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#### **MW/APRS** digital seminar 'sold out'

FULL HOUSE notices were about to go up on the MW/APRS all-industry recording digital seminar, as MW went to press.

- The opening technical day (aimed at studio engineers and managers) is likely to be so oversubscribed that lecture programme may have to be repeated in the near future.
- And although slower to respond initially, the record business — at which the second, non-technical, day is aimed - was queuing for places at the beginning of this week.
- The free seminar, the first to bring the studios and those who use them together to discuss the current revolution in recording technology, takes place next week - October 24 and 25 - at Advision Studios, London.

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entertainment.

Specials

TWO OF the industry's most colourful characters are launching a new management and promotion agency.

Big Scam Management with Bernard Rhodes and Kosmo Vinyl at the helm has been set up to deal with "the

vast amount of raw young talent unable to find an outlet in the increasingly narrow and conservative world of

connected with the development and careers of lan Dury. The Clash, Dexys Midnight Runners, JoBoxers and The

Together and separately, Vinyl and Rhodes have been

It is understood that Big Scam - which will have

#### Island's own promotion force swings into action

ISLAND'S NEW sales & promotion force went into action last week. The force has been put together over the past two months after Island and Virgin's decision to end the sales agreement between the two companies.

Island now has a 10-strong field team, complemented by three telephone sales personnel working from Island's Hammersmith HQ. At the helm is Ray Cooper, national sales manager. Graham Jelfs, who joined Island from Polydor six weeks ago, is the field sales manager, while Sally Hastings, until recently with Stiff, is telephone sales supervisor. The field team, working accounts on a weekly cycle, will operate on two distinct levels. They will not be in pre-release selling; involved instead, they will function as "a shop level promotion force" aiming to build dealer interest in forthcoming product. They will, however, be selling after release. They will also be handling in-store displays, posters and point-of-sale material.

"The kind of sales and promotion force we've put together can only work with a small roster of artists," savs Ray Cooper.

"The idea is to create a very fast and ultra-efficient team giving maximum time and effort to every record we release

aggressive and that our point-of-sale material could be

Mew's strongest selling point to dealers is Record Tokens' claim that 40 per cent of all recorded music sales

in January come from tokens, and that tokens account for approximately 3 per cent of all record product sold.

But he admits that some dealers are wary of stocking tokens. Some independent dealers believe that tokens sold by them are redeemed in the multiples, that they sell

more than they exchange, and that they lose money on tokens exchanged for heavily discounted records.

Mew has arguments and figures to counter all of these claims, or, he believes, misconceptions. "The most important point is that tokens bring people into record shops," he says. "The buyers are often people who don't

always top up the face value of the token with extra money to make a purchase. And the cost to the dealer is

only 3 per cent which goes back to EMI to fund the

Last year Cliff Richard appeared in the TV ads selling tokens and gave his services free; this year veteran disc jockey Alan Freeman will star in the commercials and he

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**OCTOBER 22, 1983** 

RONNIE BRIDGES of Southern Music receiving his surprise Gold Badge award at the annual BASCA ceremony from Dame Vera Lynn. Bridges, a leading light in the BASCA organisation, has officiated at every Gold Badge award occasion over the 10 years of its existence, and his own award marked the academy's appreciation of his and mis own award marked the academy's appreciation of his efforts. Other recipients this year of the award, presented for services to the music business, were Kenny Ball, Lionel Bart, MW editor Rodney Bail, Lone Bail, WW editor Holney Burbeck, Max Bygraves, Pearl Carr and Teddy Johnson, Don Black, Jack Emblow, Bob Halfin, Yvonne Littlewood, Geoff Love, Kay O'Dwyer and Jimmy Savile.

#### **Slow progress** in CBS tape spoiler action

THE SITUATION concerning the spoiler device developed by CBS to thwart home-taping and pirating seems to be at a standstill, although MW understands that a meeting took place in Tokyo last week between interested parties. The Tokyo part of the equation is of crucial importance because a necessary prerequisite for the

on crucial importance because a necessary prerequisite for the device's success is its inclusion in the manufacture of taping hard-ware, most of which originates in Japan or is of Japanese design.

Japan or is of Japanese design. Apart from persuading Japanese manufacturers of the desirability of incorporating the device in their hardware, another less agreeable and infinitely more difficult option is to obtain legislation making its incorporation compulsory.

incorporation compulsory. At an IFPI board meeting in February this year, the CBS copy-right protection device was discussed, but, in the words of an IFPI spokesperson, "it was decided that, in view of the legal, political and practical difficulties involved, any forther investigation by the IEPI any further investigation by the IFPI given to the CBS device should be suspended . . . and no further action has been taken in this matter".

#### STOP PRESS

LEGAL MOVES to jail five men, alleged to have been involved in a "practical enterprise" to make and sell cut-price audio cassettes, were adjourned in the High Court on Friday for a date to be fixed for the full hearing. Details next week.

### £400,000 TV spend to build awareness of EMI Record Tokens EMI PULLS OUT STOPS IN TOKEN CAMPAIGN

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too has waived a fee.

delighted to be associated with it.'

UNPRECEDENTED £400,000 television advertising campaign - including two-and-a-half-minute commercials aimed specifically at record is being mounted to boost sales of EMI dealers Records Tokens this Christmas.

The two-pronged campaign seeks to increase consumer awareness of tokens and at the same time win over more dealers to stocking them. More than 5,000 glossy 20-page brochures and order forms have gone out to dealers all over the country bearing the message: "Keep on keeping the money in the record business." And on Friday, November 4, the entire commercial break spots following the three main news bulletins on TV-am's Good Morning Britain programme will be devoted to a trade-only advertisement informing record

devoted to a trade-only advertisement informing record dealers of the forthcoming consumer campaign

TV advertising to the public will begin on December 5 and will run up to December 24, appearing nationwide throughout the ITV network, Channel Four and TV-am. The theme of the ads will be carried through in point-of-sale material including "crowners" for greeting card racks

Last year Record Tokens switched from press advertising to TV advertising for the first time and with a campaign covering only half the country claims to have boosted sales by 40 per cent. This has encouraged Record Tokens' general manager John Mew to more than double his TV spend to cover the entire country.

"Our campaigns have been based on market research among record buyers and dealers," he told *Music Week*. "We discovered that consumers liked tokens but couldn't always find them in the shops, and dealers generally liked tokens but felt that our promotion could be more

Rhodes, Vinyl launch new management project

offices in both London and New York — has substantial financial backing from both sides of the Atlantic. "Our intention" Vinyl told *Music Week*, "is to re-instate creative lunatics and enthusiasts and prevent them from becoming intimidated by the dominance of lawyers, accountants and the others responsible for the bland and boring scene that currently exists."

Bernard Rhodes commented: "It's all very well keeping the fires burning, but now's the time to throw a bit of petrol on them so that 1984 can spell excitement." • Big Scam will be operating from PO Box 87, London NW1 8NF and from 355W, 36th Street, NY NY 10018.

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The record business has been good to me over the years and I am happy to be able to give something back by helping the industry to sell more records," he says. *Music Week* editor Rodney Burbeck will appear with Freeman in the TV ads aimed at dealers and he too will receive no fee. "Like Alan, I feel that this campaign must have to be the same the heart for the same time. help to sell more records across the board for everyone in the business," he says. "Therefore Music Week is



SONGWRITER DAVID MARTIN, whose collaborations with Geoff Morrow and Chris Arnold have been recorded by Barry Manilow, Elvis Presley, The Carpenters, Cliff Richard, Cilla Black and Jack Jones, celebrated his twentieth anniversary in the music business by signing a new solo publishing deal with Lorna Music, an off-shoot of Mercury Music. Martin —

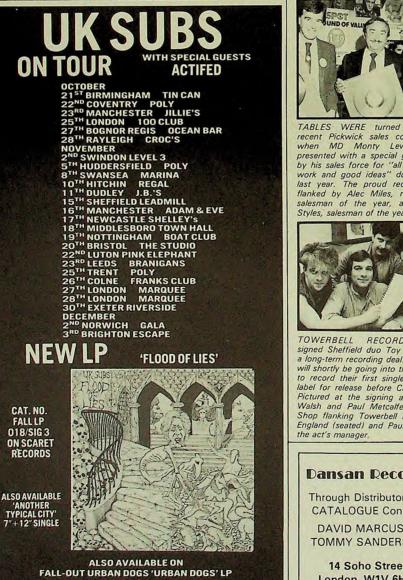


THE COMMODORES were presented with a birthday cake to mark their 15th anniversary. (L to r) are: Milan Williams, Thomas McClary, William Orange, Ian Groves (RCA divisional director marketing and sales), Peter Prince (VP Motown International), Ronald LaPread and William King

who has his own record label, DEB, and also records with Madeline Bell under the name Bell & Martin — was presented with a 20-year-old bottle of port by John Braund, MD of Mercury Music, to mark the two events, and is pictured (centre) with Braund and Roland Rogers, who is the general manager of Mercury Music Music



JOHN ADAMS and Morris Michael of Private Lives, whose debut single for EMI is Break The Chains, visited the EMI factory and distribution centre recently. The group met and signed pictures for the EMI telephone sales team who are pictured with them and their mascot, Ollie



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at the TABLES WERE turned at the recent Pickwick sales conference when MD Monty Lewis was presented with a special gold disc by his sales force for "all his hard work and good ideas" during the last year. The proud recipient is flanked by Alec Miles, runner-up conserved, the work and Alex salesman of the year, and Alan Styles, salesman of the year.



RECORDS has signed Sheffield duo Toy Shop to a long-term recording deal. The act will shortly be going into the studio to record their first single for the label for release before Christmas. Pictured at the signing are Philip Walsh and Paul Metcalfe of Toy Shop flanking Towerbell MD Bob England (seated) and Paul Unwin,

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American Commentary



### **Top 40 format triumphs**

#### From BRIAN CHIN

From BRIAN CHIN NEW YORK: A phenomenon appears to be underway in American radio, judging from recent audience ratings which indicate a resurgence of the Top 40 format. Arbitron ratings covering the past summer show Top 40 stations topping their markets in Los Angeles, Boston, Cleveland and Houston.

In New York, the performance of WHTZ shock the traditional In New York, the performance of WHTZ shock the traditional "urban contemporary" market leaders of the past three years. The official two-month results of a recently-released Birch Report showed the station with a 4.3 average for August and September, six weeks after it had changed format from instrumental "beautiful" music, according to assistant programme & music director Michael Ellis. An unpublished September-only breakout, he said, was even more dramatic — WHTZ let the market with 2.2 estime a full two points ahead of WHTZ led the market with a 7.2 rating, a full two points ahead of the nearest comparable competitor, urban contemporary WKTU.

Ellis was at WKTU when it caused an eruption in US radio by eilis was at WK10 when it caused an eruption in 05 faulto y going all-disco and zooming unexpectedly to the top of the market in 1978. The WHTZ phenomenon is a much more planned effort to build steady listenership, he says. "Top 40 is on the rebound, and it only faded because people didn't know how to do it well."

The station's to five records which Filis calls "New York's

song. "That's how you win," says Ellis. The station's top five records, which Ellis calls "New York's favourite records right now", span some stylistic distance evidenced by Bonnie Tyler's Total Eclipse Of The Heart, Billy Joel's Tell Her About It, Lionel Richie's All Night Long, Rufus and Chaka Khan's Ain't Nobody, and Roberta Flack and Peabo Bryson's Tonight I Celebrate My Love. The hottest current rap record, Grandmaster and Melle Mel's Brilliant White Lines, is O chart record, Grandmaster and Melle Mells Brilliant White Effects, is also getting play, and Ellis expects it to enter his Top 30 chart this week. One interesting aspect of the format is the question of what impact such a station will have on record sales, if a wide audience is exposed to records formerly programmed according to much more fragmented standards.

The reaction of the other leading music stations jockeying for position in New York has also been interesting. WPLJ, which switched from AOR to Top 40 about the same time as WHTZ changed, has begun playing a station identification jingle, and WBLS, the pioneer of urban contemporary radio, has added a "make it or break it" listener call-in programme which invites prostanceus audience response to hand new records Both spontaneous audience response to brand-new records. Both eatures are hallmark details from Top 40 AM radio formats of the Sixties.

Those AM stations were toppled as FM became the standard bearer for music on the radio, and FM experienced its own succession of evolving formats in the shape of progressive rock, AOR, disco, and adult contemporary. Now, it seems, the heavilyrotated, personality-orientated pastiche of all music under the general "pop" banner is rising anew in the US.



#### On the road...



FEEDBACK PROMOTION Services has a new radio team (above) on the road



ISLAND UNVEILED its new sales and promotion force (above) to the world last week.



MEMBERS OF the new singles sales force

#### **Findon forms** own label

BEN FINDON, whose songs have been hits for The Nolans, Billy Ocean and The Dooleys, has formed his own Dooleys, has formed his own record label, Spirit, with Black Sheep Music. The first single, Hearts On Fire by duo Hush, is released this week, to be followed by Push Just A Little Bit Harder, by Judy A Lit High.

Mike Peyton will work on regional promotions for Spirit, while Judd Lander will work on London radio/TV promotion.

Spirit is distributed by IDS, and is based at Fulmer Gardens House, Fulmer, Buckinghamshire 5L3 6HF, 02816-2143 or 2109.

**MCA** pushes Youth album

MCA HAS lined up a substantial campaign for the new Musical Youth album, Different Style and Single, 007.

The campaign breaks this week with full page ads in leading children's comics such as *The Victor, Tammy, Girl* and *Eagle*. Also planned is local radio advertising, a nationwide poster campaign in conjunction with BASF, extensive fly-posting near school and youth centre sites and co-operative advertising with major retail groups. The group, whose first album sold 200,000 copies, will be touring the UK in support of the album and MCA will be taking radio ads to support the

tour

 The Best Of The Tygers of Pan Tang, a 14-track compilation from MCA, is being backed with an extensive advertising and promotional campaign including ads in Sounds and Kerrang.

#### Strong contenders from IDS Good Dolly Platters label, entitled Demonstration Tapes. Out on Neighbourhood Records is Melanie's Seventh Wave album.

**Rare tracks from** 

the Beach Boys

material.

Good Vibrations

CAPITOL RECORDS has released Beach Boys Rarities, which includes previously unreleased

material. Compiled by Brad Elliot, author of the official Beach Boys discography, it includes versions of Bluebirds Over The Mountains and I Was Made To Love Her, a German version of In My Room, Auld Lang Syne sung acapella style, and an early recording of Cood Vibrations

IDS HAS scheduled a strong rock line-up for this month. Six Marc Bolan albums are released on the Marc On Wax label: Dandy In The Underworld, Zinc Alloy, The Slider, Tanx, Bolan's Zip Gun and Futuristic Dragon.

Released on the Hi-Lo label is Squire's first official album for two Squire's first official album for two years, Get Smart. John Martyn has a new live album on the Jarrada label entitled Philanthropy. The Blood's debut LP on Noise Records is entitled False Gestures For A Devious Public. Released on Syndicate Records are 1980/81 by The Reviews and A Einfful of The Business and A Fistful Of . . ., the second album from the 4-Skins

Dolly Mixture, formerly with Paul Weller's Respond label, release their first album on their own Dead

#### Videoform Music to spend £1m

VIDEOFORM WILL invest up to f1m in its new music division in its first year. Videoform Music will be launched late next month with five releases – Kid Creole Live at the Hammersmith Odeon, Meat Loaf Live, Glen Campbell Live, and two compilations of Facent singles. Videos of Saxon, Marvin Gaye and Chuck Berry will come later. The new division is expected to build up about The new division is expected to build up about 200 titles in the first year at a dealer price of £13 or £14



#### News in brief.

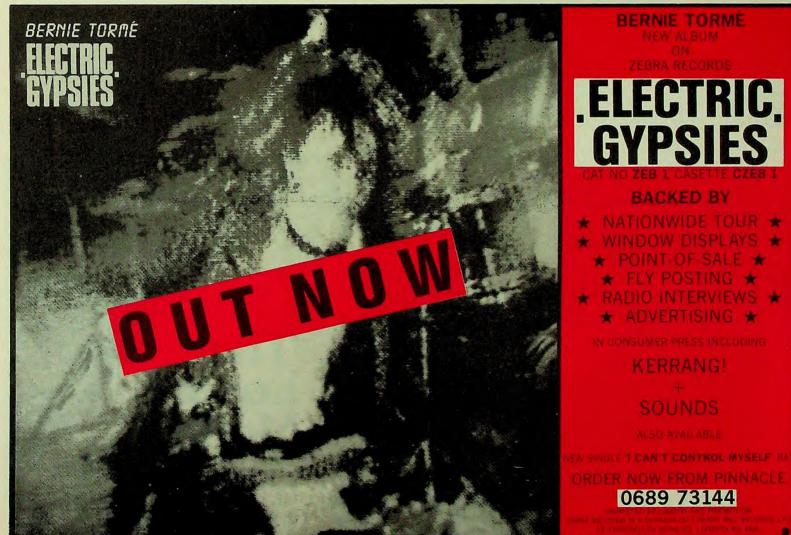
ALTERNATIVE TENTACLES starts its autumn schedule of releases its autumn schedule of releases with the original soundtrack from the film Eraserhead. On the inner sleeve there is an ad for the video cassette available from Palace Video which, in turn, will insert a leaflet in the video cassette promoting the record.

999 HAVE their fifth studio album released this month on Albion Records, with distribution through Spartan. Entitled 13th Floor Madness (also the title of their new Floor single) it will be backed by music press ads, in-store displays and group PAs. In mid-December, 999 will tour the UK for the first time in 18 months.

FUTURE RECORDS has signed an exclusive distribution deal with Pinnacle, after two years with Pinnacle and the Cartel, First single out under the new deal is Solar by Blitz (FS 6) for which the label has now completed a promovide now completed a promo video.

DISCO RUSH: the theme music from Channel Four's World Disco Dancing Championships is being rush released on Passion Records "in response to heavy demand".





#### **HM** Records in distribution deal with EMI

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HEAVY METAL Records has finalised a new distribution deal with EMI, for all product from both its existing specialist labels (HM Records and HM Worldwide, until now distributed by PRT and PolyGram respectively). Two new labels are also to be launched. The deal covers the UK and

The deal covers the UK and Eire, and finished product sales to EMI Group and licensed companies worldwide, excluding Canada and the US.

First release under the agree-ment is the new Witchfinder General LP Friends of Hell (HMR MC 13), which has a sleeve likely to cause as much controversy as to cause as much controversy as the first did. There will also be a single from this LP, Music (HEAVY 21), and on HM Inter-national there will be the new Bow Wow album Holy Expedition (HMI LP 4) recorded at the Marquee during this Japanese band's UK tour.

band's UK tour. The two new labels being launched are Heavy Metal America – which will release material from US and Canadian acts – and the first venture outside HM, an AOR label called FM, for which the company is hoping to pick up both artists signings and finished product deals.

# RM sees growth in 12-inch singles

THE RECORD Merchandisers sales conference

THE RECORD Merchandisers sales conference at Heathrow gave deputy MD David Hammond the opportunity to make some forecasts about the future of the record and tape market — to an audience which included over 40 manu-facturing and retail customers of RM, as well as its field sales force. RM anticipates that 7-inch singles sales will drop slightly over the next three years "as a reaction to retail prices and the growth of 12-inch singles". Mean-while the 12-inch sector of the singles market will continue to grow for at least two years — mostly as an *addition* to 7-inch sales, not instead of them. Hammond was strongly in favour of this 12-inch sales growth. "They are good for the business as they offer extra value and quality to the consumer while generating additional sales value and margin for the retailer . . . So we have a new stimulant to the singles market, generating interest and a profit oppor-tunity, that can be impactfully and easily displayed and merchandised into existing record departments," he said.

tunity, that can be impactfully and easily displayed and merchandised into existing record departments," he said. In contrast to the reasonably bright outlook on singles, Hammond could only surmise that the LP sector, so much under pressure already, "will continue to decline by volume overall, but with important changes to product mix

These changes will see mid-price catalogue continuing to grow in volume and importance over the next three years — "because of the quality of material at sensible retail prices". Mid-price growth will have an impact on the budget sector (which "will continue to suffer from lack of good material from the industry as well as from its perceived value against mid-price product). We also

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but will continue to decline by volume each of the three years — by up to live per cent per annum". RM expects deletions to remain important, but thinks industry overstocks will decline "as less ambitious and more realistic sales forecasts are made". Tapes sales growth "will continue unabated" — at least at a rate of 10 per cent per annum, and will include an increasing degree of substitute purchases from LPs. He revealed that RM's company ratio of tape to LP sales is running at 1:1.6 and the 1:1 ratio should be achieved this autumn.

