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### Blackwell slams BPI 'blacklisting



#### By JIM EVANS

ISLAND RECORDS' founder Chris Blackwell, back in the UK on a rare visit, is determined to continue with his One Plus One tape series - a scheme that has received total condemnation from the BPI. Further, he is upset that the BPI has not consulted him on the matter.

'I object to the fact that the BPI has tried to hurt what we are doing without first contacting us direct to hear our side and our theory behind the scheme," Blackwell told me. "The BPI never had "The BPI never had consultations with us before blacklisting us."

Blackwell added: "The BPI Blackwell added: The argues that what we are doing damages its attempts to lobby for a government blank tape levy. I disagree completely. I am extremely interested in there being a levy. Obviously, as a record company, as producers of recorded music, we wish to protect our copyrights."

Blackwell's introduction of One Blackwell's introduction of One Plus One is not just a one-off "quick cash-in" short-term policy. He believes that the one side of blank tape is a bonus to people who buy Island's pre-recorded cassettes. But he further believes that the future of

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## **WRIGHT'S IMIC** WITH SOUNDS OF THE 80s SP

CHRYSALIS RECORDS co-chairman Chris Wright received the loudest and longest applause of all the many speakers at the IMIC meeting in Berlin last week for a spontaneous speech during a seminar which set out to decide which sounds of the Eighties "will excite tomorrow's record buyer"

record buyer".

Said Wright: "The Eighties music will not be as a result of record companies pre-packaging disco or country — it will come from the artists who do it because it is what

they believe in.
"There are lots of budding artists in clubs or pubs that we wouldn't be seen dead in and they're putting out records that are going to No 1. They don't need us to manufacture or distribute because they can do it

"We should look at the music coming from these sort of areas. We should be more aware of what's going on in the streets. It's a very different situation to that in the Sixties."

Wright's remarks came after several panelists and participants had put forward a variety of views on what musical trend would make it in the coming decade

#### **Blondie out** to end Ampex deal

CHRYSALIS RECORDING group Blondie are being "bought out" of their commitment to lend their name to endorsing
Ampex blank tape, and in future
all artists signing to Chrysalis
will be asked to sign contracts
containing a clause in which they promise not to enter into similar advertising contracts for blank tape manufacturers.

tape manufacturers.

This was revealed at the IMIC meeting in Berlin last week by Chrysalis' co-chairman Chris Wright during a session on the record industry's fight against home-taping and piracy.



CHRIS WRIGHT: told IMIC to be "more aware of what's going on in the streets".

Global Music's Peter Kirsten thought that electronics would continue to play an important role, but suggested that people were fed up with "stupid and controversial lyrics'.' He thought there would be a big demand among adults for

lyrics'. He thought there would be a big demand among adults for "romantic type music".

But Arista UK A & R director Tarquin Gotch offered an entirely different view: "We should concentrate on the teenagers whose

unacceptable. I look for music I find hard to get into."

He predicted a trend to "loud and lavish" productions, cruder and He predicted a trend to Toud and lavish" productions, cruder and more basic lyrics representing unemployment and racism, music tied with fashion, and the continuing

success of dance music.

Panel chairman Dick Asher thought that quality should be the most important factor.

UK concert promoter Harvey Goldsmith proposed "developing the sounds we have today" rather than looking ahead, and Stephen James wondered whether the industry was offering the public the wrong sounds.

As other speakers aired the perennial arguments that "a good song will always sell" and "melody is still the most important thing", it was clear that this particular IMIC

was clear that this particular IMIC session would not come to any unanimous conclusion.

It ended when a speaker from the floor suggested that the discussion would have benefited from the presence of a few artists — particularly new artists who would be the source of the sounds of the Fightier.

Eighties.
Nobody could argue with that.

#### **Rent-A-Record on** its way to the UK?

From IRA MAYER
NEW YORK: David Nancoff,
proprietor of Rena's Rent-ARecord based in Toronto,
Canada, is negotiating to Canada, is negotiating to franchise his renting operation in the UK. Announcement of his UK partner is expected soon, plus a 100-store US chain financed by midwest investment firm Piper, Jaffray and Hopwood.

Hopwood.

