



Michael Quits Meemees

The Screaming Meemees have lost guitarist Michael O'Neill. He quit after work on the 'Stars In My Eyes' video clashed with watching *Shogun* on television. The clip only features vocalist Tony Drumm as Yoh was out of town and O'Neill and Van der Fluit did not show up. Drumm told the *Auckland Star*: "The Meemees have not split."

Floydophonics for Big Ears

Three-D sound — that's what Pink Floyd are promising on their new album *The Final Cut*. Several tracks on the album (subtitled *Requiem for the Post War Dream*) were recorded using the new holo-phonic process, which supposedly puts a 3-D sound on vinyl. The record features 12 Roger Waters' songs and was recorded in London over the last eight months.



David Bowie

David: "I'm only dancing."

Chicster Nile Rogers has produced the new David Bowie album *Let's Dance* and will probably support the thin white one on his world tour later this year.

The album was recorded during various sessions in America and should be released in May. Bowie has been reportedly aiming for a 1950s R&B type sound, a la Louis Jordan. He has also been predicting a new "optimism" in his music for the eighties. The album is the first for his new label, EMI.

The tour will be a huge eight-month affair, hopefully including these isles.

Back to Rogers, who has a new album of his own out soon entitled *Adventures in the Land of Groove*.

Smash Hits Oz

DD Smash head for Australia for the second time at the end of this month.

The Australian trip will co-incide with the release of the band's new single, 'Outlook for Thursday' / 'Itinerary' — recorded at Harlequin and produced by Dave Dobbyn.

The band will work in Australia until mid-May, mainly in support



Nile Rogers

slots and chiefly in Sydney. Work will also begin in Sydney on a second album.

With regular bass player Lisle Kinney still recovering from a car smash on January's *Blazing the Beaches* tour, Ian Morris will be filling in for the Australian tour.

The Clash Making Movies

The new Martin Scorsese/Robert De Niro flick *King of Comedy* will feature an action-packed soundtrack including the Clash, B.B. King, Bob James, Ray Charles, Rickie Lee Jones, Talking Heads, Tom Petty and Rick Ocasek. The soundtrack is being produced by Robbie Robertson, formerly of the Band.

Members of the Clash, portrayed as a tough, streetwise rock 'n' roll outfit, actually get to deliver a few lines alongside the stars.

Seemingly enthused with the idea of film-making, Joe Strummer has been filming his own home movie in the area around his house. It's got a plot and everything and apparently Paul Simon heads a cast made up of various Clash personnel.

The band is officially a three-piece again, after drummer Terry Chimes left after their American tour was completed. They will go

into the studio soon to record a single and will begin on a new album soon after that.

Weller on Style Council

The members of recently defunct beat combo the Jam have wasted no time getting involved in new ventures.

Head face Paul Weller has formed the Style Council with former Dexys' organist Mick Talbot. Their first single 'Speak Like A Child' / 'Party Chambers' has been released and is apparently a major departure from the time-honoured 'Jam sound'. Zeke of Orange Juice guested on drums. Weller intends to pick up more councillors as the year goes by. There are no album plans as yet — just plenty of singles promised.

Meanwhile Bruce Foxton is continuing with his band with former Vapours' members, Dave Fenton and Steve Smith and drummer Rick Buckler has formed a band called the Time with vocalist Jimmy Edwards.

Life During Wartime

War will be declared on April 25 — it's official.

On that date Warrior Records is organising a declaration of war on New Zealand radio stations.

It is hoped to make the stunt, which will go under the banner 'New Zealand music fighting back', a nationwide event. In Auckland a gala gig at Mainstreet is planned, featuring Herbs and a host of other, as yet unconfirmed top names.

Interested acts, preferably ones who have recorded, should contact Warrior. Oh, and in case you didn't notice, the 25th is, of course, ANZAC weekend.

