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signed at last SINGER/SONGWRITER Clifford

T. Ward has become the world's first recording artist to sign a twoway deal giving his singles product to a major, WEA, and his albums to TV marketing specialists K-tel.

After a year of protracted negotiations the deal was finally signed in London last week, witnessed by a bevy of lawyers, and Ward can now get down to his first recording since 1976. He is going in to Chipping Norton Studio with Gerry Rafferty's producer Hugh Murphy and expects to have a single released next February followed by an album in March.

The deal is an entirely 50-50 arrangement between WEA and K-tel and covers the UK, Europe, South America and Australasia. Outside these territories WEA retains sole rights for albums as well as singles.

Well as singles. Music Week understands that initially the deal is worth something like £300,000 in publishing advance recording costs and marketing commitment. Publishing rights go to WEA Publishing which in turn is sub-published by Intersong. Under the contract K-tel will test

market Ward's album product and if the test proves successful it guarantees a full national campaign. After a period of time the albums will revert to WEA as catalogue material. The deal has been negotiated

between Ward's managers Justin de Villeneuve and Ken Bruce, WEA's Dave Dee and Richard Robinson and K-tel's Don Reedman and Tony Johnson.

Robinson said this week: "We believe we may have discovered a totally new way to break a high quality artist more quickly to a large

quality artist more quickly to a large public. If this proves to be the case this could well be the first in a series of similar deals." Justin de Villeneuve added: "Apart from the unique split release arrangement with K-tel, an important part of this deal is the opportunity to give Clifford his first release in America and hopefully break him worldwide."



CLIFFORD T. WARD signs his historic contract flanked by just some of the people involved in the year-long negotiations. Standing, L to R: Ken Bruce (former co-manager of Ward), Lloyd Evans (solicitor), Tony Johnson (K-tel), Colin Ashby (K-tel), Don Reedman (K-tel), Dave Dee (WEA), David Davis (solicitor), David Landsman (solicitor), Tony English (WEA solicitor), Seated: Justin de Villeneuve, Ward, Richard Robinson (WEA).

Bigger festival advances sought

THE PRS is considering demanding "maximum possible" royalty payments in advance of rock "maximum possible" royalty payments in advance of rock festivals. This move follows this year's Knebworth Festival and the failure of organiser Freddie Bannister's Teodar company which lists the PRS as an unsecured creditor owed £9,500.

A sum of £6,000 was paid to PRS as an approximate advance deposit against royalties at Knebworth, but according to some estimates the audiences were considerably larger than stated by Teodar and the payment to the PRS should have been a minimum of £17,000 and possibly as large as £40,000. "At present the royalties we are

All present the royantes we are allowed to charge for events such as Knebworth are ridiculously low anyway," PRS head of licensing Michael Hudson told *Music Week*. "In view of what has happened and similar experiences in the past, the PRS is being forced to consider the

possibility of changing our policy.

EMI

HAS

overwhelming dealer

down from 361/2 to 331/3.

given

for a returns allowance. As from October 1 the company

will allow five per cent of its product to be returned - but at

the same time it is adjusting margins on albums and singles

Trade reactions this week was generally in favour, most dealers being willing to lose three per cent of their margin on EMI product in

favour of the more flexible five per

cent returns system. "We are delighted that EMI has

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"In future, we may have to ask for the maximum possible royalty in advance plus VAT against an advance plus VAT against an undertaking by the PRS to refund any excess immediately the audited box office figures are made known to us."

Such a measure is another indication of the society's indication determination to protect the interests of its members and collect performing fees due for the use of their works in public. Each year the PRS is involved in an average of 4,000 proceedings to obtain unpaid performing royalties, and has already instituted half this total for

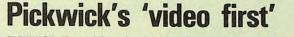
accepted the dealers' view highlighted in the recent poll on returns in the trade press," GRRC secretary Harry Tipple said. "We had an opportunity to see the package deal and to make points. We are quite happy with what is being offered."

Independent dealer John Corbett Easy Listening, Birmingham, led: "As an independent we added: really put our money on the line as far as new acts are concerned and EMI needs us. Occasionally we get left with stock and I think five per cent is about right. I'd rather have

cent is about right. I'd rather have that than the extra margin." All product released by EMI Records (UK) is included in the scheme but excludes Music for Pleasure, EMI imports and EMI exports. United Artists and Magnet may be added at a later date.

other major companies will be administered by Alan Williams at Uxbridge Road.

EMI managing director Ramon Lopez said: "This is one more example of EMI's intentions to assist the dealer and improve our service to match their requirements. Meeting dealers on trips and discussing issues I have always found opinion on returns evenly divided, but the recent survey by the GRRC indicated such an overwhelming demand in favour that we immediately geared ourselves for its introduction in time for the Christmas trade."



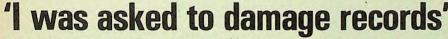
PICKWICK IS providing what it claims is a new concept in in-store merchandising for Tesco, the supermarket chain.

Pickwick, which already supplies product to 135 Tesco stores, has now persuaded the company to accept the first of its Music World record shops

within a large store currently being re-fitted. Explaining the new concept, Pickwick product and marketing manager Tony Harding: says: "We believe Music World will have the first back projected video screen in the country. The screen will be part of the wall of the department and with the co-operation of a lot of record companies using Captain Video, we will be able to provide many video programmes to promote the records being sold. "This first Music World will cover 12-15,000 sq ft of the Tesco store and

whereas before we have provided about 250 titles, there will be 1,000 titles in this store."

The concept also takes in a new racking system for the product. "Cassettes are mixed in with the records in a unique browser we have developed," says Harding. "We believe record sleeves should be used to promote tapes."



THE DEFENCE lawyer representing a former record shop manager accused of taking money from the till told magistrates at Alfreton, Derbyshire, that she justified her actions because she felt her employers were being dishonest as well

"She was asked to be involved in the damaging of £3,000 of records in the shop so that they could be sent back to the record companies because the shop was overstocked, but she refused to be involved," said Mr Barrie Thompson defending Ruth Jones (22), former manager of the Alfreton branch of Chas. J. Fox

Piano Co. Ltd., the music retail chain owned by J. Raymond Fox, the president of the MTA. Jones was fined a total of £200

after admitting two offences of stealing cash from her employers

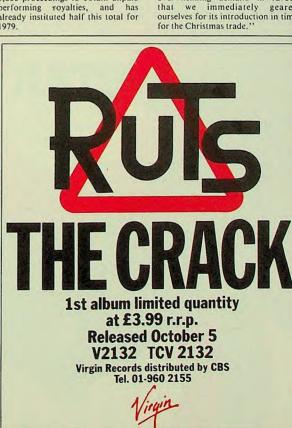
Shop manager's court claim

and two offences of falsifying entries on a till roll. She asked for 43 offences to be taken into account and was ordered to pay £129.20 restitution plus £24 costs. In defence, Mr Thompson said

Miss Jones had been appointed manager in 1976 with the promise of training but it never happened and training but it never happened and eventually she was replaced as manager by someone else and her wages reduced. The way in which she had been treated by her employers was perhaps some justification, he said.

Last week J. Raymond Fox, chairman and managing director of the 100 year old music retail chain, told *Music Week:* "What this girl said about being asked to damage records is absolute rubbish. It does not take place in my shops and no such instructions were issued."

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Disco preview for Elton

ELTON JOHN'S first album for a year, Victim Of Love (Rocket HISPD 125), released on October 12, will be previewed at discotheques in major towns throughout Britain later this month.

throughout Britain later this month. Recorded at Musicland in Munich and mastered in Hollywood, the album was produced by Pete Bellotte and contains songs written by Bellotte and his cowriters with the exception of the opening track, Chuck Berry's Johnny B. Goode.

WHAT IS claimed to be the first digitally-recorded orchestral MOR album, Super Natural by Manuel is being released by EMI this month. The album, TWOD 2001 and retailing at £5.29 record and tape, will be supported by 4-colour posters, 2-colour streamers, and 4page 2-colour leaflets giving detailed information on the technical aspects of digital recordings.

An EMI spokesman said: "This is an album of exceptional sound quality and musical content. For such an exciting breakthrough in recording technique, Manuel, who is already an artist noted for the quality of his recordings, was an ideal choice."

Strangers.

MERCURY HAS released a new Dusty Springfield single, Baby Blue (Dusty 4), the first she has recorded in the UK for more than eight years. The disco-orientated record was produced by Dave Mackay, who has been responsible for past successes by Cliff Richard and Bonnie Tyler. The single is available in a special blue picture-bag. During October, Phonogram also release Dusty: 20 Greatest, a compilation of all her hit records goining back to 1963. FOLLOWING THE UK premiere of the suspense thriller, Alien, Bronze Records is rush-releasing Alien by Nostromo (BRO 80) this week, produced by Kenny Denton and featuring synthesiser programming. It is a discoorientated version of the film's main title theme and will be available in both seven and 12-inch format with a picture bag. Promotion will include press advertising. Alien, currently playing at the Odeon, Leicester Square, has already broken the alltime record box-office takings previously held by Close Encounters Of The Third Kind.

A single of the title song was released last week in a picture bag (XPRES 21) coupled with a hitherto unreleased Elton John/Gary Osborne ballad,

John is now on a two-month tour of America accompanied by percussionist Ray Cooper. The tour is billed as Back In The USSA and is his first there since the summer of 1976 and includes 10 shows at the

Los Angeles Universal Amphitheatre.

Klub branches out

GLASGOW-BASED Klub Records is aiming to shake off its tartan image with an autumn release schedule which ranges from disco to progressive pop.

progressive pop. Managing director Angus McDonald told *Music Week*: "I want to see Klub established as a label with international appeal. We have a strong ethnic content in our roster, but there is another side to the company, and that is what I want developed." And to back that up, it releases avante garde rock band Chou Pahrot's debut album, Chou

And to back that up, it releases avante garde rock band Chou Pahrot's debut album, Chou Pahrot – Live, early in November. The band has been featured on John Peel's late night show, and has built up a following in the Scottish pub circuit over the past seven years.

Forthcoming albums in more typical vein are Hector Nicol's Cop of the North (his previous four on Klub have sold a total of 100,000),

HARVEST RECORDS releases Wire's third album this week with the first 20,000 albums containing a free EP with four new tracks each produced by one member of the band. Entitled 154, the album will be promoted through to mid-November including advertisements in the music and national press and an extensive fly-posting campaign. In-store posters are also available.

IAN MATTHEWS will be making UK TV, radio, press and shop appearances and interviews from October 1 in support of his Rockburgh single, Siamese Friends, released last Friday, and an album, You Don't See Me as part of a promotional tour taking in folk duo Gaberlunzie's Scotland Again, Valerie Dunbar's Portrait of Valerie Dunbar and Peter Mallan's Relax with Peter Mallan.

Mallan's Retax with Peter Mallah. There are also new singles from husband and wife team Sweet Light, country singer Abigail Rhodes, Lorraine Summers, and a comedy disco number UFO from Irishman Clem Dane.

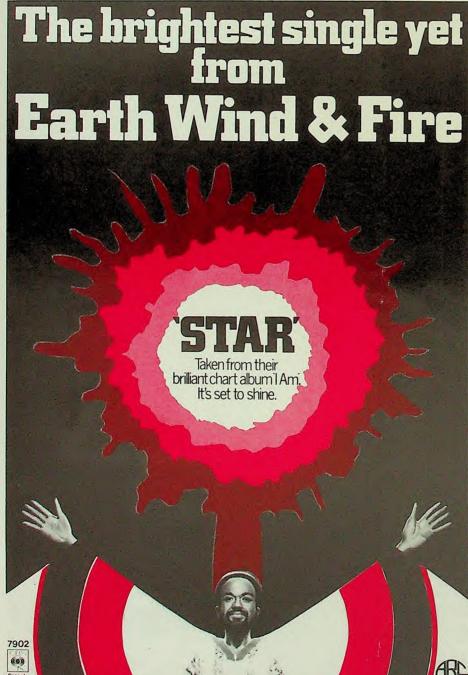
Re-released on November 4 is a disco version of Auld Lang Syne by The Bells, whose members include former Marmalade vocalist Rickie Peebles and former Slik bassist Jim McGinlay.

oassist Jim McCunnay. Klub is distributed by Pye, although McDonald's company, Musac, also handles distribution in Scotland. The albums and singles carry the full Pye RRP.



MARY O'HARA has a new album entitled Tranquility — 20 Songs Of Life released on October 1, followed by a UK concert tour throughout October.





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HURRICANE RECORDS has signed a licensing deal with EMI LRD for the UK and Eire following its previous deal with WEA Records. Hurricane's first product from under the new deal is the release of the debut album by Sore Throat which will be supported by a marketing campaign. Phil Presky, Hurricane MD said: "I am delighted to be rejoining the EMI fold, both for Hurricane and me personelly.

Phil Presky, Hurricane MD said: "I am delighted to be rejoining the EMI fold, both for Hurricane and me personally. I am confident that the efficiency of the EMI machinery coupled with the quality of the forthcoming Hurricane product will result in chart success in the very near future, indeed, sooner than you think!"

Colin Burn, EMI LRD general manager added: "The acquisition of Hurricane gives LRD a broader base of repertoire and provides us with product that is making a significant impact in today's market place."

RCA HAS signed Phil Daniels and the Cross to a three-year recording contract. The first single by Daniels, who played the lead in Quadrophenia, will be Kill Another Night for release in November.



PVK RECORDS has set up its own independent promotion and distribution operation in the US in conjunction with Sail Records and Rounder Records of New England. First release from the new company will be In The Skies by Peter Green.

PVK chairman Peter Cormack said: "Our decision to enter the American market on an independent basis was in part precipitated by the very obvious disparity between the points currently on offer from the American majors on licensing deals and the prices charged to retailers.

"Not only are we guaranteed distribution outlets for our own product, but we will also be able to handle product from other British companies," he added. NEWS

Album sales showing a five year stagnation REDICTIONS AT the end of the first quarter of this year that 1979 would witness a decrease in

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album sales overall have been borne out by the second quarter's results contained in the BPI survey of UK trade

deliveries for April-June. Together, the two-quarter total for LP deliveries is 31.1 million compared with 34.4 million for the corresponding period in 1978. Consequently, it is anticipated that the estimation of a shortfall of five million by the end of the year on the

1978 total of 86 million will also be

In effect, this will mean that album sales have been stagnating over the past five years. In LP terms, the current quarter's results can be expected to be even bleaker because they will reflect the sharp rise in

VAT to 15 per cent. Other major points of interest in the April-June statistics were a 21

on developing the studio's production and publishing potential. "In spite of all the current problems, I think these are exciting

times and that there are many new talented artists and producers currently available who are not

committed to a major company. It is

McDonough to Regents Park

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MIKE MCDONOUGH (right) with Regents Park Recording Company

per cent rise in the number of prerecorded cassettes delivered at 4.7 million units with a 35 per cent increase in value to £10.8 million, and a climb in singles deliveries from 19.7 million in April-June last year to 22.9 million.

The most ominous issue dominating the album scene is that sales of blank cassettes during the first quarter of this year showed a

Musical

Chairs

rise of almost 40 per cent, indicating that the illegal practice of home

taping is proliferating. However, music industry leaders remain convinced that the present position and trends are not irremediable.

"The figures aren't as bad as they look," declared CBS Records chairman Maurice Oberstein. "The public still bought a platinum's worth of Leo Sayer and Abba. If we get the right product and promote and market it in the right way, the

und market it in the right way, the public is still willing to buy it." EMI Records UK managing director Ramon Lopez also commended "more good quality releases" as the way to bring buoyancy to the music trade.

"The marketplace is responding unfavourably to a number of problems which go far beyond pricing. Sales of budget-priced albums appear to have decreased, which seems to indicate that cost is not the only factor affecting the market and also that people will continue paying full price for what

continue paying full price for what they want." "It's not completely gloomy," stated Pye Records managing director Derek Honey. "It's all a question of offering the right product at the right price. You must give good music and good value for money and not inst error at full money, and not just crap at full price

WEA Records deputy managing director, Richard Robinson, interprets the figures as a reflection of the continuing problems of home taping and imports, which he believes are exerting a bigger effect than the industry imagines, and the general economic malaise.

"But I cannot accept that it is because of high prices," he added. "Not unless you are talking of bringing prices down to, say, £1 an album "

Spartan deal

ROCKBURGH RECORDS will now be distributed in Britain by Spartan Record Distributors following a deal concluded by Rockburgh MD Sandy Roberton and Tom McDonnell and David Thomas of Spartan. It applies to all Rockburgh artists except Ian Matthews, who is with Polydor.

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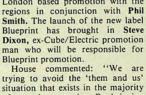
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trying to avoid the 'them and us' situation that exists in the majority of record companies. By bringing the role of the A&R man closer to that of the person promoting his product, we feel that we can engender a lot more action and success for our product.''

PETER ARCHER, ex-Brighton Evening Argus, to Polydor International press office in Hamburg Gaynor Ludlam to head of promotion for Pinnacle Records, from DJM Steve

Woolies expand video use

RECORD DEPARTMENTS in some Woolworth stores will from next month use custom-made video tape for promotion and display. This follows a decision, after 12 months of experiment and assessment, to make video presentations a permanent part of presentations a permanent part of display activities in the company's top 100 stores. Woolworth executives are proud to claim to be the first UK chain store to produce its "own brand" video. Agreement has been reached between Woolworth and the Captain Video hire company to terminate

Video hire company to terminate their agreement for the supply of promotion film to 60 stores. FWW chief record buyer Bob Egerton emphasised that the relationship with Bruce Higham, of Captain Video had over the past 12 months been excellent, and that the parting of the ways was amicable.