Nancoff's Canadian franchises sell for \$27,500 (£10,742) each, plus a three per cent annual royalty. Rena's currently rents LPs three times each at a price of \$2.50 (97p), and the disc is then sold as used for \$3 (£1.17). Rented albums

must be returned within 36 hours, and Nancoff pays the appropriate 15 cents copyright fee per record for each rental.

Rena's which has two stores in

Rena's which has two stores in Canada, also rents video cassettes "including things not available anywhere else", according to Nancoff.

Asked what can prevent others from imitating the concept without buying into the franchise, he replied: "We've discovered the 'trade secrets' to make it work — the law of diminishing returns, for lack of a make it work — the law of diminishing returns, for lack of a better term — and through our buying power, we can get our franchises the best possible wholesale prices on product."

#### Goldsmith direct discount label

RECORDS AND TAPES at prices which "undercut regular record prices considerably" are to be offered to members of Starchoice Records and Tapes, a new business venture launched by leading concert promoter Harvey

considerably" are to be offered to members of Starchoice Records and Tapes, a new business venture launched by leading concert promoter Harvey Goldsmith and former Yes manager Brian Lane.

By selling direct to the public Goldsmith claims that his record prices will undercut "whatever the cheapest discount prices are in the shops".

First act to be signed to the label will be "a new act made up of established artists" and Goldsmith is currently concluding a deal with German promoter Fritz Rau for some R & B material he owns.

The new label is a part of the Starchoice Club which gives members priority in booking tickets for major concert tours — similar to operations run by the Royal Opera House and the National Theatre.

A Starchoice video club and expansion of the operation throughout Europe are planned.

#### **PolyGram division set** up to market video in UK

A NEW division of PolyGram has been set up to market video cassettes in the UK. Spectrum cassettes, which have been available in the UK for a year under a sales and distribution deal with EMI, will now be sold and distributed by PolyGram Video. A two-month advertising and PR campaign in the video consumer magazines as well as national press is being mounted, to promote the

PolyGram Video is based at 1 Rockley Road, London W14 (tel: 01-743 3474) and is headed by David Hockman, with Hilton Price as commercial manager and Derek Jones in charge of key accounts and account development, Kathy McKerrow is co-ordinating sales, and all new account enquiries should be addressed to be. addressed to her.

addressed to her.

While selling to the major multiples, key accounts and wholesalers are being handled at head office, the PolyGram Record Operations sales force is covering sales of Spectrum product to record outlets — backed up by the order desk at Chadwell Heath (tel: 590 6044). Distribution is from PRO, Chadwell Heath

PolyGram Video intends to release about eight new titles each month -

PolyGram Video intends to release about eight new titles each holiming the next supplement being due on June 12.

All stockists are being offered a display kit which includes posters, streamers, and brochures in a dispenser. Approximate retail prices are £25 for children's programmes and classic two-reel compilations of short films; £30 for feature length compilations and for classic feature films; £35 for sport features; and £45 for cultural programmes, such as ballet.

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#### NEWS

### Chrysalis backs visual division to beat recession

CHRYSALIS IS aiming to lead the way out of the recession through diversification with the expansion of its Visual expansion of its Visual Programming Division and the latest project is a Jethro Tull television programme launched at the MIP TV Festival in Cannes last week.

"The record industry has been making a pig's ear of protecting itself and has been blinkered in its thinking on technological advance," technological Chrysalis co-chairman Terry Ellis told MW.

"In our newly-elevated positions in the industry on both sides of the

Atlantic Chris Wright and I have been acting very positively about protecting our rights, yet thinking negatively, we can't pin our entire future on the record business. That is why Chris Wright for the past 18 months has been pursuing projects in the theatre, while I have been seeking to exploit television.

"Now is the right time to get into

"Now is the right time to get into visual projects because there is an increasing demand for programme material not only from TV stations but also from the eable TV operators which are expanding fast and have a much more flexible frame of mind towards programming material."

This is the first year Chrysalic has

This is the first year Chrysalis has taken a stand at the MIP festival and as well as showcasing the Jethro Tull programme, the company also revealed plans for future TV specials. Leo Sayer and Pat

"We might have bigger names at "We might have bigger names at Chrysalis but we have deliberately chosen these people for TV projects because they have a wide range of talents and are right for visual exploitation," said Ellis.

