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"OH YEAH" ROXY MUSIC

on Polydor Records

Some expression in your eyes Overtook me by surprise Where was I, how was I to know? Ooh How can we drive to a movie show When the music is here in my car?

Chorus There's a band playing on the radio With a rhythm of rhyming guitars They're playing "Oh Yeah" on the radio, ooh

And so it came to be our song And so on through all summer long Day and night drifting into love, ooh Driving you home from a movie show So in tune to the sounds in my car

Repeat chorus

It's some time since we said goodbye And now we lead our separate lives But where am I, where can I go? Ooh Driving alone to a movie show So I turn to the sounds in my car

There's a band playing on the radio With a rhythm of rhyming guitars There's a band playing on the radio And it's drowning the sound of my tears They're playing "Oh Yeah" on the radio

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Private Life

By Grace Jones on Island Records

Chorus
Your private life drama
Baby, leave me out
Your private life drema
Baby, leave me out

Repeat chorus

J'en ai marre with your theatrics, your acting's a drag It's OK on TV but you can turn it off Your marriage is a tragedy but it's not my concern I'm very superficial, I hate everything official

Repeat chorus

Sentimental gestures only bore me to death You've made a desperate appeal, now save your breath Attachment to obligation, that's so wet And your sex life complications are not my fascination

Repeat chorus

You ask my advice, I say use the door But you're still clinging to somebody you deplore And now you wanna use me for emotional blackmail I just feel pity when you lie, contempt when you cry

Repeat chorus to fade

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David Bowie Ashes.

on RGA Records

Do you remember a guy that's been In such an earthly song

I've heard a rumour from Ground

Oh no, don't say it's true They got a message from the Action

I'm happy, hope you're happy too I've loved all I've needed love Sordid details following

The shrieking of nothing is killing Just pictures of Jap girls in synthesis And I ain't got no money and I ain't

got no hair But I'm hoping to kick but the planet is glowing

Ashes to ash and funk to funky We know Major Tom's a junkie Strung out in heavens high Hitting an all time low

Time and again I tell myself I'll stay clean tonight But the little green wheels are following me

Oh no, not again I'm stuck with a valuable friend

I'm happy hope you're happy too One flash of light but no smoking I've never done good things I've never done bad things I never did anything out of the blue Want an axe to break the ice Want to come down right now

Ashes to ashes funk to funky We know Major Tom's a junkie Strung out in heavens high Hitting an all time low

My mama said to get things done You better not mess with Major Tom Repeat to fade

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BETTER OFF DREAD

IF THE first time you heard Bob Marley and the Wailers was when "Could You Be Loved" came skanking out of the radio you probably thought something undramatic like "That's nice". And probably quite appropriate too in those relaxed

circumstances. But when I got the chance to do a short interview with Marley recently I can tell you that my knees were knocking and my one prayer to the journalistic gods was "Please don't let me make a fool of myself". Because Bob Marley means a lot - in fact I'd venture to suggest that worldwide he's the most important artist working in any

aspect of rock. I'm sure there are a couple of dozen groups who've sold more records in the last few years, but that's not the point, it's not even of the greatest significance that he is the major influence behind the white regge of The Police. Elvis Costello, The Clash and Joe Jackson.

The really impressive thing about Bob Marley is the status he has achieved in the black nations of the Third World as chempion of social and political change. He's acquired this through a succession of songs, summed up in one line from the "Natty Dread" album: "Them belly full but we hungry.

Just how deeply he'd touched people was proved when he was invited to play at the Zimbabwe independence celebrations this year. When I asked Marley about it he smiled and sort of glowed with quiet pride but said very little, as if the occasion had been a private one, although the concert and ceremonials were conducted in front of tens of thousands in a football stadium.

He did mention one jarring note though. Before the historic midnight, a disturbance among the crowds jostling to get in was answered by the police firing tear ges. But Marley wasn't going to let a minor upset spoil the honour and happiness he felt.

"It was an experience for I an' I y'know, strong feh watch the t'ing workin' out," he said in his calm, quiet sing-song manner. "And we feel good feh taste little tear gas in Zimbabwe, get a little o' th'oppression there.

Marley is no tourist talking about "oppression" from a safe distance. He grew up in poverty in Jamaica and even when he became an international "star", he stayed so close to the front line that in December 1976, gunmen in Kingston attempted to kill him two days before a

Wailers concert which was being organised by supporters of Prime Minister Michael Manley. Marley was wounded, but he played the

gig. It's no wonder he's become a hero and an inspiring figurehead. But when I suggested this to him, he waved the idea aside as if it was far too pompous to have anything to do with him:

No, music is the one that is the hero. We help the music, It is the univershal language and we carry a certain message. But Jamaican people not look on you as 'star'. Them have love an' respec' en' t'ing. To tell the trut' I am not enormous person, me just a man o' the ghetto.

THE PLAIN man of the ghetto has been recording for 19 years now, and it's worth telling his story briefly. He was born in 1945, son of an English army captain and a Jamaican woman, and by his early teans he had become involved with the dynamic music scene in what Toots and the Maytals christened "funky Kingston"

There is some disagreement about when Marley cut his first disc, but the earliest offering I've seen was a single called "Judge Not" from 1961 which is described as "lightweight pop". The big step forward came three years later with the formation of the Wailing Wallers, then purely a vocal group, including legendary Marley sidekicks Peter McIntosh (later "Tosh") and **Bunny Livingston (later**

'Wailer'). Marley's initial Jameican hit "Simmer Down" was a ska number (covered this month by London band Mobster). He also came up with "Rude Boy", which is reckoned to be the first song about the snappy-dressing gangsters of Kingston's shanty town. Despite all the sunny

romance the name conjures up, it ramains a violent city (over 200 deaths by shooting in the first six months of this year) The Wailing Wailers didn't sell enough records to feed five mouths and so they split up. Marley then spent a while in America with his mother before

returning to join up with Tosh and Wailer again in a short-lived attempt to go independent with their own Wailing Souls label. Its collapse led to a confused phase for Marley which had one positive result: in 1967 he began working with Texan soul singer Johnny Nash. Nash came to record in Kingston and later had

a series of reggaefied singles in

the British charts culminating

four years later with "Stir It Up" through their last great upheaval with the departure of Peter Tosh which was written by Marley Marley and Bunny Wailer and Bunny Wailer, who both touched bottom with iail

sentences for possession of marijuana, then in '69 emerged into one of their classic periods. Recorded by the most femous reggae producer of them all, Lee "Scratch" Parry, they came up with two LPs and the singles 'Duppy Conqueror" and "Small Axe". (You can find later versions

on their Island album "Burnin"). It was at this stage that their rastafarian religion became the core of their music, I couldn't pretend to make informed comment on it, but its visible signs are the long, tightly-wound dreadlocks (like Marley's), often piled up into a red, green and orange wool tammy

Their beliefs relate to Christianity while including a faith in the late Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia as the Christ reborn. One of its major practices is smoking marijuana ("ganja" or "kaya", the title of Marlay's 1978 LP), which they see as having a mystical healing power.

Of late The Wailers have been trying to express their rasta goodwill in action by investing some of the group's profits in community and youth projects. such as farms owned by Jamaican people rather than vast, foreign (particularly British) companies.

"It won't solve all problems, but is a beginning," said Marley. "Is something the government shoulde done, but them don't do it and them won't do it."

So their religion has its political side. However, when I asked him about this, Marley was keen to stress its spiritual

"Politics - it dirty, y'know. A politician never know you till you ol' enough to vote."

DESPITE THE hostility their faith attracted from some of their fellow countrymen, the group's career was on the upward curve which is still pointing skywards They launched their own label, Tuff Gong, in 1970, successfully this time, and enlisted the Barrett brothers, reputedly the hardest rhythm section on the

Speaking of which, their breakthrough to recognition outside the Caribbean followed when they signed to the British label, Island, who promoted them through the albums "Catch A Fire" and "Burnin" (including "I Shot The Sheriff" which Eric Clapton made into a hit single). In 1975 the Wailers went

went solo. Then the key album "Natty Dread" was released.

Marley, one of those small men who somehow look huge on stage, followed up with two stunning concerts at the Lyceum in London and triumphantly burst through the supposed barrier between British and West Indian musical tastes. Pop was never the same again

Marley says quite frankly that he couldn't live in this country because he feels so strongly drawn to his African roots and "I like to be able to just walk upon the concrete and be a dread," but he loves the music scene here. With a chuckle he acknowledged, "It rockin' in Englan'. Englan' is the place man. And 'Natty Dread' was a special album for us, the feelin' of it. Sayin' children get your culture, won't win no battle if you just sit there.