"We have decided to amalgamate video with our existing window and display board activities and in the future the film will be produced for us by Realmheath, the company currently operating our display activities."

This is Realmheath's first move into video production and it is delighted to have won as a first contract this agreement with one of the country's biggest record outlets.

The promo videos will also be shown in the 13 Woolco stores.

shown in the 13 Woolco stores. The increasing hold video has on record promotion in stores is witnessed by Higham himself. Confirming that the end of his deal with Woolworth was amicably agreed, he adds that Captain Video film is now being used in nearly 200 independent shops in the UK and his comment is steadily betanching out company is steadily branching out into Europe.

Records, from DJM Steve Price to St Pierre Publicity.

He had been with Decca for over three years and was previously marketing manager for Motown. At Regents Park Studio he has plans, with menoing director purport with managing director Duncan Bruce, to eventually launch a label, but intends initially to concentrate **MCPS** field

force 'a success'

managing director Duncan Bruce.

MIKE MCDONOUGH is to leave

MIKE MCDONOUGH is to leave his position as head of Decca press and promotion to join the Regents Park Recording Company as a director with responsibility for marketing the studio and establishing production and publishing operations.

THE FIRST year's activities by the five-strong Mechanical Copyright Protection Society field force has been a success, with a rise in income for the society directly attributable to the team. MCPS managing

Bob Montgomery, disclosed this at a recent meeting of the force ar a recent meeting of me for an internet of its formation in August last year. The purposes of the team are to assist MCPS members around assist MCPS members around the country with guidance and advice, inform the users of recorded music such as TV and radio stations, importers/exporters, whole-salers, advertising agencies, film companies and disc pressing and tape duplicating companies of their level obligations and licence legal obligations and licence requirements, collect payments and work closely with the PRS and BPI in the exchange of information.

Montgomery described the force as "friends — not spies" for all those with whom they deal, and added that the project, set up a year ago on an experimental basis, was already paying for itself.

paying for itself. The force comprises: Peter Pavey (North-East), Basil McCrea (Norther Ireland), Mike Hill (North-West), Brian O'Brien (Greater London) and Les Sully (South). The liaison director and co-ordinator at the MCPS head office is Dick MCPS head office is Dick Snelgrove.



Swern to DJM DJM RECORDS has appointed

producer Philip Swern as its A & R manager and he takes up his position after completing the Grace Kennedy album for DJM.

Swern, who has produced hits for Horace Faith, Blue Haze, The Pearls and R & J Stone, said: "I have been working on several artists with many record companies for some time and I feel now I would rather concentrate my efforts with one

company. "As I have a great relationship with DJM I decided to accept the challenge there."



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'Both Duncan Bruce and I believe that there are great opportunities for the creative development of fresh talent. Regents Park is currently being refurbished to a very high standard and by the end of the year we will have 46 track capability plus new acoustics and improved lounge

our intention to develop our own production masters as well as functioning as a competitive commercial studio,'' said

organisation, the London-based promotion team led by Fred Faber will work in close liaison with the A&R heads and each member of the promotion team will specialise in the various areas of music, commercial pop, R&B and MOR.

No 'them and

FOLLOWING THE appointment of

John House as director of A&R. Pye Records promotion department has been restructured. Under the new

us' at Pye

In addition, Mike Hemmings has been appointed artist liaison executive and will co-ordinate London based promotion with

news Ariola to sign more UK acts

ARIOLA (UK) HELD its first sales conference last weekend and managing director Robin Blanchflower said that in the company's two years of operation, "we have managed to establish a number of crucial cornerstones."

Referring to Ariola's successes, mainly in the singles market, Blanchflower said that they were now broadening the spectrum of music being released and signing

music being released and signing new acts. "Many of the new artists to be signed will come from Britain because we are convinced that this country is still the world's best and most consistent source of quality popular music," he added. The conference saw a specially filmed presentation of autumn product which had been seen by dealers at a number of trade shows around the country.

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The Three Degrees have a new album released on October 12 (3Dl) album released on October 12 (3Dl) which will be supported by a marketing campaign through to December including national press advertising, poster campaigns with British Rail and London Underground and buses and a radio campaign along with a national window display during November. On the same day Ariola releases the debut solo album from Rainbow drummer Cozy Powell. Entitled

drummer Cozy Powell. Entitled Over The Top (ARL 5035) it features Jack Bruce, Gary Moore and Dave Clempson. Like the Three 'Degrees, they undertake a UK tour,

and trade and music press advertising includes cross merchandising with Yamaha drum

kits. Mirelle Mathieu Sings Paul Anka is released on October 12, while on November 9 Linda Lewis releases her first album for Ariola, Hacienda View, along with a single, 109 Jamaica Highway. She also hosts a 12 week series for BBC TV called Roadshow.

Roadshow. Heavy promotion will also be featured for the debut Delegation album Eau de Vie (ARL 5053) released on November 9 with a single Put A Little Love On Me released on November 5. There will be special disco promotion for the group as well as music and trade press advertising and a window/instore campaign.

Logo: More staff cuts

LOGO HAS further contracted its operation, with managing director Geoff Hannington blaming "recent difficult trading conditions". Staff cuts mean that marketing

Staff cuts mean that marketing manager, Keith Peacock, international co-ordinator Annie Branson, and secretary Jill Carrington have left the company. As a result managing director Hannington assumes responsibility for marketing, while sales manager, Peter Missen, takes over international co-ordination. Hannington continues to direct the company's A&M activities and Sue Carling handles press and Sue Carling handles press and promotion.

Hannington comments: "We've had only one hit since March and catalogue sales, which have been buoyant in the past, have been appalling in the last four months."

Lux turns back to pop

RADIO LUXEMBOURG is adopting a new format from October, moving further away from the disco sound it took on at this time last year. And the main feature of the new look schedule is the predominance of chart-oriented material

material. Luxembourg's managing director, Alan Keen, explains: "Listeners will be able to hear a chart seven nights a week between 9pm and 11pm. This represents a move slightly away from disco and also illustrates the popularity of chart programmes which has shown up consistently in our research."

Rosko In Exile moves to Sunday night after the chart show, while the other taped DJ, Johnnie Walker, will fill the 8pm to 9pm slot on Saturdays. One hour of oldies is slotted in at lam and a new show, Chart Champions, comes to Mondays and Fridays between 11pm and midnight. It will feature discs and midnight. It will feature discs from top selling artists including Buddy Holly, The Eagles, The Rolling Stones, John Denver, Elvis Presley, Queen, Abba, ELO, Donna Summer and The Supremes.

Polydor ban goes on

THE BAN on Polydor product and reps in certain Merseyside shops is to continue open-endedly, and the general feeling after the first few weeks of this action is that it is having very little effect on the trade

or profits for the dealers involved. This was the decision made at last week's dealer meeting in Liverpool. week's dealer meeting in Liverpool. Polydor deputy MD Tom Parkinson was to have attended the meeting, but was unable to do so, and he is to meet the Merseyside dealers on October 3, when they hope to review the whole situation with him. It is also hoped that David Fine, MD Polygram Leisure Services UK, will extend the meeting attend that meeting.

MSD hopes to spend £2m on TV

MULTIPLE SOUND Distributors is hoping to spend £2,000,000 on TV during the run up to Christmas to back its releases on the Warwick label, assuming a settlement of the ITV strike.

of the ITV strike. The dozen albums lined up for TV promotion include the Mantovani Golden Collection; Tranquillity by Mary O'Hara; 20 Golden Greats of Guy Mitchell; 20 Golden Greats of Johnnie Ray; 25 Golden Greats of the Bachelors; Just For You by Des O'Connor; Echoes Of Golden Flute by Adrian Brett; Country Guitar Greats, plus an as yet untilled LP from Acker Bilk. Two film soundtracks are to be pushed. These are The Bitch, currently on release, and Yesterday's Here, starring Ian McShane and Adam Faith. MSD will also re-promote Harry Secombe's Bless This House album.

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However, MSD's extensive TV promotion plans depend on a speedy return to work by the TV technicians, and marketing director Anne Miles comments: "If necessary we will try radio and look at using press, but it doesn't work quite like TV as wos sell to people who don't normally buy albums. We are using radio for the Bitch soundtrack and are well prepared for when the TV companies go back on air as we have firm bookings, unlike to other record companies."

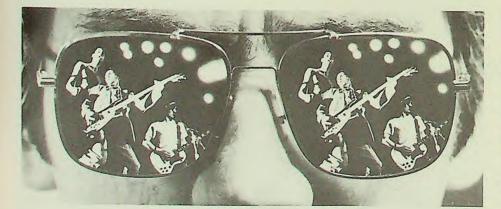
• MULTIPLE SOUND's salesman of the year David Pyk, who covers the Birmingham and North Midland area – received a solid gold banknote clip from Mary O'Hara as his prize at the dinner climaxing the company's seles conference lock. sales conference last Saturday.

Streamlining at RCA

FURTHER STREAMLINING at RCA sees the promotion and artist liaison departments merged into one under current head of artist liaison Tony McGrogan. John Burton becomes head of artist liaison and TV promotion, while field promotion remains the same, and a London the same, and a Lond promotion man will be appointed.

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YEARS OF being enveloped in dry ice, bathed in second-hand sweat from performers' brows, singed by magnesium flares, and never hearing any concert properly because the photographers' enclosure is virtually bypassed by the output of most speaker stacks has earned Laurie Lewis the right to display his portfolio of live performance photographs with some pride. And Paper Tiger/Dragons World have done the collection proud in the printing and presentation of his superb-looking The Concerts book

At first glance appearing like an expensively-produced LP it offers 120 pages featuring technically and stylistically impressive photographs of 100 artists.

Page after page of glossy full colour makes it a genuinely pleasurable experience to look through, and, since the names of the featured artists appear only in an index at the back, it would make a good picture quiz book. But only avid and consistent concert goers with catholic music tastes would be able to name all the featured acts.

In time and style the pictures span Bo Diddley, Chuck Berry and The Everly Brothers, through the eternal heavies like Pink Floyd, the living embodiments of profit-fromart like Rod Stewart, Elton John and The Who, to beautiful loners like Joni Mitchell, Eric Clapton, Robert

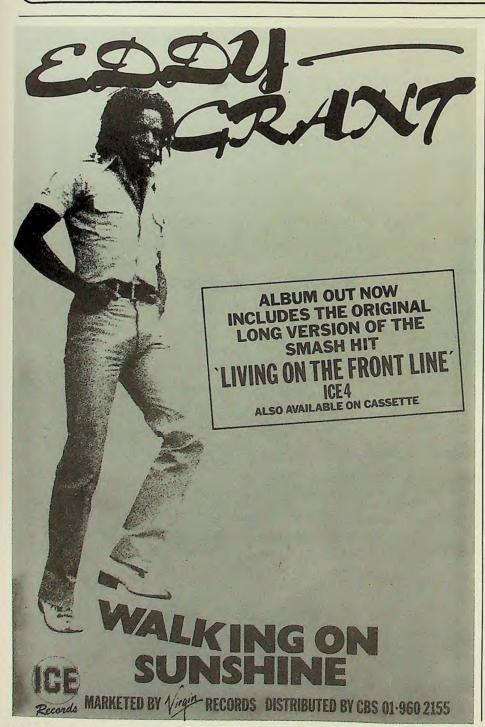


Palmer, Elvis Costello and Dave Edmunds. Some of the pictures raise an instant affectionate giggle — The Everlys looking like a pair of Old English sheepdogs in need of a trim; Wreckless Eric sporting a pink candlewick bedjacket obviously borrowed from Red Riding Hood's Granny; The Who caught at that special moment in every gig when Pete Townshend crosses the stage with the grace and energy of an Olympic hurdler; and a shot of Elkie Brooks in her days with Vinegar Joe, wearing a look of cheeky sexiness which is not quite what her currently sophisticated image calls for.

Other artists apparently defied Lewis's search for the odd angle and the revealingly new pose — the pictures of Elton John, the Rolling Stones (in the days when Jagger's eye make-up rivalled Liz Taylor's) and a series of rather boring stills of Dylan—all look like so many pictures that one has flicked through before.

so many pictures that one has flicked through before. However, the book is undoubtedly a worthy addition to the output of this publisher, and at £5.50, it is a work of art within the reach of anyone who was thinking of buying a full-price LP.

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DEALERS! Don't forget *Music Week's* new chart-bytelephone service. If the Post Office does not deliver your *Music Week* on Wednesday morning 'phone 01-855 7711 to hear a recorded list of the new chart placings.



A HEAVY-DUTY security till made by the calculator and business machine manufacturers Busicom is now available through their sole importers, Broughtons of Bristol. The Busicom Regica NR-101 electronic cash register, pic'ured above, features a large 10-digit display and has several security features - such as separate operator's and manager's keys, a lockable till roll and drawer compartment, removable cash drawer insert, and full battery backup for "totals" protection. While this model is clearly worth considering by a record store which is security minded, busy enough to need an electronic machine, and thinking of upgrading its counter equipment, the matter of tills which record disc catalogue numbers for stock control and/or BMRB chart information remains very much in the air. Dealers wanting further information on the Busicom machine should contact Broughton's at 6 Priory Road, Clifton, Bristol BS8 1TZ.

Good form for dealers

SURROUNDED BY order forms, VAT paperwork, and all the other printed matter requiring his attention, the dealer may be pleased to know that one hefty form-filling session which might well have been coming his way has been killed off.

Following strong opposition from the National Chamber of Trade and other interested parties, the Government has decided to abandon its plans for a survey of retailing which was due to be carried out, on much the same lines as other census operations, in 1981. It decided its Business Statistics Office could not

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cope with collecting information on 270,000 shops, so the 150,000 forms that this exercise would have needed to be sent out will remain unsent.

Real donkey work...

A GOOD humoured footnote to a retailing item in *MW* August 25, Rhesus Records of Manchester plaintively points out that the picture it sent showing its pantomime donkey (promoting The Donkeys' single) apparently getting scant public attention as it sat in the window of the Virgin store there was not "a tribute to the calm and aloofness of Manchester citizens". In fact: "It took us half an hour to get a couple of half decent photos that weren't cluttered by lots of people straining for a better look!" Rhesus' letter concludes: "Well, be honest — how would you react if you saw a donkey in the window of your local record store?" If things are as bad in the record trade as so many dealers obviously feel they are, there should be plenty of time for essays on that theme to be composed by bored retailers and their shop assistants...

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All change in Pye promotions

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SEVERAL IMPORTANT personnel changes have taken place (or are about to take place) in record company disco departments.

Following the appointment of Marvin Howell as label manager of Casablanca, the Pye promotional structure has been changed with assistant disco promotions man Roan Wynter having been made redundant, and Morgan Khan, in addition to his job as disco promotion manager, now doubling as label manager for Buddah and Hi/Cream.



Promotion for Sue Lavan at Magnet, who follows the equally lovely (and sadly departing) Joanna Kochen into the disco promotion bot sadl from her sociation when hot seat from her position on the reception desk

Another major change is in EMI's Disco Department. Pete Dyos has left the company after three years to work independently, and his place will be filled next month by Gof Abbey, who has been with Blues & Soul magazine for the act civ for the past six years.

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BBC stages two 'real disco' shows for autumn

TWO WEEKLY disco programmes, Roadshow Disco and Roadshow Info, are set for launch on BBC-TV this autumn. The weekly disco shows will occupy 25 minutes of viewing time after 11pm, commencing October 1.

Each programme will be shot in Lach programme will be shot in location in discos around the country as part of the BBC's new priority of hitting younger audiences. Co-presenters will be Linda Lewis and Jon Eden, and Grant Santino and the Family will also be featured each wash also be featured each week

The programme's policy has been The programme's policy has been to steer clear of the towns generally frequented by the BBC's Outside Broadcast teams, and hence the clubs will include Tiffany's, Nottingham; Royal Pier, Southampton; Scamps, Bradford; Valentino's, Paisley; Jilly's Disco Bar, Brixton; Top Rank Suite, Swansea; Hamilton's, Birkenhead; Lafayette, Wolverhampton, Kirkton Community Centre, Dundee;

Capitol snaps

up Barrow

Castways, Plymouth; El Greco's, Londonderry and Reflexions, Middlesbrough.

Participating DJs have yet to be announced, although they will include Chris Hill.

include Chris Hill. The bands appearing each week will be selected from the Olympic Runners, Love Machine, Ritz, Liquid Gold, Light of the World, Real Thing, JALN and Rokotto. Executive producer is Tony Matthews and the director is Peter Low Wribt, who evaluated the the

Matthews and the director is Peter Lee Wright, who explained that the programme was a conscious effort to present "real disco" and break away from the glossy Seaside Special approach, and the Top of the Pops format, which only tends to cover disco music acres commercial disco music once commercial.

OLYMPIC NUNNERS

OLYMPIC RUNNERS: one of the bands named to appear.