The one-hour Tull programme entitled Slipstream was produced by Ellis and directed by David Mallett.
The format of Slipstream is conceptual with a coherent story line and includes film shot on location as

and includes film shot on location as well as in the studio, plus animation, special effects and library footage.

While not intending to ignore the home video market, Ellis said: "We don't use the word 'video' as it's just a trendy term. At the moment video a trendy term. At the moment video is a very limited idea and we are aiming these new projects primarily at television, deciding to market and usell our own product in the US and UK where we have our own companies."



OBVIOUSLY ENTHUSED and enthralled by their signing to Arista, London-based band Huang Chung look as though they are prepared for look as though they are prepared for a takeover bid of the company's managing directorship. Managing director Andrew Pryor (top right) manages a brave smile while band members Nick De Spig, Jed Docharty (manager), Jack Hues, Darren Costin and Hogg Robinson contemplate the future. The group's Gest product is exheduled for lune contemplate the future. The group first product is scheduled for June.

#### **BBC** support for local radio

THE BBC'S chairman, George Howard, last week reaffirmed the corporation's commitment to local radio. Interviewed on BBC Radio Derby on the station's tenth anniversary, Howard said that the Board of Governors was "firmly committed" to local radio and to the full coverage of England by the proposed network of 38 stations.

Asked about cutbacks on existing stations while opening new ones, Howard commented: "One thing we can't do is to keep the present inadequate coverage as our permanent arrangement. We've got to cover the whole country or none

to cover the whole country or none at all. We can't have a halfway house and if that does mean cutting

house and if that does mean cutting back on the existing stations in order to finance expansion, well so be it, until we get more money."

Howard went on to say that over the next decade he hoped to see BBC local radio stations continue to develop their own kind of programming individually, but that he was also anxious to encourage them to group together on a regional them to group together on a regional

#### ILR revenue down

THE GROSS advertising revenue for the independent radio companies for

March this year announced by the Association of Independent Radio Contractors (AIRC) reflects the continuing effects of the recession.

The figure was £3,413,449, 12 per cent down on the March 1980 total of £3,883,654, but an AIRC spokesman pointed out that the March 1981 figure is 40 per cent up on the result for March 1979, and local advertising on ILR remains "buoyant".

#### **Cherry Red releases Quentin Crisp albums**

CHERRY RED Records continues its policy of releasing the unusual with a double-album featuring "The Naked Civil Servant" Quentin Crisp. Called An Evening With Quentin Crisp (DRED 2), the set was recorded live in New York and features

Crisp's one-man show.
Cherry Red's previous releases
have included The Dead have included The Dead Kennedys and Eyeless In Gaza. The company will be putting a heavy marketing push behind the Crisp albums (also available on cassette) including advertising in Private Eye, The Sunday Times, The Observer, Gay News and trade press. In addition, Crisp will be doing TV and radio promotion, and opens a one-man show, based on the same format as the album's, at London's Mayfair Theatre on May II for

four weeks.

The album ties-in with the publication of his second autobiography, How To Become

THIS WEEK sees the release of the new album from The Beat. Entitled Wha'ppen (Beat 3), it is digitally recorded and out on the band's own Go-Feet label. An extensive promotional campaign includes consumer music press ads, a special promotional film and co-operative advertising with the major chains involving regional radio spots. Five hundred window displays have already been booked and dealer material includes posters, 3d centre-pieces, palm trees and the album sleeve — an original painting of The Beat by Hunt Emerson. The band tours Emerson. The band tours through May and reduced price tickets will be available for the unemployed on production of a current UB40 card.

ELTON JOHN has a new single released this week. Entitled Nobody Wins, it is included on



his forthcoming album, The Fox, and is available in a full colour picture sleeve, with the catalogue number XPRES 54.

THE SECOND album to be released on the Chips label is the original soundtrack to the film The Monster Club starring The Monster Club starring Vincent Price, Donald Pleasence and Simon Ward. Featured artists on the album include B A Robertson, UB40, Night, Pretty Things, Expressos and John Williams. Catalogue number is CHILP 2.

THE JAM release a new single, Funeral Pyre, on Polydor on May 22, available in colour sleeve. It features a Pete Townshend song, Disguises, on the flip side.