Rumours

Auckland

Confirmed so far for new Propeller compilation are Wastrels, Eight Living Legs, Bolero, Die-hards, Car Crash Set, Terrors of Tinytown, Diatribe, Day Centrale, Compulsory Allies, a track by Mark Clare, Sid Paisley and James Pinker and one called 'Sheep In A Shed' by a band that hasn't yet thought of a name ... new Hip Singles 45 Typewriter / 'So Strange' has been recorded and mixed at Harlequin for release on Hit Singles label. First 1000 will be 12" pressings ... a Marching Girls 12" EP will be released through RTC. It will contain four tracks and is reportedly not poppy like the old stuff.

Tomorrows Parties have recorded *To the Beat*, a song bought overseas, at Harlequin. It will be released as a single on the studio's own Ze Disc label ... Dave McCartney has been at Harlequin recording the soundtrack for a new ski film *The Main Divide* ... new Gurlz single soon.

Avant Garage is this year's PEP ensemble. As with Big Sideways, Ivan Zagni is the director. Includes members from the Auckland Regional Orchestra, From Scratch, Export Lamb, Miltown Stowaways and Digorie ... Fetus Productions are now in USA organising performances in Californian universities ... Last Laugh Studios looking to start its own label ... 'Streetfighter' single by the Bronx released recently.

When the Neighbours played at the Frankton Hotel in Queenstown recently, a certain Paul Simon asked if he could join them on

stage. He did, and the band did 'Mrs Robinson', 'Maybelline', 'The Boxer' and 'My Little Town' with him. He left with a Neighbours T-shirt ... the Bombers, without Sonya Waters since November, have been practising as the Flak and will be playing again soon. Russell Brown

UK & USA

Reports are that the Human League are considering ditching Martin Rushent as producer. Meanwhile Rushent has produced a new Pete Shelley album and Members single ... Beki Bondage has left Vice Squad to pursue her own career and work for the cause of animal liberation ... Boy George finished an astonishing second in the best dressed female section of this year's NME Poll. He also managed second in Creep of the Year and best dressed male, fourth male singer and ninth Most Wonderful Human Being and female singer ... Bruce Springsteen is writing songs for a new Mitch Ryder album ... Fashion will continue as a four piece after losing yet another front man, former Teardrop Troy Tate ... Director Julian Temple (*The Great Rock 'n' Roll Swindle*) is making a short film with ABC. It stars Martin Fry as a chap who joins this band, but can't sing ... Human League are to release 'Mirror Man', 'Love Action', 'Don't You Want Me' as the UK's first video single ... Beachboy Brian Wilson has been committed to a mental hospital by his parents ... Britain's great rock 'n' roller, Billy Fury, died of a heart attack on January 28, aged 41. He left behind a recently completed solo album ... Pete Townshend has sold his Eel Pie publishing concern, as it was becoming too big for him to manage ... former DAF'er Gabi Delgado has a solo single 'History' **CONTINUED ON PAGE 27**

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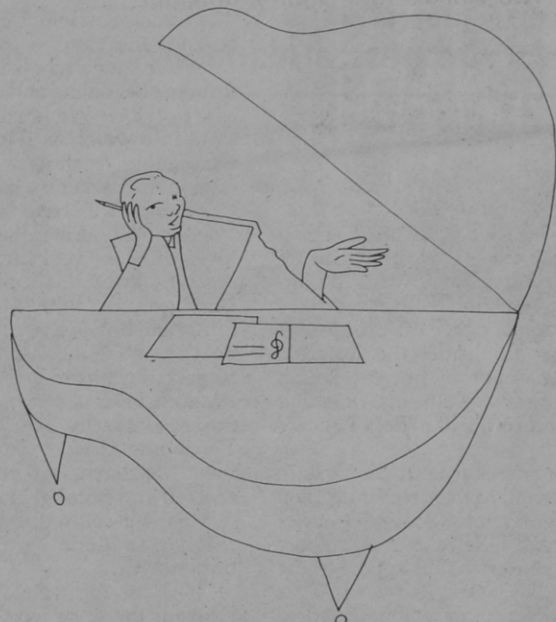
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