#### Lamborghini signs Hackett

LAMBORGHINI RECORDS has signed ex-Genesis member Steve Hackett for the world, excluding the US and Canada. He debuts on the album with an album, Bay Of Kings,

next Friday (28). The album will be backed with a tour, in-store displays, press advertising and TV appearances. Mike Hurst, managing director of Lamborghini, said: "All Hackett's albums have charted and we're hoping this will be no exception. He will be the flagship of the label.

Mike Goldsmith, previously with Charly Records, has joined the company as sales and marketing manage

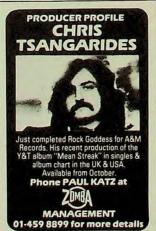
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#### Virgin in Canada

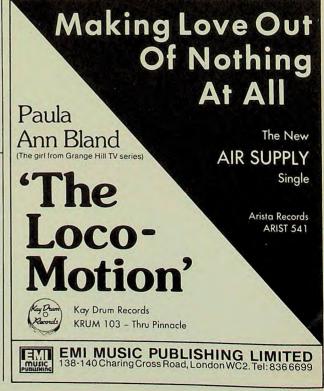
MONTREAL: Virgin Records is to MONTREAL: Virgin Records is to set up a new subsidiary company here, Virgin Records Canada Inc, but will retain links with PolyGram with which it has had a licensing arrangement since 1976. Virgin Canada's president, Bob Muir, will have staff in a Toronto

Muir, will have start in a Totolito base responsible for product market-ing and national promotion, while PolyGram Canada will continue to distribute and provide promotional support on a regional level



NOT A week goes by, it seems, without another potential shock-horror threatening some sector of the music business as we know it. The latest examples are apparently similar in nature although different in name — Karaoke and The Vocal Eliminator. The first, being handled here by Rose Morris of musical instrument fame, is a song machine operating with a catalogue of over 400 accompaniments to enable you or whoever to sing in your bath or wherever with professional backing tracks. The second is touted to remove "virtually all the existing vocal from standard stereo recordings, leaving the backing music untouched," says the hand-out from United Products. "Singers can then record their own voices to the original music. All the costs of live music backing are eliminated. Professionals and amateurs can practice as much as they like". John Love, general manager of Phonographic Performance Ltd said that anyone asking for a licence to perform publicly using these devices would be refused, and he views it as a sort of reverse of home-taping - putting on instead of taking off. Musicians Union secretary John Morton is similarly unenthused, alleging the devices to be infringements of the rights of authors, sound producers and the Performance Protection Acts, to say nothing of denying musicians both live work and further payment for the use of the backing tracks. Neither they or probably anyone else would object to the Karaoke and the Eliminator being restricted solely to domestic use to amaze your Christmas party guests, but the publicity attendant on the launch of the devices suggests that a far wider use is in mind.

UNEXPECTED MEETING between EMI Records UK MD Peter Jamieson, Our Price director Mike Isaacs, and John Wilson of The Heartbeats and manager Billy McIlroy on London's Albert Bridge in the form of a shunt involving their cars and caused by a fourth vehicle (stolen) which escaped in the confusion. Nobody was hurt, although the cars were, and Carter and McIlroy remain optimistic about a Heartbeats deal Former IFPI man Denis Comper admitted to with EMI . Clark in action again with his former GTO colleague Mike Peyton at the latter's promotion enterprise . . . Bill Harry, described by EMI as editor of "the world's first alternative music paper Mersey Beat back in 1961", has compiled the 37track double album compilation named after the paper released next Monday, and featuring well-known alternative music names such as The Beatles, Cilla Black and Gerry & . Virgin sales manager Mike Lawrence The Pacemakers . celebrated his birthday last week with the Genesis album at number one and Culture Club passing the million sales mark Overdraft serenade with Karma Chameleon Rediffusion has installed a background music system in the Winchester branch of the TSB.



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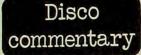
# **Tussle at the top**

By BARRY LAZELL ALL CHANGE at the top of the disco/dance chart this week, as Lionel Richie's All Night Long (All Night), makes it to number one, thanks to immediate pop crossover without even waiting crossover without even waiting for 12-inch reinforcements. Further down in hot pursuit, David Grant has his third solo top tenner in a row with Love Will Find A Way, while Tom Browne also returns to the winner's circle with Rockin' Radio, just in time for the UK release by Arista of his new album of the same title. UK release has given a big

album of the same title. UK release has given a big boost to Curtis Hairston's I Want You All, moving smartly to 12 from 34 on its initial RCA sales. This could well be a future chart. topper – as could Ashaye's Don't Stop Til You Get Enough (Michael Jackson Medley), with a big leap into the 21 spot and sufficient crossover sales already to be firmly inside the pop top 75.

Meanwhile, Michael Jackson's own new single is now confirmed as the Thriller title track, during the first week of





November. Bets are already being cast over what will make up the 12-inch flipside. Just outside the Top 30, the hotly-tipped Shine On Me has given One Way their biggest seller for years and looks like being joined in the 50 next week by two MCA stablemates, Oliver Cheatham's Bless The Ladies (which shares its final commer-cial 12-inch configuration with over 14 minutes' worth of Just To Be With You, in two separate mixes), and Klique's excellent mixes), and Klique's excellent dance update of the Jackie Wilson chestnut Doggin' Around.

recent biggie on A very import, currently buzzing as a track on the Street Sounds Electro set, is I'm The Packman, Electro set, is I'm The Packman, by a gentleman identified as just that. From Bobby Robinson's Enjoy label in New York, it has now been snapped up for UK release by Malaco, and is being rush-released immediately (via PRT) on MAL 1214. The 12-inch Pacido is according of a boous B-side is something of a bonus item, consisting of an 11 minute-plus compilation of dancefloor classics going under the generic title of Play It Again Sam.

Malaco also has what is certainly the strongest rap track of the moment in Picking Up Sounds by Man Friday & Jive Junior (MAL 1211). While the

may be unfamiliar, the names may be unfamiliar, the record is getting instant strong club reaction which should manifest itself in similar sales performance within a week or

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two. A contemporary of Bobby Robinson during the Sixties was Juggy Murray, who ran the Sue label, which has just been revived on this side of the Atlantic by Ensign label boss Nigel Grainge, whose marketing deal with Island means that Sue is now fittingly back with the outlet which gave it its initial British success. The first releases are six EPs, two.

The first releases are six EPs, all of which could do excellent business for specialist dealers keen to point their DJ

business for specialist dealers keen to point their DJ customers at some oldies which can still stir a dancefloor. There are sets by Ike & Tina Turner, Charlie & Inez Foxx (including both Mockingbird and Hurt By Love), Hank Jacobs, and three compilations comprising female R&B, male R&B and instrumentals. This last is highinstrumentals. This last is high-lighted by Jimmy McGriff's I've Got A Woman — an interesting challenge to set alongside the current Herbie Hancock for punters who like dancing to funky jazz.

Four brand-new but highlyrated imports worth keeping an eye on are I Wanna Be With You by Armenta (Savoir Faire), Electric Kingdom from Twilight 22 (Vanguard), Feel The Force by G-Force (SMI) and the return of Cuba Gooding on Arthur Baker's Streetwise label with Happiness Is Just Around The Bend.

#### EUROPARADE (The European Chart)

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		DOLCE VITA, Ryan Paris A/	B/D/E/F/SP/SW/WG
	1	MOONLIGHT SHADOW, Mike Oldfield	A/D/F/I/SP/SW/WG
	2	KARMA CHAMELEON, Culture Club	B/D/E/N/UK/WG
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	3	RED RED WINE, UB40	B/E/N/UK
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# New row brews on radio copyright fees

PHONOGRAPHIC PERFORMANCE Ltd has begun countering some of the ILR allegations of excessive copyright fees demanded for the use of records on the air

records on the air. In letters to the Daily Telegraph and The Guardian, both of which had carried reports of the dissatisfaction of Association of Independent Radio Contractors members about the situation, PPL general manager John Love draws attention to the 80-day hearing by the Performing Right Tribunal following the AIRC move earlier this year which resulted in the High Court demanding a reasoned defence of its decision to uphold existing percentage payments. While pointing out that points of law raised during

existing percentage payments. While pointing out that points of law raised during the hearing are still sub judice while the Tribunal considers the evidence presented to it, Love states that "the commercial radio stations presumably consider "the commercial radio stations presumably consider they have lost the case on the merits and are appealing on certain specific points of law". The Tribunal considered "arguments like the value of

radio airplay to record sales, the effect of radio airplay

inducement to in-home taping, the value of records to commercial radio stations as their biggest source of programme material and their best means of attracting audiences and advertisers". the question of how much the ILR stations should pay

for the right to use records is being examined "in a depth and breadth which has never been equalled". Explaining that, unlike record users, the PPL cannot appeal to the Tribunal if it considers conditions are unfair, Love declares that the organisation represents about 350 record companies and "thousands of artists and musicians to whom we pay a substantial part of our revenue"

our revenue". • The present system of copyright payment for ILR stations is expressed as a percentage of different amounts of their net advertising revenue: four per cent of the first £750,000; six per cent of the next £750,000, eight per cent of the next £1.5m, and 10 per cent thereafter. Smaller stations pay less, and, according to Love, nearly all the ILR operations are in the four per cent and six per cent bands, with new stations paying only two or three per cent in their first two years on air.

Love adds that

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## **Neptune's Thoughts**

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**CBS** promotion

RICHARD THOMAS has been appointed managing director of CBS Songs, the UK operating subsidiary of CBS Songs International. He will report to James Ware, who preceded him in the post, in Ware's new canacity as regional who

preceded him in the post, in Ware's new capacity as regional vice president of CBS Songs Europe. Thomas joins from CBS Records International (CRI), New York, where he was A&R director. He previously worked for CRI Paris as CBS Jabel European marketion

CBS label European marketing director, and has also been active in artist management and agency work

MUSIC PUBLISHERS in the same situation as Neptune Music's Buzz Carter will have fellow feeling when he expresses the difficulties confronting small publishing operations, including ever-open check books brandished by rivals. The company aims to establish itself in the contemporary end of the UK market, going after artists and bands who are seeking or who have just signed recording pacts. "We're negotiating for the publishing on two bands at the moment," he said, stressing that Neptune offered "a personal service to artists – more than just a couple of lunches a year". Carter has previously been a PR man for Anchor Records and RCA, and a partner in an artist management company. "The Neptune record label is dormant for the time being, and we're concentrating on providing writers with the personal attention of a small, dynamic company." Mong its publishing assets are Second Thoughts (Mike Cotton and Paddy O'Toole, previously members of Island band The Jags). They are touring the UK with Kid Creole at his request, and Neptune is combining with Thoughts managers lan Grant and Alan Edwards to establish theme. Neptune administers part of the Shakatak catalogue for the world, and has

Neptune administers part of the Shakatak catalogue for the world, and has Phil Henderson, Morgan and David Pask on its writing roster.

#### Valentine Music gets 'dream catalogue'

VALENTINE MUSIC has acquired rights to the Nashville-based Jack Music catalogue, which also includes Jando and Silver Dollar Music. Among the titles involved are When I Dream, I Recall A Gipsy Woman and material covered by Don Williams.

Valentine chief John Nice, who set the deal with Jack Music head Jack Clement, said: "It's a dream catalogue for any publisher, and Don Williams apart, there are some fine songs by Hank Williams Jrr, Sandy Mason, Bob McDill and Jack Clement himself, who has had songs

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recorded by Johnny Cash, Charley Pride and many others."

#### Capaldi/WB Music

Gapaiul/ WD IviuSic FURTHER TO the Street Tunes story (MW September 17), John Taylor, manager of Jim Capaldi, wishes to point out that Capaldi has never made a cover version of any compositions by Peter Bonas. The caption to the Warner Bros Music/Hit & Run Music administ-ration deal picture (MW October 8) wrongly described Overnight Music director Stuart Newton as joint MD of WB Music.

# **BRMB**, Heartland fight for Birmingham

RADIO HEARTLAND, the only applicant competing against BRMB for Birmingham's renewed ILR franchise, says it intends to break "the stranglehold of chart music, disc.jockey and phone-ins" in the Birmingham area

Birmingham area. Heartland chooses music as the first battleground in the summary of its franchise application to the IBA. It claims that BRMB's present "stereotypes output" has become so common that the West Midlands stations seem to offer an echo of each other and that "this cloning has contributed in some to the reported sharp fall in degree advertising

Heartland, while acknowledging Heartland, while acknowledging BRMB's contribution to ILR's reputation, contends that the formula employed during more than nine years has now run its course. It proposes to achieve a

musical fusion to satisfy all tastes pleasing, mellow, reflective and sweet sounds at suitable times, but not excluding any one section of the audience.

Presenters (rather than DJs) would have some choice of their music – commercial records would be augmented by buying access to one or more libraries of recorded music of British musicians and, if necessary, buying from abroad.

abroad. Live music, including light classical, jazz, folk and ethnic music would play a "major and positive part" in the output. If permission were granted for broad-casting separately on medium wave and VHF, the VHF would carry "heavier" pop music as well as minority language programmes in good listening hours. Could Heartland have in mind a Could Heartland have in mind a

Birmingham local version of BBC Radio Two? Chairman and, for the present, managing director is Phil Sidey, recent head of BBC's Pebble Mill complex and former manager of BBC Radio Leeds.

In the face of Heartland's vigorous attack, BRMB, under managing director David Pinnell, effectively leads with the station's record as England's first ILR station record as England's first ILR station outside London. BRMB says "the programme policies will remain consistent . . . but always flexible and responsive to changing tastes and new situations. The basic aim is to provide a varied and entertaining schedule, broadly popular in appeal but with a strong public service element." It reminds the IBA that its contribution to the IBA that its contribution to music and the arts covers a whole spectrum of creative activities

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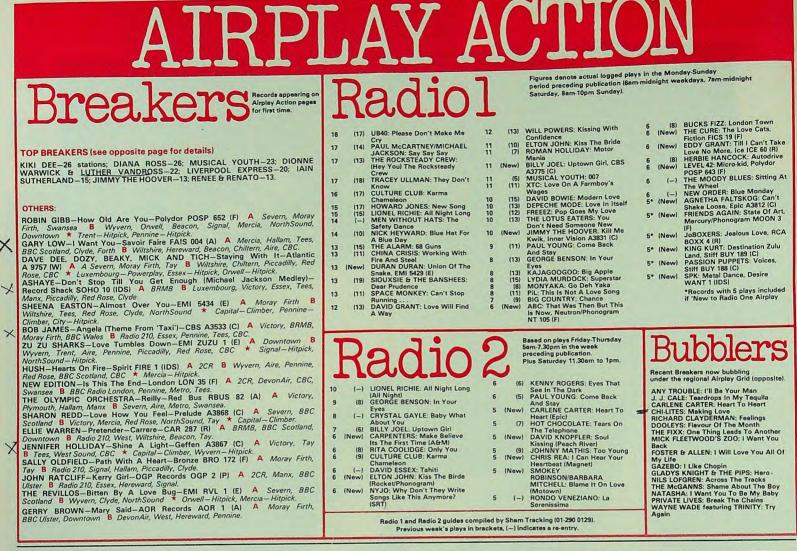
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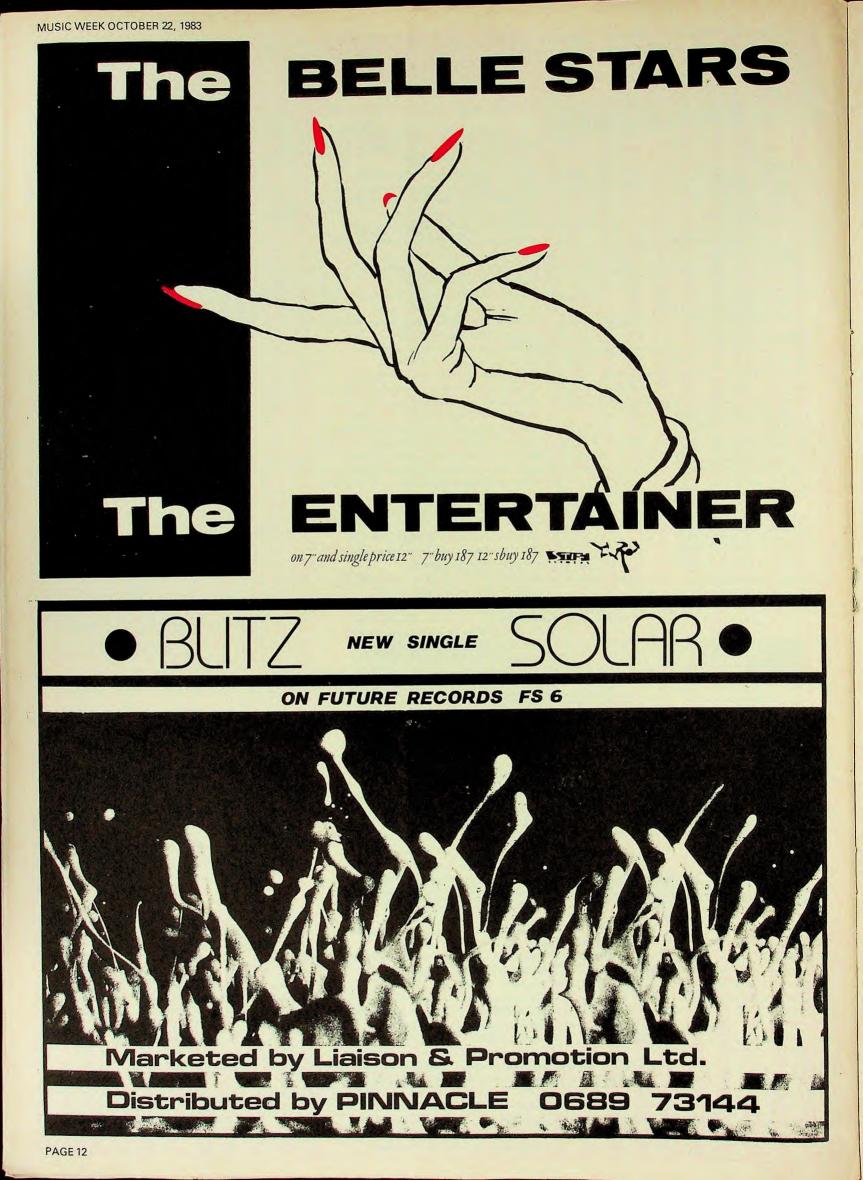
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### TERRI ANDERSON **Anabas offers Duran gift** in one-for-three promo

ANABAS, A company which has turned the pop poster into respectably big business in many record shops, came up with several novel ideas — aimed squarely at record retail outlets - at its annual sales conference

To back its five new Duran Duran posters promotion which Anabas says is the first of its kind – the company is offering, via the retailer, a gift of a framed, personalised Duran Duran photograph (from a range of six) for purchase of three posters.

An ad campaign in the pop press is promised, and the offer is timed to coincide with new product and the forth-coming tour. Window flashes, till stickers etc are also available

The customer can obtain the free photo by sending proof of the three poster purchases to Anabas. And the same applies to the other new promo, which supports the

entire range of posters

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entire range of posters. Retailers are being issued with leaflet pads, to be displayed on the Anabas browsers and dumpers. Customers can take leaflets with each purchase, and in return for proof of purchase of three posters will receive a £1 record token (backed with the suggestion that they should spend it on a record at the shop where they bought the posters).

Both these promos, Anabas stresses, are planned so that "the retailer has nothing to do - just reap the profits

of selling the posters and records". Also announced at the sales conference were six new poster designs; conversion of browsers at account-holdng shops to increase sales by making customers' choice of posters easier; and new point-of-sale aids – a hanger bin, and a spinner rack for the 48 titles in the range of  $10^{\prime\prime} \times 8^{\prime\prime}$  photographs.