ARISTA IS releasing their live version of The Kinks' Lola (ARIST 404) to coincide with the veteran group's UK tour. The track, coupled with Celluloid Heroes, is taken from the double live album One For The Road and has already been number one in Holland. Also new from the company is Sorrow, Tears & Blood (ARIST 408) by Fela Kuti Anikulapo.

SPIRIT, WHO are currently enjoying succes with the Potatoland album, have released a single, We've Got A Lot To Learn (Beggars Banquet). Tentative plans are being made for a brief tour within the next month or two. enjoying with month or two.



#### MEUUS

## Video's challenge to A&R creativity

MUSIC WILL constitute one of the primary areas of consumer interest in home video and record companies should be looking for a new breed of A & R man who can work with audio producers in creating original footage for video.

That was the message from Bruce Lundvall, president of CBS Records, talking at IMIC on the "challenge" of home video.

"Challenge" of home video.

"The programming of music on video represents an enormous challenge to the record industry," he added. "At the moment record companies are no more than manufacturers and distributors of home video products. We must become creators and originators of new programming for our musical artists — something we are not doing now.

"But it will not be as simple as si...ply shooting concert footage of

artists performing. It requires new dimensions of programming and creativity, perhaps abstract images or visuals illustrating the lyrics of a song. It will need the creation of a new art form — that is the challenge for the record companies."

But the coming of music on video will not sound the death knell for the audio disc and tape, said Lundvall.
"Listening to an audio record is a
unique and distinct experience — it unique and distinct experience—in engages the imagination. Like radio which survived the advent of television—and thrives today basically because of music—so will the audio record industry survive."

basically because of music — so will the audio record industry survive." In the same session, WEA International president Nesuni Ertegun agreed that video and the vast choice offered by cable and satellite TV will have "a very, very small effect on the future growth and good health of the record industry because people don't want to become slaves of that screen''.

But reviewing the multiplicity of video tape and disc systems, Ertegun said he saw the challenge of video being "duel, combat, survival and death — all the elements existing in

death — all the elements existing in the future of home video". Viewing video from the rights' owners point of view, the UK's Bob Montgomery, managing director of MCPS, warned of three vital problems besetting all sides of the industry:

 Piracy — "Not under control.
 The film, TV and record industries and the rights owners have got to put their police forces together to fight

• Copyright protection - "In the UK we are several years away from a

on we are several years away from a new copyright act giving us the protection we need."

• Rental — "A common problem not helping the producer or copyright owner. It means lower actual sales, therefore higher prices which leads to more pirates.

the necessary legislation.

More IMIC reports in next week's Music & Video



RADIO STATIONS should take more heed of what its audience wants to hear and the sort of records wants to hear and the sort of records they are buying, declared DJM managing director Stephen James (above) during IMIC's executive roundtable session on "crucial record company problems". In what he admitted was a deliberate jibe at Radio One, James added: "The record industry should educate the media more about the types of music we know is being

educate the media more about the types of music we know is being bought. The radio stations still think kids buy all the records. We shouldn't keep going to them cap in hand and saying 'please play my records'. They don't own us.''

After the debate James told MW: 'I believe certain Radio One

'I believe certain Radio One programmes are out of touch with what the listening public — and record buyers — actually want to hear.''

#### Worldwide copyright body mooted

A CALL for a "United Nations of copyright organisations", made by an IMIC delegate during the session on the development of cable and satellite TV, was backed by Professor Erich Schulze, president and general manager of the German copyright society, GEMA. CEMA

GEMA.

"Common interests have to be protected," said Schulze.

"Maybe we should find a new world organisation to protect anything that goes beyond national borders."

But this view was later.

But this view was later challenged by PRS general manager Michael Freegard who said: "I don't believe that a single world copyright society is practical or even desirable. It would bring down upon us even more governmental inter-ference."

#### Promotion polemic

CONCERT PROMOTERS should liaise more closely with each other to prevent clashing tours by several major artists in the same territories, said WEA International European artist relations director Claude Nobs in the IMIC promotion seminar, and his view was echoed by A & M's Marcus Bicknell.

Marcus Bicknell.