Those Lyceum concerts were recorded for an excellent "Live!" album which produced the group's first UK hit single, the tender love song "No Woman, No Cry". With their ideals and seductive dance rhythms, The Wailers captured minds and souls everywhere.

WHILE THE chart ratings on five albums and numerous singles since "Live!" have never looked back, and despite him remaining the favourite in Jamaica, British critics have gradually come to accuse Marley of various forms of "sell-out" because of his moves away from Jamaican strict roots reggae style. I asked Marley how he felt about the occasional slaggings

and he said with the gentlest of smiles: "We love them Me (taken aback): "And do you

agree with them?" Marley: "Sometime. It not always really true, but we understan' why people say these t'ing. I figure is great help (chuckle). An' yet music can't stick to the same t'ing otherwise t become mechanical: music have to have fluent, music have to have some kinds adventure enjoyment, it go and you come." I wondered where he placed the new album, "Uprising", in his

19 years of recording. "'Uprising' come like the first album," he said, "the first from now. It recorded in our own vicinity, it going forward. We work at all our records with full energy en' . . . full self. So when we finish it we know whe' we put on it, we respec' it. We don't record a song if we don't love it.



All Over The World By Electric Light Orchestra on Jet Records

Everybody around the world Gotta tell you what I just heard

Gotta tell you what I just need
There's going be a party all over the world
I got a message on the radio
But where it came from I don't really know
And I heard these voices calling all over the world

All over the world

Everybody got the word
Everybody at the world's gonna feel tonight

Everybody walking down the street Everybody moving to the beat They're gonna get hot down in the U.S.A. (New York, Detroit, L.A.)

We're gonna take a trip across the sea Everybody come along with me We're gonna hit the night down in gay Paree

Repeat Chorus

London, Hamburg, Paris, Rome. Rio, Hong Kong, Tokyo L.A., New York, Amsterdam Monte Carlo, Shard End and

Reneat Chorus

Everybody all around the world Gotta tell you what I just heard Everybody walkin' down the street I know a place where we all can meet Everybody goma have a good time Everybody will shine till the daylight

Reneat chorus to fade

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'S 7:30 IENNY AND GUE ARE GETTING READY FOR THE OFFICE PARTY.





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WON, CHEW, FREE, FOUR. FIVE!

THE RAMONES pay a short visit to Britain this month to play five dates. These are: Hammersmith Odeon (19), Belfast Ulster Hall (21), Dublin Mansion House (22), Edinburgh Playhouse (24) and Liverpool Rotters (25). Support band is The Spectres, the new group formed by Glen Matlock and Danny Kustow.

HAVING ALREADY completed production chores on the upcoming album by After The Fire, New Musik's Tony Mansfield is about to get down to work on a joint project with Mike Oldfield. Mike and Tony share the same management and mutual admiration has led them to collaborate on a few tracks. Whether these will see the light of day as singles or an album is not yet known.



THE PAINED looking hairy above is none other than Dave Edmunds, the Welsh Wizard, pictured back in the year 1971. The reason this less than flattering shot has been dusted off and unleashed on an unsuspecting public is that EMI have just compiled yet another album of old Edmunds material dating from his late sixties days with Love Sculpture and beyond. We here think they should let this man alone.



DESMOND DEKKER, the man behind such reggee smashes of the past as "The Israelites" is back with a new album on the Stiff label called . . . walf for it . . "Black and Dekker" Here he is pictured with some specially bred 2-Tone dogs. No doubt it will only be a matter of minutes before some greedy clown starts knocking out special ska dog badges!





















WRITE RIOT

THE JAM release a new single which pairs "Start" with "Liza Radley" on August 15th. A new album is currently being

completed for October release Paul Weller would also like to make it clear that his publishing venture, Riot Stories, cannot accept any more material for publication until further notice. Seems manuscripts are piling up to the ceiling down there.

JOHN MAYER, an Edinburgh secord dealer, has highlighted to demos. To tie in with the elease of an independent single the A&R men who decide which alent will be signed up.

artists and sent them off to certain major companies under Miles Davis, under the name Sam the fact it's available on their

A&M received two Steely Dan racks credited to Joseph Shaughnessy. They returned RCA turned down Neil Young, own to Wishbone Ash, while arsen track which they'd only

There were a lot of red faces in plush offices when Mayer companies are out of touch had been borne out. Small wonder the majors are claiming that

ON AUGUST 13th, Ultravox play Manchester Ardri and not Rotter's as previously announced. They have also added two dates to their schedule; they play Derby Ajanta on August 9th and Coventry Tiffany's on the 12th.

WHISPER OF DISCONTENT

THE SELECTER, the band who have run 2-Tone along with The Specials since the label's inception, have resigned from the company and will in future release records under their own

The band feel that the label's commercial success has been stifling for new talent and has resulted in young groups modelling themselves on the 2-Tone "sound" when they should be developing a style of their own. Having failed in their attempts to introduce a major change of direction, they feel it is best for them to part company with The Specials and strike out on their own.

The first release under The Selecter's new arrangement with Chrysalis is "The Whisper" backed by "Train To Skaville", available in both seven and twelve inch versions. Although one of the most highly respected new bands to emerge in the last year, The Selecter have not managed to notch up really consistent record sales, unlike bands like Madness and The Beat, who used 2-Tone as a stepping stone to launching their own careers

No doubt they feel launching their own label is the first step to establishing their own identity and getting out of the shadow of The Specials.

THE GAP Band got their start in Tulsa, Oklahoma, when the three Wilson Brothers, Ronnie, Charles and Robert, were a vital part of the choir at the church where their father was minister. As they grew up, their parents' influence was vital in encouraging them to take up an array of musical instruments.

Nowadays, Ronnie plays trumpet, flugelhorn, piano and percussion while Charles, as well as singing, takes care of the keyboards. Youngest brother Robert, who plays the bass, admits to being influenced heavily by Yes and is inclined to say all kinds of gushing things about them. No doubt this embarrassing ailment will soon

The band's current hit, "Qoops Upside Your Head", is taken from their second album, their first for new label, Mercury.





The lust and passion: Kate and her band, played by (I-r) Jonathan Pryce; Gary Tibbs (Roxy Music and ex-Vibrator); Phil Daniels (Quadrophenia) and Mark Wingett.

THOUGHT YOU might like to know about a particularly hysterical press release we got concerning the upcoming rock movie,

"Breaking Glass", starring Hazel O'Connor and Phil Daniels Not content with claiming that the movie "mirrors the problems, the temptations, the power, the lust and passion of life behind the rock music scene", they modestly describe Ms O'Connor as "the most exciting talent to emerge in the entertainment world of the

Nothing like a little quiet understatement, is there? We can't wait to see it. That is, if we're not too busy lapping up the lust and passion of life behind the rock music scene in Carnaby Street. Only lust and passion you get round here is when Bev buys everybody an ice cream.

A NATIVE New Yorker, trumpet player Tom Browne started his musical education at that city's much respected "High School Of Music And Art". While studying physics at college Browne became more and more involved in jazz and eventually graduated to sitting in with distinguished players in New York's jazz clubs. He was plucked from obscurity by Lonnie Liston Smith and eventually fixed up a solo contract with Arista, His urrent disco success, "Funkin for Jamaica", is also included on his new long player, "Love



BEAT THE **BOMB**

ALL THE proceeds from the sales of the new Beat single, "I Just Can't Stop It", are going to the British Anti-Nuclear Campaign. As well as "Best Friend", the flip side of the 45 features a remixed dub version of "Stand Down Margaret".

The band are currently working up a substantially new set to be debuted on their upcoming French tour on which they support The Police.



ALL TIME TOP TEN len McCulloch

LEONARD COHEN: Famous Blue Raincost (CBS), This song THE KINGSTON TRIO: Try To Remember (Capitol). It makes me

I. THE FALL: Mess Of My

VELVET UNDERGROUND: Sister Ray (Verve), Seventeen Brothers (RCA), As "modern" as

7. DAVID BOWIE: Lady Stardust ECHO AND THE BUNNYMEN

SEX PISTOLS: Anarchy in The were perfect. Also for the doors it

10. JOHN LENNON: Mother

ONE MOVE AND THE **ALBUM GETS IT!**

DEXY'S MIDNIGHT Runners, not content with attracting ridicule by their high handed refusal to do interviews, have been ruffling feathers at their record company, EMI. Unhappy with the terms of their deal with the company, signed when they were young and naive (about six months ago) and number one singles were just pipe dreams, they decided to force EMI into giving them a better shake.