AN EXCITING new performer emerged in the UK last week when Keith Barrow, darling of the New York party and gay disco scene, made a surprise visit to the UK to appear at the *Disco International* awards party. Most people who saw him were mighty impressed with bit debut end new energies Caritet States

Most people who saw him were mighty impressed with his debut, and none more than Capitol Records, which is in the process of signing him in the States. Keith sung to backing tapes, including his big single of last year, Turn Me Up, along with Physical Attraction and You Know You Want To Be Loved, and camped it up beneath soil and own

beneath a veil and gown.

Barrow, who was delighted by the reception, told Music Week that he had been spending the time between

Music Week that he had been spending the time between transferring from Columbia Records to Capitol Records most profitably — by working as a promotion man for Emergency Records, a New York subsidiary of Baby. But now that will have to take a back seat as Capitol will want Keith in the studios by October to start work on his next album. "Four producers have been mentioned," Keith said, "including Maurice and Verdine White and Pay Payker. But I work the album to be a lat mergen Ray Parker. But I want the album to be a lot more rock-oriented than the last."

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FAT LARRY: on the road

TWO TOP Fantasy bands are to tour Britain in October — and each have records in the charts. Fat Larry's Band (FLB) and Slick open Larry's Band (FLB) and Slick open at Dunstable, Queensway Hall on October 4, and continue at Norwich, Cromwell's (5), Southgate Royalty (6), Leeds, Warehouse (7), Doncaster (8 — venue to be announced), Brighton, Top Rank (10), Bournemouth, Maison Royale (11), Swindon, Brunel Rooms (12), Leysdown (13 — venue to be announced). Other dates are to be announced. FLB are currently in the charts with Looking For Love Tonight while Slick have scored with the controversial Sexy Cream.

Discom '79 set to make promising solo

WHAT STARTED as merely part of the larger Cisco exhibition has grown rapidly enough to be presented separately this year as Discom 79.

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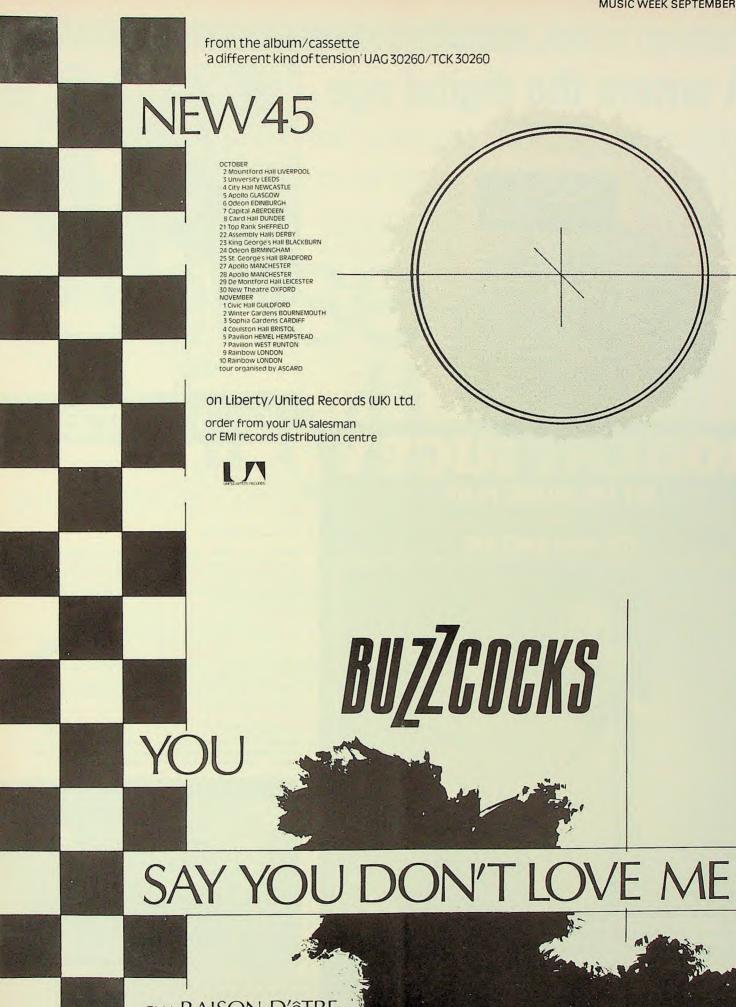
Discom 79. is a European discotheque exhibition being staged at Hall 3, Parc des Expositions, Porte de Versailles, Paris, between October 22 and 26, and if present promise in terms of bookings and attendance are fulfilled, it could become an annual event. e section devoted to disco equipment is already fully subscribed, but there is still space It

The equipment is already fully subscribed, but there is still space left for record company bookings. Those taking advantage of this will find themselves in the company of Phonogram, WEA Filipacchi, RCA, Barclay, Ariola Eurodisc, Pathe Marconi EMI, Ralph Siegel Music and several others, not all of them French-based.

artists in Paris clubs and discos in connection with Discom 79, and there will be a full-scale disco in the exhibition itself modelled on Paris's famous Le Palace venue. Anyone interested should contact Jack Kessler, International Equipment & Services Exhibition Organisation Ltd., 4th Floor, 9 Stafford Street, London W1X 3PE, 01-499 2317. The Disco Top 50 does not appear this week due to the indisposition of Jerry Gilbert — but keep watching this space for its return soon!

Edited by JERRY GILBERT of Disco International

trope No.1 and Radio Luxembourg will be covering the event live, as well as featuring artists in Paris clubs and discos



cw RAISON D'êTRE

SA enters the digital age

From JOE BRONKHORST

JOHANNESBURG: Digital records have arrived in South Africa, and according to an EMI spokesman, the first will be a jazz disc by Morrissey/Mullen. The implementation of digital recording in South Africa is now near at the EMI studios.

in South Alrica is now near at It EM1 has great hopes for John Townley's debut album, Townley. The artist has been learning his trade the hard way by travelling around Europe and North America for over 10 years, and now that success is just around the corner, is unlikely to see his native Coventry again for some time.

again for some time. To cope with the acquisition of several new labels, EMI has restructured its promotion department, while Allan McInnes remains head of the international division and A&R director. Paul Zmark her icited FMI

Paul Zamek has joined EMI as marketing manager, and the rest of the team comprises Paul Desmond, Capitol label manager and radio promotion; Andrew Darlington, Arista label manager and radio promotion; Roddy Quinn, United Artists label manager and radio promotion, and Dorothy Clifford, HMV label manageress and press officer for all labels.



WEA is excited about former London Talk Of The Town featured singer Diana Landor. The multi-talented Diana is now permanently settled in South Africa, where she is a great attraction on the cabaret circuit.

A recent TV special, The World Of Diana Landor, triggered off tremendous interest in a selfpenned number entitled Middle Of The Music, for which Diana deserted her usual smooth style for a disco spiced arrangements that has all the hallmarks of a hit.

has all the hallmarks of a hit. WEA promotion man Benjy Mudie is enthusing also about Basstop, a rock group that has recently broken music in Clout proportions but with far more aggressive music.

BRIEFS: Despite the current downtrend in the Anglo-American record business, RPM South Africa is expanding to the extent of moving to a larger building, which will house an entire music operation complete with studio complex ... the annual Sarie Awards are looming again for the music industry here, with Clout expected to make another great showing, if not actually sweeping the board as they did last year... South African TV exposure for pop music remains depressing, and limited to one 20-minute weekly show called Pop Shop.

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LONDON: Iain Sutherland (left) of the Sutherland Brothers holding a gold award with one hand and CBS international licensing manager Sally Shackleton with the other at a recent double gold presentation for South African sales on Arms Of Mary and Something Burning. Holding the second award is Hilton Rosenthal, head of international A&R and marketing for CBS South Africa, next to Sutherland manager Nick Blackburn.

News in brief...

ZURICH: A new company, BAHP Records and Record Distribution, has been set up here with the avowed policy of handling artists well away from the normal run-of-the-mill product. First signings for the company are Swiss all-girl new wave band Kleenex,

First signings for the company are Swiss all-girl new wave band Kleenex, already doing well in the UK; San Francisco-based act Novak; local band Hertz; and Belfast group Stiff Little Fingers, via the album Inflammable Material.

VIENNA: The Austrian copyright society, AKM, Staatlich Genehihte Gesellschaft der Autoren, Komponisten and Musikverleger, had a total royalty income for 1978 of \$20,223,500 (approximately £10,111,750), an upturn of 12.1 per cent over the previous year. For this year, royalty rates have been generally raised by 10.9 per cent, so there are prospects of a record intake for 1979.

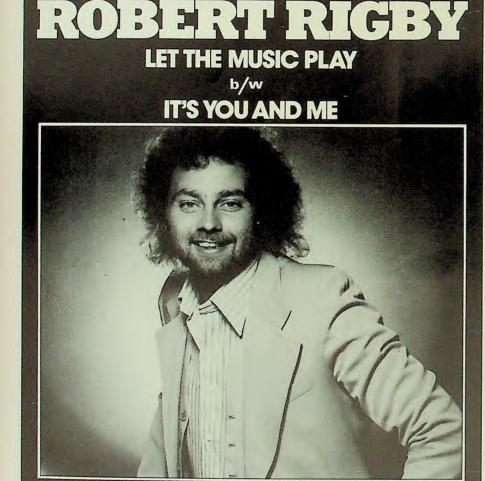
HONG KONG: Rediffusion Reditune will hold its annual international sales convention here at the Hong Kong Hotel from October 15 to 17. In attendance will be company chairman R. F., Dennis and general manager J. Whitehead with franchise holders from a wide area of the world, including Germany, Norway and the US. Reditune claims to be the world's largest international background music service with a library comprising 20,000 recorded titles, to which a further 1,000 are added every year.

BRUSSELS: EMI Belgium managing director Ted de Klerk and his deputy, Andre Saboer, have both left the company. The new MD is Charles Andrews, who previously headed EMI's operation in Iran.



STOCKHOLM: An Elvis Presley window display at the Ahlens City department store here, signifying that the manager of the record department, Stig Ericsson, is a firm Presley fan. A total of 99 albums were displayed on a rotating stand to mark this 25th anniversary of Presley's first recording, Photo: Ake Norin.

Frank Beh dies VIENNA: Frank Beh, managing director of EMI Music's Austrian company EMI Columbia Austria GmbH, has died aged 55. He joined EMI Electrola in Germany in 1953, and moved to the Austrian company as general manager, becoming MD in 1965. EMI Music joint MD Leslie Hill described Beh as "a man of considerable energy and ability who will be missed by all of us".



ROBERT RIGBY is the first signing on Rediffusion Record's new pop label, FUSION. For Robert, this is his first major recording deal, and for Rediffusion Records, it represents the launch of a new pop label. Considerable thought, time and backing has been spent by Rediffusion to prepare this first venture, in the rock field.



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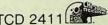
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INTERNATIONAL ECM—ten years of individuality

From MICHAEL HENKELS

HAMBURG: What do you do if you're a young bass player frustrated by the working conditions and restrictions of the music business? Follow the advice and whims of mediocre producers or risk setting an artistic sprat to catch a commercial mackerel?

Ten years ago in Munich Manfred Eicher opted for the second course, a brave decision now but virtually unprecedented then. He formed his unprecedented then. He formed his own record company, Edition of Contemporary Music, and now the abbreviation ECM is world-famous.

Eicher was single-minded in what he wanted to do and how he intended to go about it. With some money borrowed from an electrical appliance business (still his silent partner today), he financed Mal Waldron's album Free At Last (a happily symbolic title for a first release in view of Eicher's desire for artistic freedom), and used the proceeds of this first project to pay for the next. ECM contracts are sealed by

handshakes without the need for complex wording in the small print. Musicians invited to record for the label play what they want to play in the manner in which they wish to play it, and Eicher and his small and efficient team do the rest. They are working in a way which has won the respect of musicians, critics and the of the German record giants industry. The ECM catalogue contains

more than 130 recordings bearing the label's stamp of artistic individuality and integrity. Eicher's strength lies in the confidence he inspires in his relationship with musicians and his individual miking technique in the recording studio. He has developed microphone placement into a fine art, reflected in the high quality of the ECM recordings, and very much his own personal contribution to the label.

"You can have a certain conception and proceed in that direction," Eicher commented on this point. "But your ears are different to mine, and no matter what is done with regard to technical details, your ears will tell you different things to mine. It's different things to mine. It's impossible for me to say 'Do this and this, and you will get the same sound as me'. I would never give such advice."

Music for the sake of music and not a weapon in the battle for market share and sales figures has been the motto of ECM's first 10 years and will continue to be so. Regarded by the rest of the business with indulgent smiles at the beginning, Eicher has now won widespread respect and a first-class reputation by the extent of his success. There is never a major poll or nomination for record industry prizes without ECM artists being conspicuously present. The label's artist is the American



MANFRED EICHER, founder of the 10-year-old ECM label.

pianist Keith Jarrett, who seems to pianist Keith Jarrett, who seems to epitomise the best in the field of chamber jazz music today. ECM sold 100,000 copies of a Jarrett double album worldwide, and even the formidable proposition of a 10-LP box of solo Jarrett recordings — the famous Sun Bear concerts in Japan — has been a success in sales terms as well as artistically.

More and more leading musicians and artists' artists are getting the opportunity to realise their musical ideas on ECM without commercial pressures or dictates. And ECM discs really record what was laid down — without the use of overdubbed strings or mixing of rhythm and melody tracks recorded separately in isolation at different times

ECM is celebrating its 10th birthday in typical manner - not with expensive parties and junketing but with five strong LP releases underlining Manfred Eicher's slogan that ECM has "the most beautiful sound next to silence". They are Solo by Egberto Gismonti, Le Voyage by the Paul Motian Trio, Elm by Richie Beirach, Upon Reflection by John Surman, and, on Japo, End Game featuring Barry Guy, Howard Riley, John Stevens and Trevor Watt

MCA pushing Jones

From MIKE REYNOLDS

LOS ANGELES: MCA Records is putting considerable promotional boost behind its new signing, Tom Jones, now pacted to the label for

the US. Jones' debut album for the label, Rescue Me, is out this month, and is being supported by 50-second spot ads on what is described as "pop and adult contemporary radio formats" in New York, Los Angeles, Dallas, Atlanta and Cleveland, plus full-page four-colour ads in the music trade press and ads in the entertainment sections Jones' debut album for the label, and ads in the entertainment sections and aus in the entertainment sections of the daily press, in the entertainment guides published in Las Vegas, Reno and Atlantic City, gambling centres where Jones does much of his cabaret work, and in the National Enguiser. Commonline National Enquirer, Cosmopolitan and Playgirl.

and Playgirl. On another front, MCA is developing its classical music department with the release of Beethoven's 9th Symphony conducted by Pierre Monteux and John Gay's Beggar's Opera with tenor Nigel Rogers singing the part of Macheath and Dennis Stevens directing the chorus and orchestra of the Accademia Monteverdiana. the Accademia Monteverdiana.

CAPITAL RECORDS is launching a \$5.98 series of albums of re-issue repertoire and material not previously released. A Capitol spokesman said: "The introduction of this line is an important new development for Capitol, and represents a major contribution to our catalogue". The initial releases are the Marcus

Hook Roll Band; Beginnings by Glenn Shorrock, Beeb Birtles and Graham Goble — now better-known as the Little River Band; three LPs by the late Minnie Riperton in Perfect Angel, Adventures In

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Paradise and Stay In Love; California Bloodlines by John Stewart; Beach Boys '69, recorded live in London; Look To Your Heart by Frank Sinatra; A Mis Amigos by Net King Cole: Percy Lee Sings The Nat King Cole; Peggy Lee Sings The Songs Of Cy Coleman, and a hits album featuring Anne Murray, Glen Campbell and Grand Funk Railroad. Rarities by the Beatles is planned

for October 8 release, and Capitol marketing vice president Dennis White said that there would be two or three releases in the series each

Briefs: Bee Gees appearing at the Omni Theatre, Atlanta, on September 30 in aid of the Martin Luther King Jnr. Centre for Social Change Fleetwood Mac's Tusk album set for October 15 release by Warner at \$15.98, with the title track already out as a single b/w Never Make Me Cry film of Loretta Lynn's life story, Coal Miner's Daughter, due for March premiere, and Loretta will be heard singing on another soundtrack for the movie The Fish That Saved Pittsburgh Phonogram/Mercury claiming first digitally mixed rock album in Midnight Run by Lowry Hamner &

The Cryers.

BROADCASTING

orief...

PARIS: While Britain's commercial TV blackout continues, France has passed a new law making it impossible for industrial action to force radio and TV broadcasts off air

The initial bill proposing what is now known as the Vivien Law was introduced by a member of the National Assembly after a series of employee walkouts disrupted French heats of the Eurovision Song Contest earlier this year.

RADIO FOUR changes announced by controller Monica Sims are designed to provide flexibility and space for late changes. She explains: "There will be a clear grid structure, to help listeners find their favourite programmes at fixed times, but more variety between these times to allow late changes responding, as to news and important events.

A COMPLETE about turn in the programming policy of BBC Radio Scotland could be on the cards if an internal report is heeded.

The station placed the accent on music at the time of its re-launch last November, but the report criticises the prattle of the station's top presenters and recommends a return to more meaningful talk and — Conversations conversations. Most programmes come under

fire, though no firm changes have yet been announced.