But their suggestions received a resounding shout of 'no' from panellists Harvey Goldsmith and Fritz Rau who said: "You can't stop competition. But what is needed is closer co-operation between artists managers, record companies and promoters."

## UK industry unites to issue home-tape statement against home-taping appeared to be won with most important governments around the world having been persuaded that some kind of compensatory royalty is "just and necessary". But the second half of the battle was to persuade those governments to make the necessary legislation.

ALL SIDES of the UK music ALL SIDES of the UK music industry are showing an uncharacteristic united front in collaborating in publishing a policy statement on home-taping next week for circulation among MPs before the forthcoming Green Paper, now believed to be due within the next two ments.

two months.

Revealing this at IMIC, BPI director general John Deacon said that the industry's arguments would be presented in a brochure jointly and the presented in a brochure in the property of the presented in a brochure in the presented in prepared and signed by the BPI, MCPS, MRS and MU.

And he said that while the high-

And he said that while the fight powered public relations company, GJW had also been briefed to attempt to influence government opinion, certain industry unions are also working on influencing

Deacon added that assuming a

loss through private taping of £2 per album to rights owners then a levy on a C45 should be £1, on a C90 £2

on a C45 should be £1, on a C90 £2 and on a C120 £3.

"Clearly we will not achieve those sort of figures," he said, "but we most not accept a pittance — we need a realistic sum."

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Earlier, the seminar chairman,
John Hall, director general of the
IFPI, said that at this stage
achieving a levy of a substantial
amount was probably more
important than deciding how it

should be redistributed.

"It should be sufficient to be either a worthwhile deterrent or a worthwhile compensation for lost revenue," he said. "A small royalty would give us neither and would do away with our right to complain to

governments.".

Hall added that half the battle

Nesuhi Ertegun "The shortage of good quality video tape is dramatic; and production problems for some video discos are immense. I understand the

#### rejection rate is 35 per cent at the lowest and 90 per cent at the highest." **Protection** MUSIC WEEK

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## against piracy

A SEVEN-point plan that record companies should adopt in the fight against piracy was presented at IMIC by Patrick Hurley, vice president, operations, at CBS in

● Ensure simultaneous release (including the cassette version) in all

territories,
Co-ordinate prices between territories;

Only license product to reputable

companies (with reputable management);

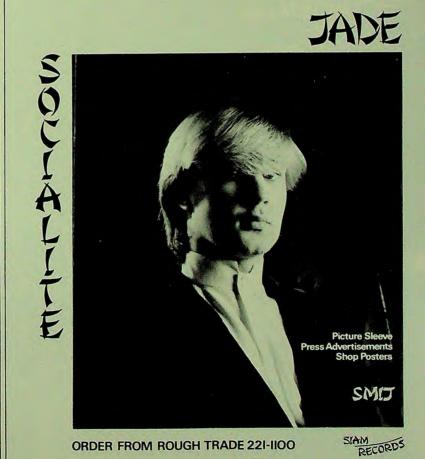
Tighten up security when shipping parts and in cutting rooms and during night shifts in pressing plants: plants;

Only duplicate and print covers

Only duplicate and print covers with reputable companies;

Discourage lookalike cover compilations which confuse the public;

Take a united position over dealing with customers convicted of trading in pirate product.



#### NEWS

#### HMV's new Manchester megastore

PLANS FOR a giant new HMV store in Manchester — previewed at the company's branch managers' conference last autumn — are now being put into action; the new £250,000 store, with 7,500 square feet of floor space, opens next month. It will stock video as well as records and tapes.

In preparation for the move into the new Market Street site, HMV is holding a clearance sale at the existing Market Street site, with prices for LPs and cassettes starting at 50p.

#### **Initial to Stage One**

INITIAL RECORDS, the Edgbaston-based independent label whose artists include Bernard Szajner, Bachdenkel, Irvin Mowrey, 30 Seconds, ZED and Jack Nitzsche, will be distributed in the UK through Stage One as of May 1.

### Tipple renews attack on VAT at MTA awards

RENEWED PLEAS for records and tapes to be freed from VAT were made at the presentation of the 1980 MTA Gramophone Record Awards last week.

Record Awards last week.