On the day that their debut album was completed at Chipping Norton Studios (pretty funky iil ol' place, sho' nuff), producer Pete Wingfield was lured out of the control room by various Runners while other band members swiftly removed the irreplaceable master tapes and made off at top speed. They then curtly informed the company that the tapes wouldn't be returned until matters were improved to their satisfaction.

Wingfield, the producer of all their successes so far is apparently sufficiently tired of the band's pranks that he has resolved to terminate their working relationship. Although he agrees their deal was a little on the unfair side and remains fond of their music, he feels that tactics like these are taking their tough guy image a little fai

CAT TRACKS

THE FIRST 2-Tone single from new signing The Swinging Cats will, of course, be a double A side, now pairing "Mantovani" with "Away"

The band are gigging throughout August, starting off at J.B.'s Dudley on August 8th and continuing as follows: Birmingham Cedar Ballroom (9), Wolverhampton Lafavette (10). London Hope And Anchor (11), London Rock Garden (12). Nottingham Theatre Royal (13), London 101 Club (20), Sheffield Limit Club (21), London Half Moon (22) and London Electric Ballroom (23).



BEHOLD THE new look Sting with cropped barnet and National Health welding goggles. Could it be, we ask ourselves, that this new sinister visage is anything to do with the fact that the man is negotiating to play the part of the villain in the new James Bond

Since the success of "Quadrophenia", Mr Sumner has been from heavy American director Francis Ford Coppola, but the Bond Meanwhile the band are closeted in a studio in Holland putting

THE MO-DETTES have

for August. On the 11th and 12th they will be supporting Madness at Nottingham Theatre Royal at two concerts which will be filmed for showing on TV later in the

They then continue on their announced a short string of dates Own with Manchester Mayflower (15), Dudley JB's (16), Leeds F Club (17), Liverpool Gatsby's (20) and London Electric Ballroom (23). Following this the girls depart for The New World and a string of U.S. dates.



THE NEW line up of The UK Subs, with Steve Roberts on drums and Alvin Gibbs on bass, play London's Music Machine on August 8th prior to setting off on a mammoth tour which takes in France. Holland and Belgium. They are expected back for the British dates in October

10 SMASH HITS

Knee deep in keyboards and cables. Tony Mansfield makes New Musik. Tape Op: D. Hepworth. Stills: V. Turbett.

WAY DOWN south of the River Thames lies Tooting, like a town that's been in the sun so long it's begun to peel. Come out of Tooting Broadway station (as Wolfie Smith does each week). note the boarded up facade of Tooting Municipal Baths, hang a right into Mitcham Road, proceed past the Tooting Granada and you'll find Tooting Music Centre above a disused shop.

Downstairs a sign issues a stern warning about the consequences of drug smoking on the premises. It's something that seams unlikely to unduly bother the small, eager to please individual who occupies the upstairs control room

Right now Tony Mansfield is more concerned with his diet. And his permanent cold. He reaches for another Kleanex and

Tony Mansfield is credited on the record company crib sheet as Writer, Producer, Singer **Guitarist and Keyboard Player** with New Musik. They neglect to mention whether he also makes the tea and collects the pools money. He fusses around the control room, flicking switches and adjusting faders with practised ease until a backing track comes swirling out of the studio's giant monitors. Mansfield is laving the

foundations for New Musik's second album and at this stage he does most of the work slone A rhythm box ticks away, a pre-programmed bass line negotiates the scale while various synthesisers lay a cushion of soft, agreeable sound for the vocals to relax on at a later date.

I SHOW Tony the biography that was provided by GTO. The little information it provides, the titles and chart positions of four hit singles, seems hardly enough to base an interview on. I ask him to give me some background.

He grins, looks nervous, grins again and offers, "We don't really come from anywhere. We've just been doing basically what we're doing now, but for other

people."
Further questioning elicits the fact that Tony, drummer Phil Towner and bassist Tony Hibbert went to school together while keyboards player Clive Gates was an acquaintance from Tooting, their home base.

On leaving school, Tony endured a spell as a menial in the Art Department of Decca Records before leaving to work for his father's building firm. That way he thought he'd be able to buy a better guitar and devote more time to his real obsession. playing in bands

He got the guitar and continued to operate a succession of semi-pro outfits, Reeman Zeegus and The End Of The World being but two, trying to get his foot in the door of various recording studios as a session man and using any spare time at the end of bookings to put down his own ideas.

Tony declines to tell me just what sessions he took part in prior to the formation of New Musik, claiming they were either embarrassments or flops or embarrassing flops. Phil Towner is the only one with anything to boast about, having provided the thumping bass drum on "Video Killed The Radio Star". The rest was all put down to experience.

Came the day when Tony had a decent selection of tapes, he legged it to GTO Records who were suitably impressed, particularly with a couple of Eurodisco efforts which are currently in the process of being covered by Delegation and The Three Degrees.



New Musik (left to right): Clive Gates, Tony Mansfield (foreground), Tony Hibbert and Phil Towner.

Against the company's wishes, who saw him as a solo act, he brought in Phil, Tony Hibbert and Clive and insisted that the songs should be pushed as a band project.

BUT SURELY. I argue, except for the rare occasions when New Musik perform live, it's hardly a band in the normal sense. The other three don't seem to carry a lot of clout. Not entirely true, Tony counters they're all quite happy with the arrangements and Clive has been allowed to contribute an instrumental to the material for the second album.

However, it's clear that New Musik is Mansfield's baby and it's up to him what goes out under its name. He's confident that the other three wouldn't submit anything that didn't accord with the concept.

So what's the concept? Tony explains it is terms of the musical history of The Seventies. Back in the Reemen Zeegus days, when his hair was so long he got dandruff in his turn ups, the bands he admired belonged to the progressive rock tradition: the acoustic side of Led Zeppelin, early Tyrannosauras Rex. Genesis He confesses having been a

snob where pop bands like The

Sweet were concerned.

pop mould

succeeded at.

were the bands that made

albums. They were the bands

a band that writes music that

takes the deeper aspects of an

worth getting into. New Musik is

album band and puts them into a

"It's fashionable now to be a

pop group whereas a few years

ago it wasn't and, let's face it, to

reach people you've got to get on the radio. That we seem to have

They certainly do. "Straight

"Living By Numbers" and now

records on the trot slipping easily

But Tony's theory strikes me

justify his light, seductive pop by

Lines", "World Of Water"

"Sanctuary" makes it four

on to radio playlists and

clambering up the charts

as a bit woolly. He can only

pointing to the underlying

"seriousness" of his lyrics and "sophistication" of his

imply that pure pop is not quite

that although it's a pop group

produce more experimental

band which is literally

and doesn't work."

there's no reason why you can't

music. We call it an experimental

experimenting with what does

NOW I tend to react to the word

"experimental" the way some

"The thing with New Musik is

arrangements. He seems to

"The hero bands," he explains.

long-dead German army man reacted to "culture". I reach for my revolver.

Surely every band mucks around in the studio until it achieves its desired effect. This doesn't qualify them to call themselves experimental. Plus it seems to me that New Musik's experiments stop pretty abruptly when they land on a commercially appealing tune.

Tony clarifies metter "A lot of people don't realise that certain sounds don't work

with other sounds." He is very disdainful indeed of bands who simply hire a synthesiser for a session and fall for the first vaguely attractive sound they can get out of it. This seems fair criticism

"You're learning all the time," he emphasises. "I'm going to be learning in ten years' time, if I'm still around."

He plays me another backing track, the bare bones for a song he intends to call "Churches" which he plans to write on the subject of religion. He explains that the song isn't written yet; he starts with a title from the list of doomy phrases he keeps in an exercise book. I'm not sure if he's joking or not. Turns out he isn't. No, he says, that's just the way

he is. Pessimistic. His songs are all about serious subjects. "World Of Water", he informs me sunnily, is about "drowning in society". "Dead Fish" details his fears of nuclear war. At this stage it gets difficult to

tell someone that you find their observations on the human condition a little on the trite side. "That's just me being honest,"

he says without a trace of arrogance. "Certain bands will tell you how wonderful life is. We're just trying to make people "You switch on your telly and

there's always something going wrong. How long are we going to be around? That's what it's all about. What is there to be happy about? That's what I'm asking. But surely it's just as much a

distortion to say that life is all doom as it is to pretend it's all smiles? At this Tony does at least

admit that he's thrilled about the baby his wife is expecting.