News in Garnett becomes first female M

by DAVID DALTON

CONFIRMING RECENT speculation, Hereward Radio – the successful ILR franchise applicant for the Peterborough area – has appointed Cecilia Garnett as managing director.

Garnett becomes the first woman to head a local commercial station in the UK on October 1, though Hereward will not be on air until June next year. She has been involved with

Site has been involved with Independent Local Radio since its inception — firstly with the IBA where she was closely involved in the establishment of the first six local commercial stations and then as secretary of the Association of Independent Radio Contractors.

At AIRC she has been responsible for advising the 19 ILR stations on a wide range of activities covering programming, marketing, advertising, sales and industrial relations.

Hereward, chaired by local newspaper publisher Patrick

Friends it is scheduled for 9pm on Sundays and will feature material recorded live in the foyer at Capital's Euston Tower. Digance's

guests for the first week will be Martin Carthy and Melanie Harold,

and the producer of the programme is Paul Blencowe. The foyer sessions will be a weekly

feature with the audience largely

Sharman, will cover a radius of more than 20 miles from Peterborough which will include Corby, Oundle, Stamford, Bourne, Spalding, Wisbech, March, Chatteris, Whittlesey and the Huntingdon area. Chatteris, White Huntingdon area.

"I feel Garnett comments: "I feel fortunate that such a challenge has come my way, particularly with a station like Hereward which has exciting possibilities because of the varied nature and economic growth of the area.

"Unlike many local radio stations which broadcast to city areas only, Hereward will be a town and country station which offers considerable scope for a varied and interesting programming content.'

Capital folk show

CAPITAL IS to introduce a new folk music programme from the end of October. Entitled Richard Digance And

made up of folk club members.

Following the introduction of David Rodigan's reggae show, Roots Rockers, to Saturday nights at 8pm, other Capital shows shift. Afternoon Delight, Duncan Johnson's music and sports results programme, will now run from 3pm to 5pm, while Greg Edwards' Soul Spectrum will begin an hour earlier at 5pm and run to 8pm.



GARNETT: rising to the challenge

hanges taking Forth By ERIC WISHART

RADIO FORTH adds an extra hour to its broadcasting day and has 20 new shows in its revised schedule which comes into effect on October 1. But Radio Clyde's changes are more conservative after a re-vamp earlier in the year, with the main emphasis on a re-shuffle in the eventues. the evenings.

Forth programme controller, Tom Steele, says that the changes are geared to broadening the station's musical base, aiming at an MOR sound late night and introducing new types of music in the midnight to 2am slot.

2am slot. The Forth Top 100 will be featured between 1pm and 2pm on weekdays, a new Top 40 countdown comes to Sunday afternoons and an extended folk show on Tuesday night will feature sessions recorded in and around Edinburgh. "Extending our day by an hour allows us to give more scope to minority tastes," says Steele. At Clyde, TV personality Glen Michael has been dropped and his Thursday night show replaced by Ken Sykora's Big Band Show.

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TWENTY PAGES OF ORDER FORM CHARTS, POSTER CHARTS, AIRPLAY ACTION GUIDE, NEW RELEASES

Hudson & Co do it

AL HUDSON AND THE SOUL PARTNERS: You Can Do It (MCA 511)

HUDSON is a native of Detroit who first made a name for himself when he won recognition in a talent show back by a local radio station, WCHB. The same contest also provided a springboard for another young performer who has since climbed the heights of popularity -

Stevie Wonder. During the early Sixties Hudson played clubs in the Detroit area as a played clubs in the Detroit area as a solo performer, while at the same time the Soul Partners were also gigging in Michigan. Eventually Hudson and the band came into contact, decided to work together and the result has been a string of US hits. In addition they have also toured with the likes of Al Green,

toured with the likes of Al Green, Natalie Cole, Rufus, James Brown and Barry White. Among Hudson's American successes have been the albums, Spreading Love and Cherish, and the singles, I've Been Loving You Too Long, My Number One Need and Almost Ain't Good Enough. Their first album for MCA was Hanny Feet Happy Feet.

Line-up of the band is Hudson, Kevin McCord (bass and vocals), Dave Robertson (guitar and vocals), Alicia Myers (tambourine and vocals), Brenda Wiley (vocals), Gregg Green (drums) and Leroy Hyter (piano and tenor sax).



AL HUDSON and the Soul Partners

Chart Newcomer . . . by Chris White

STARJETS: War Stories (Epic EPC 7770)

IN THE two years since Starjets were formed, the band has built up a strong following on the club circuit, although it has not been unti, now that actual chart success has come

The band was formed in Belfast during 1977, the musical aim being to play hard and fast rock songs that the members had written themselves. After building up a local following, the decision was made to move to London and Starjets first appeared live over here in early 1978. After

receiving various flowing reviews in

receiving various flowing reviews in the consumer music press, and being business, including CBS' Muff Windwood, Starjets finally signed to the Epic label. Line-up of the band is Paul Bowen on guitar and organ, John Martin (bass, harmonica and yand Terry Sharpe (guitar). The Starjet's first LP was called simply God Bless Starjets and was followed by a nationwide tour when the band supported Stiff Little Fingers. The band still play regular live gigs throughout the UK.

Buggles for the top?

BY DAVID DALTON

WHO WOULD bet against Buggles getting right to the top with Video Killed The Radio Star, judging by the airplay it is receiving? John Hayes at Thames Valley thinks a lot

Hayes at Thames Valley thinks a lot of it as does Tony Prince who has made it this week's Power Play. And watch out for Jane Aire and the Belvederes on Virgin — who should have had a hit with Yankee Wheels on Stiff — and now has revived that classic Breaking Down The Walls Of Heartache. She could soon be breaking down that "Wailing Wall" at Egton House.

Hot Air

DLT reckons that Dusty Springfield is going to make it back Dusty into the big time, making the title of the single, A Baby Blue, seem ironic, while fellow Radio One jocks Simon while fellow Radio One jocks Simon Bates, Paul Burnett and Kid Jensen have picked up on relatively unknown bands The Marvels, Expose and Eastside Band.

This a fair bet also that just about every other station will join Radio City in giving Tusk, Fleetwood Mac's first single release for some time, special attention.

Japan

KISS SINGLE, I Was Made For Lovin' You climbs from 51 to 44, and Knack's My Sharona up from 87 to 61. Drops by Village People's Go West from 72 to 94 and Earth Wind & Fire's Boogie Wonderland from 36 to 48. Bulleted LPs are Chic's Risque (69), The Boss by Diana Ross (66), Rainbow's Down To Earth (65) and Elevator by The Rollers (50).

France

SINGLE TOPPER is Da'ida's Monday Tuesday (Carrere), with Billy Joel's Honesty at 2 (CBS) and Amii Stewart 3 with Knock On Wood (Hansa/Carrere). LP topper is Supertramp (CBS), with Richard Clayderman's Reverie

(AZ) at 2 and Serge Gainsbourg (Phonogram) third. Chart placings compiled from Europe No. 1, RTL and RMC playlists and shipping figures.

SINGLES SYMBOLS

- forecast to rise
- £ sales increase over week
- silver disc (250,000 sales)
- gold disc (500,000 sales) . NEW new entry





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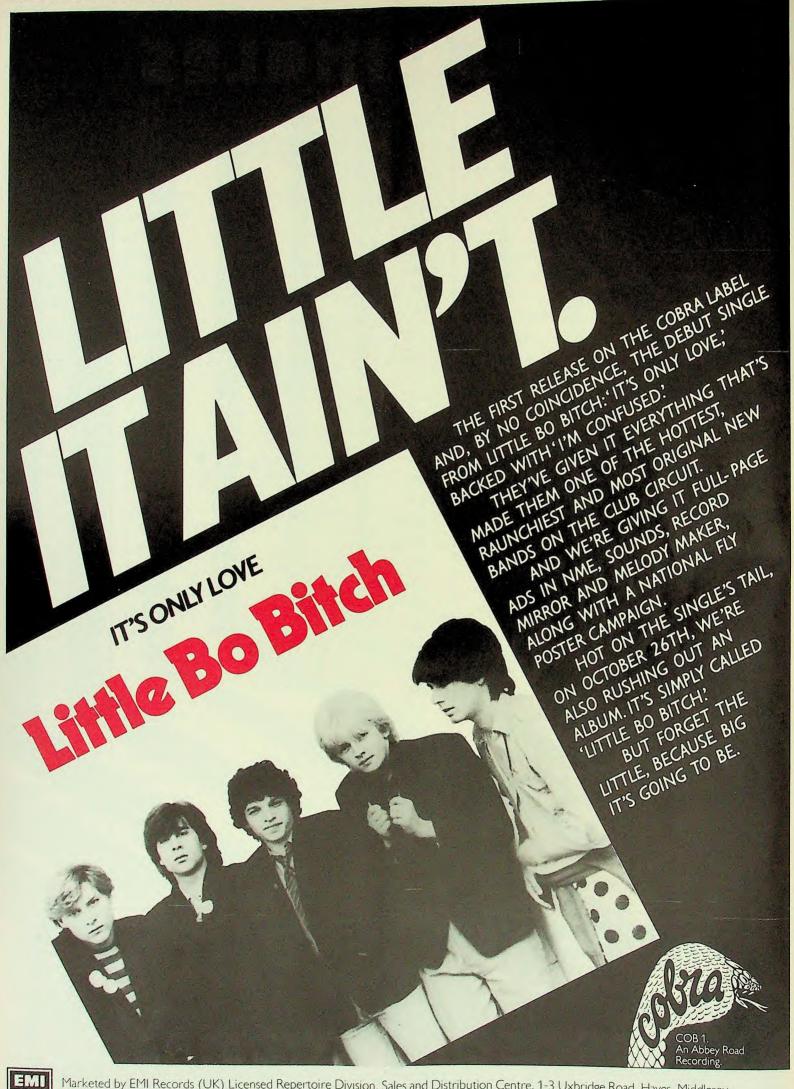
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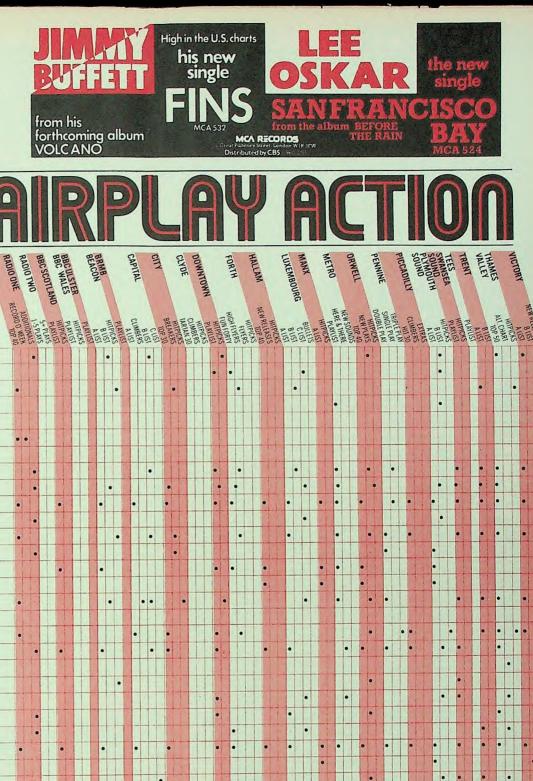
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ATLANTA RHYTHM SECTION Spooky	•	•
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BOOMTOWN RATS Don't Like Mondays Ensign ENY 30 (F)		
BROOKES, ELKIE He Could Have A&M AMS 7475 (C)	•	1
BROWNE, TOM What's Going On Atlantic K 11368 (W)		
BUGGLES Video Killed The Radio Star Island WIP 6524 (E)	•	1
BUSH, KATE Them Heavy People EMI MIEP 2991 (E)		1
BUZZCOCKS Spiral Scratch New Hormones ORG 1 (SP)		
CALE, J.J. Katy Kool Lady Shelter W1P 6521 (E)		1
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CHEAP TRICK Ain't It A Shame Epic EPC 7839 (C)		
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CONNOLLY, BILLY In The Brownies Polydor 2059 160 (F)	1	-
COODER, RY Little Sister Warner Brothers K 17460'(W)		1
CRUSADERS Street Life	•	1
DANA Can't Get Over GTO GT 256 (C)		T
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DICKIES Nights In White Satin A&M AMS 7469 (C)		1
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DOOBIE BROTHERS Open Your Eyes Warner Bros. K 17461 (W)	1	T
DOOLEYS The Chosen Few GTO GT 258 (C)	1	T
DR. HOOK When You're In Love Capitol CL 16039 (E)		T
DRIFTERS Pour Your Little Heart Out Epic EPC 7806 (C)		T
DURY, IAN Reasons To Be Cheerful Stiff BUY 50 (E)	1	1
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GRAY, DOBIE Spending Time Making Love Infinity INF 115 (C)				•				•						
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HARLEY, STEVE Freedoms Prisoner EMI						•			-			+++++	++-	
HEADBOYS Shape Of Things To Come RSO 40 (F)	•				•			•					+++	+++++
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HOUSE, BILL Better Than I Ever Thought Decca FR 13858 (F)						•					++++	+++++	+++	
HUDSON, AL You Can Do It MCA 511 (C)		•						•	1				++++	
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INNER CIRCLE We A Rockers Island WIP 6498 (E)		•							•		1			
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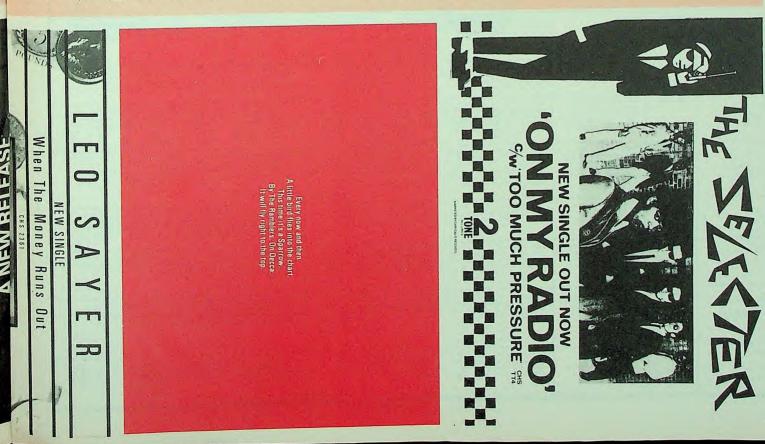
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PERFORMANCE **Rolf Harris:** Talk Of The Town

GENUINE VERSATILITY allied to a lot of talent constitutes a prime asset for any artist and Rolf Harris, who has plenty of both asset for any artist and kon rhains, who has plenty of both commodities, should prove a prime asset for London's theatre restaurant during his month's stint which began on Monday of last week

Harris is a pro to the fingertips and takes the elementary (but often ignored) precaution of studying the type of audience he's studying the type of audience he's playing to before going on stage. Hence we heard The Me Kangaroo Down in Swedish, Spanish, French and Arabic as well as English and put across intelligibly and humorously enough to have the appropriate sections of the ToTT audience in convulsions, followed by storms of applause. Harris visited the Arabic section of the Beeb's External Services at Bush House the previous day to get those words previous day to get those words right.

From the moment he walked on From the moment he walked on three-legged for his opening number, Jake The Peg (and nobody could guess which leg was the falsie) to the final rousing Waltzing Matilda, Harris had the audience in the palm of his hand, beguiling them with comparisons and anerdates with songs, jokes and anecdotes with perfect taste and timing. The wobble board and didgeridoo were in evidence too, and there was a swift and deft Harris painting done on stage, as well as a preview of Stuck To The Ice (Columbia DB 9069) released on October 12 with the Christmas market in mind.

The only proplem was that he

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verran his allotted hour by 40 minutes. And that was no problem for anyone, apart perhaps from for anyone, apart perhaps from some coach drivers waiting outside. NIGEL HUNTER

XTC: The Rainbow

KNOWING LITTLE about XTC before this gig I was, quite honestly, expecting a bunch of strummers and was pleasantly surprised to find a much more polished outfit. Sure the raw energy of the New

Wave was often evident, but a great deal of thought had gone into the deal of though had gone into the overall sound and presentation of each number. Melody and Lyrical content seem important. On show was much of the material

On show was much of the material from current Virgin album Drums and Wires — from the slow, eerie but beaty Roads Girdle. The Globe to the more frentic Helicopter and Outside World. XTC aim to deal in catchy tunes, though and pick of the night were Beatown and Making Deers for Wisel Plans for Nigel - their current chart single.

Instant Tunes - described as a new song — declared their intent to carry on in that vein and while they continue to be able to inject pace without rushing headlong into a wall of sound, their commercial future should remain secure. DAVID DALTON

James Brown: The Venue

IF YOU wanted to entertained, had £5 to spare and didn't go to the Venue to see James Brown, then you only had yourself to blame. It was a small price to pay to go to see the 50-

year-old 'Master of Music' get up on the relatively small stage of the Venue, With his 13-piece band, and the air with superb faultless music

The set started with Brown's band playing a couple of numbers followed by two lady vocalists' tollowed by two lady vocansis excellent renderings of Ring My Bell and We Are Family. Then came the arrival of James Brown and for the next hour or so there was non-stop entertainment of old and new. The entertainment of old and new. The obvious favourites like Sex Machine, Make It Funky and cuts from his new Polydor album, The Original Disco Man, were all featured. Anyone like Brown who has remained around for more than 20 years and can still produce a show

vears and can still produce a show like this deserves every praise going. The polish of the band's set, lighting and sound, plus the numerous recognisable artists in the audience, summed up the attraction and appeal that James Brown still has

JUDY WILLIAMS

John Stewart: The Venue

THE LONG-awaited arrival of John Stewart in Britain, after an absence of six years, for two concerts at The Venue, proved to be a successful sequel to his recent chart hit with Gold, and the release of the new RSO album, Bombs Away Dream Babies.