While noting that if was "marvellous to be in at the beginning of yet another retail association" Harry Tipple, chairman of RAVRO (which has previously served dealers as first the GRRA, then the GRRC and then, briefly, the GRRD) used the Awards Dinner as an opportunity to denounce VAT on music. If the Government would agree to treat recorded music as cultural — as books are treated — and zero rate them for VAT, he said, dealers would not spend time and money on VAT matters. "We could concentrate on what we do best, which is selling records, and maybe which is selling records, and maybe

some of the unemployed out there could be in work, behind our counters."

Guest of honour, conductor Sir Charles Groves, spoke of the great effect that records had had on musical appreciation, and closed by saying: "I hope that the digital recording system will bring a fresh

recording system will bring a fresh era of prosperity to this industry."
Ron White, speaking as president of the MPA, also referred to the recording industry's technological advances, and recalled that the cassette tape had been originally dismissed as "a passing phase" but has now in some ways become one of the industry's greatest problems.

He continued by remarking that "as an elder observer" he had felt in the past few years that the business was "dogged by enthusiastic amateurs". But now, he felt, there was a return to professionalism,

which was one reason why, in his belief, the industry had "turned the

"I do believe the industry has bottomed out," he said, "and is

#### **Record Scene** launches hype probe

THE RECORD Scene, Staines, one of the three shops suspended from the chart panel following the recent BPI investigations into alleged malpractices, has issued a statement to the effect that it is instigating a full investigation into the allegations

made, with the assistance of the BMRB and the BPI.

The statement, which points out that the company has always "made a point of bringing to the attention a point of bringing to the attention of the managers and employees the code of conduct", adds that "any person or persons who have assisted or have had the knowledge of any falsification of the entries in the diaries returnable to the BMRB, will be dismissed."

#### Caroline still absent

RADIO CAROLINE, which was due to go back on the air on April 19, still remains absent from the airwaves, and no rescheduled starting date has been announced. Apparently, work on the new transmitter is not yet complete. The US operation running the advertising says that response has been slow so far from international advertisers. But a spokesman added that he felt potential advertisers wanted to wait until the station was actually on air before "committing their dollars".

#### **Bellaphon finances**

LEGAL ADVISERS working for former employees of Bellaphon Records UK, which ceased operations earlier this year, believe they are near to finding a way, through the Treaty of Rome, to reclaim the money owed to their clients by the German record operation. One ex-Bellaphon UK executive is also considering suing the company's managing director. the company's managing director, Branko Zivanovic, for defamation.

#### Blackwell slams

the recording industry lies with the

"For too long the record industry has ignored the fact that the cassette has ignored the fact that the cassette has a very major role to play. Currently, cassettes account for around 15 or 20 per cent of the market. In five years time, the situation will be reversed.

"Everything in the past — all advertising campaigns, promotion, has been geared to the record. More often than not the cassette version is mentioned merely in small print as

mentioned merely in small print, as

in after-thought.

"Cassettes are hardly ever released at the same time as the album. Record companies are also album. Record companies are also over-pricing them. The cassette, in the majority of cases, is priced the same as the album, yet is clearly not of the same value, quality or feel.

"The industry is encouraging home-taping by over-pricing cassettes

'Quality control just does not go o pre-recorded cassettes. For instance you frequently get two minutes of blank tape at the end of one side — it is an imperfect product."

Blackwell believes the cassette can Blackwell believes the cassette can do for the record industry what the advent of the paperback did for publishing. "Albums should be like hard-backs, first editions, something to collect, while cassettes, like paperbacks, should be a cheap attractively packaged practical alternative, but with quality content.

#### MSD firewarehouse demolished

THE FIRE at Multiple Sound Distributors' warehouse in Kingsland Road, Hackney, on April 12 resulted in the loss of 750,000 LPs and one million sleeves through fire damage or the effect of water and foam used by the London Fire Brigade in fighting the flames. The warehouse has since been demolished by order of the local council as unsafe.

MSD managing director Ian Miles told MW that no definite conclusion had yet been reached concerning the cause of the fire. There had been two attempts at breaking and entering recently, and he is not discounting the possibility of arson by some disgruntled former employee.

Miles added that alternative

Miles added that alternative accommodation had been found in the same area, and MSD is considering relocating its warehousing facility outside London eventually. The cost of such a relocation and the transporting of stock would still be less that the rest and rates be less than the rent and rates now charged for London premises.

premises.