TONY MANSFIELD comes over as a pleasant, talented pop craftsman, but one who should sort out what he has to say before he says it. At the moment he seems to undervalue his skills and overestimate his originality. Pop can be the vehicle for an

enormous range of ideas and emotions. But the ideas that make an impression are the ones that reach out and shake you a little. New Musik haven't done that so far and it's Mansfield's self consciousness that stands in the way

I think he should start again by writing about something a little closer to home. He could start with the baby.

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12 SMASH HITS



My Guy My Girl

By Amii Stewart and Johnny Bristol on Atlantic Records

Nothing you could say could tear me away from my guy Nothing you could do 'cos I'm stuck like glue to my guy I'm sticking to my guy like stamp to a letter, like Birds of a feather we stick together

Chorus

There's nothing you could do to make me untrue Nothing you could do to make me untrue to my guy

I got sunshine on a cloudy day
Now when it's cold outside, I got the month of May
Well I guess you would say what could make me feel this way
It's my girl, I'm talking about my girl

I got sunshine (sunshine) on a cloudy day When it's cold outside, I got the month of May
Well I guess you could say what could make me feel this way
My girl
My guy

I'm talking about my girl, my guy My girl My guy

Repeat chorus

Nothing you could do to make me untrue to my guy Nothing you try could make me tell lies to my guy I'm sticking to my guy like a stamp to a letter, like Birds of a feather we stick together

Repeat chous

No matter what I do I'm gonna stay true to my baby (my guy) There's nothing you could do to make me untrue Nothing you could do to make me untrue to my guy I won't tell no lies to my baby no, no, no

Repeat chorus to fade

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Burnin' Hot

By Jermaine Jackson on Motown Records

Chorus (Burnin' fever, you give me fever) Burnin' hot (Burnin' fever, hey, hey, hey) Hot (Burnin' fever, you give me fever) Burnin' hot (Burnin' fever)

Light my flame with your desire And make me burn with raging fire (Hey, hey, hey) Hot

Repeat chorus

(Hey, hey, hey) Och . You know how much I want you pretty baby
You got the kind of love that drives me crazy

(Burnin' fever, a-burnin' fever) Hot (Burnin' fever, a-burnin' fever) Burnin' hot (Burnin' fever, you give me fever) Hot (Burnin' fever)

Turn me on, turn me round Turn me loose, but don't turn me down (Hey, hey, hey) Ooh Hot

Ad lib chorus

(Hey, hey, hey) Oooh. You know how much I want you pretty baby You got the kind of love that drives me crazy

Ad lib chorus

(Hey, hey, hey) I'm burnin' hot, hot, hot, hot I'm burnin' hot, hot, hot Gotta have your love, hot Hey, hey, hey, burnin' hot

I got fever, fever From the yearnin' fever I got fever, fever From the burnin' fever

Repeat verse

I'm burning (fover) I'm burnin (fever) I'm yearnin' (fever) I'm burnin' hot (Hey, hey, hey) Ooob. . . . You know how much I want you protty baby You got the kind of love that drives me crazy

Alright, hot I'm burnin' hot, yeah, yeah Hot

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album

CARARET VOLTAIRE: The Voice Of America (Rough Trade). Recorded at their own Western Works studios, this third album from the nioneers of experimenting with tapes and electronics gets off to a flying start by not having anything to do with Berlin, melodramatic futurism or wanting to be a

machine Instead this Sheffield outfit go for building something outside the mainstream of rock music, by putting together this collage of noises rather than conventional

The result is really surprisingly listenable and melodic. The rhythm tracks are subtle but strong enough to make the music accessible, while all the distorted vocals, taped effects and electronically treated noises hand together in a quietly effective way, expressing a "feel" more

than a precisely stated object. The lyrics (or what can be made out through the deliberate distortions) present an impression of things happening in the world around them

vaquely political, but pointing out rather than force feeding - and it's done in a similarly subtle fachion

In case you think this is all simply a new variation of posing with electronics, there's one track here which dates from 1974. showing Cabaret Voltaire have

been working in this field years before it became fashionable. They are now close to having something really significant to show for their constructive approach.

(Contact: SAF to Scott at Rough Trade, 202 Kensington Park Road, London W11.)



Cabaret Voltaire: (left to right): Stephen Mallinder (bass, electronic percussion, lead vocals), Richard Kirk (guitar, wind instruments) and Chris Watson (electronics, tape).

singles

Sector 27's "Not Ready" (Panic Records) comes on much harder and heavier than Tom Robinson's earlier work and features a clipped, punchy rhythm section. an energetic drummer and of course Tom's familiar vocals. The song, something of a straightahead chant - isn't his greatest by any means and I much prefer the 'B' side "Can't Keep Away", a much more controlled effort combining genuine feeling with much better writing. An album should follow soon on Phonogram, the band's new label, but I can't help wondering if Tom has really found his true musical niche vet. (Available through Faulty Products; Contact - SAE to 258 Pentonville Road, London N1. John Mayer is the Edinburgh record shop owner who showed up the major labels' talent spotting division recently (see Bitz), and Holocaust are his local protégés. Holocaust are Heavy Metal. My views on this cretinous music are not favourable but I expect a lobotomy might change my mind. "Heavy Metal Mania (Phoenix) suffers additionally from flat/too polite production but will doubtless appeal to HM hordes anyway. Comes in 7 and 12 inch versions, the latter with an extra track (Contact: SAE to 14 Melville Terrace, Edinburgh.) Still in Edinburgh, there are three more bands there with new singles to their name. First up are PAK (formerly Metropak) with their third single "Balinese Dance"/"Sexual Cult Thing" (Metropak Records). Like its two predecessors, however, this quirky record potters along rhythmically but aimlessly, never really getting anywhere or making any real impression Sorry, PAK, but pretending to be weird is no substitute for a strong song. Nice sleeve though.

(Distributed by Rough Trade.) The Exploited's "Army Life" (Exploited Records) is a three track EP for which the word crude is altogether too subtle a description: heads down no sense mindless skinheads a la Cockney Rejects. The rear cover portrays these shaven headed goons inviting you to go Mod bashing and then petulantly complaining "No thanks whatsoever to the Edinburgh promoters." My sympathies lie entirely with the Edinburgh promoters. Jimmy Pursey has a lot to answer for. (Distributed by Red Rhino, 9 Gillygate, York.)

Something altogether much better and healthier is the long awaited Prats' "Pop 1990" EP (Rough Trade) which is really fine despite the rather dodgy sleeve. Now down to a three piece, The Prats have certainly matured since the days of "Inverness" and

Fast Product's "Farcom 1" The overall style remains the same: simple, direct and catchily tuneful though now they can also boast improved technical skills. It's the lyrics that really stand out though — check out "Disco Pope" or the more ambitious "No one Noticed". The Prats look to be taking over where The Mekons left off. Speaking of whom, the Leeds

seven piece have come up with their first offering since the split with Virgin, "Snow"/"Another One" (Red Rhino) is really pretty different to their old carefree musical approach. "Snow" is much heavier with a synthesiser lurking in the background, while "Another One" leans heavily on Reggae. They still retain some of the spontaneity of old as well as the simplicity and melody, but as usual it's the lyrics that carry them. The Mekons do seem to be drifting a bit these days though. (Contact: SAE to Red Rhino, 9 Gillygate, York.)