There can be few around who not pleased to see Stewart were breakthrough, both on his native US and here in the UK as well. After six years with the Kingston Trio, and nine solo albums, he had managed to garner a cult following, including some of rock music's most respected names, but few record sales. Stewart's long career is an

important lesson to all aspiring pop and rock stars, and his Venue gigs were equally strong reminders of what performing should really be all about — communication with the audience. The first 30-minutes of his act set the mood for the remaining the read the standing ovagions hour, and the standing ovations which greeted his final numbers were well-deserved

Stewart plans to return to the UK next year as part of an European tour. For those not lucky enough to see him this time round, you miss his act at your peril next time. CHRIS WHITE

Sammy Hagar: Hammersmith Odeon

SAMMY HAGAR has been a Capitol heavy metal sleeper with little recognition for his several albums and no UK tour for four

years. He seems set to put that right with this tour and his latest LP for, judging on this ecstatically acclaimed performance, the UK public is waking up to his loud crisp cound sound.

The second number was Turn The Music Up — a sentiment he endorsed with a thumping beat and a dazzling guitar assault. Yet like a punch drunk boxer the audience was eager to come back for more ear bashing.

A couple of slower, beaty numbers for which he ditched his guitar enabled him to whip up the crowd into the right frenzied mood but it did not take a heavy metal detector to divine that Hagar was happiest in the guitar duels of the Trans Am and This Place Is On Fire.

The encores seemed to last as long as the act itself and the audience would quite happily have stayed all night. They will have to wait for Hagar's next visit which, if it is soon enough after this trip, should establish him as a chart regular. DAVID DALTON

Dana

THE CONCERT was called The Girl 1s Back, which also happens to be the title of her latest album for GTO Records. Dana, the young colleen who won the Eurovision Song Concert several years ago with Song Concert several years ago with All Kinds Of Everything, was indeed back — and with a very much more grown-up image. Illness has thrown Dana's career into disarray during the last couple

of years, but now fully recovered her voice has taken on a new depth and somebody has taken time to give her a whole new stage act. Producer her a whole new stage act. Producer Barry Blue has also been largely responsible for the new Dana performing style. Whereas Olivia Newton John with her "Totally Hot" image backfired, this particular lady succeeds.

Through the years Dana has come up with a surprising number of hits — Who Turned The Lights Out?, - Who furned the Lights Out?, All Kinds Of Everything, Please Tell Him I Said Hello, It's Gonna Be A Cold Cold Christmas and Fairytale. All were included in her RFH concert along with songs from the new LP, and a show-stopping I Just Fall In Love Again which she reprised.

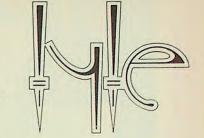
The concert was one of the surprises of the year. From being a run-of-the-mill if pleasant performer, Dana has emerged as an artist with an enormous amount of potential. The girl IS back and soon everyone is going to know it CHRIS WHITE

COMPILED BY TONY JASPER

SINGLES				
TITLE/Artist LABEL/Number/Distributor	RELEASE	UK CHARTING Highest (or last) entry	PROMOTION/ARTIST BIOGRAPHY	COMMENTS
SLITS Typical Girls Island WIP 6505 — 7" (EMI) Island 12 WIP 6505 — 12" (EMI)	September 21	None	Current darlings of consumer music press with endless features, even front- pages. Ever-growing cult following. Ads etcetera for this with this album, Cut (ILPS 9573). AB: Background punk movement, gaudy collective visual image, termed temptresses of British rock, gigged two years, now first recordings	Off-beat record which if played enough has chart potential with slightly curious, dead pan vocals set against persistent jogging rhythms with drum work particularly important in overall structure. LP should also sell well and generate increased interest in this rather engaging 45.
CAROLYNE MAS Still Sane Mercury 6167 838 (Polygram)	September 21	None	B/W bag, special press-media artist notes. AB: New York City gigs, media interest from US, East Coast, major airplay US – FM, first recording for Mercury, May 1979. Born Bronxville.	Hard hitting vocal lady relying on intensity rather than vocal shading from this example. Song rather sounds production number in Southside Johnny, Graham Parker mould, similarity in scoring, use of instrumentation. More interesting for debut of promising artist with sales likely to spring from 'early on the ball' cult circles.
THE PIRATES Golden Oldies Cube BUG 84 (Pye)	September 21	None	Major push with artist — record debut for new company, formerly band WEA. Private PR, McIntyre-Massey Associates (01 408 2550). Major UK tour through October inci. Edinburgh (1). Strathclyde (2), Bradford (3), Chesterlield (4), Manchester (5), Kingston (6), Worcester (8), Newport (9) London (10). AB: Seminal R&B band on UK scene, considerable focus on guitarist Mick Green, backed Johnny Kidd on hits, large cult following numerous countries	Commercial sounding 45 with atmospheric guitar breaks, repetiative title line with lots of energy. Lyric references to R1, producers, may deter commercial station airplay and seems self-defacting exercise unless the major decides record with hit guality, extensively playlists.
EAST SIDE BAND Rendevous RAK 298 (EMI)	September 28	None	Special media folder, photos, biog, cassette – record, independent PR, Bill Harry (01-229-4321), band being geared into 'A Sound For The Seventies' syndrome. AB: Formed February 79 signed RAK – July First LP, 1980. 4 guy group, all compose.	40 second low-key run-in before crunching guitar chords in Exile manner with overall feel, production, Mike Chapman mould without the magic, lacks distinctive lines through general performance without criticism. Purely on this 45 no new sound.
VARIOUS The London Boyo A Mod Memory Maxi Decca FR 13864 (Selecta)	September 21	David Bowie titles; 1969 onwards, Small Faces: 12 titles, '65-76; Dobie Gray: 2 1965-76; The Birds: 1, 1965.	B/W bag, title to go with current mod revival, interest. Appealing to collectors with vintage material from 3 known artists-groups with less remembered but charing The Birds. Bowie: born 1947, career from late 'Gos; Small Faces, heroes mid-60s mods, led by Steve Marriott; Gray: Texas born, chart success small, no measure of talent. Has acted.	Bowie's cut, The London Boys, from Small Faces — Hey Girl (10, 1966); Dobie Gray — The 'In' Crowd (25, 1965). The Birds, Leaving Here (45, 1965). Very useful EP, suggests good A&R opportunism, ideal for golden oldies box. No bad titles.
GLADYS KNIGHT I Just Want To Be With You CBS 7876 (CBS) GLADYS KNIGHT & THE PIPS I'm Still Caught Up With You Buddah BDS 489 – 7" (Pye) Buddah BDSL 489 – 12" (Pye)	a) September 21 b) September 14	18 hits, first 6 Tamla Motown, remainder Buddah, Major hit, Try To Remember (The Way We Were) 4, 1975; Baby Don't Change Your Mind, 4, 1977.	Artist tour October 12 (Newcastle), Glasgow (13), Southport (16), Birmingham (17), Coventry (18), Manchester (19), Blackpool (20), Bourtemouth (21), Bristol (22), Lewisham (24), London (25-27), Wenbley (28), Brighton (29) Ads for both releases with accompanying support albums, press-media material, expected interviews, featuring of soom material in shows. A8: Legendary artist, from Atlanta. Fame as child vocalist; gospel, R&B circuit. Initially Vee-Jay.	CBS release from LP, Gladys Knight (83341). Pye from double alburn, Memories Of The Way We Were (BDLD 2004), 28 tracks from last six years, at special price, Both companies lasue ballad material uitilising richness of lady's voice, style, in lower ranges. Both with chart potential. 12" Buddah – Pye release limited 5,000 adds evocative Midnight Train To Georgia (10, 1976) with Try To Remember 7", 12"
JIMMY LINDSAY Where Is Your Love Gem 9 – 7" (RCA) Gem 129 – 12" (RCA)	September 14	None	Colour bag, limited edition 12". AB: Known reggae artist with considerable cult following. Artist's second for Gem, first being re-make of Bill Withers classic Ain't No Sunshine. Debut Gem album with 45 title (GEMLP 101).	Recorded Eddy Grant's studio. Intro of screeching violin doubtless will be ignored by DJs but may deter producers who may remove disc from turntable after unfortunate opening. Once past this, disc is lively, catchy with potential for charting. Considerable spread of sound in stereo, unexpected use of sax. Girl back ups.
PATTI SMITH GROUP So You Want To Be A Rock 'N' Roll Star Arista ARIST 291 (Polygram)	September 21	3 hits, 1978 onwards. Most recent Frederick (first charting June 2, three weeks; HP: 63].	Recent major UK gigs with considerable consumer music press coverage with mixed reviews for Wembley concert. B/W bag with colour title-credits lettering, pic of lady on front. A8: New York lady, punk princess, poet, one-lime rock journalist, boyfriend in BOY led to early writing. First LP produced John Cale. High spot, Because The Night, (5, 1978)	Well-known Byrds composition, from album Wave [SPART 1086], lots of energy, gutsy guidar work, should fetch sales but perhaps too strident in current chart context. Fip, live cut of Frederick which as studio version disappointing chart fortunes.
GLORIA GAYNOR Let Me Know (I Have The Right) Polydor STEP 5 — 7" (Polygram) Polydor STEP X 5 — 12" (Polygram)	October 5	5 hits, 1974 onwards, Major hits, Never Can Say Goodbye (2, 1974), I Will Survive (1, 1979).	Limited 12", major disco push. Advance media copies of US release. Special press mail-out, follow-up. Concerted promotional drive, AB: Back in tavour '79 after 3 bleak years: UK dates, major press, from recent hit. From New Jersey, named Queen Of Discos '75.	Fast pacer, underpinning of basic disco beat with overlaying including strings, soaring sax. Well handled by artist although number does not have immediate pop style hook, initially seems disco – floor hit with seeping through into general airplay likely once club buzz established.
FRIDAY ROBINSON Zoo Contact CON 7	September 14	None	Usual company (RK) mail-out DJs, clubs, press release. Disc Initially attracted interest cult market via small label. Luxembourg playlist. Mod-Reggae market promo. MPA, (MPA, SMP 063). AB: 24 years old, from Dominion, West Indies, settled eventuelly Liverpool. Pens own material.	Subtle insistent jogging regae beat, several line riffs which should prove positive plus in clubs for DJ \sim floor participation, with good sale chances although basic earthiness of disc lyric may prove downfall to major airplay. Good RK pick-up from small indie.

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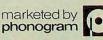
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ALBUM REVIEWS Leo Sayer-something different

LEO SAYER Here. Chrysalis CDL 1240. Producer: David Courtney. With his Best Of Album still riding comfort-ably in the Top 30 this is a good moment to try something rather different. The new studio album stands on its own merits, but won't initially grab ears which associate Sayer with the old catchy little gems of pop. It is much lower key, thoughtful, and grown up material. sayer is trying to move forward, and deserves appreciation for this. Given enough exposure it will do for his career what he clearly wants it to do. 0

KENNY ROGERS The Kenny Rogers Singles Album. United Artists UAK 30263. Television strikes permitting, this album could be one of the biggest autumn sellers. The 14 tracks represent Rogers at his best and such hits as Ruby (Don't Take Your Love To Town), She Believes In Me and Lucille will guarantee success. Kenny Rogers has never achieved his full sales potential in the UK although he is a firm favourite at the theatre box-offices. The Singles Album will please existing fans and interduce his alfautr. to neuver introduce his talents to newer

admirers.

SHAM 69

The Adventures Of The Hersham Boys. Polydor. POLD 5025. Producers: Jimmy Pursey and Peter Wilson. Just as it looked like Jimmy The Kid and the Sham Gang were about to ride into the sunset leaving this album as a testimonial, it was

announced that they're to ride the

range again. However, this is unlikely to affect the chances of this "double" album being placed high "double" album being placed high on the wanted list. Containing hit singles, Hersham Boys, Questions and Answers and seven other tracks, including a cover of the old Yardbird hit, You're a Better Man Than I, there is a bonus of a 12" single of Borstal Breakout and If The Kids Are Injud The Kids Are United. 0

THE RASS-ES

Experience. Ballistic Records. UAG Experience. Ballistic Records. UAG 30259. The Rass-es are Lincoln Thompson (mastermind and writer of all the songs), Keith Peterkin and Clinton Hall. Together, and with the help of friends such as Leroy Wallace, Geoff Chung, and Mike Booth, they produce happy easy-to-actingto produce happy easy-to-get-into reggae. The brass adds an extra dimension to the overall sound which is lighter and less introvert than a lot of stuff being pumped onto the market these days. All in all an excellent album - just the sort of thing to persuade someone to buy his first reggae record.

TOM VERLAINE

Tom Verlaine. Elektra. K52156. Producer: Artist. Verlaine's old band Television was one of the torch-bearers for America's new torch-bearers for America's new wave groups and Verlaine's importance as a songwriter and guitarist has never been fully recognised. For whatever reason, Television foundered and it's taken Verlaine some time to come up with this anxiously awaited solo album this anxiously awaited solo album. True, there is none of the guitar

duelling with Richard Lloyd, but Verlaine's guitar work is as fresh as ever and particularly evident on Grip Of Love.

MIKE BATT Tarot Suite, EPC 86099. It is difficult to estimate the sales success of Batt's latest album - difficult in of Batt's latest about — difficult in that his last, but equally good effort failed abysmally in the marketplace. Tarot Suite features Roger Chapman and Colin Bluntstone and a line-up of prominent musicians and is attractively packaged. During the last 12 months, Batt himself has had many production successes including Art Garfunkel's Bright Eyes, Lilac Wine by Elkie Brooks and David Essex's Oh What A Circus. Hopefully he can make it in his own right. A lot of care has gone into the making of this album and the end result deserves radio exposure. Maybe if Epic can come up with a suitable single from Tarot Suite, this album will have sustained chart success.

VERA LYNN Thank You For The Music (I Sing The Songs). Pye N108. Dame Vera is a far too infrequent visitor to the recording studios nowadays so it is good to welcome her back with a new album for Pye — her first for the label. Producer Terry Walker has given the lady a wide selection of material to sing, including What I Did For Love, the Bruce Johnston number 1 Sing The Songs and Abba's Thank You For The Music, which is also released as a single.

VARIOUS ARTISTS Powerplay. Pye DISCO 208. As the catch number indicates, a collection of titles which have been given the of titles which have been given the Radio Luxembourg Powerplay slot recently. As good a hook to hang a compilation on as any, bringing together 18 pretty predictable disco faves, including Can You Feel The Force, The Runner, Lone Ranger, Turn The Music Up. With disco still the magic word to sell by, will certainly do well.

ALAN PARSONS Eve. Arista. SPART 1100. Producer: Artist. Last in the Parsons' trilogy which began with I Robot, which was clever and electronic; continued with Pyramid, which was made and which was more lyrical and instrumental; and now ends with a really enjoyable almost pop/rock offering. If the fact that it has gone into the German charts at the unheard-of-high place of No.2 is anything to go by, it should do better than its predecessors have done in the UK. Worth in-store play.

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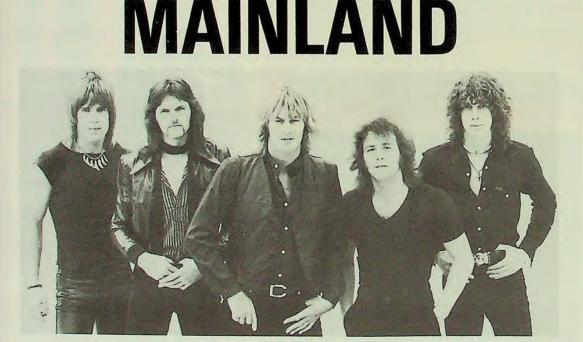
Seasons. K-tel. NE 1060. A well-chosen collection of tracks from the more romantic end of current pop and rock output. A very nice offering which is grade-one MOR as well as probably attractive to sweet rock and pop fans. Joan Armatrading's Love and Affection, Rita Coolidge's Higher And Higher and cuts from Chuck Mangione, The Captain and Tenile and the Carpenters are all included.

THE REDS

THE REDS The Reds. A&M AMLH 64772. Producer: David Kershenbaum. Picking up a lot of airplay on The John Peel Show, this album is not for those of a nervous disposition. The four man Reds play frenetic macho rock that rests somewhere between the mid-60s and new wave. Whatcha Doin' To Me is particularly good, but the whole album is very playable. Listen with clenched fists it says: okay.

MICHAEL JACKSON Off The Wall. Epic EPC 83468. The young former member of The Jacksons has matured overnight seemingly and his solo album offering is a good taster of things to come. It includes several strong tracks — Don't Stop Until You Get Enough, and Burn This Disco Out Enough, and Burn This Disco Out which reveal that outside of the framework of The Jacksons, Michael Jackson is a strong talent in his own right. The attractive sleeve should help spotlight consumer interest on this offering.