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**Trading days** 

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Trade indicates that the Irade indicates that the pattern of opening for shops this Christmas will be that they generally will open throughout Saturday,

December 24 and the majority are likely to be closed on December 26 and 27 and on

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Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, December 28-31 look like being normal trading days for

most people, although some food shops may decide to remain closed on the

for Xmas



THE NEW Ames shop in Wigan is, as Phil Ames hardly needs to point out, window dresser's paradise" - with its 100 ft of prime window frontage in the state of the window dresser's paradise" — with its 100 ft of prime window frontage in the town's busy shopping arcade and on the main street outside. The shop has been extensively returbished, and the bay windows with their copper roofs were part of the shopfitting. Business at the shop, Ames reports, "is exceeding all our expectations".



NEW device for untangling twisted cassette tape has come on the market, at a price low enough to make it an attractive proposition for a record shop's range of hi-fi/gift

a record shop's range of hi-fi/gift accessory range. Fixotape (on which worldwide patents are held by Fixotape Ltd of Bath) can rewind, smooth and straighten mangled cassette tape. The device is being launched with more than £50,000-worth of advertising and promo, and a holiday incentive competition open to dealers and customers. to dealers and customers. There is a special launch price of

69p each on orders of 100 or more – against a recommended retail price of £1.75. Dealer pack includes free-standing show cards, and dayglo competition stickers for window displays.

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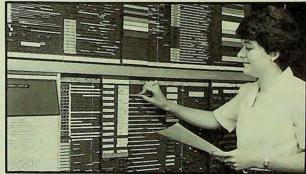
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Chart service THE SINGLES chart is available by telephone on 01-855 7711. New numbers are given in blocks of 20 — write them alongside the 1-100 numbers in the previous week's Music Week. New entries are also read out. The chart is also available to Prestel subscribers on frame reference \*5142.

#### Govt seeks retailers' views

RETAILERS' VIEWS on late night and Sunday opening of shops are being sought by the Home Office Committee of Inquiry into current proposals to amend the Shops Act. Anyone who wants to submit an opinion, in writing, on that - or any

other — aspect of the law on retailing should do so before November 30. Letters should be addressed to Elizabeth Grimsey, Room 624, Whittington House, 19-20. Alfred Place Leader WCI 30 Alfred Place, London WC1



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DEAS, SHOWS and information aimed at the retailer seem to abound these days.
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• A phone-in service run for retailers by Information Technology Circles offers advice and information on retail technology, and subscription rates (based on the number of employees) start from E25 a year. There are plans for technical reports to be offered to members (in non-technical language) about new services and equipment, and later seminars and workshops might be organised. (Spectra IT Circles – Retail, Keyersbridge House, Wokingham Rd, Hurst. Berks RG100RY.) Hurst, Berks RG10 ORY.,

• New technology for retail is also to feature at Retail Europe 84 at the Con-grescentrum RAI, Amsterdam, from February 28 to March 2 next year. Information if required from Itex, at the same address as IT Circles.

 Shopex 84, the international exhibition of retail display equipment, has sent out its preliminary announcements. New members of its advisory board include the chairman of SPAR UK. The show is usually held at Olympia in early summer





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# STUDIOSC

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Argument about a digital or non-digital future for recorded music is already effectively over. The future has arrived. Now it is vital for the providers and the users of digital technology to talk to each other about it. This is why MW and the APRS have jointly sponsored the first all-industry Digital Seminar. It will be a gathering so far unique in the history of the music recording/music producing industry, and could be vital to the future success of both - and ultimately of benefit to the music buying public.

# Digital A word from the sponsors..

GAP in understanding between available technology and its end use is widening.

The days of expecting to know how, and why, a piece of equip-ment does what it does – from a multi-function digital diver's watch to the computer which spits out electricity bills for £0.00 and threatens court action if they are not paid — are over for most people, in both the domestic and not paid professional sides of their lives.

professional sides of their lives. In any field those who cause, and suffer, the most trouble are those who know a little about the technology they make use of, but firmly believe they know a lot and act accordingly.

act accordingly. The way out of the problem of a little knowledge being a dangerous thing is obviously to increase the knowledge – learn more, under-stand better and use technology properly. This is only possible if the technical experts agree to give the information out in plain language and if the users are prepared to listen, learn, and then abandon cherished misconceptions and stop

talking loudly and assertively through the backs of their necks. The record industry and the studio industry are (apparently) united in wanting to record music as well as is physically possible; to

give the public records and pre-recorded cassettes which sound as nearly as possible the way the music did in the studio when the artists approved the final mix.

artists approved the final mix. Digital recording technology offers the chance to do that. But digital recording technology is also opening up a serious gap in under-standing between those who provide the recording facilities and those who ultimately market the recordings. Strung out across the gap are the artists and producers who use the studios, who vary enormously in their grasp of technicalities. The new digital equipment has also been presenting audio engineers with the need to acquire new operating skills quickly — and some are doing noticeably better at it than others.

is high time that these business different different music business professionals did some talking to each other, and some learning together. What exactly is digital recording? What does it give the artist, the producer, the record company, the record buyer? What should it cost? Why? How digital is music particular recording with the d "digital" flashed on the any word sleeve? Is this being used as a cynical marketing ploy, or does the

record industry genuinely not understand the word? What equip-ment is currently available? What will be available in the near future? Is CD the right way for music to reach the home?. Does digital require a different approach? How much should studios spend on remuch should studios spend on remuch should studios spend on re-equipping with state-of-the-art facilities? How much can they afford? How and when will they get their money back? Any or all of these questions –

will be raised at and many more - will be raise the MW/APRS digital seminar.

the MWIAPAS digital seminar. Speakers on the two days – October 24 being a technical day intended for engineers and facility managers, and October 25 an open for producers, artists day for producers, artists and record company people — will include consultant and digital recording specialist Dr Geoffrey Barton, Dr Martin Jones, technical director of Neve International — the makers of the first digital mixing console in the world which is soon to be delivered to the BBC; Bjorn Bluthgen from PolyGram's Compact Disc pressing plant in dav Compact Disc pressing plant in Hanover; journalists Richard Elen, editor of Studio Sound editor of *Studio Sound*, and regular *New Scientist* contributor Barry Fox.

### **UK leads the world** with Neve console

THE WORLD'S first digital mixing console made its rather overdue debut at Neve three weeks ago. It was a launch which was intended to impress and it succeeded.

A technical press conference at the Neve factory in Melbourn, Herts, A technical press conference at the Neve factory in Melbourn, Heris, allowed Neve to unveil the BBC's digital signal processing (DSP) console; to give an idea of the shape of CTS's music studio DSP (literally, since only the main frame was on view) which will be delivered next February; and to introduce the third firm buyer — Bill Foster of Tape One, who has bought the first DSP disc cutting desk and expects delivery next summer.



GROUPED AT the new Neve DSP digital mixing console are (left to right) Rick Wakeman — an artist committed to fully-digital recording and the changeover to CD; the first three digital console purchasers — Bill Foster of Tape One, Russell Fletcher, head of BBC Studio Capital Projects, Peter Harris, MD of CTS Studios and Rupert Neve, founder of the company.

Although debate about digital signal processing continues in the technical

Although debate about digital signal processing continues in the technical and hi-fi press, this British technological stride forward — one which has been supported by three UK companies covering broadcasting, music recording, and disc cutting and mastering (for vinyl and CD) — was well received when demonstrated by Neve research chief Dr Martin Jones. Before unveiling the BBC's console he demonstrated the Neve P3 prototype. This console had been built to enable Neve to get feedback from potential users about modifications which might be needed. As a result, marketing director Derek Tilsley conceded, the work on the first production DSP console was "extended rather beyond what we originally envisaged". However, while the prototype was being put through extensive tests of

However, while the prototype was being put through extensive tests of operational techniques by BBC engineers, in the summer of 1981, the first two firm orders from the BBC and CTS studios were won.

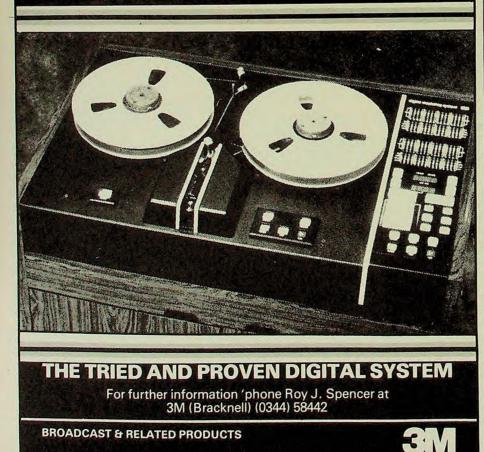
two firm orders from the BBC and CIS studios were won. Underlining the newness of digital recording technology — especially to a music industry which is still overwhelmingly geared to making analogue recordings for vinyl discs and cassettes — (even though digital editing and mastering is rapidly gaining popularity and proving a strong selling point) — Tilsley said: "This is a very proud moment for us, because it is the cul-mination of four years of research into digital technology. But we believe and are confident that analogue mixers will be acound for many years."

mination of four years of research into digital technology. But we believe and are confident that analogue mixers will be around for many years." Speaking about the research which produced this desk, and Neve's thinking on digital, Jones warned that this was a new technology about which some people might already be a little blasé. "There is still a danger that people will accept technology for technology's sake, if they do not ask 'what's it all for?' and 'is it worth it?'' he said. Making a point on which the assembled technical writers were almost all on record as having agreed, Jones stated, "Digital recording has established itself as being a very high quality medium for recording sound — if the numbers go in right and are transferred correctly then the end sound is exactly right. "CD at its best is like a direct line to the output of the mixing console in the studio (and the record industry is selling as many of them as can be

"CD at its best is like a direct line to the output of the mixing console in the studio (and the record industry is selling as many of them as can be manufactured) but CD is also revealing various deficiencies in the recording studio. Analogue/digital conversion can work very well, but it is not perfect and it should not be used too often. We recognised that everyone would benefit from keeping the signal in digital form, so we started work on this process in 1978.

"The digital console is also the audio designer's dream as far as remote control is concerned," he said. "Every operator in every studio really wants a different console." In analogue this has led to designs involving very complex switching; on the DSP console the problem was solved by the digital buss. "Five years ago this technology all seemed a little like a dream; now it is reality," he concluded.

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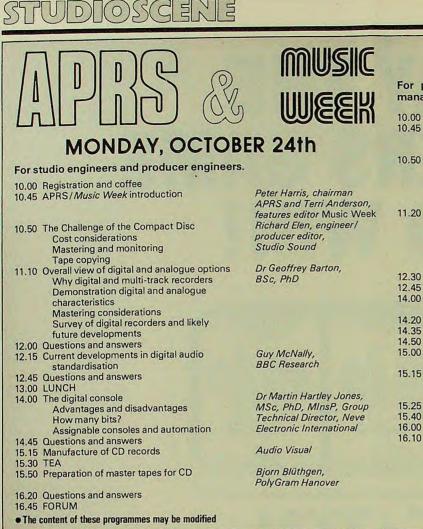
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**Moreton: plan for** an Advanced reality

SOONER OR later the first "digital from scratch" studio had to be announced.

Taking the sooner route, Mike Moreton of Advanced Sounds plans to open a 24-track studio as a further stage of developing his company. He asserts: "We will be digital, to whatever level is state-of-the-art at that moment, from the very beginning

the very beginning." Moreton is well aware, as is everyone else, that analogue recording will continue for a very long time while digital develops in parallel, but he is in the small but growing number of people who are convinced "that any studio which goes digital now will do very well". The studio is a project yet to be started, however. Advanced Sounds is a relatively new company, set up by Mike Moreton and his brother John, to specialise in hiring out digital equipment for studio use. "Digital is the future whether recorde like it or out, and in fact it's already.

"Digital is the future whether people like it or not, and in fact it's already with us. There is a need for the sort of equipment we hire, and much of it is

very expensive for anyone to buy." Advanced Sounds has, for example, bought several Emulators, which are intended to serve a sub-Fairlight demand – being a digital machine for sampling sound and reproducing it via a keyboard. The biggest difference, Moreton points out, is that it does not require a programmer; anyone who can use a keyboard can learn to use this in a very short time. It is, he says, already proving very popular for recording sessions.

#### New digital editing suite

A NEW digital editing facility is now complete and ready for hire at HHB's premises in North West London.

As a UK main dealer for Sony, HHB offers for sale – and for hire – the Sony digital range, and has now opened its own air-conditioned editing suite offering full editing on Sony DAE 1100, transfers from PCM F-1 for Betamax or VHS formats via RTW converter, and copying of



edited material from either format to

As well as the DAE 1100, HHB offers the PCM 1610 processor, the CDP 101 CD player, and of course the F-1 and various video machines. When an editing system is sent out for hire HHB offers "all the support

and instruction needed". The company will soon be starting up its courses again for familiarising studio engineers in digital technology (courses which were run successfully earlier this year and which bore out the HHB directors' guess that most people have a lot to learn about digital and are willing to learn about digital and are willing to learn if given the chance).

They will be inviting engineers to take part in the instruc-tion/demonstration/hands-on practice courses as time goes on (in batches of three or four at a time).

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# Voice from the heart of Karen Carpenter

THE TRAGIC death of Karen Carpenter in February of this year stilled a voice that had graced countless million albums and singles during the last 14 years, which many believed to be the finest of her particular style and generation of female singers.

The tragedy of her death for fans has been tempered with the release on A&M of the album Voice Of The Heart, featuring the last recordings made by The Carpenters, and which has been lovingly completed by her brother Richard. The album marks a return to their her brother Richard. The aloum marks a fetum to their music of the early Seventies, following a couple of LPs – in particular Passage – which found the duo straying into more unfamiliar musical areas, and resulted in a subsequent drop in record sales.

resulted in a subsequent drop in record sales. During a recent promotional visit to London – his first time in the UK for more than two years – Richard Carpenter admitted that it had been a poignant experience completing Voice Of The Heart after the death of Karen. "When Karen died, we'd only got as far as recording the basic tracks and lead vocals, but there was no question of shelving the album, because Karen believed in it so much. The material featured songs that appealed to both of us, and which were a little different from things that we had done in the

past." The songs include a Bonnie Raitt number, Two Lives – "That gave Karen the chance to stretch herself vocally" – Paul Williams' Ordinary Fool, a torch-song, and the poignantly-titled At The End Of A Song, by Richard Carpenter and his long-time song-writing partner, John Bettis.

Carpenter revealed that there is still enough unreleased material left for two more album releases, unreleased material left for two indice abum releases, one of which will be a Christmas LP. The solo LP that Karen recorded five years ago, and then decided against releasing, will, however, remain on the shelf. "She wasn't happy with it, and it was never completed anyway." Richard says. "There was some disco material on the album, as it was made at the time of the source was how was the satisfied with the

material on the album, as it was made at the time of the disco craze, but Karen just wasn't satisfied with the results. It would be wrong to now release the album when she hadn't been happy with it." Carpenter himself intends to continue recording and songwriting, and he hopes to work with other artists, although he says the chances of finding another singer like Karen are remote. "She had it all for her particular capter of singers." Waren had impercable genre of singers," he says, "Karen had impeccable phrasing, her voice had a lot of warmth, but always with that touch of melancholy, which singled her out from most other singers of her generation."

#### Studio time for winning band

ALTERNATIVE MUSIC promoting the Capital Band For '84 competition which aims to find "the most promising London band to find day's studio time and 1,000 singles. The final will take place at the

Tunnel Club in Greenwich on December 10. Contact: Capital Band For '84, The Tunnel Club, The Mitre, 338 Tunnel Avenue, Greenwich, SE10.



RYAN PARIS (left), whose Dolce Vita has been a Europe-wide hit, celebrated his success at London's Xenon nightclub with David Johnston (RCA/Carrére product manager), Freddy Cannon (Carrére UK MD) and Nicky Mackenzie (Eyes & Ears promotion).

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MARK ANGELO, winner of the Song Of The South Ireland BASCA

award, ths year, who has two new Christmas songs suitable for school

choirs, is willing to sing lead on any recording if required. Another earlier song contest finalist, Virginia Tree, also has two Christmas songs on offer.

Publishing is available on all songs. Angelo says: "Those willing to back a charity Christmas release would be of special interest

to us. Basic demos are available." Contact: Jingle Bells, Bluff House, Stoulgrove Lane, Woodcroft, Tidenham,

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Gloucestershire.



BERNARD DE Bosson, managing director of WEA Filipacchi, France, recently flew into London to sign new UK band Outside Edge to WEA worldwide.

The group are managed by former pop star-turned-record company executive Dave Dee, and Stephanie Clipsham. Pictured, I to r, are back row: co-producer Mark Wallis, Dee, Clipsham and Dave Farmer of Outside Edge; front, Eddie Golga, of the band, de Bosson and Tom Farmer of Outside Edge.

## PERFORMANC

#### Blondel

Edited CHRIS WHITE

> AFTER ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S solo successes with Cats and Song & Dance, many eyes will be turned towards his erstwhile will be turned towards his erstwhile songwriting partner Tim Rice's new musical, Blondel, co-written with Stephen Oliver, who wrote the music for the RSC production of Nicholas Nickleby, and based loosely on the life of the 12th century minstrel. The new Rice/Oliver musical opens at London's Old Vic Theatre at the end of this month, and after seeing a preview of the show at Manchester's Palace Theatre, I confidently predict a big success for Rice's first musical venture without Lloyd Webber – and deservedly so.

Lloyd Webber – and deservedly so. Blondel is a light-hearted two hour show, totally upretentious, amusing and witty, and wit but and with a amusing and witty, and with a musical score that should pull in the theatre-goers and sell plenty of albums for MCA Records which is releasing the 2-LP original cast recording. Paul Nicholas, veteran of Rice-

Lloyd Webber's Jesus Christ Superstar, and more recently Lloyd Webber's Cats, tackles the lead role of Blondel with plenty of stage presence, Sharon Lee Hill as his leading lady Fiona is a promising new singer (watch out for her single from the show, Running Back For More) while the four-man Cantabile a more off-beat version of the King Singers – should have a recording future in their own right.
 It will be a sour or churlish Fleet Street critic who sees fit to condemn

Street critic who sees fit to condernin this show, at a time when the West End is desparately short of new musical productions. Rice and Oliver have come up with a show which has genuine appeal to all age groups, and should have few diffi-outine curviving at the box-office at culties surviving at the box-office, at a time when many shows are suffering from the recession. CHRIS WHITE

#### **Depeche Mode**

CRITICS WHO wrote off Depeche CRITICS WHO wrote off Depeche Mode's chances after the departure of Vince Clark to Yazoo, were probably forced to eat their words with the success of Everything Counts, a single which matched, if not outdid, anything that Clark wrote, in or outside the group.

Coming after a chain of mediocre efforts, Everything Counts seems to have marked a turning point for the band, and their recent three sell-out dates at Hammersmith Odeon saw a stronger, maturer group hardly recognisable from the gaggle of gauche electro-popsters who first hit the charts with New Life.

Depeche Mode haven't lost their sense. of simplicity though. While sense of simplicity though. While the songs are a familiar synthesizer pastiche, the lyrics now deal with serious, adult issues and ring more true than those of, say, the wish-washy Get The Balance Right. Dave Gahan's voice isn't really their strong point and while it did falter occasionally, the new, unified strength of the band was there to support him throughout, Deneche

support him throughout. Depeche Mode are looking good to provide at least another year's worth of interesting, original songs. DANNY VAN EMDEN

#### Murray Head

RELATIVELY FEW people have successfully combined both acting and pop music careers, David Essex, Paul Jones and Paul Nicholas being among the rare exceptions, but one name that should be added to that name that should be added to that list is Murray Head, whose film credits have included Sunday Bloody Sunday and The Family Way, and whose singing career has made him one of the biggest-selling recording artists in France. Head's Dominion Theatre dio last

Head's Dominion Theatre gig last veek was long overdue - his last UK appearances were several years ago, supporting Elton John – and judging by the enthusiastic response to many of his numbers, generally unknown in the UK, a large percent-age of the audience were French students and holiday makers.