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Chorus C30, C60, C90 Go C30, C60, C90 Go (C30, C60, C90 Go) C-3-0, C-6-0 C30, C60, C90 Go C90 Go. 3-0, 6-0, 9-0 Go

A bip bam boogie and a booga rooga
My cassette's just like a bazooka
A blinga a blanga a bippity bop
Well I'm golng down to the record shop — yeah!
And the boss said

And the boss said
L.P. single picture cover or plain
I got all the hits and all the big names
You get the biggest discounts in my store
If you buy three records
I'll give you four

Second chorus

C30, C50, C90 Go
Off the radio I get a constant flow
Hit it! Pause it! Record it and play
Turn it rewind it and rub it away

Repeat chorus

It used to break my heart When I went in your shop And you said my records Were out of stock
So I don't buy records in your shop
Now I tape them all cos I'm Top of the Pops — yeah!
Now I've got a new way to move
It's shiny and black and don't need a groove
But I don't need no album rack
Learny wo collection over my back

Repeat second chorus

Policeman stopped me in my tracks Said hey you, you can't take that You're under arrest 'Cos it's illegal So I shrugged him off And he biew his whistle I'm a pirate and I keep my loot So I blew him out with my bazooka

Repeat second chorus

If you're rich enough
To have a record collection
I'll bring my bazooka round for an inspection
Sometimes in bed I get a hit twice as fast
'Cos I press my playback to make it last
I breeze with the sleaze on my cassette
I got the affirmative Magnolial — Now

Repeat second chorus

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INTRODUCING ODYSSEY

EVERY INCH the American professionals, Odyssey are a threesome consisting of Billy McEachern and the glamorous Lopez sisters, Lillian and Louise, and they're

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section sisters, meanwhile, studied piano and voice. They further explained the intricacies of making and selling records, all sharp points being levelled down to the big factor. As the lady said:

"Let's face it, it's primarily a

The trio's ultimate ambition, apart from making money, is not only to be established as a madly successful international band, but one whose international band, but one whose records will still be going the rounds in five years' time, preferably at 33'srpm but 45 would do! "Hang Together" is their third album and leatures a diverse range of

music. Never mind the quality, feel the width ... There's no problem in seeing why they mix 'n' match the brands — it's simply because, out of sight tracks featuring standard disco. grilling funk, drip dry airy ballads and friendly pop songs, you're bound to like at least one!

Liquorice allsorts have nothing on this band when it comes to the stage repertoire either. They do the hit repertoire either. They do the his singles, of course, but you also hear jazz versions of three Beatles oldies, songs from "Evita", "Sound Of Music" and "J.C. Superstar", the edge being added to the evening with a

sprinkling of rock 'n' roll numbers. I'm told these last do just fine to set the mums and dads slight and reelin in the sistes, and Louise adds 'We would like that if the the kids

came with their moth But for now it's the future that matters. They may record some old soul hits by Smokey Robinson and especially Sam Cooke, the latter recently remembered in the charts with The Detroit Spinners' rendition

of "Cupid" But best of all, they ended, "It's all a important that it's danceable."

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10 THIS FEELING FRANK HOOKER

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22 HANGIN OUT (REMIX) KOOL & THE GANG

Does She Have A Friend?

By Gene Chandler on Twentieth Century Records

She's so easy to look at She's got style, she's got grace I would do anything Just to be in your place You're my best friend, you know that I would do you no wrong There's a moon out tonight And I don't wanna be alone

Ask her, ask her, does she have a friend for me? Does she, does she, does she have a friend for me?

We could drive down to Gino's Maybe take in a show We could come back to my place Where the lights are down low I know love is a gamble Got my eyes open wide Spin my heart like a wheel I feel lucky tonight

Repeat chorus

l just wanna know Cos that pretty little thing you got there Oughta know someone out there Does she, does she? I got a little money in my pocket And I wanne honey just like you've got Is there one out there for me?

You could do me the favour Help me shake off the blues Here's a dime for the phone I don't think she'll refuse You're my best friend, I know that You would do me no wrong I just went me a woman I could call all my own

Repeat chorus twice

Linda Dutt

I just wanna know Cos that pretty little thing you got there Oughta know someone out there Does she? does she?

I got a little money in my pocket . . .

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THE QUALITY OF MERSEY

The grapevine says Liverpool is going to be the Next Big Thing (again). Steve Taylor investigates.

BEING A band from Liverpool has loads of credibility on a cult level. according to Teardrop Explodes' lead singer, Julian Cope. Only he grits his teeth at the other end of the telephone line - "I don't want us to be associated with that at all.'

It's an opinion shared by a whole broad sweep of new Liverpool groups. They've seen too many others settle for a short-term existence spent in fighting and cross-slagging each other while ignoring the all-important problem of breaking out of local fame and stamping their musical identity on the collective mind of the

nation It's simply been too easy since the heady days of Merseybeat in the early 1960s, when the city indisputably dominated "Beat Boom" scene, to take a romantic view of the 'Pool as a bottomless well of talent and world-beating rock genuises.

That, unfortunately, has never been the case. Liverpudlians old enough to remember that first bonanza will recount a painful time when everyone you met in Liverpool either was, or had

been, a "pop" musician As one native remarked, "After the Merseybeat boom, even the guy who drove your taxi had had a single out last year and was just looking for the right people to form enother .

The truth is that originality was thin on the ground even in those halcyon days. Very few of the musicians got beyond absorbing the American influences which steamed into the port as early Motown discs, comics and so forth

Once the Stateside influences which produced their distinctive regional hybrid had been digested, the city fell back on past laurels and waited for the next boom. It never came

LIVERPOOL MUSICIANS -- the younger ones that is - now look back over a very lean time indeed and tell you that since Merseybeat nothing has come out of the city save the little lamented Liverpool Express and the somewhat more worthy Deaf School

Deaf School occupy a peculiar slot in 'Pool history. They failed to capitalise on their cocktail of

the showbiz and exhibitionist tendencies which seem to lurk inside many of the city's young hopefuls, but have since made far more impact after their dissolution through the individual efforts of the band members

Clive Langer, for instance, has channelled his wackiness into a neat line in bright poppy production work, i.e. his transferring of Madness' on stage lunacy onto their debut album in outstandingly successful fashion. Bette Bright, lan Broudie of Original Mirrors and Clive Allen of The Planets are other Deaf School graduates with promising new careers.

Travelling to Liverpool from London always makes you feel like you've moved in the right direction. The people are friendly and less aggressively competitive, and there seems to be a more democratic social life, places where punks rub shoulders with poets. And, if you're with the right person, the fun can go on all night.

But Liverpool musicians talk about the opposite journey as though it's a mythical route of

escape. "The last ones to make it were The Yachts," they'll sigh, wistfully, dreaming of a letter from the London record company and a fistful of train tickets

Yet all is not smooth for the bands who do make the fateful connection. Deaf School sunk under a massive weight of general hype; Big In Japan, even with the support of the rock press, knocked on the door for two years before splitting; and The Yachts have fared little better with a modicum of American success only to release a very disappointing second album, "Yachts Without Radar."

CURRENT INTEREST in the city focusses on the wave of bands who surfaced around the autumn of last year. They have been more successful in negotiating the kind of major label record deals needed for large scale successes, while retaining their local roots. Orchestral Manoeuvres In The Dark, Echo & The Bunnymen, Teardrop Explodes now all have major deals yet still live in Liverpool.

OMD have gone to the trouble

The unmistakeable Pete Burns, late of Nightmares In Wax, now of







of building their own studio in that small area of streets which makes up the city's musical stomping ground (which is basically anywhere that Pete Burns, the bizarrely dressed leader of the recently defunct Nightmares In Wax, is likely to be

spotted "hanging out"). Julian Cope, Teardrop Explodes' lead singer, says that thair recent tie-up with Mercury has already been fraught with difficulties arising from the distance from London, adding:

"We were lucky, really, The Bunnymen started at the same time, so we were able to share rehearsal facilities and things. And the Zoo label started at the same time. Dave (Balfe) and Bill (Drummond) who run the label thought it was a really complacent thing to record local bands for the sake of it, the ultimate chauvinism!

"They were into doing it on a major level: we didn't spend £30 on our first single because it's more ethnic or anything - if we'd had £2,000, we'd have spent it. I hate all this revelling in being underground.

"I like Liverpool as a place because I wasn't brought up here and didn't come her until I was 18 in '76. I was at college for six months and left in May '77 because of the punk thing.

"As we were getting Teardrop going it was as if a lot of people like the NME's Paul Morley seemed to want a Liverpool scene; they'd drained Manchester. We came along at the right time for us and them."

COPE, WHO'S just polishing off the forthcoming Teardrop

Explodes album at Rockfield studio in Wales, has good cause to be thankful for the timely founding of The Zoo.

Balfe and Drummond have consistently argued against staying isolated and even against the outlook and principles behind small labels altogether. They now manage three bands who are signed to London record companies: Teardrop, Echo and OMD associates Dalek I. Add Pink Military and much-touted newcomers Wah! Heat to the list and Drummond says:

"It sounds kind of nasty, but I look upon those five bands as the only things that are any good in Liverpool now, Occasionally someone will get something together for a month but it'll fall apart. People don't work on things; that's typically Liverpudlian.

