

# Rumours

## McLAREN CAUGHT!

Entrepreneur and, more recently, recording star Malcolm McLaren has been accused of stealing the tunes for his new single from black South African composers.

The allegations have come from independent record company representative Phil Hollis who arranged for black session musicians to help McLaren and producer Trevor Horn record the tracks 'Soweto' and 'Zulu Sitting on a Bomb' and several others when they were in the country late last year.

McLaren has remained uncharacteristically silent about the controversy, but his lawyer said he denied the allegations.

## MAINSTREET GIGS FOR 'RWP'.

A Mainstreet gig featuring the Legionnaires and the Dance Exponents will reach the masses via both radio and television. It will be simulcast in stereo over Stereo FM and also packaged into two one-hour specials for *Radio With Pictures*.

The sound for the pictures will be recorded on 24-track by Harlequin Studios, who did the same for the recent Joni Mitchell concert. Video of her concert in Auckland will form part of an American TV special on her world tour.

## UK & USA

David Bowie has announced English and European dates for his 1983 'Serious Moonlight Tour'. He will move on to the USA after Europe. Meanwhile demand for his English dates has been phenomenal, with 120,000 postal ticket applications received within 24 hours of the gigs being announced ... Policeman *Sting* working on a film version of the *Dune* novel. When he finishes the film the band begins live work again ... *UFO* have split. Singer Phil Mogg has plans for a new project ... *Ozzy Osbourne* reported to have had a heart attack onstage in Illinois ... *Charlie Harper* has brought back original UK Subs bassist Steve Slack and one-time drummer Steve Jones to replace members who left. Harper also remains involved with his other band, *Urban Dogs* ... *Siouxsie and the Banshees* have formed their own label, *Wonderland* (distributed by Polydor). First release will be a single from the *Creatures* session in Hawaii ... former *Tear-drop* *Julian Cope* has been recording solo work and will be gigging soon. Meanwhile the last *Tear-drop* *Explodes* single, 'You Disappear from View' has been released ... *Marvin Lee Aday*, alias *Meatloaf* has appeared in New York bankruptcy court with debts over \$1m. He blamed the success of new wave music from Britain for his poor fortune ... will former Jam bassist *Bruce Foxton* and *Jake Burns* of *Stiff Little Fingers* form a band? ... talk of a *Specials* reunion now that *Fun Boy Three* and head *Special* *Jerry Dammers* are united under one manager ... *Andy Warhol* soon to have his own TV show in the USA ... *Eddy Grant* was fined £100 for possession of a gun whilst in



Alastair Riddell Band: Simon Hannah, Steve Hughes, Alastair, Greg Bartlett, Kerry Lamb. The album is now released in Oz.

Barbados ... Paul Weller's new outfit the *Style Council* spent several hours busking under the Eiffel Tower recently ... *Janis Jones*, the ex-call girl the *Clash* sung about on their first album, is recording an album backed by the lads themselves ... *Orange Juice* forced to cancel British tour dates when singer Edwyn Collins got bad 'flu ... *Chelsea* have broken up, with lead singer Gene October already planning his second solo single ... *Iggy Pop* is reported to have taken off with the master tape of Leeds band *Sisters Of Mercy* performing the *Stooges* '1969'. Producer, Furs' guitarist Jon Ashton, handed the tape to Iggy, who did a runner ... *Clashman Joe*, *Strummer* is to run in next month's London Marathon. He'll be part of a team organised by the *Sun* newspaper to raise money for leukemia research ... new *Bow Wow Wow* LP bears 'Home' taping is killing music' slogan. Ain't it strange, the way things change ... *Nile Rodgers* will produce new *Gang of Four* LP ... coming on the print scene is *The Jam: A Beat Concerto*, the official *Jam* biography by Paolo Hewitt ... former

Linx member *David Grant* now working with Culture Club producer Steve Levine.

New albums: Lou Reed *Legendary Hearts*, Marine Girls *Lazy Ways*, *Everything You Wanted to Know About the Velvet Underground* (boxed set of rare material, conversations etc.), *Flock of Seagulls* *Listen*, *Kajagoogoo* *White Feathers*, *Bunny Wailer* *Dub Disco Vol.2* (dub versions of songs on *Bunny Wailer Sings the Wailers*), *Attila the Stockbroker* *Ranting At the Nation*, *Gabi Delgado* (ex DAF) *Mistress*, *Sun Ra* *A Fireside Chat With Lucifer*, *Johnny Thunders* *In Cold Blood*, *New Age Steppers* *Foundation Steppers*, *Tears for Fears* *The Hurting*.