It's difficult to understand why Head's music career hasn't made more headway in his native country. He has a totally distinctive voice (like He has a totally distinctive voice (like Colin Blunstone, another under-rated performer), a repertoire of strong pop songs with catchy hooks that remain in the memory long after the show, and a stage presentation which combines theatre with rock

music. Head's last album, How Many Ways? was released on his own indie label, but a new recording deal with Virgin, and an excellent debut album, Shade for the label, may mark a turnaround of fortunes in the UK. A TV special this week, reported to Participation UK. A TV special this week, recorded at Paris' Olympia Theatre, where he regularly headlines, may also spread the word. Murray Head is someone for whom pop and rock stardom is long overdue, and our loss is the French's gain. CHRIS WHITE

#### The Fureys

IF THERE was more justice in this music business, The Fureys & Davey Arthur would long ago have become a major albums and singles act. As it is, they are steady sellers and achieve the occasional crossover

But the quality, character and richness of their music both on album and on stage deserves to

Alt London's Dominion Theatre At London's Dominion Theatre last week (part of an extensive UK tour), they blended their newer material from the excellent Steal Away album on Ritz Records with such established favourites as Green Fields Of France and Sweet Sixteen, plus some haunting instrumental work

The packed house was warmly appreciative of the wide musical talents of Finbar Furey, family and friends.

JIM EVANS

#### **Richard Clayderman**

RICHARD CLAYDERMAN'S shy, Gallic charm and musical artistry Galic charm and musical artistry won over more than 16,000 fans during two concerts at London's Royal Albert Hall – part of his first UK tour – which were further proof of his phenomenal popularity in the UK

Clayderman's is no overnight Clayderman's is no overnight success story — in fact it's now seven years since he recorded Ballade Pour Adeline — but the British record-buying public have only latched on to his talents in the last 18 months, thanks mainly to an impainative marketing contents imaginative marketing strategy devised by Tellydisc and Decca/Delphine.

Decca/Delphine. These concerts were the icing on the cake for Clayderman, whose appeal transcends all age barriers, and is the natural successor (albeit lacking the flamboyance) of Liberace.

His programme of songs are all well-loved favourites — La Vie En Rose, Where Do I Begin? (Love Story), a West Side Story medley, the theme from the Deer Hunter, all given a gentle, caressing treatment.

It's easy to sneer at Clayderman's brand of music, but he is an artist destined to be around for a long time yet. His success is well-deserved. CHRIS WHITE



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Got To Be There (Cherry Red (12)CHERRY 68, Pinnacle). Lengthy 12-

inch bass, throbbing intro with catchy brass almost lulls one into believing this is non-vocal side. Lead is effective but there are some harsh vocal-instrumentation moments in rather more jazzy passages. Mixed feelings.

THE GREAT DIVIDE Whispered In Heaven (Ensign (12)ENY 504, RCA). Bright, melodic number with wet quasi-religious lyric which rather brings things down uncomfortably to earth, shouted back-ups of "heaven" part of the record's earthly choir.

RENEE AND RENATO A Little Bitta Me (Hollywood HWD 009, Pinnacle). A classic all-time horror record, excruciatingly sentimental, with drivel lyrics which of course might well end up in the Top 10 – after all, Grandad and Mother Of Mine did well. This one is about a baby who as it happens looks like dad and as an after-thought, like mum.

JOE YELLOW Lover To Lover (Calibre CAB (L)115, PRT). Movement in dance circuit for Italian artist, English vocals with prominent back-ups, tuneful and less pronounced beat than many disco cuts.

#### OTHERS

DIONNE WARWICK & LUTHER VANDROSS How Many Times Can We Say Goodbye (Arista ARIST (12)544, PolyGram). Reflective love lyric sung soft and loud to a tune which has shades of others. Sugary and sweet in overall concept with shades of The Way We Were in feel, heavenly choir and predict-able backing.

MEN WITHOUT HATS Safety Dance (Statik (S)TAK1, CBS). The new pic disc might prove to be the vital ingredient to push this band into UK chart with huge US success now behind them. Snappy number for the more polite floor people.

#### ROX

Sweet Sixteen (Music for Nations (12)KUT 103, Pinnacle) Rox, like Twisted Sister, Motley Crue and Wrathchild keep the make up on thick, but Kiss-influenced cut, raw, rasping with lots of power for HM market.

#### THE GROUP

THE GROUP Technology (Jive (T)42, CBS). A Flock Of Seaguils mould, attractive message-ridden song which only suffers from wanting to do too much, eg, aimless sounding kids half-way.

#### HAIRCUT ONE HUNDRED

HAIRCUT ONE HUNDRED So Tired (Polydor HC(X)2, PolyGram). Doubtless name will give initial momentum for chart, now without Heyward the head people rely more on some etching instrumentation than vocal ability for slowish, sometimes dragging number

#### SELECT SING PAULINE BLACK I Threw It Away (Chrysalis CHS(12)2739, PolyGram) JIMMY THE HOOVER Kill Me Kwik (Inner Vision (T)A3831, CBS) DIANA BOSS

Up Front (Capitol (12)CL 306, EMI) EDDY GRANT Till I Can't Take Love No More (Ice ICE 60, RCA) ELO Four Little Diamonds (Jet (T) A3869, CBS) ADAM ANT Puss 'N' Boots (CBS A3614, CBS)

BILLY IDOL Dancing With Myself (Chrysalis IDOL (X)1, PolyGram). Number was last but very minor hit from Generation X times (60, 1981), Idol brings it up-to-date in fine driving style on 4-track EP running at 33 % rpm. Already been US hit.

#### GAP BAND I'm Ready (If You're Ready) (Total Experience TE(X)004, PolyGram). Hits have come but not to touch the first Oops Up Side Your Head. This has better chance than Early In The Morning (55, 1982) — slow-building funk and reliance on building up solid wall of sound, but the emity mink have around theore a little OTITIS remix might have zapped things a little

OTITIS The Next Time (Sonet SON 2259, PRT). Strong vocal work plus breathy overationes to engaging riff, quality and overall class. Hopefully to catche ears of programmers looking for something clichthe ungual slightly unusual.

#### ITALIAN HEROES

It Must Be Love (Successful SR 303, 0892 29374). Astonishingly well-produced cut from unknown company, lift and feel to very catchy MOR number with a backing which might interest basic pop daytime programmers; flows serenely and tastefully.

GIRLSCHOOL 20th Century Boy (Bronze BRO (X)171, PolyGram). Off Play Dirty, Slade Lea and Holder production, earthy no frills punch number from UK's excel-lent girl hard-rockers, drives and throbs.

#### DOOLEYS

DOOLEYS Flavour Of The Month (RnR 001, IDS). Tarted-up spicy looking Dooleys away from GTO, CBS quarters to own land. Extra vocal wallop making Nolans sound jaded, women to fore on fast mover.

IAN HUNTER Somethin' Goin' On (CBS A3855, CBS). One of UK's best-ever rock vocalists with a bouncy number which he does best to sell, lots of energy and bite in vocal and backing, but it doesn't sound chart orientated.

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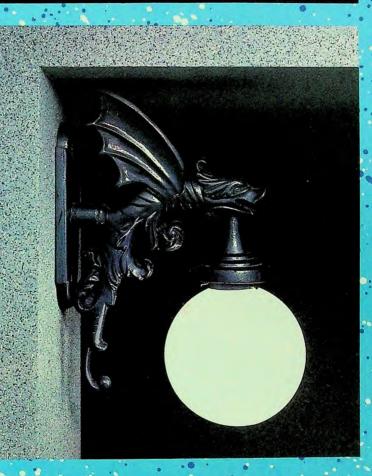
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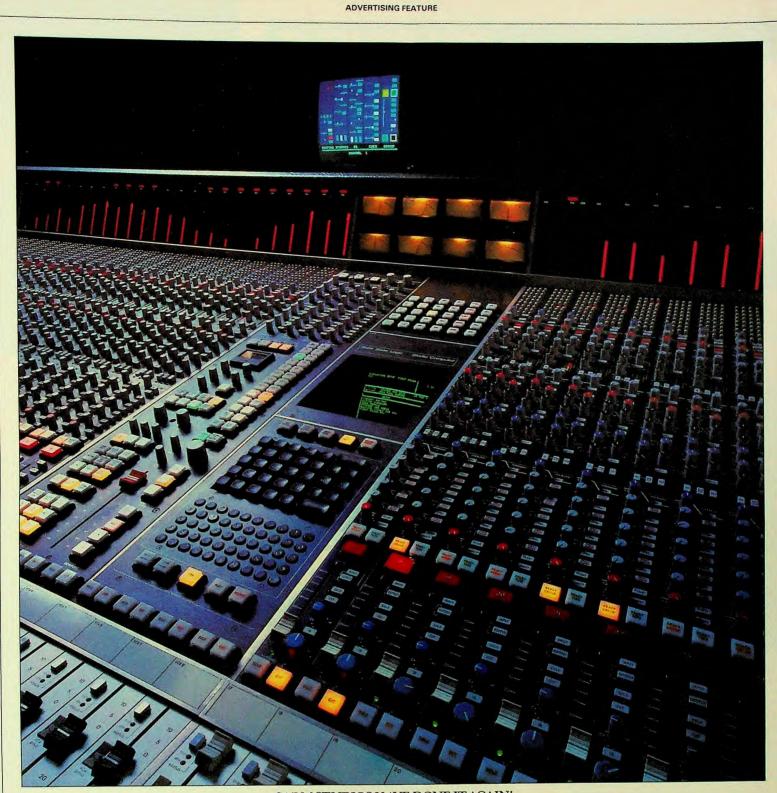
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Tom Watkins of XL Design, responsible for the irresistable design arrangement at Sarm West, responsible for each and every splash, gargoyle, lamp post, blind, print, cushion and ash tray, chuckles delightedly, wickedly. Blue for work? "So that the people who use and visit Sarm West won't feel the blues. "Is that an honest answer? Probably not.

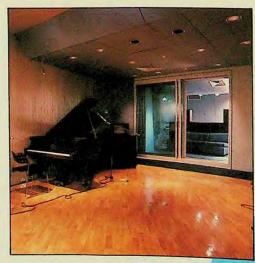
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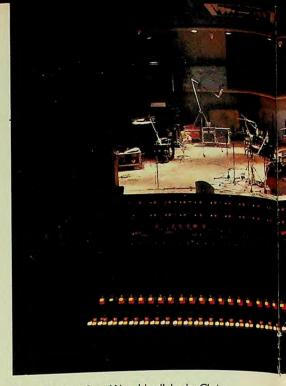
"Whether it's a person's first or tenth record it will be very important to them, and lots of money time and hope will have been invested in that record. So we have to make sure that they make something that is of the very best quality. We have to see that there are no hassles, no. problems, and operate in the friendliest way. We help the artists and producers in every way possible – all they have to do is concentrate on being creative." Or whatever it is they do.



#### HE BIRTH OF THE BLUES

The name Sarm is already famous from the studio in the exotic East. It wasn't just for the sake of balance that Island Record's old offices and studios in Basing Street W11 evolved during the early months of 1983 from rubble into

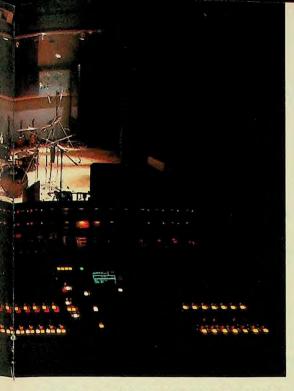




blue and became Sarm West. Island's leader Chris Blackwell, a man not keen on barren waste but the keenest encourager of ambition, who launched his vibrant British Island from Basing street, knew that Jill Sinclair, managing director at Sarm East, and Trevor Horn, her husband and the most versatile producer of the day, could



generate a new kind of magic in the building: recreate for the early '80s the splendid type of optimism and brightness Island worked up in the early '70s. Blue for hope. An unconventional determined team set to work designing the look and sound of three studios. Number One an inspiring temple capable of recording everything from the man in the bow tie working with the baton to the haired up boy with a ton of amps round his legs, number two perfect for concentrated small group work, number three a demo studio constructed for the most up-to-date, and after the date, electronic/computer experimentation. Horn's demands from a recording studio are unique and ruthless and it was important that his own studio met every single one of his requirements, and then attempted to surpass them. At the end of construction the studio



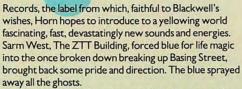
could even cope with Horn's driven wishes. Engineer Nick Froome and acoustician Sean Davies rose to the challenge: Watkins blue about, inventively visualising a feel of serious adventure and playful persistence to match and complement the logical miracles locked up inside the studio machines. Blue for function. Blue for beauty. Blue for eighteen hours in a recording studio feeling lightly cool and constantly alive.



#### LOOMING INTO BLUE

The blue didn't stop inside recording studios. It raced around and around spiral staircases into the racy hustling offices of Jill Sinclair, from where she controls studios, publishings, and manages producers and musicians Horn, Anne Dudley, Gary Langan, J.J. Jeczalik, Adam Kidron and Julian Mendelson.

The blue burst into the offices of Zang Tumb Tuum



For studio manager Karin Clayton blue is for you. "We never say to anyone that it's not possible for you to achieve that, or that, or whatever. We try to take away all inhibitions. We try to make everything possible for the people who visit West.

#### Within reason."

The blooming into blue is a properly celebratory way for Sarm to mark their first ten years on the go, on the up and up. Gary Langan, currently working with ABC on their new LP, has been associated with Sarm for even longer than Jill Sinclair – nine years and six months. So what has he got to say about the Sarm development. "Oh, oh, I've got lots and lots of stories to tell..." Are they blue?

"No."

Well maybe you had better not bother then. At 4 am in the morning Sarm West is at rest: at least sometimes it is. At nine o'clock another full Sarmful day will begin. Will it be blue? Blue for invention? Undoubtedly.





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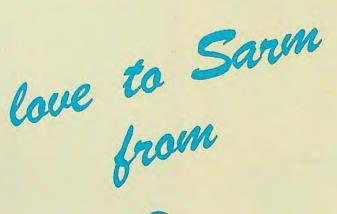
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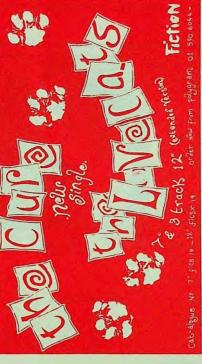
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#### MUSIC WEEK OCTOBER 22, 1983



#### CHAS 'N' DAVE

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Monument - The Soundtrack. Chrysalis CUX 1452. (Six live tracks from the video available through Palace Video. Leaflet in the record sleeve offers the video at a reduced price).

FREEZ Gonna Get You. Beggars Banquet BEGA 48. Producer: Arthur Baker.

THE SHADOWS

VARIOUS ALTISTS

MUSICAL YOUTH

JOHN DENVER

XXV. Polydor POLD 5120. (A new album celebrating the group's 25th anniversary).

TYGERS OF PAN TANG The Best Of The Tygers Of Pan Tang. MCA MCF 3191. TOYAH

Love Is The Law. Safari VOOR 10. Distribution: Spartan. Producer: Nick Tauber.

via a month y compilation album featuring current dance music hits. This is a new concept for the label - a regular series of

MUSICAL YOUTH Different Style. MCA YOU LP2. Slickly produced by Peter Collins, their second album ties in with their first UK tour which starts in Portsmouth this week, and it is being backed by a substantial campaign from MCA. Tracks include the current single, Desmond Dekker's OO7, Stevie Wonder's Whatcha Talkin' 'Bout and Lamont Dozier/Freddie Waite's I'm Sixteen. Guest

vocalists include Junior, Jody Wotley of Shalamar and Donna Summer. If 007 takes off and the tour generates the necessary

It's About Time. RCALP 6087. Difficult to predict how a new

Denver album will fare. The 10 songs in this collection show him to

albums featuring the best of electro/funk music, giv TV advertising. Should be another winner for the label.

excitement, the album should go Top 20.

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MUSICAL YOUTH: should go Top 20

be continuing to explore wide musical areas. The two outstanding cuts are Wild Montana Skies which features Emmylou Harris and Patti Austin on backing vocals and the reggae number, World Game on which he is aided by The Wailers, Rita Marley, The I-Threes and Marcia Griffiths. Denver's one UK concert (London, October 24) should help boost sales.

#### Indies

#### Street Soune s Electro 1. Street Sounds ELCST 1. Distribution: VARIOUS ARTISTS PBT. In less than a year Street Sounds has solidly established itself

- a regular series of

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Indipop Music & Dance Compilasian, Indipop INDU 5. Indipop Music & Dance Compilasian. Indipop INDU 5. Distribution: Rough Trade. From the stable that brought you Monsoon and last year's Compilasian LP, comes the follow-up – a blend of various East/West musical styles featuring Ganges Orchestra, Suns Of Arga, Monsoon and Sanjay all of whom make very refreshing, infectious music. The label looks set to build itself into a major musical force.

#### JANE AND BARTON

Jane And Barton. Cherry Red M RED 53. Distribution: Pinnacle. The calm enchantment of It's A Fine Day, a track which As received airplay in every direction, including Radio Four's Pick Of The Week, dominates this mid-price, mini-LP. The remaining songs are very much in the same gentle, innocent vein, but the impact definitely palls after a few plays. With the success of Virginia Astley's comparable work, From Gardens Where We Feel Secure, this could also do very well, but could easily be a one-off.

Album review ratings outside Top 20 and Top 50:-- \*\*\*good, \*\*fair, \*poor sales predicted in own specialist market. Star rating under General heading indicates sales potential in general pop-rock market, with \*\*\*rating indicating entry into the lower hall of chart only.

FURNITURE When The Boom Was On. Premonition 4C1. Distribution: Pinnacle. Far more interesting than their drab name would suggest, Furniture's roots obviously lie in the Sixties. When The Boom Was On, a six-tracker, draws on influences as disparate as The Doors, jazz and pub rock funk, with a splash of blues thrown in for good measure. Selected dates should help sales, but the name used id to them any fav0015. name won't do them any favours.

PAUL HAIG Rhythm Of Life. Les Disques Du Crepuscule. (through Island) ILPS 9742. Producer: Alex Sadkin. Former Joseph K man Haig has assembled a formidable array of talent to set off this collection of stylish, funky pop tunes. Among those contributing are Tom Bailey of the Thompson Twins and Grace Jones's producer Alex Sadkin, while David McClymont of Orange Juice and former Associate Alan Rankine are joining him on an autumn tour. This should chart.

MADDY PRIOR Going for Glory. Spindrift 104. Producer: Nick Griffiths. Distribution: Making Waves. Look in vain for anything folkie here. With a tight rock four-piece behind her and Griffiths (engineer at Britannia Row for years for Floyd, Cozy Powell, Human League, Motors and others) guiding her as she puts the finishing touches to a total change in style, Prior has come up with a commercial LP which should rank her easily with any of the current wave of strong female pop/AOR soloists. Single is Deep In The Darkest Night – produced and remixed by Eurythmics' Dave Stewart. Stewart.



WAYLON JENNINGS Waylon & Company. RCA PL 84826. A timely release, in view of the artist's first UK concert appearances since 1970. Artists on this 10-track collection include: Jerry Reed, Hank Williams Jnr, Ernest Tubb, Emmylou Harris, Willie Nelson, Tony Joe White, James Garner, Mel Tillis and Jessi Colter. Top line country music that deserves to crossover into mainstream sales.

SISSY SPACEK Hangin' Up My Heart. Atlantic America 790010-1. Producer: Rodney Crowell. Life imitates art – actress plays country singer, becomes country singer. And does it very nicely, with all the help the supreme talent of Crowell can lend. Very good, not great.

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All interested players must contact either James Fleming, BBC Records, on 927 5735 or Angela Fieldhouse at Music Week, 836 1522 by 21st October.

The Music Week Knock-Out Contest is open to everyone in the music business. However, in the case of over-subscription, priority will be given to regular Music Week Squash Ladder players. See opposite for

the latest line up. N.B. Each player will be given a handicap according to his ability, so anyone could win!

Non-players are welcome to cheer along their more athletic colleagues. Remember if the games get boring, there's always the bar!