"Even bands that seem to have been around for some time and about to go somewhere fall apart without getting anywhere. Nightmares In Wax have just done it; Pete Burns is about to get married, so goodness knows what'll happen to him . .

"Apart from that, there are countless bands getting together like in any other city. I think all the Liverpool bands hate being associated with each other. The bands hate each other, there's constant friction, and they all hate the Liverpool label."

AS FAR as live music goes, Pete Fulwell, who was one of the partners in Erics, Liverpool's premier new wave club. explained how it had met its end in March of this year:

"It was on a financially dodgy



the police, who were objecting to the renewal of the drinks licence.

"We'd decided to close anyway and on the last night were putting on a final bill of Wah! Heat and The Psychedelic Furs. We were taping Wah! Heat and suddenly the police steamed in, dogs and everything. Most of them were plain clothes, wearing mod hats. It was very heavy physically - on their part.

Erics has since been taken over and is re-opening next month as Brady's which, some Liverpool punters suspect will be a Blitz-type Bowie/Ultravox club. Fulwell thinks this unlikely, as the new owners already run such a venue and have intimated that they're going to try and retain the original flavour of Erics.

There are also a smattering of one-off gigs — the Original Club, Rotters, Pickwicks — which Fulwell sees as "are almost like 'after Hiroshima, here comes the storm'. It's as if people are trying to cash in on the aimless Erics audience who are wandering around looking for somewhere to see bands.

At the time of Erics' dramatic demise, Fulwell and his partner, Roger Eagle, were in the middle of recording the current Pink Military album "Do Animals Believe In God?" for the Eric's label. Through a licensing deal with Virgin, they were able to finance the complete session at Rochdale's Cargo studio.

Fulwell and Eagle disagreed, however, as to the merits of another new local band. Wah! Heat, so the former released their

interesting band to emerge from Liverpool since the OMD/Zoo

phase. Naturally, they'd been connected with just about every other group in some way; the leading light behind the band, Pete Wylie, once shared the stage with Teardrop's Julian Cope and Bunnymen's lan McCulloch, With typical modesty they were christened The Crucial

Three As to criticisms that whole hearted Wah! Heat are still rather ragged live in spite of a memorable debut single, Fulwell says in Wylie's defence that

"He's always saying after gigs that he's pouring out his heart to them and there they are, just wanting to be entertained! He'll have to come to terms with it sooner or later."

BUT MAYBE he won't have to. Liverpool bands seem to thrive on the contradictions between their showbiz instincts and their sensitive souls, on their conflicting interdependence and jealousy, on their need to stay close to home and a strong drive towards recognition and

When the next wave of new outfits comes through, which Fulwell estimates should be in the late autumn - though he's naming no names - one wonders just what strange mixture of those qualities they'll each display. These eyes, for sure, will be on Liverpool in eager, but slightly wary, anticipation.



Sweetheart Contract By Magazine on Virgin Records We drank from cups On standard issue sofas Under scaffolding Informed sources said We were seen by observers It's a meeting

I received an education I was dominant for hours won myself a wealth of weapons Supermassive wealth Under a sweetheart contract Which clearly stated Strength is always health I had one upper hand I was dominant for hours I want to be there

On the far side of sin I've been putting myself through Waiting for hell to begin I got insurance I was dominant for hours My tour-de-force is to forget All that's gone on around and about me My manners are forever And whatever sells the newspapers suits me I got an education I was dominant for hours I had one upper hand I was dominant for hours I got insurance I was dominant for hours We'd hetter give it back It's not nurs

Words By Howard Devote, Music by Magazini Reproduced by permission Virgin Music (Publishers) Ltd. Sleepwalk By Ultravox on Chrysalis.

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Rolling and falling I'm choking and calling Name after name after name

Sleepwalk Sleepwalk Sleepwalk

Naked and bleeding The street lights rain by me Hurting my eyes with their glare

Sleepwalk Sleepwalk Sleepwalk

Helplessly braking Exchanging my faces Destined, we had to collide Sleepwalk!

Caught on the outside I'm crumbling and crawling Watching the day drag away

Spiralling deeper I can't feel my fingers Grip round my throat as I dream Dream dream dream

Sleepwalk Sleepwalk

Reneal to fade

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constitution and the Banshees







IT'S SILLY question time again IT'S SILLY question time again here at the Smash Hits Competition page. Now then, would you like a copy of "Kaleidoscope", the new album by Siouxsie & The Banshees? Well of course you would. And now, not entirely by coincidence, here's your chance to get one for free, seeing as how we've got no fewer than (gasp) 100 copies to citive away.

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SINGLES

By Deanne Pearson

ADAM AND THE ANTS: Kings Of The Wild Frontier (CBS). This is the new Ants line-up and Adam has obviously chosen well, as the bursts out of this record. Plenty of handclapping, drumbeats (two drummers, Terry 1 and Terry 2), chanting and strong melody line. A record packed with activity and

COMATEENS: Late Night City (Criminal). Delicious number with clear, creamy synth/organ that seems to run underneath and all over everything, while the Teens (if I may be so familiar) sing a repetitive but addictive pop ditty that sounds like something The Archies might have done

SHAKIN' STEVENS: Marie Marie (Epic). Good of rock 'n' roll with a touch of C&W in the vocals. As such it breaks no new ground, and doesn't leave much of an impression in the old. The sort of record that gets put on jukeboxes everywhere but never played.

SECRET AFFAIR: Sound Of Confusion (I-Spy). Confused? You're telling me. I don't know what Secret Affair are playing at but they're changing the name of the game, that's for sure. Forget spokesman for a generation (lan Page) has. Unfortunately the onviction in Secret Affair's music and Page's voice has disappeared hand in hand with the mod tag and we're left with well, confusion. Even the horns have piped down



KINKS: Live EP (Arista). Like The Beetles, The Kinks wrote some great songs which hardly date this live EP kicking off with the original version of David Watts which has more drive and guts than The Jam could ever kick into it. But it's the live atmosphere that complements the record the most -- toned down enough not to drown out anything, but apparent enough to give that extra kick. Other tracks are Where Have All The Good Times Gone", "Attitude" and "Victoria



THE PHOTOS: Now You Tell Me That We're Through (CBS). You've doubtless heard this a hundred times already, as the poor man's Blondie is and therefore success. A good catchy song this, but how many variations on the lost lover theme do we need? There's something distinctly familiar about this whole song but it's probably just that it's as wet, lecklustre and insincere as everything else The Photos have done.

DAVID BOWIE: Ashes To Ashes (RCA). Rather a strange choice for a single. It sounds like it's been lifted from the middle of an album, where it should have been left as it needs thing: ound it. That said, it is an interesting collection of sounds rolled into a clean, fluid melody punctueted by hollow echoey snare drumming and Bowie's beautiful voice just glding and flowing and mixing with perfect skill and clarity. Not a hit, but bodes well for his next album in

RELUCTANT STEREOTYPES Confused Action (WEA)

predictable, Ska'd backcloth interrupted by occasional horn bursts and all overladen with smooth west coast America type vocals. This lot don't believe in jumping just anybody's bandwagon, they hitch rides

TOOTS AND THE MAYTALS Stick It Up Mister EP (Island). I bow my head in shame to put this original ska artist anywhere near slower, more measured, clear and bright and soulful, nearer to straight reggee than ske (especi ally if you consider Bad Manners and Mobster ska). Every track is laid down with the same care and attention, and the last is the original version of The Specials 'Monkey Man"

ANGELIC UPSTARTS: Last Night Another Soldier (EMI). I was in a good frame of mind, I really was after listening to Toots, but I'm and painful nostalgia by this squalid mess of sound, raucous shouting, vicious voices and matching instrumentation. It is a little more subdued then usual Upstarts platter, but that thankfully just makes it all the easier to forget

TOUR DE FORCE: Nightbeat (UA). Tour De Force are an all-girl feminist band, and this song predictably, is about a girl alone at night, walking the streets. There's a certain hard determination and tension in the music, but on the whole the song lacks drive and momentum and never really gets anywhere.