VARIOUS ARTISTS Mods' Mayday. Bridgehouse Records BHLP 003. Recorded live at the Bridgehouse in Canning Town this May Day. The quality of these new Mod songs may not be particularly high (with the exception of Secret Affairs's current chart single, Time for Action), but this compilation from Squire, Small Hours, Beggar, Secret Affair and the Mods can't fail to do well with the Mod revival at its zenith.



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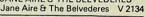
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The undertakings were obtained from Gloster Disco and Music Sunshine Gloucester, Records of Oxford and Hits Misses and Vintage Records of Coventry. The shops were found to be selling American CBS records of manufacture carrying the Columbia trade mark. EMI owns the Columbia trade mark worldwide

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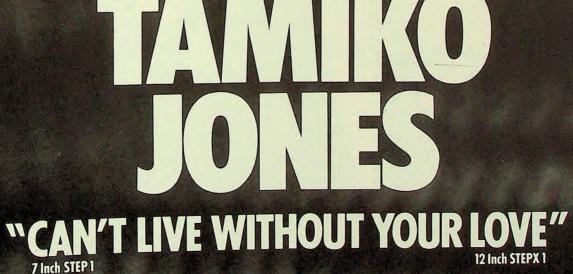
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CHARISMA CHAIRMAN Tony Stratton Smith is as well known in racing circles as record circles for being an excellent judge of thoroughbred material. His faith and ability to back a winner has been the sustaining force throughout Charisma's 10 year run and if he has taken a few gambles, the important ones seem to have come off at the right time.

Ideas and tastes may have changed during that time but Strat — as he is known almost universally — retains the desire to promote "anything good of its kind". This philosophy has embraced the diverse talents of Genesis, The Nice, The Bonzo Dog Doo Dah Band, Van Der Graaf Generator, Peter Hammill, Lindisfarne, Clifford T. Ward, Gary Shearston and Monty Python.

Shearston and Monty Python. Based originally in a couple of rooms the label was born of the underground movement of the late The Strat Theory CF = L.O.I.N.T.(Critical factor is the lack of important new talent)

DAVID DALTON talks to Charisma's TONY STRATTON SMITH ten years on

Stratton Smith also recognises the wider challenge facing the whole record industry.

"The industry. "The industry is facing problems because we are not providing exciting new talent. "Secondly, we seem to have lost sight of the cost factor. I find it

"Secondly, we seem to have lost sight of the cost factor. I find it amazing that British album product has in the last three years gone from being the cheapest in Europe to the most expensive. During the fat years the industry has been wasteful.

"At least we aren't panicking as they are in the States. They are experiencing their first real recession which has highlighted the fallacy the management of their recording affairs.

"Peter Gabriel, Steve Hackett and Phil Collins all wanted to do individual things and that can be inhibiting for a small label that has to treat them as new artists and yet wants to broaden the scope of its roster."

Stratton Smith feels that the company is now in a position to cope with the needs of its existing artists and absorb new talent, declaring that Charisma has as varied a roster now as it has ever had.

and absorb new talent, declaring that Charisma has as varied a roster now as it has ever had. "I will stick my neck out with one prediction. Charisma has signed its first American artist — Vivabeat in 10 years and I would beg to suggest that their first single could be the biggest thing in Europe this winter. The band has been produced by Jeff Lesser in LA and the single — Man from China — will be released in mid-October.

"The last time I got that kind of gut feeling was for Gary Shearston's I Get A Kick Out Of You. Vivabeat have been signed for the world and we are planning an album release for February to co-incide with a European tour.

European tour. It is Stratton Smith's firm conviction that the Genesis "spin offs" will make an increasingly important contribution to the success of the company.

important contribution to the success of the company. He boldly predicts: "We haven't yet seen the full potential of Peter Gabriel and I believe he will go right to the top. We have great hopes of his new association with producer Steve Lillywhite and he is currently recording an album, hopefully for January release.

"Again I feel we have only seen half the potential of Steve Hackett and his last album was the first that had a 'band' feel. His next album in April will be very important to the company as it will be the first on the Charisma label in the States.

Charisma label in the States. "Just before they broke many people thought we were too heavily invested in Genesis, but I reckon the best thing I ever did was say 'If Genesis go, I go'. I remember using the phrase 'Genesis are the flagship of Charisma'." If Charisma's adaptation

If Charisma's adaptation alongside the development of Genesis is the achievement of which he is most proud, the thing which saddens him most is, as he puts it, "the spineless way in which the two major British companies have defended the British record industry against the internationals."

against the internationals." He maintains: "Britain is still the best tastemaking market in the world and I wish British companies would make more use of that. "Look to the independents to put

some excitement back into the music business. It doesn't matter who has the great artist as long as somebody has him, for that brings people into the shops and improves sales for everyone."

Looking to the future Stratton Smith reveals that the biggest growth area for Charisma — apart from new signings to the label — will be the development of the US market. The company already has a small office in New York, with a distribution deal through Polydor, and is beginning to forge an identity there.

there. "In the next few years," he predicts, "we will be taking certain steps in that market that will be very beneficial to Charisma. The signing of an important American artist will be a step in that direction.

be a step in that direction. "We will also be transferring some of our British staff to North America. I feel it's important to retain the British flavour of the company and emphasise that in marketing. Other companies that have moved into that market have just become part of the scenery. We have acquired a mystique over the years as an import label and our talks in the US have confirmed that as the right approach.

tarks in the US have contributed that as the right approach. "It has been made possible through our warm relationship with Phonogram International and through 10 years that company has



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been our one and only foreign licensee — something I've never had to regret.

"Obviously being in America we will have our eyes and ears open for US talent but we hope to remain essentially a label for British artists. It is also a question of infrastructure as the heart of the company is in London."

London." One major development of Charisma which Stratton Smith describes as "partly accidental and partly a recognition of future needs" is the film arm of the company. Five years ago finance was sought for Monty Python And The Holy Grail, a film which provided Charisma with success and has led to more.

Stratton Smith's ideal is to make films with a strong soundtrack linked to a Charisma recording artist. To that end the company has production at the moment a movie written by Vis Stanshall and Steve Roberts, based on Stanshall's Rawlinson End album. A big budget film treatment of The Lamb Lies Down On Broadway featuring Peter Gabriel is planned for the end of 1980 and a one hour TV special inspired by the music of Tony Banks of Genesis is also being made.

film treatment of The Lamb Lies Down On Broadway featuring Peter Gabriel is planned for the end of 1980 and a one hour TV special inspired by the music of Tony Banks of Genesis is also being made. Stratton Smith himself has written and produced a 32 minute documentary — A Samba School and its theatrical release as a support feature will co-incide with the release of a Samba album and booklet. The film results from his great love of the music but he also maintains that Latin American music holds great potential for the industry. "Film and music will truly illuminate each other and is the most exciting field I'm working in at the

Intermedication of the and is the most exciting field I'm working in at the moment," he enthuses. "In a strange way that interest is good for the record company in that I'm hungry to hear new sounds."



"At least we aren't panicking as they are in the States. . ."

sixties as, Stratton Smith recalls, "a sort of protest against the rather bland commercial values with which the majors were trying to impose their will on the public."

The Charisma story has not been one of undiluted success, as Stratton Smith would be the first to admit. With success comes responsibility and we received a

"With success comes responsibility and we received a sharp reminder of that in 1975 at the time of the liquidation of our distributor, B & C. Between them, Gail Colson and Brian Gibbon taught me that good housekeeping was the best launch pad for adventure. Consolidation was also very important between 1975 and 1978 because of the changes in Genesis which were quite traumatic for a small label."

With that period of consolidation now completed the company is ready for further adventure.

"We have already started," says Stratton Smith. "We have made profound changes here and at a time when the rest of the industry is pulling in its horns and laying off staff, we've been actively seeking staff in line with the way we see Charisma soing.

pulling in its horns and laying off staff, we've been actively seeking staff in line with the way we see Charisma going. "We realised about a year ago that those who had been at Charisma from the start perhaps had rather fixed attitudes. The first thing to do was to make the label accommodating to new talent. "It was great, great blow when Gail Colson — our joint managing director — decided to leave to set up a management company. Brian Gibbon — our other joint MD at the time — and myself sat down to discuss the situation and realised that we had to see it as an opportunity.

opportunity. "The recent turnover of staff has occurred to make the most of that opportunity and many new faces have joined the old Charisma stalwarts — Peter Mills, Lisa Bonnichon, Brian Gibbon and myself. We have restored, dare I say it, that sense of challenge we had in the late sixties." that the entertainment industry is immune to general economic recession. The critical factor is the lack of important new talent.

"Going by the cyclical view we have seen three peaks or dimensions. "My own view is that it will not be

"My own view is that it will not be as simple as just another dimension — for instance, visual crossover has not yet reached its peak. In a few years time I believe that Saturday Night Fever may be seen as child's play compared to what may be possible with visual synthesis.

"On another level 1 believe there should be a genuine return to professionalism. The satisfaction value of albums is lower at a time when they are more expensive. Writers and artists are responsible for their part in keeping the public out of record shops.

"Professionalism is an important word that is too often associated with something that is boring and staid. I believe the word — as applied to the music business refers to organising talent to its maximum potential and then maintaining it at that level."

Stratton Smith admits the undeniable contribution Genesis make to the label. "In a year like this when they

"In a year like this when they don't deliver an album, it obviously makes a big difference. The group has been so rich, though, in spin off material that they almost provide an A & R policy even if we didn't already have one.

"I think there are certain kinds of artist — and I would include Genesis — who like a personal approach to

> "It was not unknown for me to do ad layouts on the back of envelopes. . ."



PUBLIC EYE's Glenn J. Simpson (standing), discussing new projects with his md. Peter Bull

Jailhouse Rock

CLIFF COOPER, MD of Orange Music, is predicting a "great musical future" for a pop/rock show written by Londoner Neil Jefferies while in open prison on the Isle of Sheppey.

"What we are looking for is the interest of a West End impresario, as the show is another Evita or Annie, Cooper says.

The show is tentatively called A Rose For The Mafia — a working title, since they have been advised this may not be a popular choice for of hoodlum Bugsy Siegel, who set up Las Vegas as the gambling/hotel centre in the States and his lady Virgina Hill who langed to his lady the American market. It is the story 'irgina Hill who longed to become film star and marry Bugsy. He eventually was shot in Hollywood and Virginia committed suicide in Austria, dying, it is believed, with

the knowledge of the whereabouts of his fortune.

Jefferies has been working on the music and book for two years. He got the idea from a magazine article about the duo and "when I went to the open prison I was able to have a guitar brought in. I worked out the songs and wrote down the lyrics on any piece of paper I could find. I have put all my resources into this project, but judging now from the resources and interest, it has been worthwhile."

Tapes of the songs, recorded by a new band Vienna, are available. Cooper looks first for a West End production, and then New York.

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Keep in the Public Eye

THE RECORD promotion division of Leeds based Public Eye Enterprises lays claim to being the UK's number one such independent company and is always interested in new clients.

Public Eye's managing director Peter Ball formed the division only eight months ago and brought in Leeds DJ Glenn J. Simpson as manager.

It was a good choice. Explains Simpson: "As a disc jockey for the last six years, I fully appreciated the problems involved in programming new product and also realised the value of a professional service for Britain's DJ's.

"Initially the main problems were working from outside London and gaining the confidence of the record companies. However, after months of hard work, we now operate what



we feel is the most professional and effective DJ promotion service from an excellent distribution centre." Simpson deals with over 500

'professional' DJ's and maintains personal contact with what he describes as his mailing list members. He boasts a high percentage of reaction returns and stresses that his DJ's report truthful reactions to new singles. Recent clients are EMI, Rocket, MCA, Decca, Chrysalis and DJM.

Says Ball: "Through his dedication, hard work and professional backup, Glenn has turned his ideas into a successful venture".

Ball's accolade is echoed by Simpson's being presented with Disco International's award for this year's Best Independent Promotion Company, selected in a poll of the industry and Britain's professional DIG

Glenn Simpson, Public Eye Enterprises, Penthouse Suite, Town Centre House, Merrion Centre, Leeds LS2 8LY. 0532 40666.

Christy Minstrels back in town

THE NEW Christy Minstrels are back in Britain until October 6, doing a cross-country tour. While in the country, they will be talking to interested recording companies regarding a new recording commitment.

This group, founded in the early sixities by Randy Sparks and patterned after the nineteenth-century Christy Minstrels, seem still to win audience's hearts with their excellent playing and singing, well planned programme and most of all, their sincere, infectious enthusiasm.

The faces have changed over the years, but their mediocre voice in the group. This is aptly demonstrated in their solo numbers.

demonstrated in their solo numbers. The New Christy Minstrels have also been an excellent training ground for 'would be' stars. Former Christy's include film star Karen Black, Larry Reynolds, Barry McGuire, members of The Byrds,

Christine Andrea, Joe Frank, Kenny Rogers and John Denver, to name a few.

"The current eight - six men, two women яге expert singers and instrumentalists and several also write songs," commented Stan Britt, of Box Office Productions.

"The variety of numbers provides a favourite for everyone at their concerts, from the plaintive Today, a song that has been their signature since they had a hit with it in the mid-60's, to Foggy Mountain Breakdown, which has audiences dancing in the

The new Christy Minstrels have recently completed a 16,000 mile tour in America. They work constantly, be it Las Vegas or Monte Carlo. Interested recording companies who would like to hear them in-concert or have a chat before they are off, contact: Stan Britt, Box Office Productions, (01) 353 7946.

TALENT Logical breakthrough for the Barron Knights

MORE THAN 15 years after their first hit record and two years following a recording comeback, Britain's comic pop group, the Barron Knights, have scored another remarkable avhievement — their first ever hit single in the US.

The group's American success with The Topical Song, a send-up of Supertramp's recent hit, The Logical Song, is a well-deserved accolade for an outfit which has now been together for 18 years. The Barron Knights scored in the charts several times during the Sixties with their own parodies of other artists and groups' hit songs, most notably with Call Up The Groups and Pop Go

Edited by CHRIS WHITE

The Workers

The Workers. Nicky Graham, senior A&R producer for CBS and Epic and executive producer of the single, admits that the Knights' send-up of The Logical Song was particularly aimed towards the American market. "In fact the group, despite their pravious successes have never even

previous successes, have never even had a single released in the US. They have always been looked upon as being a very British group and of course their sense of humour is typically English and not the kind

that the Americans would usually appreciate.

He adds: "The Barron Knights' singles have always developed from ideas that they have, and in this case lead guitarist Peter Langford hit on the idea of parodying Supertramp's hit and writing new lyrics about the petrol crisis — which is of course something both the British and the

Americans know about." CBS head of A&R, Muff Winwood, took the completed tape which was recorded in one evening — to the US and as soon as his American counterparts heard it, they decided that The Topical Song should have American release. Within two weeks it had made the

Top 100. "Some radio listeners in the US actually thought it was Supertramp doing a send-up of their own song," Graham adds. "In fact a lot of care had gone into ensuring that the record sounded as much like the original version as possible. We even had the Sinceros playing on the backing track.

backing track. The Barron Knights are now about to re-record several of their earlier songs specifically for the US market, including Boozy Nights (a parody on Boogie Nights) and a skit on MacArthur Park. For the British on MacArthur Park. For the birns market, they have completed their third album for Epic, The Barron Knights Teach The World To Laugh, and there will be a single Food For Thought issued shortly, with an eye on the Christmas market market.



PRIOR TO the release of his first single, Zoo, Friday Robinson (centre) visited RK Records' northern office in Wigan to meet members of staff. Left to right: Mike Constantinou (Robinson's manager), Sheila McDermott, Russ Winstanley, Julie Bebb and Mike Walker, all of RK.

Sutherland tour

THE SUTHERLAND Brothers start their first British concert tour in two years on September 27. The brothers, Iain and Gavin, will have a new backing band following the demise of Quiver. Line-up is Steve Simpson on lead guitar, Mick Weaver keyboards, Chrissie Stewart bass, and Billy Rankin drums. The Sutherland Brothers' latest album is When The Night Comes Down.

LINDA LEWIS releases her second single for Ariola, 109 Jamaica Highway (ARO 181), on October 5. The track is taken from her debut



album for the label, Hacienda View, released in early November.

AUSTRALIAN BAND Jo Jo Zep and The Falcons release a new album and single on Rockburgh Records at the end of September. The LP is a compilation of 12 UK for the first time. A single, So Young, has just been released.

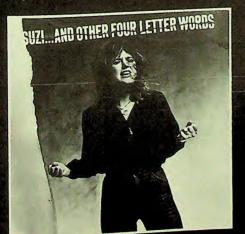


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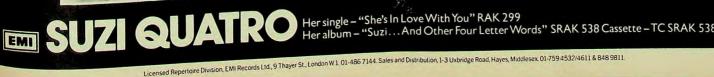
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CLASSICSCENE Karajan classics to head mid-price Accolade series

ACCOLADE, Deutsche Grammophon's new mid-price label is launched next month with the first release of 20

label is launched next month with the first release of 20 discs, headed by a series of Karajan's classics. The label is to be the vehicle for the re-issue of performances by major DG artists who are still currently recording with DG. In some cases, of course, those artists may have decided already to re-record works which they now view differently — which is the accurring. wiew differently — which is the case with Karajan. His recordings of the Beethoven Symphonies made

with the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra between 1961-2

with the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra between 1961-2 have been regarded as important in their own right, no matter what subsequent readings he produced. Yet following the issue of his second set of symphonies with the Berlin Philharmonic (issued in 1977) it became increasingly obvious that DG, a company which traditionally, has put its faith in few labels, needed a new medium

medium. Privilege (which retails at £2.93 with cassettes £3.19) is mainly for general re-issues, including major figures no longer with DG like Jochum or Kubelik; and Heliodor will, in future, be the repository of older recordings,

will, in future, be the repository of older recordings, mainly from the mono era (retailing at £1.90). "Mid-price records are obviously extremely important now," says Peter Russell, DG marketing manager. "We needed a new second exploitation label for records, like Karajan's Beethoven Symphonies made in the early 1960s which probably differ very little insofar as quality is concerned in comparison with the later recordings.