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We'll be up-dating the Squash Ladder in the weeks leading up to the Knock-Out Contest. The same rules apply as always and you may challenge up to 4 places above you, arrange your game privately and contact James Fleming, BBC Records, 927 5735 with your results.

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## There are certainly still more questions than answers on digital recording, but the chance to clear up some important points came during an informal discussion at the Neve DSP launch.

Predictably, the first subject raised was the vital but potentially uncomfortable one of cost and return on investment.

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Peter Harris of CTS Studios stated, with surprising firmness, that he expected to recoup the costs of setting up the world's first all-digital studio within 12 months.

"Bearing in mind that apart from buying the new console we have also bought a digital tape machine and have undertaken

have also bought a digital tape machine and have undertaken complete refurbishment and acoustic redesign of the studio, I can tell you that we have done our sums very carefully – and we believe that in the first year we will be into profit," he said. Bill Foster, director of Tape One mastering and cutting, swiftly and unequivocally agreed. In the matter of Government subsidies which have helped Neve in its R & D, and have also aided the first two customers for digital consoles (the BBC and CTS), Neve MD Laci Nester-Smith confirmed that "full advantage has been taken of funding which is generally available to industry from the Department of

Smith confirmed that "full advantage has been taken of funding which is generally available to industry from the Department of Industry"; and cited examples of various subsidies available for different stages of this project (eg, the microprocessor development scheme, and pre-production order scheme). While expressing gratitude to the UK Government for such helpful schemes, he added that there were no tax advantages involved, and recipients of subsidies had to conform to "a naturally and rightly chauvinistic set of conditions, because it is the British taxpayers' money which is being used". Foster pointed out that his purchase of the Neve digital disc mastering console was the first completely *unsubsidised* purchase. "We have got our console for full list price. (less a bit of haggled-for discount) of £100,000." He also revealed that he had approached Neve with a request for this console, and the disc mastering desk is being made because he managed to persuade Neve to make it.

Well known technical writer Angus McKenzie stressed that while digital recording and signal processing is "very exciting", it had to be borne in mind that the developments would mean many engineers will have to be re-trained to use it — especially,

"We have all for so many years been bearing in mind analogue records as the end product," he said. "There is

nothing wrong with digital, nothing wrong with CD, but we need a colossal education programme to get people to do it properly."

"The cultural shock this has given BBC engineers is plain," admitted Russell Fletcher head of BBC capital studio projects, "but all our engineers are very keen to get involved in the new "but all our engineers are very keen to get involved in the new technology — and they particularly like the idea of assignability. That is why we are putting our desk into an OB van, so that it can be used by a wide variety of people in a wide variety of situations." He also revealed that when the BBC started using digital for FM transmissions "it was the only time that listeners spontaneously called in and wrote to congratulate us on the improvement in sound quality".

Present as a keen protagonist in the digital debate was composer and musician Rick Wakeman, who commented: "What a musician wants is to have his music played back in the best way possible (though unfortunately record companies don't always see things that way). Musicians should fight harder and push more to have their music recorded digitally to obtain the best sound quality

In answer to citicisms from the hi-fi press that CDs are at best "far from perfect" and that consumers are not nearly as delighted with their quality as the studios and record companies would like to believe, Harris said: "This is all still very new, but current production digital machines are very good, and experienced engineers renowned for having 'golden ears' are most impressed. We believe in CD."

Foster suggested that criticisms of CDs sounding "clinical" might be the result of so few having yet been made by studio engineers (as opposed to CD lab technicians); and Richard Elen, Studio Sound editor, said CDs might be being condemned for what was simply imperfect performance or bad mike technique.

Fletcher felt that the digital v. analogue argument "will soon be obsolete" because before very long digital technology will offer a completely "transparent" recording system. "Then the only thing which will matter will be the skill of the artist, the engineer and the producer." General feel was that the prospect of a time when the producer. General feel was that the prospect of a time when the creative content of records would be judged alone, without the excuses of recording or pressing methods, will be one record companies and recording studios might care to ponder upon carefully.

# Roundhouse's act of digital faith pays off

WHEN THE Roundhouse bought the first digital recording and editing system to be installed in the UK it was as an act of faith in digital technology — and in the 3M system in particular. MD Gerry Bron can say, a full three-and-a-half years later, that his faith has been fully justified on both points. "We were the first and we are very proud of that. But we expected a lot of other people to join us very soon and they have not started to for the started the started they have not started to be a started to b the first and we are very product that, but we expected a for or other people to join us very soon, and they have not started to do so until now. We would very much like to see many more digital systems, and believe they should be 3Ms." There was much speculation at the time about whether the

Roundhouse's pioneering move (which was to some extent complemented by the Townhouse's acquisition of the 3M four-

complemented by the Townhouse's acquisition of the 3M four-track mastering system) would prove a good investment. Bron always believed it would in the long term, and to his surprise was left to recoup his outlay in a more leisurely fashion than he expected — when competition failed to materialise. "There is no question that it has been worthwhile," Bron says. "It has brought a lot of work in, much of it from classical artists who wanted the digital quality but would otherwise not have thought of coming to a pop music studio — so it broadened our clientele. Some artists, like Haircut 100, have only ever wanted to record digitally from the day they began. "I believe that any artist who does not record digitally will soon be shown to be cutting off their own future; and I believe

that CD is the big thing of the future (although the development of digital recording will be held back until people are able to differentiate properly between CDs which have really been digitally recorded and those which have not)." Roundhouse chief engineer Mark Dearnley – who has had three years longer than most to acquire digital experience – also believes that, although digital and analogue will long co-exist, "digital will get better, and it will eventually have to be accepted as the only method of recording music". He is a necessarily very well-informed enthusiast for the 3M system, which he believes offers the greatest flexibility. He stresses that from an audio engineer's point of view digital is not only better and more exciting for the future – it is also very different from analogue. "The most important thing to remember is that it is a totally different medium. You have to relearn technique, learn how to two for a specific purpose, you have to put it there); learn how to take full advantage of the much greater possibilities one has with digital editing."

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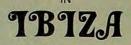


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THE STRONG tendency for professional audio recording and even more so the younger video recording industry - to be London-centred means that Q Studios is a uni audio/video facility unique in Queniborough, near Leicester.

It has been a long, hard task to convince the pop business that it should take advantage of this extraordinary situation, but Q Studios boss Lew Branston and his son and colleague Paul have now been joined by Freddie Palumbo, formerly manager of Transvideo studio, who will be concentrating on downleading these or identified for the former of the former the set of the former of the former of the set of the former of the former of the set of t developing the pop video side of the company. "This is an ideal locality,"



AN EXCELLENT still picture taken in Q Studios video facility of Q video production director John Russell at the camera, and audio engineer Paul Branston at the tape machine.



While the only audio and video studio complex in the Midlands fights for a share of the London-biased pop video business, a new video facility (see box) opens in the daily-lessunfashionable East End of London.

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enthuses Palumbo, "A lot of the big bands are Midlands-based, and we can offer the same facilities as London studios for a much lower rate

"We're working on package deals with some of the many audio studios in this part of the country. Groups record locally but then feel they have to go to London to make their promo videos - so we think we can arrange some attractive deals, in cooperation with other studios, to the benefit of the bands."

The Q Sound Studio (an air conditioned 24-track facility within seconds' walk from the spacious video studio) has just acquired a Q-Lock (no relation) for video audio post-production work. The Branstons feel that the advertising production companies are mistakenly running on the same narrow track as bands when it comes to regarding London as the mecca for commercial-makers; they intend to win some of that work too

The studio complex – which embraces video, film, still photography, resident composer/arranger, in-house graphics, animation facility, and professional audio recording – is justifiably described by its justifiably described by its founder/MD Lew Branston as "a creative resource centre

He has been described by a friend and sometime employee as being a

the studio complex tends to bear out the description. Not only is it plain that the setting up of Q was a brave and businesslike piece of opportunism, but new ideas seem constantly to crop up and be dealt with effectively.

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with effectively. Branston started in a band, built and rented drapery shops, then went into hardware retail and plant hire in the hardware line. Next came a petrol station, which led to the oil business, which led to acquisition of the industrial site on which the petrol/oil company was situated. Then came the not unusual decision to sell videos in the petrol station followed by the surely unique decision to use the spare land next door to make videos. That idea expanded into the "creative expanded into resource centre".



Paul Branston joined his father's company as an engineer, after working as a broadcast engineer for Radio Leicester, and has branched out into audio and video production work.

John Russell is production director and Ernest Brown is programme developer for the industrial videos – a field in which he has 10 years' experience

# Enterprising zone down by the river

THE PROSPECT of a purpose-built independent television studio complex, constructed to high acoustic standards and sited close to the heart of London may sound like a dream in such a crowded city. Yet it is a dream rapidly coming true for the backers of Limehouse Studios.

backers of Limehouse Studios. This new facility is gradually taking shape in London's recently deserted docklands and is on schedule to begin operation before the end of this year, catering for broadcast television, cable, satellite and video productions. Some top names from UK TV companies have joined the staff, tempted by the company's independence and by the chance to get in at the beginning of something new and potentially very successful successful

The multi-million dollar project would not have been possible outside its location on London's Isle of Dogs. Part of the dock area adjacent to the river Thames land not much more than a mile from the Tower of London) has been designated an Enterprise Zone by the Government to attract new industry. Backers are able to offset investment against income tax and there is a holdback on local property tax for 10 years. Nevertheless setting up such a manmoth independent project in such an unpredictable market requires a considerable act of faith. There are two main studios — Studio One with an area of 6,300 sq ft and Studio Two at 3,000 sq ft — which with allied facilities take up most of the building, while space is also The multi-million dollar project would not have been

being let to production companies and others. Ron Payne has commissioned the sound facilities and the entire Limehouse complex is engineered in stereo, which cannot be said of the main broadcast TV stations. To cannot be said of the main broadcast iV stations to enhance the performance of symphonic music, as well as appeal to rock performers, the studio structure has incorporated variable acoustics via the Multi-Channel Reverberation system developed and perfected over the last 15 years by Philips, and insulation of operational areas from extraneous noise is set at NR20.

extraneous noise is set at NR20. Studio One is equipped with a built-in Calrec "sound field" system, primarily for the recording of symphonic and choral music. The mixing consoles are designed around the Calrec "M" series, with additions and modifications to suit timehouse's operations. Dubbing equipment has been installed in both control areas and this determined the configuration of the consoles in that 24-track routing was essential. essential

essential. With the pre-requisite for multi-track capability, and to cater particularly for music recording, it was decided to provide comprehensive "in-line" monitoring, more usually found in recording studios than TV studios. The final desks are multi-purpose, with the three basic status modes: broadcast, record, and re-mix. Any of the three functions can be selected, along with the specialised, associated console routing, metering and

specialised, associated console routing, metering and monitoring. Studio One's console has a capacity of 48 channels, and Studio Two's has 36.



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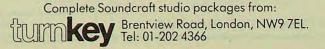
"I had used Soundcraft consoles before in the States, and I was told by my engineers how good the 'sound' of Soundcraft desks really was. So the choice was simple. "My only guidelines in selecting the equipment were

"My only guidelines in selecting the equipment were space and quality. That's why I spent a fortune getting the accoustics just right, having Westlake monitors fitted by a team flown in from the States, a Lexicon reverb unit – and a Soundcraft 2400 console with the new Series 760 multitrack.

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KONK STUDIOS, now a fully operational 48-track facility, reports that it has "never been busier". In the last month or so the that it has "never been busier". In the last month or so the glittering cavalcade of clients coming through the doors has included Wang Chung with producer Chris Hughes for Geffen Records; Strawberry Switchblade, produced by Nicky Holland and Robin Bleck for WEA; Boomtown Rats with producer Peter Walsh, for Phonogram; Jules, with Bill Padley, for Tasty Records; The World with Nick Ilka for Elektra; Rokoco, with Bill Padley again, for Jet; and Vitamin Z, with Chris Hughes again, for Phonogram... again.

All these were booked in as recording artists, but not all of them managed to book Konk's famous, coveted, full-size snooker table.

Bookings for the rest of the autumn are looking good, but there will be a short break while the main studio room is completely refurbished acoustically, and the piano and the vocal booths are given some renovation. Rates will remain the same afterwards, stresses manager Pete Smith.

Konk was, of course, the place where the Kinks recorded their successful Come Dancing single - and the follow-up, Don't Forget To Dance.

The Konk owners are pictured here with the Ampex Golden Reel awards they won recently for their Give The People What They Want and One For The Road albums (mixed and mastered on Award plaques were also given, as usual, to the tape). studio and to the engineer.

And again, as always, Ampex made a \$1,000 award to a charity chosen by the winners (\$2,000 in this case going to the Leukemia Fund for research). At the presentation are (left to right) Mick Avory (Kinks), John Dalton (Leukemia Fund), Ian Gibbons and Pete Smith (of Konk), Damien Korner (engineer); with (front row) Dave Davies, Ray Davies and Jim Rodford (Kinks) and the ubiquitous Tony Shields of Ampex, who is possibly the world's most photographed man off stage screen and radio.

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THE CHAPEL Recording Studio which was featured recently in Studioscene as being up for sale, is no longer on the market. Quite the reverse; since the "for sale" ad and the mention in *MW*, the business has picked up considerably.

Recently recording in this rather lovely converted Methodist chapel adjoining Bram Tchaikovsky's home in South Thoresby, near Alford, Lincolnshire, were Orchestral Manoeuvres. They were followed in by Still Life, and then Virgin's I-Level were booked in for a third visit to the beautifully isolated facility.

Beautifulity isolated facility. Richard Ogden's Ozone management company is now in charge of all marketing and admin for The Chapel (now being handled from Ogden's offices in Acton, West London). The guesthouse by the studio is now complete and can accommodate up to 10 people. Boasting "the cheapest residential 24-track rates in the country" The Chapel is particularly anxious to attract local acts (such as Still Life and Fatal Charms, who have both already recorded there) and is offering "bigger discounts to locally based acts".

# Studio buzzes.

PRODUCER MIKE Hedges (who is booked as a panellist in the open forum at the Digital Seminar on the musicbiz day) is now being managed by his brother Peter Hedges... and they are by their own account still on speaking terms with each other. A recent project was an LP with Robert Gorl (of DAF) at Jacobs Studios in Surrey; and latest is the new Siouxsie and the Banshees album, recorded at Angel Studios.

Peter Hedges has also recently taken over management of producer Ken Thomas — and he is looking to expand this management side of his activities. Interested parties with interesting projects should contact Peter Hedges on 082-572 3881.

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MUFF MURFIN'S London Basement studio this week moves up to being a fully-fledged 24-track facility (Studer, Trident Series 80 desk). "We must now be doing around 10 per cent of all TV and radio ads," says Murfin. "And the move to 24-track will enable us to undertake projects from start to finish, with clients not having to go outside for any of the production stages.

Meanwhile, down in the sticks in Kempsey at Murfin's Old Smithy studio, current refurbishments being undertaken include new floors for the studio area. Murfin is keeping a close eye on developments in cable TV, and will be looking to provide music for

the new medium with his own in-house production team. At Mediterranean, Murfin's recent acquisition on the holiday island of Ibitha, Judas Priest, have completed their album with producer Tom Allon, and bookings for the 46-track residential facility are steady. Enquiries to Murfin on 0905-820659.

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MIKE VERNON, co-owner of Chipping Norton Studios has been using the facility to record a number of artists on his Brand New Records label, including Rocky Sharpe & The Replays. And through Chipping Norton's London office, Chipping Norton Music is being re-launched with the aim of finding new acts and using dead time at Chipping Norton to record top quality demos to help the acts get recording deals.

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SINCE THE partnership of Roger Cameron and Doug Hopkins brought Advision Studios and the Pumacrest Mobile together in one company, and some £40,000 has been spent by Advision's one company, and some £40,000 has been spent by Advision's new owners on upgrading the facilities there, an impressive list of clients has used one or the other facility, either in person or via production companies. Going for a prize in the name-dropping stakes, Advision would like to mention: David Essex, Tom Jones, Culture Club, Status Quo, Peter Gabriel, Cliff Richard, Barry Manilow, Jeff Wayne, James Last, Siouxsie And The Banshees, Toto Cuelo, Nazareth, Set The Tone, Paul McCartney, Everley Brothers, Andrew Lloyd Webber, David Grant, Diamond Head, Samson, Saxon, Shakatak and Jimmy The Hoover.

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THE SCOURGE of the studio business - the short notice cancellation — has given Strawberry South breathing space to do some modifications to the desk and the studio generally, and think about some new equipment. Recent work there included Birch and Hallam produced by Richard Mannering for A&M; the Passion Puppets for Stiff, produced by "swashbuckling" Peter Walsh and engineered by Strawberry chief Nick Ryan; and new WEA band Black.

WHO'S RECORDING what, where, and with whom  $-{\rm it}{\rm is}$  a topic of endless interest to everyone in the studio business. Studioscene plans a new regular feature for brief listings. Drop a line any time with news of your projects — mentioning artist, LP/single, title (if known), producer, engineer and date — to Terri Anderson at *Music Week* address.

THE DISTINCTIVE features of Siouxsie and the Banshees THE DISTINCTIVE features of Siouxsie and the Banshees were framed by the equally distinctive architectural features of Angel Recording studios in Islington recently, when the band was in doing overdubs for their current hit, Dear Prudence. On the pop side Angel has just been used by Pete Wylie of Wah, the new WEA band Dalek I Love You and Korova's Echo and the Bunnymen; and Clannad is currently in studio two recording for RCA. On the film side work has been done in the past few months on soundtracks for Jaws 3D, Jamaica Inn (for TV) Gene Hackman's Misunderstood, a David Hamilton film and two French productions – Genegation David Hamilton film, and two French productions - Garçcon and Ronde de Nuit.

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MARQUEE ELECTRONICS has been formed by Tim Hamill and Graham Middleton (of Feldon Audio) with Harold and Barbara Pendleton, Jerry Browse and Simon White. The company has been appointed UK distributor for Ariel Corporation of New York (manufacturers of a ½ octave spectrum analyser for the IBM PC).

spectrum analyser for the IBM PC). Based at the same address as the Marquee club and Marquee Studio in London's Wardour Street, the new company is offering a rental service, with equipment including their Red Plume range of state-of-the-art units (Eventide SP 2016 programmable effects processor, Quantec room simulator, Sony PCM F-1, AMS DMX 15-80 with all the trimmings, Eventide H949 harmoniser etc) and other digital curvisionet equipment.

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AFTER 10 years as night receptionist at Air London studios Jock Boland has retired. Air staff, and the many artists he has seen in and out of the premises over the years, feel that the retirement is a bit premature, since he is only 81. Several of those who attended his farewell party in Air's canteen

could remember his last retirement party — when he left Abbey Road 16 years ago, at the normal retiring age of 65. Presenting Boland with a Parker Knoll armchair George Martin recalled that when he first started working at Abbey Road as an in-

house producer and recording manager for EMI, Jock had already been there for years as a maintenance engineer. "He was the man we used to rely on to keep those huge old BTRs working." Another Abbey Road one-time trainee, Dave Harries, is now manager of the studio which is losing its famous night recentionist.

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receptionist. Boland, whose long career included working as Winston Churchill's private projectionist at Chequers during the last war, said that he had no plans for coming back into the studio business "at the moment", and revealed that his private ambition was to be around to see Halley's Comet – for the second time. Pictured at the farewell presentation are George Martin, Jock Roland and Do Bell. Air's accounts clerk

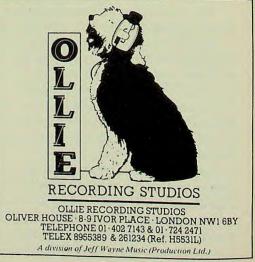
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THE DAY that Jock Boland retired from Air London, Bill Price THE DAY that Sock Boland retired from Air London, Bill Price from Wessex happened to come across an ancient copy of *Music Week* and discovered that it was exactly 10 years since Air had gone 24-track — on September 29, 1973. It is interesting to ponder that this anniversary also coincided with Neve's official launch of the first digital console.