Singles from: Culture Club 'Church of the Poison Heart', *Heaven 17* 'Temptation', *Junior 'Communication Breakdown'*, *Gun Club* EP, *Ruts* (1977 period 3-track with Malcolm Owen on vocals. Appropriately, proceeds go to drug rehabilitation work), *Peter Tosh* 'Johnny B. Goode'.

## Christchurch

Radio U is putting together a 60 minute ChCh compilation cassette



The Narcs: Steve Clarkson, Andy Dickson, Tony Waine. Guest on May tour is Liam Ryan (keyboards).

to be released before the station ends its current broadcasts on August 18. They still need original material (preferably unreleased) from a variety of local bands. Further details John McLaughlin Ph 488-610. The station is also keen to receive playable tapes of unreleased material for airplay on Sunday evening local music show and throughout week if of suitable standard. Contact: Radio U, U.C.S.A. Private Bag, ChCh ... There's talk of a half hour video, for commercial release, featuring three NZ bands and a "nerve punching" story line. Part will be filmed in a local night club. Radio U have been asked to assist in contacting bands with a definite commercial appeal.

The *Star & Garter* has resumed 11pm closing at weekends and is now booked by Roger Shepherd, 266-936 evenings ... bands interested in playing new venue *Studio 54* please contact John McCarthy, 383-562 or 381-119 ... Mark Cassin returns this month.

*Hamish Kilgour* is now manning Flying Nun's new workroom at 82 Hereford St, first floor. He will, hopefully, "enable the label to be more efficient and organised" ... *Bill Dieren & the Bilders* *Solo-man's Ball* EP has been re-released with a new picture cover. *Bill Dieren/Max Quits* album soon.

*Rob Guy* guitar, (ex *Hip Singles*, *DD Smash*) has joined Aranui resident band *Blades*. Bands interested in playing Saturday afternoons with *Blades* at the Aranui, contact the band ... previously known as *Yen*, *Tony Peake's* new band has become *Go Yen* expect their debut public appearance this month. GG

## Auckland

*Dance Exponents* single 'All I Can Do' out very soon. *Flip* is 'Empty Bunk', a C&W number. After their national tour the band leaves for Australia, long-term ... *Henchmen's* second single is 'Do the Maelstrom' (dedicated to

*Radio Birdman!*). Out soon as limited edition 12" from *Cadaver Records*, 11 Hanui Place, Massey ... *Stephen Bell-Booth* LP *Letting the People Know* out soon ... *Kiwi Animal* have brought together 10 people to play on *Ten Art Beats*, a C30 tape. Send \$3.75 to PO Box 6972, Auckland. KA have also sent kits to radio stations, urging them to "give us a go" and they're planning a bad taste party.

*Mockers* are recording a single at *Mandril* for *Reaction* records. Tracks are 'My Girl Thinks She's Cleopatra' and 'Uterior Motive', *Trevor Reekie* and *Glyn Tucker* producing ... *Nigel Russell* (ex *Dance Macabre*) and *David Bulos* as *Car Crash Set* have recorded a 12" single, two as yet untitled 7 minute tracks. Will play live using guest musicians ... *Fridays* at *Royal International* (Victoria St) *Al Hunter's* band, *Hillman Hunter* and the *Roots Group* play country music, classics (Hank) and originals. They are *Al*, *Shirley Hunter*, *Bruno*, *Alastair Dougal*, *Brendan Powers* and *Brett McManus*.

The *Alastair Riddell* LP has been released in Australia by *WEA*. The band is looking for a new lights man and a roadie (HT license required) ... *Mockers* are off the road recording a single at *Mandril* studios for the *Reaction* label.

New about are: *Diatribes* *Rafer Rautjoki* (vibes, sax, percussion, organ), *Ross France* (sax, vocals, organ, percussion), *Chris Whyte* (drums), *Peter Kirkbride* (lead vocals, guitar, percussion), *John Beverley* (bass, vocals, percussion, Ex *Herbs*) ... the *Squirm* (*Steve Roach*, *Chris Burt*, *Ramon York*), who debuted at *Uni Orientation*, are currently recording ... *Coconut Rough*: *Andrew Snoid* (vocals), *Mark Bell* (guitar), *Stuart Pearce* (keyboards), *Paul Hewitt* (drums) and *Chock* (bass). They're down to play the *Gluepot* May 12-14.

The *Neighbours* need a new sax player, ph AK 760-259 ... *Mar-* CONTINUED ON PAGE 26

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