers (?) Geoff and Mike Chunn and Greg Clark.



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XX00 ... beat poet Allen Ginsberg is working with the Clash on two songs ... expect unreleased tracks from Paul Butterfield Blues Band and interview segments on Columbia 2LP set ... new Tony Parsons book *Winners and Losers* is about fashion and tennis ... new PiL album is underway in Manhattan. Plan distribution by Stiff, on own label Pep, Public Entertainment Productions ... Laughing Clowns are based in London for the next year. New single 'Mad Flies Mad Flies' is out (Prince Melon via Rough Trade) ... Viv Albertine (ex Slits) is taking work-out classes in Brixton ... new Haircut 100 single is 'Nobody's Fool'/'October is Orange' ... bigger than ever Dexys Midnight Runners hold top spots in Britain with 'Come On Eileen' on the singles chart and *Too-Rye-Ay* on the album chart ... Bananarama booted off stage in New York's Danceteria. The invited crowd didn't expect lip syncing to their records ... Bebop saxophonist - Sonny Stitt has died aged 58.

Forthcoming albums: The Who *It's Hard*, Gillan *Magic*, Monochrome Set *Eligible Bachelors*, Lacksley Castell *Morning Glory* (produced by Robert Palmer), Mike Rutherford (Genesis) *Acting Very Strange*, Pat Benatar *Get Nervous*, Magic Slim *Raw Magic*, Aswad *Not Satisfied*, Trio *Da Da Da*, Crossfire *Hysterical Rochords*, Marc Almond (Soft Cell) *Marc and the Mambas* - (Some Bizarre), Saxon *The Eagle Has Landed*, Orchestra Makassy *Agwaya* (Virgin), Art Blakey *In Sweden*, (with Wynton Marsalis), Au Pairs *Sense and Sensuality*, Frida *Something's Going On*

(produced by Phil Collins), Yazoo *Upstairs at Eric's* (Mute), Simple Minds *New Gold Dream*, Gregory Issacs *Night Nurse*, The Dance *Soul Force*.

Dunedin

Promoter Malcolm Overton's underage club has opened. Called the Pitz, it provides another badly needed outlet for young bands.

Red Rooster have called it a day ... ex After the Fall drummer John Collie has joined Gamaunche ... Stones have a ten-song tape in circulation.

Fraser Batts' new band is looking for a name and a singer ... Chills, who are still looking for a permanent keyboard player, are organising a private party above the Cook in October ... Battle of the Bands winners, Foreign Agent are off the road to re-think and re-model.

George Kay

Christchurch

The Newz return from Oz to play Hillsborough for three weeks from Sept 15, followed by a Dunedin week, then the Hillsborough until Nov 21. They intend to record and release a single while here.

New lineup Thanks to Llamas is: Paul Keen on bass/guitar (ex Playthings) Jane, drums/keyboards (ex Toy Love) and Robert (ex Clean) on bass and guitar. We're informed that they're an impromptu line-up which intends to avoid pub gigs totally and play when the moon is full ... other former Playthings have formed a band. Dodgems comprises Jays Clarkson, Nick and Dave Toland. They may play Auckland with

Dunedin's Stones in near future ... Simon Beall (ex Vertical Smiles) has new band provisionally named Fill in the Hole ... Wastrels in Auckland until Sept 16 recording at Harlequin and gigging.

Sidewinder expect to play their "raunchy rock" in Dunedin late September, then in Hokitika, Greymouth and Blackball ... the Pedestrians have released their first single, 'Looking Out Of My Window'/'The Boys and Girls', 'The Pedestrian'. They'll be playing after *Gum and Goo* at Ngaio Marsh Theatre, Ilam ... the Imperial (cover charge 13 cents) has new resident duo Flatmates, Mike C. Force (ex Road Angel and Equinox, guitar/vocals) and Stephanie (pianist). They plan to record an album later this year in Auckland and Christchurch ... Tall Dwarfs may do the last Gladstone weekend before Cowboys enter for a residency Sept 21 ... Annie Davies (ex Nude Wrestling) is getting a new blues/jazz band together. Any interested musicians?

PJs nightclub re-opens, second week in September with new decor and hopefully a licence. Farfisa Beat play opening week ... the adjacent Kings nightclub is now licensed and catering for funk/disco lovers.

Ikista continue Doodles residency until their tour starts, Sept 22. The four week tour includes a four hour party gig on the Earnslaw (Queenstown's Ferry) on Sept 25 ... the Eels will be playing Doodles in their absence.

Academy Cinema screens a 'Science Fiction Festival', Sept 24 to Oct 1. Includes *The Man Who Fell to Earth* (directed by Nicholas Roeg, stars Bowie), also George Lucas' first film *THX1138* (now a cult classic). Sunday, Sept 19 doubles *American Graffiti* and *More American Graffiti*. JW & GG

Auckland

Danse Macabre have completed their album for Reaction Records and parted company with singer Nigel Russell.

Grammar Boys have signed a record deal with EMI NZ. Peter Dawkins (Dragon, Mi-Sex) is remixing their album at EMI's 301 Studio, Sydney for October OZ/NZ release. First single is 'World of Our Own' ... Milltown Stowaways (includes three once Newmatics) have recorded four tracks at Last Laugh ... on Real records expect a 12 inch compilation with Smelly Feet, Kiwi Animal and Real Theatre ... next Blond Comedy single is 'Rebecca' ... D.D. Smash single 'Repetition' has been remixed by Robert Ash (B52s) for release in Oz ... Dance Exponents' 'Victoria' is released in Oz. Their next vinyl will be a 3-

track 12 inch.

Now Henchmen have released 'I Got A Right' they need a bassist and a drummer ... Derek Zilch (ex Vivid Militia) has formed Falling Step with Cathy Moart (Modes) and Trisha Young. Militia's drummer David Larsen is now playing for Paul Agar Set ... Harlequin are planning their fifth birthday party. So if you've recorded there, send your name and address for invites, to Harlequin Box 7125, Auckland 1 ... Daggy and the Dickheads have new bass player, Les White from the Legionnaires ... meanwhile Graham Brazier rhythm section is Paul Woolright (Flamingos) and Lyn Buchanan (Blind Date) Gurlz are recording for a Harlequin Studios based label.

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