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HAVING OPENED with a booking by Udo Lindenberg, the new Powerplay Studios in Zurich obviously made a good start as far as the Continent is concerned. But manager Jim Duncombe (who remains an Englishman despite 20 years' residence in Switzerland!) very much wanted a UK client. Now he has one; Andy Hill has booked in for next month to produce Papa Rage for Peach River Records.

ALMOST FOUR years after first approaching the APRS for advice on setting up a course in Music Technology, Salford College of Technology has its first intake of would be studio engineers - and

Technology has its first intake of would-be studio engineers – and so has made an excellent and much-needed move towards the provision of trained technical personnel for recording studios in the second half of the Eighties. Although the APRS offered enthusiastic support for Salford's ideas, and went on to help plan (and advise on equipping) for the course, it has taken from November 1979 to September 1983 to turn the idea into reality (thanks, inevitably, to financial cutbacks in education and other prohlems).

in education and other problems). Head of the course is Ron Holt, assisted by APRS member Bill Leader, of Leader Sound, Halifax, and an electronics professor. The first intake of 32 students is expected to grow during the first three-year course until the total is 85. And the original idea of having a modest eight-track facility for teaching has developed to a point where the college now boasts a Soundcraft 28/24.

Perkins: reviving the craft of studio management

WITH THE ascent of the record producer in the late Sixties and Seventies came the relegation of the profession of "recording

manager" to the status of dodo. A number of people in the music business feel that it should not be extinct, and is needed today as much if not more than in the Fifties and early Sixties.

One of those who has translated the thought into business is Graeme Perkins, who started as business manager at the thennew Regents Park Studio. Having entered the studio business Perkins stayed in it, moving on to manage SuperBear in the South of France.

By the time he returned to live in England he had formed clear ideas about the business side of studios. As someone who had already organised about 1,500 studio sessions, he was convinced that the whole process of studio booking and

was convinced that the whole process of studio booking and sessions organising was in general done very inefficiently. What the business needed was a revival of the craft of recording management, he decided. "With the increase in technology and the uniqueness of each project's requirements these days, the need for recording managers is even greater now," he reasons. His business is to fill the requirements of the artists — on facilities (what do they really need as opposed to what they think they might need), on time, and on price. The last mentioned is obviously a major factor, but Perkins is very firm about his attitude on it. "I'm not interested in looking for down time or free time at

"I'm not interested in looking for down time or free time at short notice; any good studio would be using that time for maintenance or for its own production work. And if a band wants a small, basic, cheap studio they would be best served

#### by looking in the Melody Maker small ads.

"I book the right, fully professional studio, to suit the act. Studio costs being what they are (and remember it's the artists' money which is involved) it is also sensible not to have a lot of expensive equipment on hire, sitting around for days unused — so I help to plan the sessions in advance."

unused — so I help to plan the sessions in advance." Offering balm to the souls of many studio managers who are desperately trying to avoid damagingly deep discounting nowadays, Perkins stresses: "I believe studios must maintain a reasonable rate, which allows them to keep up high professional standards (and the UK has the highest in the world), and encourages R&D, and makes a profit." All these considerations are what his approach to recording management is based on. He bilinger that working to bis own

management is based on. He believes that working to his own strict professional rules allows him to serve his studio clients and his artists without clashes of interest, or pressure to put any project in a studio he has as a client. He represents SuperBear (Nice) and Powerplay (Zurich) as

an agent; manages Ollie; and represents Hugh Murphy's Jive Cottage (near Silverstone) as London agent. As recording manager he works for Lulu and Mark London, Jeff Wayne and Manager he works for Lulu and Mark London, Jeff Wayne and Jeff Wayne Music Advertising, Brook Productions, RGM Records, Ze Records, and jingles producer Joh Altman. He finds he can be of particular use to overseas artists who want to record in the UK, but find setting sessions up at long distance is a problem. Summing up the new practise of an old craft Perkins says:

"My job is trying to make recording as easy and efficient as possible."

# Livingston Studios bids farewell to a numberless Neve

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THE YEARS that the management and engineering team at

The YEARS that the management and engineering team at Livingston Studio have spent in the recording business would tot up to an embarassingly impressive number. They are putting everything they have learned about the practical creative and technical sides of recording into this Wood Green, North London facility – aiming to "up there with the best of the very good ones, but not competing in the big league". league

league". Film director Ray Kinsey brought his son Nick into the sound recording business via the studio he owned, and Nick Kinsey is now MD of Livingston (and the man behind the ever-being-improved design of the place). Jerry Boys, whose 15 years as a studio engineer included being chief at Tony Cox's Sawmill Studio in Cornwall before he came back to London, is manager and engineer. Alan Tomkins, financial director, started in the documentary film side of the recording business, worked on A/V for the British Council, and was at one time at Angus McKenzie's Olympic Studios. These three — who, Boys remarks, were between them

These three – who, Boys remarks, were between the probably responsible for about two-thirds of all British folk recordings at one time – have with them a team comprising chief engineer Dave Bascombe, engineer Tony Harris, Peter Martelli (who came to discover a talent for maintenance engineering while selling ice cream in Cornwall and then meeting up with the Sawmills crew) and tape op Felix Kendall.

meeting up with the Sawmills crew) and tape op Felix Kendall. Livingston's studio one — which has the spaciousness which comes from being within what was once a church — was re-equipped some months ago with an MCI desk and acoustic refurbishment, and plans are afoot to buy a new desk for studio two's control room very soon. That will mean a sad parting with what the Livingston team believe is probably the oldest working Neve desk in existence (so ancient it doesn't even have a model or series numbed) or series number).

The need to upgrade studio two is a welcome sign that the customers want the studio two is a welcome sign that the customers want the studio for masters rather than demos, and so two rooms are needed for this work, rather than one-plus-a downmarket demo studio. Customers to date have included Level 42, Bad Manners, H2O and Joe Dolan. Currently in studio one, making a comeback to recording together after many years, are Pentangle – and just for contrast Bow Wow Wow are booked in to follow.

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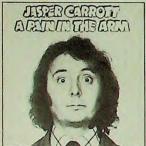
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Generally, they are steady sellers rather than high-flying chart material. But occasionally, one breaks through and notches up huge sales, comparable to those of any major rock act.

The first Not The Nine O'Clock News album sold 482,000 copies and the follow-up, Hedgehog Sandwich, has sold 273,000 copies to date. A third, double album has reached sales of 45,000. All three, of course, are on BBC Records.

BBC Records is in a unique position with a wealth of product to draw on. Its albums are frequently trailed on TV and the contents of the albums are shown regularly.

Not all TV comedy programmes acceed as records. Situation succeed as records. Situation comedies, in edited form, often fail to achieve satisfactory sales levels.

Alan Bilyard, head of BBC Records puts great importance on the label's comedy catalogue which has become its biggest selling line.

"Our first comedy venture was the first Monty Python Flying Circus album in 1970," he says. "Considering Python was such a visual concept, we had a few problems deciding how best to convert such a series to a mere record. Nonetheless, we decided to go with it. It went on to sell 150,000 copies and, really, we haven't looked back since."

The BBC's comedy archives have wealth of material that has

successfully translated onto vinyl and into record sales. "The Goon Show and Tony Hancock are no mean sellers," says Bilyard. "The mean sellers," says Bilyard. "The tenth volume of the Goon Shows has just been released, and total sales for the previous nine are running at 286,000. Likewise, a new Hancock LP has just been released, and the Maestro's four albums prior to this one have made 165,000 sales. Round The Horne has also proved a strong seller."

well as the big sellers, BBC Records Records has had its disappointments. "For example," says Bilyard, "To The Manor Born just didn't happen, despite the huge audience figures. Generally audience figures. Generally speaking, it's the short sketches that work better on record, rather than work better on record, rather than the long, drawn-out pieces. Situation comedies – with the exception of the already-mentioned classics don't really work. It's the slick programmes that lend them-selves to clever editing that work. The Two Ronnies have done well, and Three Of A Kind, the latest caticical programme is moving along satirical programme is moving along nicely.

Bilvard admits that the comedy is the label's "backbone" and points out that more unusual programmes like Noel Edmonds' Funny Phone Calls also achieve healthy sales.

"Some of our records do go out of fashion," adds Bilyard, "sales of Not The Nine O'Clock News are well down now. But generally, our records make regularly-moving stock items for retailers.

"We believe that our comedy records provide a profitable area for the three parties involved — BBC Records, the artists and the retailers."



SHARING A joke with the laughing stock of the BBC are (from left to right): Mario Moscardini (designer), Alan Bilyard, head of BBC Records and A&R manager William Grierson, surrounded by an array of comedy records and awards

awarus. BBC Records' plans for next year include a new Michael Bentine album, a best of the Not The Nine O'Clock News album and an album from Mel Smith and Griff Rhys Jones' new TV series. "The secret with comedy albums," says A&R manager William Grierson, "is to keep the pace going — Get the audience hooked and then pump out the jokes and sketches, rapidly."

# The joke's on Charisma

CHARISMA RECORDS has an impressive back catalogue of comedy material, and following the label's recent licensing deal Virgin, the latter is re-promoting some of the Charisma classics. These include: Barry Humphries -Housewife Superstar (CHC18) and the following Monty Python albums: Another Monty Python Record

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At Didy Lane (CLAS 4). All are also available in cassette.
 Still available on Virgin are Derek & Clive Come Again (V2094) and Ad Nauseum (V2112).

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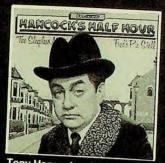
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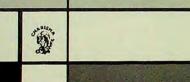
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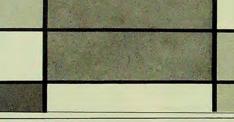
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# **COMEDY Classic Carrott**

"A FEW years ago, there was great competition between Billy Connolly, Mike Harding and Jasper Carrott to sell their particular brand of humour on record," says DJM Records managing director Stephen James. "In my opinion, Jasper Carrott is the one who still sells records.

"He has been with DJM now for seven years — and he gives a great deal of time and cooperation with each recording. In fact, when it comes down to it, he is something of a perfectionist.

## Shock horror!

"And I honestly believe The Stun is his best album to date."

The Stun, for which the marketing, advertising and sleeve design is a parody of a certain popular daily newspaper, famous for its "exclusives" and page three pin-ups, is to be the subject of a major campaign from DJM.

The release of The Stun ties in with Carrott's new BBC TV series, which runs from October 22 to December 10.

The campaign for the album includes: trade press advertising; 200 pairs of London



Transport bus front ads through the month of November; extensive London underground poster ads; Television advertising via Channel Four in the Central and Granada regions; point-of-sale material and posters; window displays and possible national newspaper and TV-am advertising.

## Promotion

The Stun (DJF 20582/DJH 40582) features material from Carrott's 1983 UK tour and from his Election Night television special. Co-inciding with the release, DJM will be repromoting Carrott's back catalogue albums, the biggest seller of which to date has been The Unrecorded Jasper Carrott.

• Also still available on DJM is Kenneth Williams and Hugh Paddick's album, The Bona Album Of Julian & Sandy (DJM 22084), now at mid-price.



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# **Kirkby's early** music magic

Songs and Ayres, Purcell. Emma Kirkby, voice, Anthony Rooley, lute, Christopher Hogwood, keyboard. Decca Florilegium KDSDC 713.

Florilegium is gradually building up a library of solo albums by Emma Kirkby who has caught the imagination of the early music world in a way that no other singer has managed. Her remarkable vocal control in both the dynamics and the intonation of the music she sings, allied to an intelligent and sensitive response, lends a magic to her performances, and this Purcell volume is no different.

The songs range from the ornamental If Music Be The Food Of Love, to the incomparable plaint O O Let Me Weep. The whole O Let Me Weep. The whole production shows that Kirkby is an outstanding performer who is growing in stature with every release. whole

## **Digital fireworks**

Music for the Royal Fireworks, Handel. Scottish Chamber Orchestra, Gibson. ASV DCA 521.

Thousands watched the fireworks I housands watched the tireworks display that lit up Edinburgh's Mound during the last two Festivals. On both occasions, the Scottish Chamber Orchestra under Gibson was there to play Handel's outdoor music, and this record will obviously appeal to that audience. But the record also has a wider

potential, for apart from the "authentic" versions by Hogwood, there are no digital recordings available – all the old favourite versions (ECO/Leppard, ASMF/Marriner) date from the analogue days.

This new disc is coupled with the Concerto for Oboe and Strings (Robin Miller as the able soloist) the Sinfonia from Acis and Galatea and the Overture from Alexander's Feast

## **Tribute to Walton**

Sir William Walton 1902-1983. CBS Masterworks 79411. It says much of composer and company that one of the best compilation-tributes to Walton, who

earlier this year, comes from CBS. A 4-LP set, it is a mixture of A 4-LP set, it is a mixture of historically important performances and new recordings of choral music, concertos and shorter orchestral works, much of it performed by George Szell and the Cleveland Orchestra – musicians who held the

composer in great respect. In fact, the feeling was mutual, for Walton admired the way Szell conducted his music, particularly the Hindemith Variations which open this box set, and the Symphony No 2. The Cleveland also plays the Partita for Orchestra which was commissioned for the Orchestra's 40th anniversary



Intermezzo Musicale. Michala Petri, recorders, Hanne Petri, harpsichord, David Petri, cello. Philips 6514 324. Philips is pushing to establish Michala Petri as a recorder player outside the classical world — without leading her into the excesses of Galway promotion. She has made a number of records — concertos, trio sonatas, etc — but this is her most popular departure yet. The first side is dedicated to some beautiful baroque melodies, including Bach's Siciliano, played with the plaintive clarity that is so much part of the recorder's nature. But the second side is a pleasant pot-pourri including Paganini's Moto Perpetuo, Rimsky-Korsakov's Flight of the Bumble Bee and Schubert's The Bee... the kind of pierce which Limagine she normally resources pieces, which, I imagine, she normally reserves for encores.

The most popular works in this set are Belshazzar's Feast and Facade in recordings which date from the Fifties and Sixties – Belshazzar is directed by Ormandy - but I find one of the most intriguing and Viola Concerto, a 1961 revised version by Paul Doktor, and the Viola Concerto, played by Zino Francescatti. The last side has two

recordings, the Johannesburg Festival Overture and the Cappriccio Johannesburg Burlesco - the last conducted by its dedicatee, Andre Kostelanetz.

# **Ravishing Kiri**

Verdi and Puccini, Kiri Te Kanawa. LPO, Pritchard. CBS D37298.

Kiri Te Kanawa is selling more classical records in the UK than any other female singer at the moment - which is why she appeared, albeit

briefly, in the pop charts recently. Here, she is on CBS, singing some very popular Verdi and Puccini some very popular Verdi and Puccini arias, including Vissi d'arte from Tosca. She is not a deeply impassioned performer, but her ravishingly beautiful voice and sustained line, even at the very top

her register the aria from Rondine is one of the best tracks on the album and illustrates this the album and illustrates this perfectly – make her contribution exceptional, This LP should sell well.

#### **Refreshing duo**

The Meeting. Chick Corea, Friedrich Gulda. Philips 410 397-1. Gulda has always been a pianist outside the normal concert mould outside the normal concert mould – happy to improvise programmes on the spot in recitals, while Corea, apart from his work with Miles Davis, is a fine Mozart planist.

Davis, is a fine Mozart pianist. What evolved from this meeting, in Munich 1982, was a display of truly sensitive piano playing. Whether dealing with a classic like Someday My Prince Will Come, or Brahms' Cradlesong, the melodic and harmonic invention of both players was always absorbing and varied in style from sound images to moving kyricism. moving lyricism.

A refreshing break from Chopin Waltzes and of interest to jazz sections as well as classical.

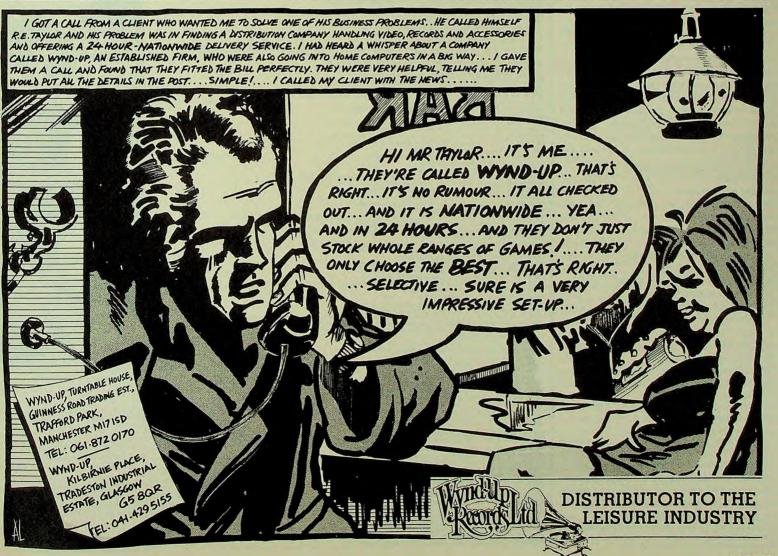
#### Sad appeal

For These Distracted Tymes -Music of the Civil Wars, London Baroque. Meridian E77059.

Meridian releases only a handful of records each year, but they usually include some appealing titles – like this this.

London Baroque specialises in instrumental music of the 17th century and plays regularly on the early music scene

early music scene. This is a scholarly collection of music containing much reflective and mournful divisions and ayres written during the Civil Wars, including a remarkable Pava by William Lawes – still one of the most underrated composers of the partied to be recerification in them period. The record's title is taken from the Sad Pavan by Thomas Tomkins.



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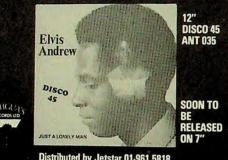
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Since leaving University in Australia, Scott has worked in

# Magic men on Genie

NEW LONDON indie Genie Records was formed by members of Sounds Magic to promote their music and other acts. The band, formed by blind singer-songwriter Phil Troll in 1979, are currently in France recording their first LP, Magic Collection. The band have released their first single on the label, Just Time/CB Queen, distributed by Pinnacle. Genie Records, 1a Vine Gardens, Ilford IG1 2QH, 01-554 2933.

#### **Current Model**

NEW MODEL, a band who have featured on local radio and the John Peel programme, have a single, Chilean have a single, Chilean Warning, released on Mr Clean Records

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theatre and on the variety scene with such as Harry Secombe, Lonnie Donegan, Val Doonican and The Platters. Most recently she appeared opposite Jill Gascoine in the West End musical, Destry Rides Again.

A spokesman for Donut said: "Maggie Scott's first release is a rock ballad, but the second single will be in a more schmaltzy style. We've got



FIVE STAR (pictured) are real-life brothers and sisters -Delroy (13), Denice (15), Lorraine (16), Doris (17) and Stedman (19) – and they're the children of music business veteran Buster Pearson, who during the Sixties was a member of The Links, a soul band which provided backings for Wilson Pickett, Lee Dorsey, Desmond Decker and other visiting acts. The second-generation Pearsons have recently released their own single, Problematic on Tent Records, distributed by PRT, available in seven and 12-inch formats. Tent Records: 147 Gorse Way, Rush Green, Romford, Fscav. Essex



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THE UK SUBS have released their new album, Flood Of Lies, on Scarlet Records, distributed by IDS and the Cartel. The LP is the first to be recorded by the band's new line-up and is released on their own label - a subsidiary of Fallout Records. 000

SOUTH LONDON trio Swallow Tongue has a new 7 and 12-inch single released by Cherry Red Records. The A-side, Got To Be There, is described as a new direction for Cherry Red, a mixture of pop and jazz put to strong rhythms. The band's first LP, Stain Upon The Silence, will soon be released. ППП

MUSIC FOR NATIONS releases a four-track single by US band Virgin Steele on October 28, following the recent chart success of their Guardians Of The Flame LP. The A-side is a remixed album track, A Cry In The Night, coupled with two previously unavailable tracks, Go Down Fighting and I Am The One. Distribution is by Pinnacle. 

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PROGRESSIVE BAND Quasar have a 24-date tour to promote their debut LP, Fire In The Sky, released on Q Records this month. The album is available in cassette form only, available direct from 60 Bowsprit Point, Mellish Street, London E14.