"The newer versions are not necessarily better, rather artistically different."

artistically different." Certainly, the first 20 Accolade discs present an impressive list. Apart from the Beethoven Symphonies, there is Brahms' Symphonies Nos 2 & 3 with a more youthful Claudio Abbado conducting the BPO, Karajan

again with his BPO playing other standard repertoire from Tchaikovsky's Symphony No 5 to Ravel's Bolero. Some Wilhelm Kempff records are also released — Schubert Impromptus D899 and 935 and Beethoven's Archduke Piano Trio with Henryk Szeryng and Pierre

Fournier The label also includes recordings from The Amadeus Quartet, starting with Haydn's String Quartet The Emperor, and Mozart's The Hunt, plus a Chopin recital by Martha Argerich.

With these records retailing at £3.50, (cassettes £3.75) Accolade becomes a very attractive proposition, not least because some of the recordings date back to only 1973 (Abbado's Brahms 3 for instance).

But couldn't this affect DG's full price Yellow Label? Peter Russell thinks not: "I think there is room for both - there will always be people who are interested in the new recordings, and people who, given the choice, will go for the cheaper record.

"We have found that medium and lower price labels like Privilege do not affect the sales of full price. There is certainly a demand for these classic recordings."

This first Accolade release is being supported by advertising in the music press, but also in the *Radio Times*, Goldsmith new magazine *Now* (in which there is a coupon for a free Accolade catalogue).

Also, 35,000 4-colour leaflets and 1,500 4-colour product posters have been printed. In-store displays will also be in evidence, mainly in London and the Home Counties, initially for Classic Centre dealers.

DG anticipates that further Accolade releases will be made three or four times a year, comprising about six recordings each.



Musical treatment for Bermuda Triangle

THE BERMUDA Triangle has had an amazing fascination for millions following a series of successful books and films — and now the subject has produced its first record.

A fantasy album entitled The Bermuda Triangle has been produced by the Japanese synthesizer virtuoso, Isao Tomita who already boasts four good sellers behind him. Tomita's success began with his

synthesized transformation of Debussy's piano music, Snowflakes are Dancing, which sold 150,000 in the UK alone, and continued with Pictures at an Exhibition, Firebird and Kosmos.

The Bermuda Triangle, however, has been available for some time in this country as an American import, and what no-one really knows is how much of the potential sales has already been soaked up. Certainly, it is an intriguing release. Tomita has taken the music

of Prokofiev — themes from the Violin Concerto No 1, the Symphony No 6, the Scythian Suite, as well as bits of Sibelius, and even Tomita — and plugged it through his imagination and his handy

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synthesizer. Around the musical result he has woven a story about a UFO appearing over the Caribbean and contacting a giant pyramid and its ancient people under the water.

RCA has packaged all this in a striking gatefold sleeve and is releasing it next month supported by advertising in the *Melody Maker* and NME as well as the Express and Mail

Released on RL/RK 12885 and retailing at £5.49, it promises to be a chart entry like its predecessors.

Philips releases first work with Chinese

THE FIRST record ever made by a Western orchestra in collaboration with two top virtuoso from the People's Republic of China is released by Philips next month.

And the record, coupling Manchurian-born conductor Seiji Ozawa with pipa player Liu Teh-Hai and pianist Liu Shih-Kun, marks and planist Liu Shin-Kun, marks another first — the first disc to be produced by the Boston Symphony Orchestra since the signing earlier this year of an exclusive contract with Philips.

The record (9500 692) is certainly an intriguing release. The pianist Liu Shih-Kun is known for his prodigious technique which is no doubt one reason why the piano concerto chosen was Liszt's No 1.

Yet it does have a curious partner in the Little Sisters of the Grassland, a Concerto for Pipa and Orchestra, a work written by a committee of composers to allow this traditional Chinese Lute-like instrument to show its paces.

The result is breathtaking virtuosity within predictable pentatonicism. The whole programme is rounded off with an even stranger (in the context) bedfellow, Sousa's Stars and Stripes for Ever for Ever.

The record was the result of the tour the BSO and Ozawa made last March, but the orchestra have also been busy in another sphere. The recording contract, which covered specific repertoire conducted by Colin Davis, the BSO's chief guest Conductor as well as Ozawa, also involved another important disc scheduled for rush-release.

Schoenberg This was Gurrelieder, and it is issued in a 2LP set in the live recording made by Ozawa and the BPO with Jessye Norman, Titiana Troyanos and



LIU TEH-HAI

exposure over here.

James McCracken (6769 038 £9.59). Also out on Philips in October are three Colin Davis discs, Dvorak's Symphony No 8 (9500 317 £5.05) and Stravinsky's The Firebird (9500 637 £5.25) and Beethoven's Mass in C with the LSO.

MAURICE ANDRE is really the only French trumpet player known in this country, but another leading French player is being introduced by CBS.

The company has rush-released a disc of three trumpet concertos by Albinoni, Hertel and Hummel played by the virtuoso Andre Bernard, pictured above, whose appearance with the New Chamber Soloists under Richard Hickox at the Queen Elizabeth Hall on September 21 was his first major

Now 33, Bernard has made more than 15 records for various international companies, with such groups as I Solisti Veneti, but now records with CBS. He came to Britain in March and recorded the three Baroque concertos with George Malcolm and the English Chamber Orchestra (CBS Masterworks 76862

14.99) which is likely to be the first of a series of discs, though possibly with other companies as well, including DG and Philips.

Incidentally, Herick's concerto is for trumpet and oboe, and for this Bernard was joined by his long-standing friend and colleague, Heinz Holliger.

guitar package A COMPILATION of some of the most popular pieces for solo guitar is contained on a re-packaging project Recollections, featuring

CBS issues popular

Recollections, which includes the Adagio from Rodrigo's Concerto, and works by Albeniz and Theodorakis, was originally issued earlier this year just in the Westward TV area as part of a TV advertising/marketing excerse, but now it is going on general release.

CBS's leading classical artist, John Williams. Issued on 10016, it retails at £4.99,

and is supported by posters, leaflets, stock and browsercards.

Another popular marketing idea marks another CBS release. The greatest hits of 1720 (73897 £4.99) has been a success in the US, with its

has been a success in the US, with its cover set out like a modern Top 10. No 1 is the Pachelbel Canon, (last week No 2), No 3 is the Albinoni Adagio (up from No 7 the previous week) and new entries include Bach's Air on a G String and Handel's Sarabande from Suite No

A NOTE on the special offer box • A NOTE on the special offer box set prices for CBS not originally noted when I dealt with the autumn box release. For the record, 79800 is £17.99; 79404 £14.99; 79324 is £12.49; 79222 is £7.99; 79325 is £7.99; 79217 is £12.49 and 79322 is also £12.49.

Pavarotti anthology

IT IS an inevitable step in the life of every leading Italian tenor — the recording of Neopolitan songs. And finally Luciano Pavarotti has

succumbed, and next month Decca are releasing O Solo Mio, a col-lection of all his favourite songs (SXI, 6870/KSXC £5.25).

It is timed to be out well in time for Pavarotti's Celebrity Concert at Covent Garden on November 4, and following the recital, the 'King of the High C's' will hold a signing session covering the four main recital records, including the most

recent. Incidentally, O Solo Mio should receive a substantial amount of radio airplay, not only on local stations, but on Radio 2 as well.



THE ONLY record coupling Shostakovich's two great works for piano and strings, the Piano Quintet and the Piano Trio No 2, is launched by RCA with a live performance at the Wigmore Hall on October 7.

For the recording, RCA has brought together The Edinburgh Quartet and the Australian-born pianist Roger Woodward, who has, in the past, won great acclaim for his recording of the complete Preludes and Fugues by Shostakovich.

RCA's FIRST digital record, Bartok's Concerto for Orchestra played by The Philadelphia Orchestra conducted by Eugene Ormandy, which

A spokesman for RCA told *Music Week* that the record, which has suffered from pressing quality problems, will not be released in suffered from pressing quality problems, will not be released in America or the UK this year, and there were hints that it may not come out at all.

No further details were available to explain the postponement, but it must be a major disappointment to RCA which was planning the red vinyl release as a 80th birthday celebration for Ormandy.

THERE WERE no less than 32 different versions of Dvorak's Symphony No 9 (From the New World) available in the current catalogue. But now, with the release of Rostropovich's reading with the London Philharmonic Orchestra (ASD/TC 3786 £5.40), the dealer can chose from 33.

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CLASSICSCENE **DG** scoops first complete Lulu L

ALBAN BERG'S opera, Lulu, has been a focus for controversy since its first performance back in 1937, not least because its title character was a prostitute.

But rarely has the work provoked as much turmoil as it did in Paris earlier this year when Pierre Boulez conducted the first production of all three acts — the third act completed by Cerha against the wishes of the

by Cerha against the wishes of the Berg Foundation. Naturally, a recording had to follow, but CBS which would normally look after Boulez, appeared to hesitate when the possibility of injunctions and goodness knows what else hung in be size and DG sterned in sworth. the air, and DG stepped in smartly instead.

Not only was the latter quick off the mark in Paris, but it has been no slouch in releasing the record, which is now issued on 2740 213 at £18.50 (also on cassette).

It features, of course, the cast that made the impact in Paris, with Teresa Stratas in the title role, and Yvonne Minton, Hanna Schwartz and Franz Mazura among the others

However, there was a small change that is worth noting. Just three days before the sessions began it appeared that the soprano singing the part of the Girl in the newly scored third act would be unable to make the record for contractural reasons. Within a couple of days or so, a

soprano had to be found who could be relied upon simply to walk into the studio, pick up the music, and sing virtually straight into the microphone, managing complex counterpoint without so much as a hesitation.

Pierre Boulez, who must have got more grey hairs over this project than any other in his career, inevitably turned to Jane Manning, the English soprano who has no peer

the English soprano who has no peer in this kind of fraugh situation. "It was a bit hair-raising, not having seen the music until the day, and being thrown into a cast of people who had learnt it for months and months," says Ms Manning, who is married to the composer Anthony Payne. "But it was quite exciting as well." Lulu, clearly, will not be a huge seller, but it is, historically, an important release, and display material and a product poster are

material and a product poster are available.

Incidentally, the eighth side of the set is devoted to Boulez, and Cerha talking about the opera and the reconstruction of the third act, blocked for so many years by Berg's widow

Apart from Lulu, however, DG has other major box sets to be considered. And just one of them is Massenet's Werther which marks the first complete operatic recording made for any record company by the young, but extremely gifted Italian conductor, Riccardo Chailly with a good cast including Domingo and Obraztsova (2709 091 2LPs £15.17, also on cassette).



TERESA STRATAS

Decca coup

THE FIRST Western recording of The Makropulos Case, Janecek's remarkable opera about a 337 year old opera singer, is being released by Decca next month. This essertly-swaited release is

next month. This eagerly-awaited release is the second in the multi-award series of Janecek operas projected by the company and features Elisabeth Sodestrom in the title role, with Peter Dvorsky taking the lead tenor role, and the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Sir Charles Mackerras, (D144D 2/K flo.50). These are the same leading artists whose performances were so highly acclaimed in last year's issue of Katya Kabanova

The release precedes a number of provincial performances of the opera by the Welsh National Opera at Cardiff, Birmingham, Swansea, Bristol and, on December 11, in London's Dominion Theatre.

Don Carlo released as Carreras signs to EMI



THE COMPLETE four-act version of Verdi's Don Carlos in the Salzburg Festival production conducted by Herbert von Karajan is being released by EMI next month.

And with it comes the news that Jose Carreras, the Spanish-born tenor who takes the title role, has signed an exclusive trace-year contract with a further three year option on both sides with EMI.

The contract, which runs from 1981, covers a wide repertoire, but specifies certain works such as La Forza del Destino and Madame Butterfly with conductors such as Riccardo Muti and James Levine. Already recorded and awaiting release are Verdi's Aida (made with Karajan), Cavalleria Rusticana and Pagliacci (made with Muti).

Karajan), Cavalleria Rusticana and Pagliacci (made with Muti). Don Carlos, however, is a long-awaited recording, having been produced at Salzburg with great success on numerous occasions. The cast, with Carreras, includes Mirella Freni, Nicolai Ghiaurov and Agnes Baltsa, with the Chorus of the Deutsche Opera, Berlin, and the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra. The LP is released on SLS 5154 3LPs £21, and also on cassette. Jose Carreras also features on another new record coming out next month — a recital of music from the Spanish musical stage form, Zarzuela, which has its roots in folk music. It is on Philips (9500 649 £5.05) with the ECO conducted by Antoni Ros-Marba.

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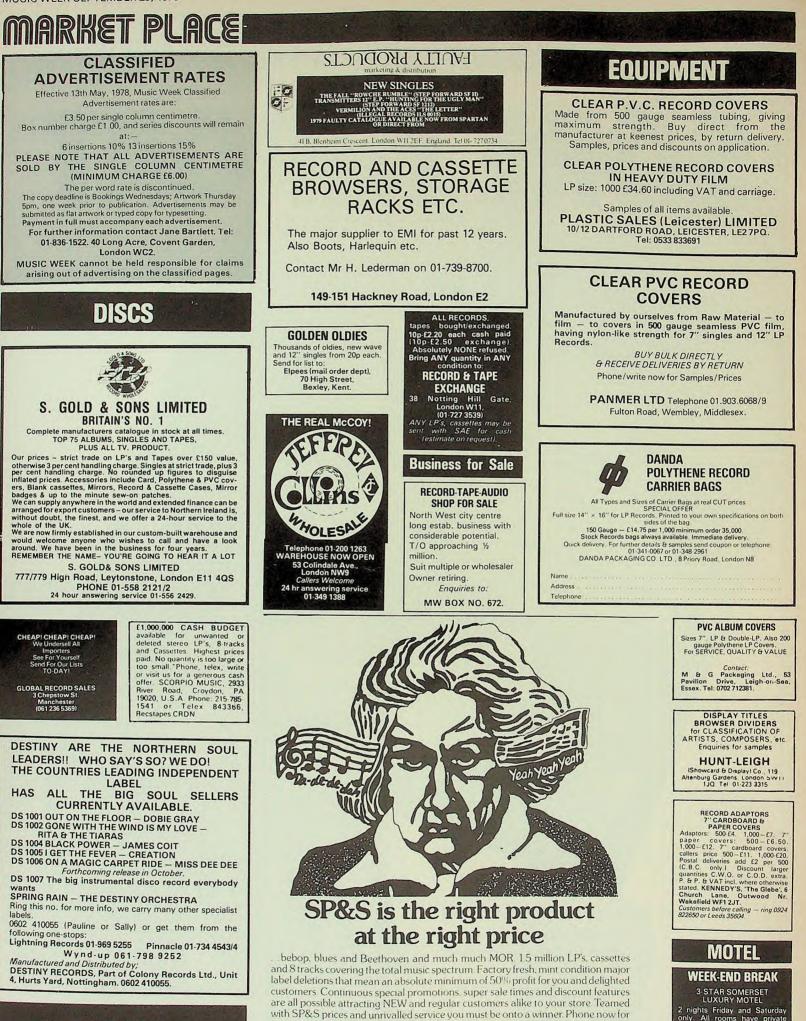
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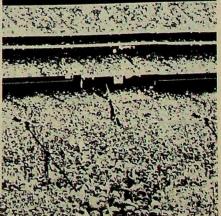
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OPINION **MORE REPLIES TO DAVID FINE RPM** is the salvation of the small dealer

THE INTERVIEW in Music Week with David Fine (September 8), proved to be the very last straw as far as at least one reader was concerned.

Indeed, I cannot remember an occasion when I found myself in so occasion when 1 found myself in so violent an opposition to a point of view. Mr Fine describes the Recommended Retail Price, and pre-sumably the Record Resale Price Maintenance as well, as "lunacy... Maintenance as well, as "lunacy... archaic... a bogey from a bygone age which does not belong in the contemporary record business". I have attended the several symposia held jointly by the MTA and the GRRA, have contributed an extinte on the subject for the BPI

article on the subject for the BPI Year Book 1978 and generally did what I could to propound my own individual point of view. If only for reasons of fair business practice and plain, common or garden justice it has to be emphasised once again that R.P.M. is the only salvation the small and independent retailer now small and independent retailer now has to combat the great super-marts, hyper-marts, chain stores and trading combines which have already succeeded in destroying most of the small grocers, fishmongers, delicatessens and butchers by under-cutting their prices.