MANICURED NOISE: Faith (Pre). Grey and gloomy this, its only redeeming fector being the wandering sax which attempts to pull some musical shape into apparently lifeless matter. It fails and the song sinks heavily into

SUSPICIONS: The Laughing Policeman (Arista). Anyone for a Ska/reggae version of The Laughing Policeman? I didn't laugh the first time round

LINDA McCARTNEY: Seaside Woman (A&M). Delightful front cover portraying fiendish yellow women wearing green hats and striped bathing costumes, and a wooden huts on the back. The song comes somewhere in between and should be played in



nursery schools everywhere guaranteed to send the kids off to sleep. Linda hasn't got a bad voice (and hubbie Paul backs her up all the way) but it all sounds so homely and twee, with a simple domestic melody

MOBSTER: Simmer Down/ Mobster Shuffle (Ensign). And while we're flirting with ska. Mobster too are trying it on, with all the subtlety and charm of Bad Manners' Buster Bloodvessel. No thanks boys, I've heard that line

ATHLETICO SPIZZ '80: Hot Deserts (A&M). Never did see at least Spizz changes his tune as often as his band name. This one's bright and bouncing with a cheeky guiter solo midway end rather strange lyrics. Not as instantly addictive as "Captain Kirk" but takes in more thought

DON McLEAN: Since I Don't Have You (EMI). Oh dear, the poor chap just doesn't seem to does he? It sounds like he's getting bored with telling the tale now, certainly of finding ways of expressing himself. It really is becoming a bit tedious. Sounds as if he made this up in the beth while the music gurgled away discreetly beneath him



MAGIC MICHAEL: Millionaire (Atomic). Help Michael pay the rent by giving this single a great raview, begs the press release Well, he won't go homeless but neither will he be living in a mansion as a result of this. It's members Rat Scabies and Cantain Sensible contributing) with yawning, affectatious vocals. Magic it ain't, and Michael a Millionaire won't make. Sorry



CHEAP TRICK: Everything Works If You Let It (Epic). Great revving intro which drives straight or through the number chased by Plenty of go in this song, but it's a motorway - no change of

THE B52'S: Give Me Back My Man (Island). Not as shrill and with more electronic emphasis toning everything down. Even the vocals are smoother and mellower. The running rhythm is has none of the unique chattering appeal of "Rock Lobster". TUXEDO MOON: Screem With A

View (Joeboy). Tuxedo Moon are a San Franciscan electronic band and this is full of variety, real all-important human feel. Muffled voices are surrounded by the whole is cleverly arranged

ALBUMS

LINDA CLIFFORD AND CURTIS MAYFIELD: The Right Combination (RSO). But the wrong idea, since while duets might work well enough for one or two songs, seldom is the material strong enough for a whole album. Linda Clifford has a superb voice and Curtis Mayfield has written some great soul material in the past, but sadly there's very little to get excited about as the pair sing, stomp and go all gooey through this remarkably unmemorable disco-funk outing. Pass. (4 out of 10) Red Starr

STANLEY CLARKE: Pebbles And Sand (Epic). Apart from one obvious funk track, a newcome might well think this belonged to the heavy rock brigade. Side one is over the top but likeable



driving technoflash rock, while t'other side is a three part concept affair and rather less straightforward. Great funky bass playing in the middle of mainstream American hard rock - check it out as it could well appeal to a wide variety of musical tastes. (6 out of 10) Red Starr

ELO/OLIVIA NEWTON JOHN: Xanadu (Jet). The film soundtrack, it's split between the two big names. You know what ELO sounds like so there are no surprises on side one (which also contains the title hit.) Side two, however, is vastly different Written by John Farrar (who

penned some of ONJ's earlier hits), it ranges from whispering acoustic material to big band music and includes duets with Cliff Richard, The Tubes, and co-star Gene Kelly. Very much soundtrack music. (6 out of 10). Red Starr

THE KINKS: One For The Road (Arista). From the cliched title to the boozy, self congratulatory atmosphere, this double set is as convincing an argument for banning live albums as you'll find. The Kinks lumber through their paces with all the elegance and zip of a superannuated boogie band while large American audiences bellow their approval. Rarely can so many great songs have been assembled in one place. There are few survivors. (4 out of 10).

David Hepworth DAVE EDMUNDS AND LOVE

SCULPTURE: A&B Sides (Harvest). A rather unflattering compilation of early Edmunds taking in his flashy blues guitar period as well as his early stabs at revamping classics. It's only recently that Edmunds cleverness has been matched with good taste and this album only hints at what he's capable of. Besides the compiler didn't include his brilliant version of "Promised Land" and must therefore be regarded as clinically deaf. (6 out of 10). David Hepworth

DESMOND DEKKER: Black And Decker (Stiff). Moderately successful comeback from the original ska maestro which leans heavily on re-recorded versions of his big hits of yesteryear. With the help of some nimble playing and occasional writing contributions from The Rumour. Desmond turns out some amiable dance music and proves that his quirky vocals are in as good a shape as ever. Worth forty minutes of any rude person's time. (7 out of 10). David Hepworth

SPLIT ENZ: True Colours (A&M). A monster hit in their native Australia after years of work, but it's tempting to assume this has

more to do with patriotism than taste. What we have here is a rather slight collection of high tech pop which takes in a wide variety of post-punk styles and does boast the odd appealing melodic flourish. But it does lack substance in the songwriting department and tends to come across as a mite secondhand. (5 out of 10)

David Hepworth

JOHN OTWAY AND WILD BILLY BARRETT: Way & Bar (Polydor). Depite all appearances to the contrary, John Otway is quite a clever bloke and a more than reasonable songwriter. Why he persists with this nutter act is beyond me, since no one is likely to take his talents at all seriously, however entertaining he is. That said, this is still a good, varied album with some neat, tuneful songs and a few smiles along the way. Recommended, despite the clown prince image! (7 out of 10). Ian Cranna

LOU REED: Growing Up In Public (Arista). An album of two moods - personal songs about Reed's childhood and more detached, cynical observations Unfortunately the personal songs are delivered in a passionate quiver that sounds like a bad imitation of Bruce Springsteen, while the witty, clever songs like most witty, clever songs become irritating after a few plays. The music is inventive but too often the words get in the way: an unhappy mixture that doesn't work. (4 out of 10) Alistair Macaulay

SIOUXSIE AND THE BANSHEES: Kaleidoscope (Polydor). Not a significant move in any new direction and so should satisfy their fans. The distinctive Banshees sound is still there— soaring Siouxsie vocals and air of modern mystery - with the exceptions of "Red Light" which uses drum machine and clicking camera to great effect. Both recent singles are included and side two is excellent. A fair album by their own standards, good by anyone else's, but where do they go from here? (71/2 out of 10). Alastair Macaulay



Song OH BONDAGE, UP YOURS!

UP YOURS!

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OH BONDAGE

Some people think little girls should be seen and not heard But I think:

Oh Bondage, up yours! One two three four . . .

> Bind me, tie me Chain me to the wall I wanna be a slave For you all

> > Chorus
> > Oh bondage, up yours!
> > Oh bondage, no more
> > Oh bondage, up yours!
> > Oh bondage, no more

Chain store, chain smoke I consume you all Chain gang, chain mail I don't think at all

Repeat chorus

Thrash me, crash me Beat me till I fall I wanna be a victim For you all

Repeat chorus

Repeat first verse

Repeat chorus
Repeat first verse

Repeat chorus twice

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(My) Oaddy was a bankrobber But he never hurt nobody He just loved to live that way And he loved to steal (take) your money

And that's the way the world is But I don't believe in lying back And saying how bad your luck is

So we came to jazz it up Never loved the shove! Break your back to earn your pay And don't forget to grove!

An old man spoke up in a bar He said, I've never been in prison But a lifetime serving one mechine is ten times worse than prison

imagine if all the boys in jail Could get out now together What do you think they'd warms say to us While we was being clever?

Someday you'll meet your rocking châir 'Cos that's where we're spinning There's no point to wanna comb your hair When it's grey and thinning

And so we came to jazz it up We never loved the shovel Break your back to earn your pay And don't torget to grovel

Gettaway gettaway gettaway Gettaway gettaway gettaway

Run rabbit run

Strike out boys, for the hills I can find that hole in the wall I know that they never will

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On cheap returns to summer places Awayday herd all out in heat Kicking black looks in sunshine faces A race to vote with their feet Back to front

Flock off to find someone to play with He's not like us, he must be done Buckets of spades to make your day with It hurts so good it must be fun

And it's made in London town Fists are up to knuckle down

Because we are the boys who got the noise and clout And it's argue upside down Black and white and wrong way round Infight, outright, uptight, downright, inside out

Back to front

Fight on the beaches and back home streets Welcoming in with outclenched hand Standing on others with your own feet You got to prove that you're a man

Receat chorus

I glance over my shoulder As they head for the past But I've still got my eyes up ahead I'm not going back to front

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Back to front

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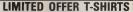
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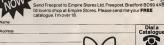


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IN REPLY to the letter from C. A. Lot (issue July 10).