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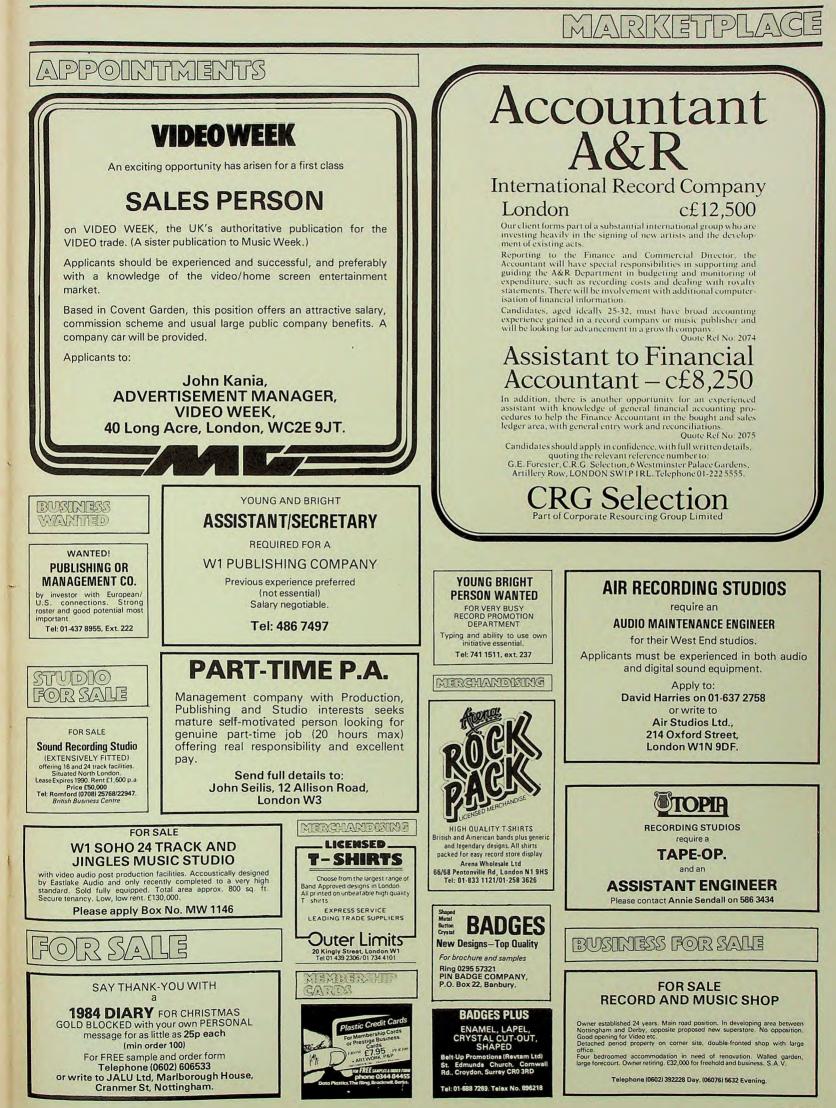
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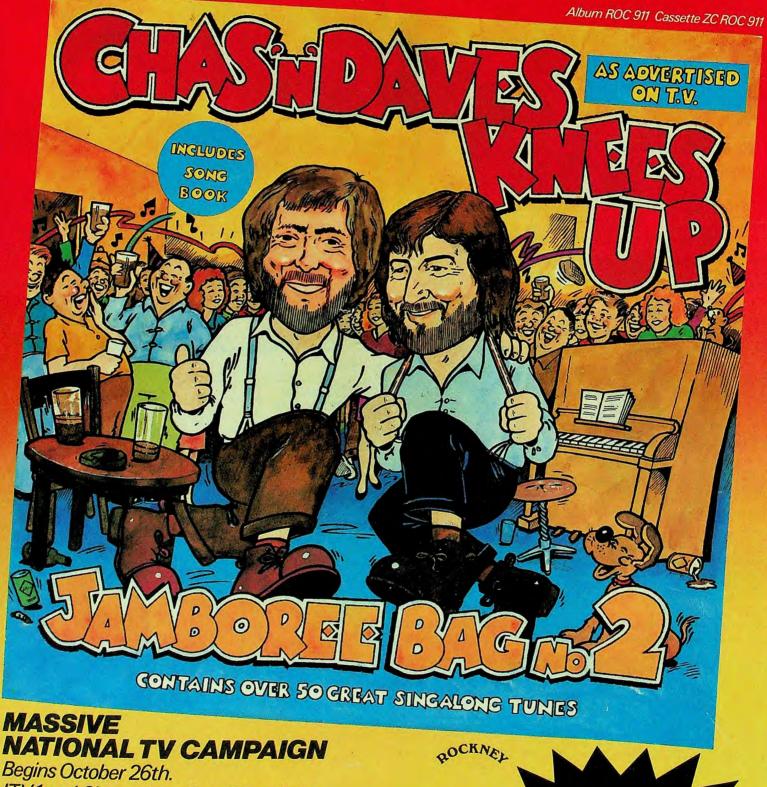
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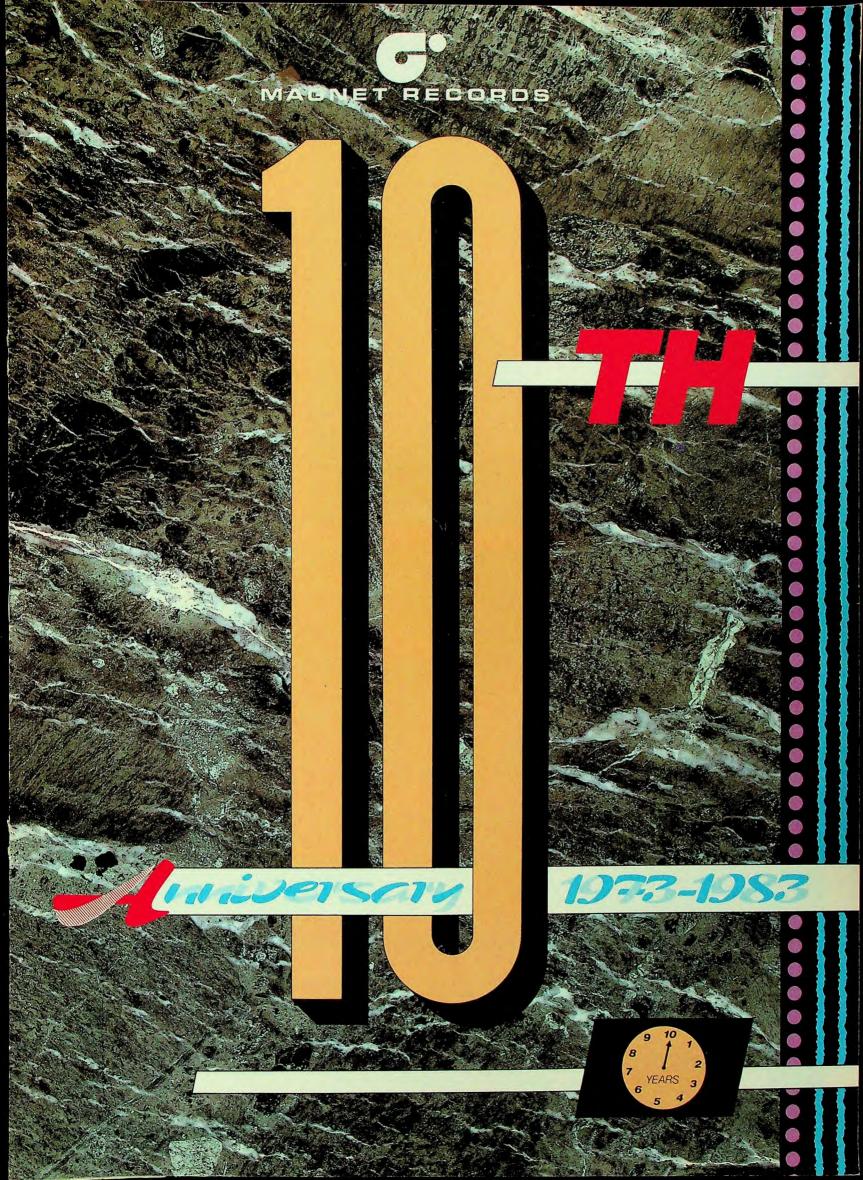


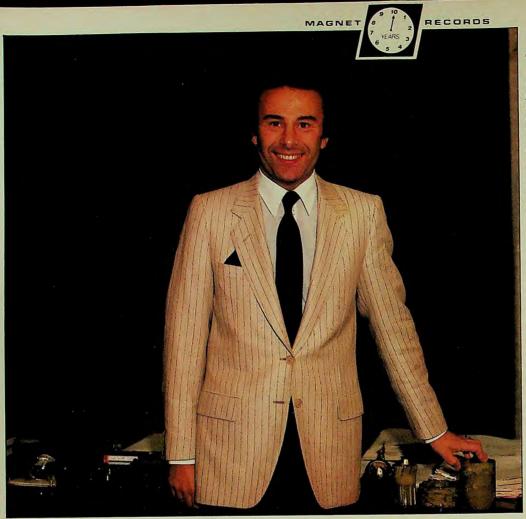
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# Magnet, past, present and future...

TEN YEARS after he launched Magnet Records and have just had a hit with Kissing The Pink, is going to be founder and Managing Director, Michael Levy, in an very big for us in 1984 with three albums out, namely Blue Zoo, interview with Jim Evans, explains the company's policy and discusses the past, present and future of one of the UK's first independent labels.

#### Q. How did Magnet Records come into being?

acting as financial adviser to a number of major artists, producers, songwriters and companies involved in the record industry. I had built up contacts around the world and was specialising in advising on international licensing and copyright.

In late 1973 I thought there was room for another independent record company in the UK. At the time, independents doing well included Bell – American-based though its major successes came from the UK – Rak, Chrysalis and Island.

It was not my intention to run Magnet Records full-time, but from the start it was expanding continually and by 1975 I decided to sell my practice and concentrate on building Magnet.

#### Q. What was the first record released on Magnet?

Alvin Stardust's "My Coo Ca Choo" (MAG 1) which became one of the biggest ever singles to be shipped out of the CBS warehouse, notching up 750,000 UK sales, and more than twice that worldwide. Since then we have released approximately 260 singles and sixty albums - we have always maintained a selective policy with our releases. In April, 1975 we became the number one label in the UK with 9 per cent of the market. When the label first started there were five people involved in running it. Now we number thirty, including the regional promotional team.

#### Q. How much of Magnet's success has been achieved overseas?

I don't believe the UK operation as it is - in terms of size of marketing and developing acts mean that you have to cast your horizons further than just the UK market. Our overseas success obviously varies from territory to territory but we have enjoyed success in virtually every market in the world. We are now well established in Germany, the Benelux countries and Scandinavia. In France, Australia and New Zealand and Italy we are currently enjoying chart success and South Africa has proved an excellent market for us. Japan has been fairly good and I believe America, where we have broken Chris Rea he's achieved worldwide success but minimal UK success,

Kissing The Pink and Chris Rea.

#### Q. Has it always been your policy to maintain a tight artist roster?

Yes, I have never believed in the 'mud-against-the-wall' By 1973 I was, as a practising chartered accountant, theory. When an act signs to Magnet one can say with absolute certainty that that act will get a great shot. Ultimately, of course, it's the public that decides, but we will do everything possible that we can to help them make it.

Hopefully, Chris Rea is about to explode worldwide. He's in the charts in most European territories, doing TV promotion and touring, and breaking ground in Australia, New Zealand and Japan. We are holding his album, "Water Sign," for release in the U.S.A. for the first week of next year. As a writer his songs have been covered by such artists as Elkie Brooks and Rod Stewart. In fact, he is acclaimed by just about every major act in the business.

Kissing The Pink, who have received terrific reviews for their first tour and album and have enjoyed chart success in the UK and USA, and have supported the Police in the USA, are another big talent and a development act for Magnet. Their next album will be released early next year.

Blue Zoo are another act we feel are going to make it big. They have a very charismatic lead singer and songwriting talent. Their current single will, I'm convinced, consolidate their position in the U.K. and start their development around the world.

Geraldine has scored phenomenal success in South Africa, Geraldine has scored phenomenal success in South Africa, gaining a double platinum award for her albums there. We are hopine her next album will break in other markets. The same strength lies We are the strength lies We are strength lies We are strength lies which gives us great flexibility is where our hoping her next album will break in other markets. The same can be said of Wall Street Crash - they're already huge in Italy brought in a lot of youth and, as an A & R/promotionother European territories.

In the disco scene both the Biz and Sinitta have laid good foundations and are building for their next singles. We are also working on a number of new and recent signings. Tony operation, artist roster and artist commitment - could exist Visconii is producing Sylvia (formerly with Kissing The without worldwide exploitation. The costs of recording, Pink) and Greg Walsh has been producing new material Pink) and Greg Walsh has been producing new material for Barb.

Baro. To sum up, we have an expanding roster with artists at all stages of development, from the embryonic, to the building, to the established - and all are being groomed to move onto the next level.

Going back to what I said earlier, this is a worldwide market. Music crosses all barriers - look at Julio Iglesias from Spain, or Men At Work from Australia. And Chris de Burgh -

# Q. You recently switched to RCA for distribution?

We switched to RCA because we wanted to be in the We switched to RCA because we wanted to be in the mainstream of the record business. That's not to say we had problems with PRT, but we liked the idea of being with a company that already had its own meaningful roster of company that already had no bar meaning in roster of contemporary artists. I, also, have a great deal of respect for David Betteridge.

# Q. Your publishing arm, Magnet Music, has played an important role in the company's development?

Magnet Music has always been a very successful arm of our Magnet Music has always been a very successful arm of our business. When we sign an act, we always aim to sign the publishing as well. Having the publishing enables one to increase our investment in building the act. We can put more into the acts and give them more chance of success.

#### Q. Though a distributed label, you maintain most record company functions within house?

We have our own in-house facilities, and where necessary we nave our own in house the have everything here - A & R use outside neip. Dustanty, we regional promotion, publishing marketing, promotion, press, regional promotion, publishing marketing, promotion, preservone so close, working in the and international. Having consequences, advising in the same building, allows for cross-pollenation of ideas. All the same building, allows for cross polentation of laters. All the release planning, production schedules, marketing and advertising are co-ordinated from here. We also have our own accounts, administration and computer departments inhouse.

#### Q. How do you see Magnet progressing over the next ten years?

I see myself playing an active role in an overall direction. But I see the senior people here taking on more responsibility for the day-to-day running of the operation. The music business is not like any other. It is all about breaking artists and developing them. I believe that at Magnet we are on the verge of big success, about to move onto the next stage of our development.

#### Q. How do you view the industry as a whole?

During the last period of time in this industry, three important factors have caused major problems.

Firstly, the new areas of competition for home leisure consumer spending. Video, video games and computers have added a whole new horizon to home entertainment.

Secondly, the growing sophistication of home-taping equipment has made a great dent in the volume of our business. And thirdly, the general worldwide economic recession has cut the amount of money available for consumer spending on

records.

#### Q. So you see a bleak future for the record industry?

No. Having said that, and made those three points, I will make three counter-points for the future. First, computer games and video games have had their field day, they've peaked and software sales are levelling off. But everyone will still want music. Children and teenagers will still want their heroes to relate to - which is where we come in, in developing and building artists.

Home taping will never be eradicated. But with exciting new artists and improvements in packaging and presentation, people will still want the original, not a copy.

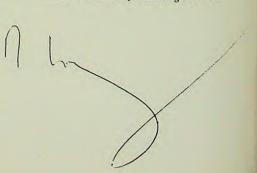
With regard to the economic situation, one can say that in these hard times people will tend to turn towards home entertainment, and economically, I believe we are turning the corner. It has already happened in America where volume sales are coming back.

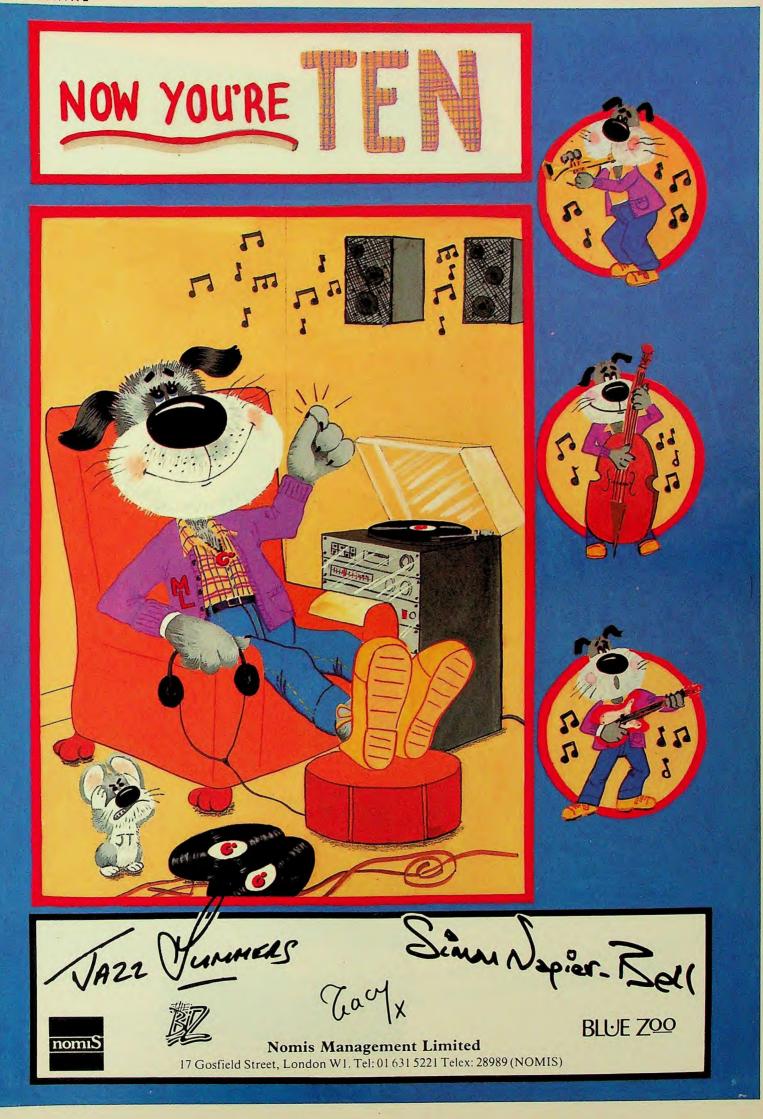
In general, I am cautiously confident. I believe the turnaround will happen again, and there will always be a need for the available. for the exciting new talent the public wants. The difficulty is whether or not there will be enough to spread around.

### Q. With their ability to pay huge advances, etc. do you not feel the threat of the majors constantly hanging over you?

strength lies. We have made a number of changes recently. orientated company, we are building confidently for the eighties and beyond.

There will always be a market for exciting talent .....