The big boys are slowly but surely swamping the record industry with huge discounts which, somehow or other, manage to bring the offering price wholesale figure. And no one among

wholesale figure. And no one among the record manufacturers cares to explain just how it is done, except, of course, by offering equally large discounts on bulk buying. Splendid business, and bully for them — except that the family independent can't buy in bulk. Instead, with increasing gloom, he watches his trade filter away to the big stores where albums are packed big stores where albums are packed and sealed in plastic bags, just like sausages, and the customer can

neither hear the music he wants to buy, nor even ask the assistant for information or advice. Of course he offers both advice and personal attention as well as specialising in either classical, jazz, middle of the road or nostalgia. But the bulk of the trade still goes to the big boys.

Make no mistake about it, the record retail industry is in an awful mess and, even as we hear that such a leading major as EMI is having financial problems, we also see the mainstay of the record business, the high street record shop, disappearing from the scene. It is now a blatant, vicious price war with all the odds inescapably on the side of the big battalions.



We obviously have no chance at all of competing in the discounting and the price war. Nor can we blame our once regular customers who balance our own prices against the well advertised offers of up to £2 off a single album. Instead, because what you gain on the swings you have to lose on the roundabouts, the prices of the mainstay of the catalogues go up almost week by week

In order to attract the rabid pop buying public with these sweeping price cuts, Mr Fine's Recommended Retail Price goes up, and up and up. Perhaps that is why he would like to abandon it. But we know, don't we, that someone has to pay the piper at the end of the tune. And one thing is sure - it isn't, and it won't be, the big boys!

So you see, quite the opposite to

'Money off' not a con

DAVID FINE says that RRP should be abolished, but does not state why, except by motive terms such as "archaic" and "immoral". RRP is quick and easy to administer and it must take longer to price product from a trade list.

Customers understand "money off" a RRP and it certainly is not a "con". There will be uncertainty as to whether a retailer is competitive without RRP — he will continually be wasting his time trying to check out his rivels. There is no noise is out his rivals. There is no point in changing for the sake of it; after all, we know and work the present

system easily enough. Mr Fine's method for fixing one's

Mr Fine's method for fixing one's own price according to market conditions is very naive and basic. Unfortunately, we seem to be ruled by record company theorists who can't run their own businesses efficiently. We can and do run our business well because we are small and independent, and I think Mr Fine should try and learn more about retailing by listening to us instead of treating us as "country cousins" of the music business. **R. BOOTH, Bayes Recordium, Broad Street, Kings Lynn, Norfolk.**

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Canada, Morning Music Ltd., Colombia, Discos Fuentes LTDA. France, Le Chant du Monde. Norway, Frost Music A/S, Talent Produksjon. Switzerland, Alchemco Ltd. U.K. Chrysalis Group. U.S.A. Benson & Ellis, Gang, Tyre &

Brown, Infinity Music International, Infinity Records, King Instrument Corporation, Perren Music Group, RCA Records. West Germany, Countdown Music. Yugoslavia, Record Yugoslavia, Production RTB.

Mr Fine's desire to move away from RRP and RPM, in the end it is all we've got left. I spoke to a Tory all we've got left. I spoke to a Tory MP the other day about all this and he was uncharacteristically blunt and plain spoken. "Forget it," he said. "You'll never get Resale Price Maintenance back. It's a political hot potato. No party would touch it". I'll have to admit that the MTA and the GPA saw the same this.

and the GRA say the same thing. So, unhappily, it boils down to this — without it the small independent family trader is doomed. He just hasn't a snowball's chance in hell. Which may be what Mr Fine has in mind. One thing is absolutely certain, anyway, the big JAMES ASMAN, New Row, London, WC2.

Think again **Mr** Fine

THE DANGEROUS and farreaching implications of David Fine's intentions have just not been thought out. Let me been thought out. Let me illustrate my point with a classic recent example.

A & M in the USA recently shipped 1400 copies of the Police picture disc as a promotional item. Some copies have filtered into selected outlets and dealers

into selected outlets and dealers were invoiced at a sensible price. However, collectors have been charged anything from £5 up to a staggering £45 per copy. If Mr Fine approves of this sort of thing, then I should advise him to think seain My complaint tisc to think again. My complaint ties in with a recent letter (MW August 11) from Adrian Rondeau whose astute staff have noted the number of so-called limited edition releases actually pressed and distributed. The discrepancies were seen to be

quite disturbing. ANTHONY RAYNER, 100 Rectory Grove, Hampton, Middlesex.

- I READ with interest your article under the headline The secret Enigma (Music Week, September 15). However, I feel that I should emphasise the fact that in the 3 years of Ericelly mitteres.
- years of Enigma's existence we have recorded more than 100 records, and not the 30-odd as quoted in the article.
- We currently have on release 55 recordings on the Enigma label and 10 on our mid-pirced Variation Two, with a further 8 records planned for release this
- CEDRIC SAYCE, Enigma Records, West Drayton, Middlesex.

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Interpop was the last straw

THE STATEMENT by Nikolaus Neubert (MW September 15) that UK trade associations are "incredibly apathetic" cannot be permitted to pass without comment. As a member of the MPA council, I can vouchsafe that "the subject of Internon was the subject of Interpop was discussed by both the council and the popular publishers committee to the point of ad nauseum. The reason for the lack of support for the event was not because of the MPA but because individual companies just couldn't afford it!

I am sure that anyone, like myself, responsible for the running of a music company, will agree that something like 30 per cent of one's incoming post these days is comprised of invitations to attend comprised of invitations to attend such and such a dinner or so and so event. We have to choose between attending Midem, IMAC, MUSEXPO, MPA luncheons, PRS luncheons, Music Therapy luncheons, trade magazine dinners, Tin Pan Alley Balls, Radio Luxembourg events, Capital Radio events — not to

our own company's mention conventions and seminars. On top of this we are badgered to take advertising space in numerous magazines varying from Music Week to War Cry! The industry has reached the point where to attend and/or to

point where to attend and/or to contribute to the number of events and functions would leave us little time to actually conduct any business. More importantly, in these financially harrowing times, the relative cost of across the board participation would, in no way, result in a comparable upsurge in business or profit. I am sure that most of the industry would join me in saying that we have nothing against either Mr Neubert or Interpop, and that we wish the occasion every success in the future. It's merely that

in the future. It's merely that Interpop was the straw that broke the camel's back. At this moment in time it's just one event too many.

LEN BEADLE, April Music, 54 Greek Street, W1.

Workalongamax!

I FEEL I must answer your correspondent M. Andrews (MW September 15), who seems to be frustrated by people like myself who record standard songs and supposedly never give a chance to people with original material.

The fact that I record and sell for a company that makes a profit and is then able to subsidise groups and writers whose material might never see the light of day, seems to escape

him. There are very few McCartneys, Nilssons and Irving Berlins around. My office is flooded weekly with original material that is bad, bad,

bad. Furthermore, the success of a song isn't the writing of it, it is the grafting afterwards. I have just returned from a six major city tour

of Britain, plugging my latest album. Just ahead of me in Liverpool, Birmingham, Manchester, etc. was Cliff Richard doing the same thing — that is why he, and I hope me, are still selling after all these years. after all these years. My advice to Mr. Andrews is to

stop watching programmes like Juke Box Jury with its panels of inarticulate nonentities whose main purpose is to get their faces on a TV Stop writing letters to Music Week complaining that nobody loves him or his material, and get up off his arse and hustle like we have

to. *When* he has tasted success, he will be in a position to knock it.

MAX BYGRAVES, Palace Street, London SW1.

For 3 per cent read 9 per cent

I AM a Merseyside record dealer and I would like to echo the comments by David Crosby (MW September 15). However, nobody seems to have pointed out the most damaging effect of Polydor's action on retailers which is that it virtually amounts to a 10 per cent reduction in one's gross income derived from Polydor product.

Forget for the moment the three per cent cut in dealer margin, instead look at the cut as a percentage of

Quantity + quality please

AMONG ALL the letters and articles in Music Week about high prices etc, no-one has mentioned the very poor quality of pressings in this day and age of Gary Numan and technology.

The main problem seems to be surface noise. Obviously when an artist is in demand the record companies rush mass pressings to

Emmit Till not for Decca

IN THE singles releases section of *Music Week* (September 8) it was stated that New York Jets by Emmit Till (Decca F13895) was scheduled for release that week. As the recording manager of the artist, both the artist and myself wish to make it clear that due to the fact that the contractual proposals put forward by Decca were not acceptable, the single will not be released by Decca and further that there is no contractual relationship between the artist and Decca.

total margin. By their action Polydor is seeking to inflict a nine per cent cut in dealers' gross profit. Perhaps Polydor, and those retailers still selling Polydor product, would like to ask their staffs if they would cheerfully accept a nine per cent cut in their wages. I a nine per cent cut in their wages. I asked my staff that question and their replies were unprintable! D.A.K. TAYLOR, Phoenix Records

and Tapes, Leece Street, Liverpool.

meet demand - but what's the point if you have to return them? I remember at one ti remember at one time that anything made in Japan was a joke, but now the Japanese probably manufacture the finest pressings in the world, so why can't we? MIKE STONE, Hope Street, Hanley, Stoke on Trent. DIARY **Projecting success**

DOOLEY'S QUEST for reasons to be cheerful in these gloomy times led him to Arista this week where much jubilation was in progress for the continuing international success of Alan Parsons Project.

Rattling off numbers like a demented pocket calculator, Arista reckons that the new Eve album has shipped platinum in Canada, went straight to No. 2 in Germany with over 400,000 units and No. 5 in Austria and New Zealand. And it's bulleting up the US charts.

bulleting up the US charts. But the Germans seem to be Parsons' most ardent fans — apart from Eve, now at No. 1 there, the previous albums, Pyramid and I Robot, are still in the Top 50 after two years, as well as Tales Of Mystery And Imagination.

"We believe that no other artist has had four albums in the German Top 50 at the same time," said Arista's Howard Harding.

DJ demise **Everett** predicts

pop music Electrola).

KENNY EVERETT does not foresee a rosy future for his

fellow disc jockeys. In a series of articles published in the *Daily Mirror* last week he predicts: "In about six years time disc jockeys as we know them will be finished. My type of broadcasting will be dead and disc jockeys will be replaced by a thing called music. Especially at night."

The Capital Radio presenter also does not seem to share the common view of the power of radio. He says:

"Disc jockeys don't turn records into hits anyway. You can play a record a million times but if the public don't like it, they won't buy it.

ARISTA'S GERMAN licensees Electrola-EMI hosted a dinner for Alan Parsons and his collaborator Eric Woolfson to celebrate the unprecedented success of their records there and to present them with gold records for I Robot, Pyramid and Eve and a platinum for Pyramid. L to r: Andrew Powell (arranger and musical director), Allan Watson (Arista director of international operations), Eric Woolfson, Friedrich Wottawa (MD Electrola), Alan Parsons, Charles Levison (Arista UK MD), and seated Jochen Kraus (head of open music Electrola).

Ince II, they won't buy II. "A disc jockey's job is simply to present someone else's talent. The real secret is to play as much music as possible and not to let your chatter interfere with the records." An interesting suggestion from one of the most amusingly talkative jocks in the business.

WINNERS OF the Bill Fehilly

TWO-YEAR old Music THE THE IWO-YEAR old Music Business Lawyers Association has a new chairman — Paddy Grafton Green, a partner in the London solicitors Theodore Goddard & Co - in succession to Robert Allan of Simons Muirhead & Allan.

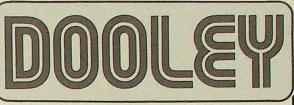
And the new executive committee, elected at the AGM at the Law Society's Hall, now comprises the present and past chairman plus Richard Bagehot of Field Fisher & Martineau (corretary) Louris Hell Martineau (secretary), Laurie Hall of MCA Records (treasurer), Lloyd Evans of Berwin Leighton, Guy Marriott of EMI Music and James Ware of Virgin Music.

The association provides a forum for all music business lawyers in the UK to meet and discuss matters of common concern and "aims to promote the formulation of a joint legal view on some of the major problems now facing the music business". annual tug-o-war challenge cup for the second year running, the Chappell men's team receive their Chappell men's team receive their award from Nicky Wood, wife of Chappell's Robin Wood. The MCPS ladies team received bottles of champagne as winning ladies team. The event raised £130 for Music Therapy.

IF YOU have been wondering why K-tel — a company with millions to spend but no airwaves on which to spend them — went to the extravagance of hosting their autumn sales presentation in Malta (see MW last week) at a time when ITV is blacked out, the spendidly

It's blacked out, the spendicity organised event was planned long before the TV technicians stoppage. K-tel MD Colin Ashby's address began: "Come back Crossroads all is forgiven", and the assembled record buyers were then treated to previews of TV ads screened on the only six colour TV sets on the island. It is also thought that it was the first time a video recorder had been used there

At a dinner afterwards marketing manager Alan Jones recalled the arrival of Ashby as sales director two years ago when he acquired the title "Chopper" Ashby because of the staff cuts he had to make. To commemorate his title Ashby was presented with the "sword" from the swordfish which provided the main course



AFTER NEARLY a year of negotiations and countless false alarms that the deal was about to be signed, last Tuesday's momentous signing of the contract between Clifford T. Ward, WEA, K-tel and Intersong kept up its boardroom drama to the eleventh hour when niggles over foreign compilation rights threatened to hold up the deal yet again A Decca official who told the Daily Express that pop fans would not be interested in high quality digital recording sound quality upset **Mike Batt** who wrote saying that pop fans are in fact most discerning and he cannot wait for digital recording to be generally available Jeff Lynne writing five songs for next Olivia Newton John film Xanadu and will be recorded by ELO.

K-TEL CONSIDERING release of a single from forthcoming Rhapsody In Black album of Motown standards performed by LSO Virgin's new DinDisc label quickly acquiring nickname Din-Dins by radio execs being lunched by the label songs in the States have been on the air for about 50,000 hours to achieve that distinction and actually earn much more than 50,000 dollars in the process Expect Ernie Wise to do presentations at Songwriters Guild Gold Badge awards luncheon on October 24 Martyn Cox celebrating first success since taking over as Capitol general manager with Sammy Hagar entering albums chart at 38 and hopes to do same with new signing The Motels Sad to report death of recently retired chairman of Radio Luxembourg (UK) L.M.R. Berlin.

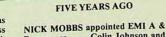
SIGN OF our inflationary times - top price seats at forthcoming Shirley Bassey London concerts are £15 each Correction: Record Industry Ball is on November 20, not 30 as we stated last week Decca's publicity manager/print buyer Paul Knapp-Week Decca's publicity manager/print buyer Paul Knapp-Fisher, who leaves this week, collected a black eye going to aid of passer-by being mugged in Charing Cross Road on way to Mike McDonough leaving party Charles Aznavour recording song Nothing Without You penned by Barry Mason and his ex-wife Sylvan Our postmen are wonderful: Roger St Pierre received a letter this week addressed simply to Roger St Pierre, so Rost for income and the provide the prov c/o Rastafarians, London Phonogram Newcastle-on-Tyne salesman Terry Quinn and wife Winifred celebrating 30th wedding anniversary Jazz Services Unlimited now closing at 5.00pm on Saturdays ''so we can see Dr Who''.

IN RECENT Disco International awards Real Thing's Can You Feel The Force was voted best British disco single and Boogie Bus best British disco album Hong Kong and Singapore holiday for EMI MOR division marketing manager Peter Hunsley – checking out piracy problem while he's there? At Ariola autumn product preview in London last week dealer F. L. Moore of Luton won prize draw of a week's holiday for two in New York **Stephen James** attending most Dealer Tour dates, not just London as we stated last week.



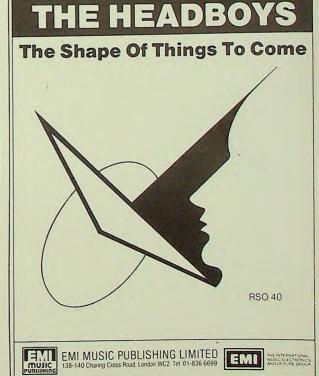
Yesterdays

TEN YEARS AGO TEN YEARS AGO RALPH MACE joins Philips as international co-ordinator ... Loss of American licensed labels RCA and MCA contribute to poor Decca year-end figures ... Creedence Clearwater Revival's Bad Moon Rising tops singles chart At Pye sales conference Louis Benjamin predicts 1970 will be a tough year for the record industry and "only the fittest will survive" Pye captures Delyse labels for pressing and distribution A & M debuts first British signing, Peppermint Gircus Cliff Richard signs with Warners for US.



NICK MOBBS appointed EMI A & R manager Colin Johnson and David Oddie, formerly of Gaff Management, sets up own company, Quarry Productions BPI warns hi-fi hardware manufacturers of legal action if their advertising encourages home taping Anchor Records' MD Ian Ralfini holds company conference in preparation for official UK launch on October 1 Leslie Hill moves on October 1 Leslie Hill moves from EMI New Zealand to director international marketing, music and records.

THE CRUSADERS, enjoying their THE CRUSADERS, enjoyne inter first ever Top 10 hit single in the UK, were presented with silver discs for sales of the Street Life album and single on stage prior to their third sold-out concert at the Hammersmith Odeon. In the picture with the Crusaders are MCA's Stuart Watson, Roy Featherstone and Martin Satter-thwaite and the group's manager George Grief.



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