How can you judge a certain style of music by its record sales? The fact that Heavy Metal hasn't had many No.1's doesn't mean that it's less popular than disco.

Being a HM fanatic myself. I prefer to spend my money on going to concerts and seeing my fave groups live, rather than spending money on singles. I went to see Whitesnake recently and it was a sell-out, so how can you say HM isn't popular?

The fact that there have been 17 disco No.1's in the past four years doesn't prove anything either. I mean, Lena Martell and Fern Kinney did it as well! Cozy Powell's No.1 Fan.

I THINK, dear C. A. Lot, that you need your head examined. I agree that there are a lot of disco records in the Top 75 but most of these do not get above the Top 40 as they are commercialised rubbish on one subject.

There may not be many mod. punk or ska records but they are of high quality about down to earth subjects to do with youth today and political innovations, not a megalomania of unreal romances. People who buy disco records are a lot of fanatical poseurs

A Genuine Modette From A Poseur-Thick Area of London.

I WAS very pleased when I read the letter by C. A. Lot in issue July 10. I'm glad that at last dance music fans have woken up.

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Unfortunately though, I can't agree with what he/she/it said. It was said that disco fens don't retaliate to frequent knockings from the barbarous multitude because their music is so popular. This is of course true but I think disco people are far too

of music to be enjoyed? I get

Also the majority of the

buy them because they are

miraculous when a genuine

Nation Under A Groove" by

ignorant hordes can see that

disco fans do have opinions.

The Happy Dancer, Swansea.

DEAR ARCHBISHOP of

milkshake and has a

Me, Canterbury.

night?

Centerbury (issue July 10):

I've never seen you in our

Wimpy. Or are you the one with

black cords and studded leather

jacket who drinks a strawberry

cheeseburger every Saturday

These days it's almost

Funkadelic.

so-called "disco" records only

make the charts because squares

singalongish, which is why disco

music has had such a bad name.

dance record is a hit, e.g. "One

Please print this so that the

worries as well but when I listen

to real dance music I feel so much

bands but are in fact mod groups. Duncan, Reading, Berks. busy being happy to worry about the state of the nation. I ASKED for a penpal during The trouble with mods, punks January and I got a lot of replies. and what have you today is that Thank you very much, but please they spend far too much time being depressing and morbid. After all, isn't the main purpose

don't write to my old address any more as I've moved elsewhere. If anyone wants a penpal over here. write to me and I'll try and find friends who want one, and I've got quite a few who want pennals

WITH REFERENCE to the letter

from Two Of The Hypodermic

I thought it was common

knowledge that Pink Floyd and

Buggles were not heavy metal

Bottoms (issue July 10):

Christina Demetriadou, 28th October Street No. 9, Laxia, Nicosia, Cyprus.

I AM writing to congratulate the producers of the North East programme "Alright Now" I think its content is great, the pop stars (or otherwise) who are chosen are first class, and I am just sorry I wasn't there when the show was being filmed - it's pretty good stuff

My sympathies are with the poor sods who live down in the South and whose local TV stations have not yet acknowledged their need for better music programmes not aimed at teenyboppers or parents. Perhaps if you were to

DEAR SMASH Hits Readers. I am writing to apologise

because I am a sinner in your eyes. I like punk, heavy, rock 'n' roll, reggae, mod, jazz, two tone, disco — ALL TYPES OF MUSICUL Also I don't dress normally. I don't parade the streets in denim jackets or safety pins, pork pie hats, slicked hair etc., nor do I fight my fellow human beings in

I realise now I have sinned and shalt fight tooth and nail for its cause. Amen."

shout to passers-by: "unclean, unclean!" Maybe one day I may see the light. Farewell.

DERE SMESH Heets, Ah'd jis laak to saye howzitt to awl the Smesh Heets reedes, end ah iis wanta seev ma name een

giving him the eye, or it'll be more than yer transformers that get blown! Kisses and condescensions. Gary Numan's Polymoog. P.S. If one more person puts another box of chocolates on my

Ain your missiles at:
Smash Hits. Life House, 52-55 Cerneby St, London WI.

David (whose friend is Neil and

Oill You leave Winston alone.

I'll have you know we've been

engaged since the last Numan

concert a year ago, so I don't

want any other cheap hussies

keyboard, I shall go up a semi

government will be pleased with

Smash Hits, as at least they are

should be on a dole queue. How

make a worthwhile contribution

impossible for everyone to agree

A Reader Who Would Be Pleased

If Smash Hits Disposed Of Their

I WAS very angry after reading

the view "composed" by Steve

Queen's new album "The

hard rock, singalong and

Game". We don't mind you

Taylor (issue July 10) concerning

comparing it to rockabilly, funk,

even . . . Fleetwood Mac! It just

goes to prove that Freddie and

provide something for everyone.

Fair enough, it is different to

their usual albums, but even the

fact they even used (dare I say it)

My attitude to reviewers who

constantly bring down the group

can satisfy thousands, why worry

PUZZLE

ANSWER

a synthesiser (sob) still doesn't

make it unoriginal corn

can be summed up in two

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DEAR SONY (issue July 10).

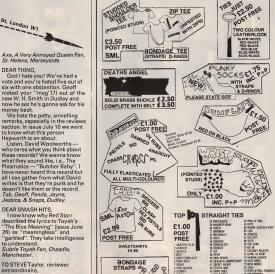
the street. disobeyed one of the commandments according to Smash Hits readers: "Thou shalt like ONE type of music and thou

Consequently I have decided to crawl into a cave somewhere and

A Geordie Music Lover.

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St. Helens, Merseyside

to know what this person

Tab, Geoff, Panda, Jayne,

Jessica, & Snaps, Dudley

DEAR SMASH HITS.

Hepworth is on about.

DEAR THING.

money back

extraordinaire. Queen are not mindless - they have a total of 32 'O' Levels and

10 'A' Levels between them. Axa (again), Still Annoyed And Still Living In St. Helens.

DEAR SMASH HITS. Please could you tell me if Dexy's Midnight Runners have a share in the "There, There, There" adverts or vice versa? Yours pleadingly 'cos I need to see my letter printed, Me. At My House.



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The Winner Takes It All

By Abba on Epic Records

I dom't wanna talk
About things we've gone through
Though it's burting me
Now it's history
I've played all my cards

I've played ail my cards
And that's what you've done to
Nothing more to say
No more ace to play

The winner takes it all The loser standing small Beside the victory That's her destiny

Thinking I belonged there if gured it made sense Building me a fence Building me a home
Thinking I'd be strong there
But was a fool
Playing by the rules

The gods may threw a dice their minds as cold as lee and semeone way down here tooks someone dear

The winner takes it all The loser has to fall it's simple and it's plain Why should I complain?

But refluences she kiss Like Losed to kiss you? Does it feel the same where the calls you name? Somewhere deep haide You must know! miss you But what can I say? hules must be obeyed

The judges will decide
The likes of me abide
Spectators of the show
Always staying low

The game is on again
A lover or a friend
A big thing or a small
The winner takes it all

I don't wanna talk
It makes you feel sad
And I understand
You've come to shake my hand
I apologise
If it makes you feel bad
Seeing me so tease

No self-confidence

But you see

The winner takes it all

The winner takes it all

So the winner takes it all Then the loser has to fall Throw e dice...cold as ice Way down here ... someone dear Takes it all ... has to fall

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9 to 5

By Sheena Easton on EMI Records

I wake up avery morning I atumble out of bed I atumble out of bed Stratching and a-yawning Another day ahead It seems to last forever And time goes slowly by Till bebe and me's together Then it starts to fly

Cos the moment that he's with me
Time can take a flight
The moment that he's with me
Everything's alright
Night time is the right time
We make love

We make love
That is his and my time
We take off

Chorus

My baby takes the morning train
He works from 9 to 5 and then
He takes another home again
To find me waiting for him

Repeat chorus

He takes me to a movie
Or to a restaurant
We go slow dancing
Anything I want
Only when he's with me
I catch alive
Only what he gives me
Makes me feel alright

Repeat chorus

All day I think of him
Dreaming of him constantly
I'm crezy med for him and
He's crezy med for me
When he steps off the train
Amezingly full of fight
Work all day to earn his pay
So we can play all night

Repeat chorus to fade

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