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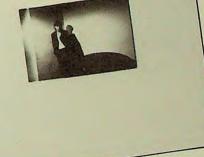


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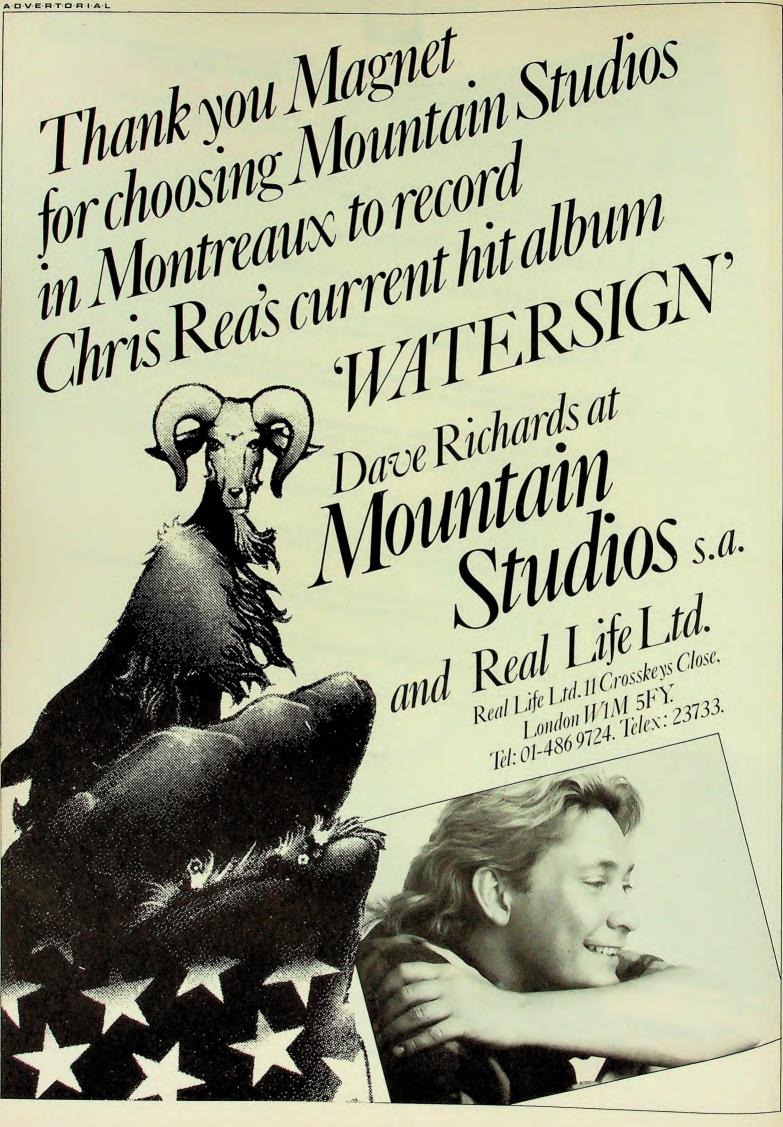
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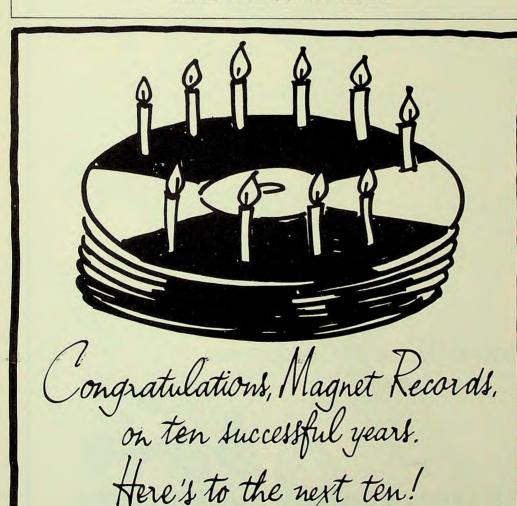
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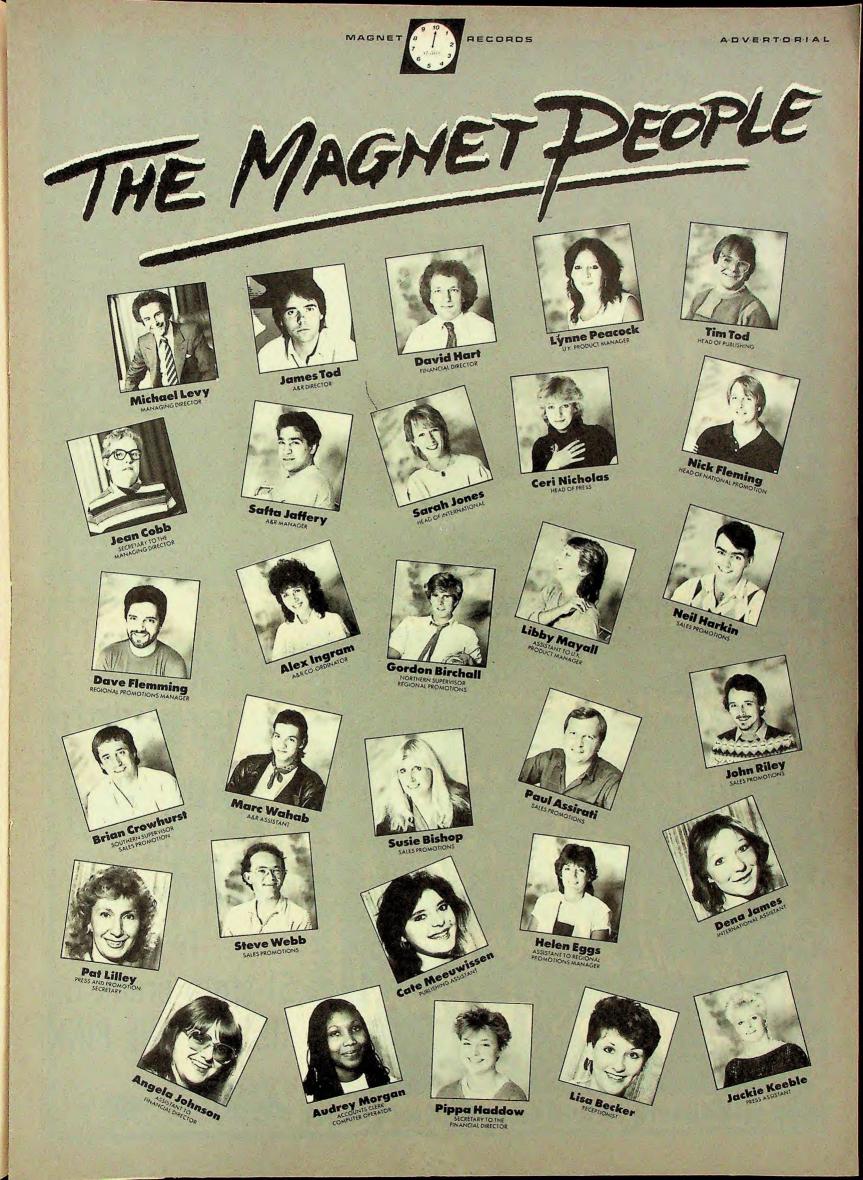
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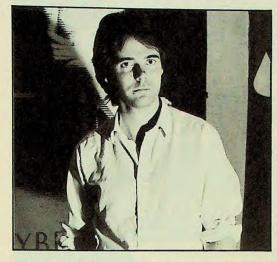


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# A&R through the 80's and 90's...



JAMES TOD, Magnet's A&R director, is at the hub of the company's creative department. Together with A&R manager Safta Jaffary and assistant Marc, Tod plays the role of guiding light/mentor/overseer of the careers and development of Magnet's artist roster, from initial signing, through all the aspects of recording and playing live, to the hoped for eventual record sales and commercial success.

Magnet is very much an A&R orientated company. To remain so necessitates maintaining a tight ship, thus enabling all signed artists to get a satisfactory level of attention.

"The size of the roster is really irrelevant," says Tod. and producer."

"We will always be very selective in terms of who we sign. But whoever we do sign, we are totally committed to. Signing a deal with Magnet gives the artist(s) the necessary framework within which to build and develop a career."

It is the building and development of artists careers that is the main element of Tod's A&R policy/philosophy. "Too much emphasis these days is placed on getting a hit single during the first half hour of the artist's career," he says. "But we prefer to take the pressure off the artists in this respect and give them time to develop.

"A lot of today's major chart acts did not have instant success – their respective record companies gave them time and encouragement to develop over a period – take for example Eurythmics, U2 and the Thompson Twins."

"It takes time for the public to digest new artists and their music. And to oversaturate the market with new releases is bad news for all concerned, not least the artists themselves."

"Having taken this pressure off our artists we allow them to produce the best possible records."

On the subject of producers and production, Tod can draw on his experience in producer management gained at the Zomba group. "We like to think we guide our acts in the direction of the right producers for their music at whatever stage of development it's at?

"One problem is that a lot of groups/managers/A&R men have the same shopping list of six producers – and sadly these top successful producers have little time available for new projects."

"But we try to match our artists with good producers, to make a team capable of giving us good records. Sometimes it can be a question of trial and error. We are always looking for a certain chemistry between artist and producer."

Tod believes that as a record company, Magnet must take creative risks – and at the same time allow the artists to do the same.

"We never want to get into the American record company syndrome where half the A&R people are exradio men. There, the decision to sign artists is made for political not creative reasons. That's why so little creative talent has emerged from the United States over the past five years."

"We are always looking to sign innovative artists and to bring their individual creativity through. We operate a caring policy. Why should artists sign to Magnet rather than any other label? Because we care about their careers and, I firmly believe, give them more creative licence than any other label does at present."

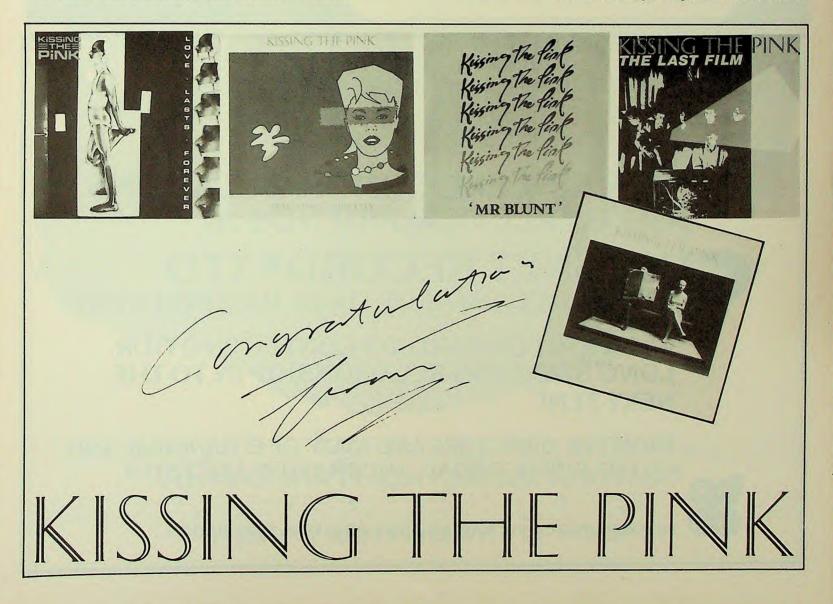
The A&R department, Tod points out, is just a part – albeit a most important part – of the overall record company operation. All areas and departments within the company become involved in the development of artists.

"Everyone becomes involved. We are the lifeline to all the other departments – marketing, press, promotion, international. Also, development of the visual image through sleeves, videos and photographs is most important."

"We also like to work closely with managers and agents. It's all very much a team effort. I don't believe in barriers. We all have the same goal and together can give our acts an excellent chance of success."

When talking of success, Tod is talking in the long term – as he emphasised previously when saying Magnet does not believe in pressuring its artists into churning out singles in a mud-against the wall fashion.

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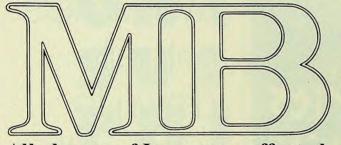


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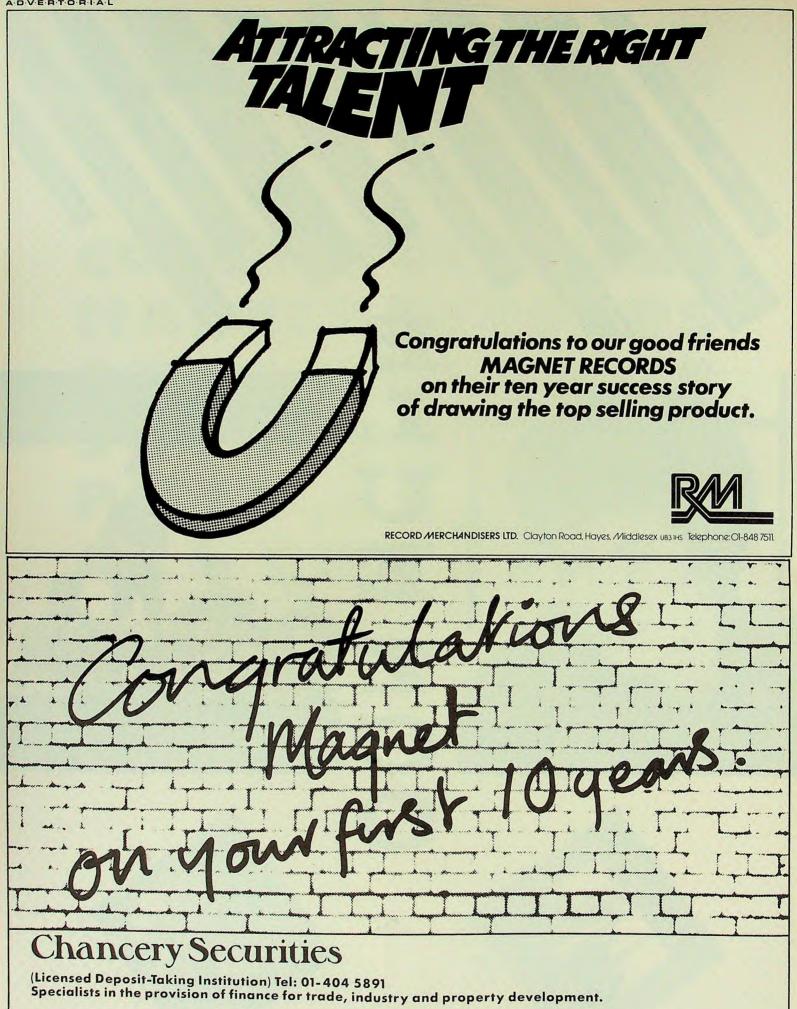




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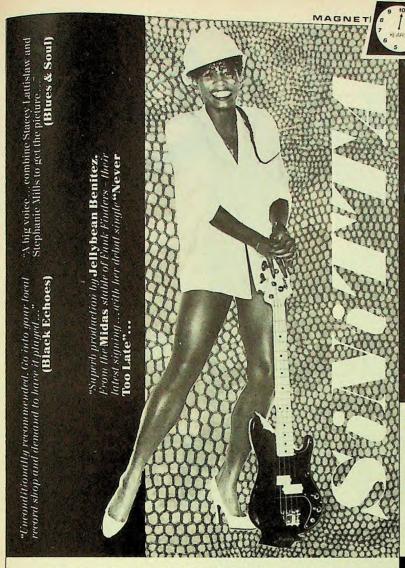




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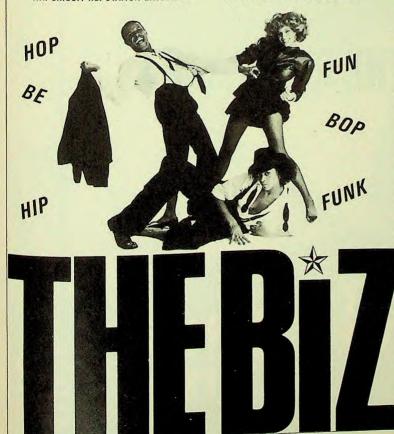


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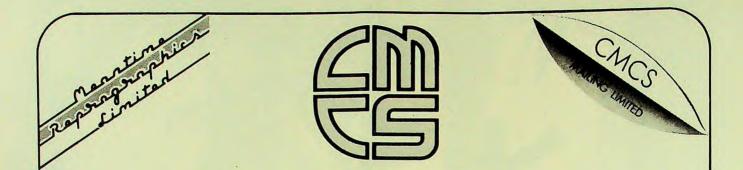
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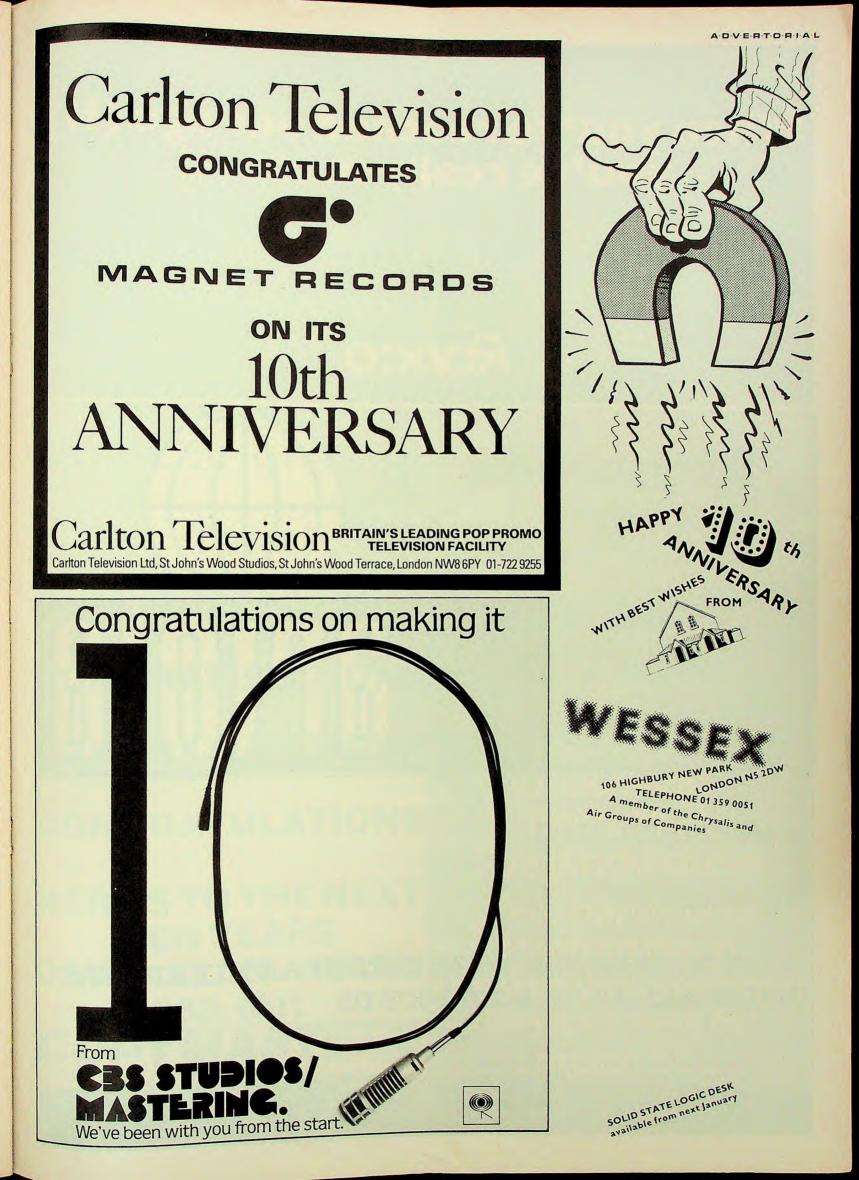
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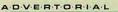
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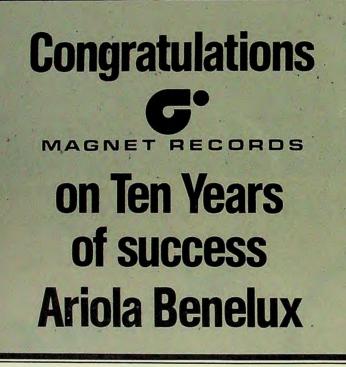








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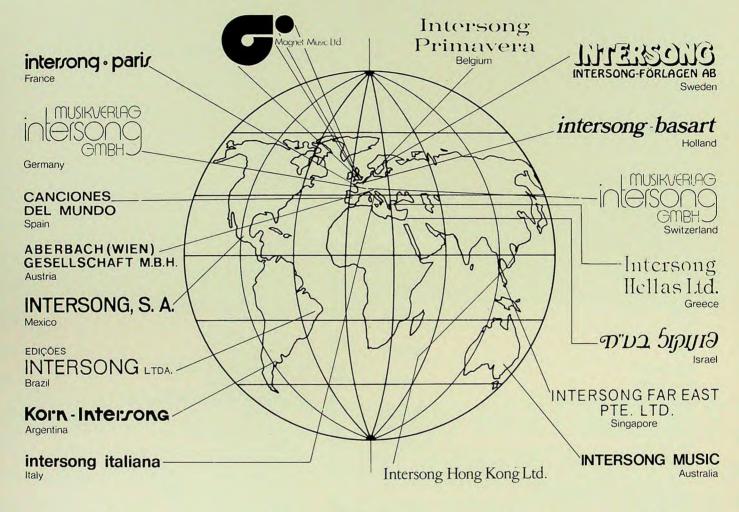
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