No serious disruption was caused in the fulfilling of orders by MSD following the fire.

• The MSD sales distribution

The MSD sales distribution centre is now located at 3 Standard Road, Park Royal Industrial Estate, London NW10 6EX (01-961 6699), and all orders are now being supplied from this address.

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Blackwell added that the industry Blackwell added that the industry is making noises far too long after the horse has bolted: "All tape machines, music centres, have record buttons. Thus to a large extent the battle has been lost. Twenty years after the invention of the cassette is not the time to start complaints." complaining.

"The Government is going to be "The Government is going to be much more receptive to a levy on video tape, because that industry is only just starting. However, I still feel there should be a blank audio tape levy — and I don't feel that what we are doing is hurting the application for a levy. As a record company, we simply try to be positive. If the levy comes in, we will be happy — and would expect — to be happy — and would expect — to pay that levy on the blank sides of our One Plus One series."

Blackwell would like to see the One Plus One idea adopted by the whole industry. "On catalogue our sales of the One Plus One tapes have shown an increase on average of 7 to 800 per cent. Sales of some titles are up as much as 1,200 per cent."

Asked if he was optimistic for the Asked if he was optimistic for the industry's future, Blackwell, whose interests cover films, video, studios as well as records and tapes, commented: "I'm optimistic for Island and some of the other forward looking companies. But in general terms I think the industry is like one that has lost confidence in itself."



## SPRINGSTEIN EVERY CONCERT IS SOLD OUT. HOWABOUT YOU?

Bruce Springsteen and The E Street Band are back in the UK for the first time in five years. Over 100,000 people will see him live and twice that number tried to get tickets. The interest is alive, so make sure you've got the five classic albums in stock. It's Springsteen month NOW!



#### RETAILING

#### **Dealer boost** from Blood's

announced dealer incentive contest brings faint but pleasant memories of happier days - the pre-recession of regular tradeboosting contests on a grand

As advertised on the front page of MW, Blood's is offering a chance for two indie dealers to win chance for two indice dealers to win holidays in the West Indies. Graham Vernon, Blood's general manager, says that he wanted dealers to note that the incentive contest was that the incentive contest was specifically aimed at the small

The two categories are for, first, the single shop dealer; and secondly the business with between two and

ops. There is a holiday for two in Barbados to be won in each

Vernon explains: "We have taken the turnover that dealers have done with us in the period between January 1 and March 31 this year. Now we will compute the turnover they do with us between May 1 and August 31. The winners will be those with the biggest increase and the results will be announced in

'We felt that it's the right time of the year for running a competition like this. Also, we want to do something for the indies specifically. We have been aiming a lot of special lines at them in the past few weeks and have been doing well with these."



HMV PUT on record its approval of the Island One Plus One cassette idea when the scheme was first announced, and has followed up by linking with Island in a sales promotion drive. Window displays have gone into HMV stores this month, and there are also in-store displays, logo cards and posters. The racking and POS at the Oxford Street store is pictured above.

#### New move promotion at Dobell's

THE LEGENDARY Dobell's Jazz and Folk record shop has at last found new premises - and although the "move" has taken months, the the "move" has taken months, the new shop is only a few moments' walk from the old address. The new premises are at 21 Tower Street in London's Covent Garden. Official opening date was May 1 and a 20 per cent discount is being offered off all cash or cheque sales until May 16, as a special opening promotion.

#### Collectors' c

By PATRICK SULLIVAN

A NUMBER of important jazz re-A NUMBER of important jazz re-issues are currently available. Pick of the crop come from outside the major league, with Affinity (a vigorous offshoot of Charly Records) releasing five super albums of West Coast material laid down in the Fifties for Capitol.

Pride of place here goes to Boston Blow Up (AFF 63) by archetypal bebop baritone saxist, Serge Chaloff, an album which deserves to figure high in any jazz record poll.

Original copies of this record fetch anything up to \$150 on the US auction lists, so good business seems likely. Another of the Affinity's, Keys West (AFF 62) by pianist Claude Williamson, should satisfy a legion of West Coast buffs.

But the re-issues sure to give the Chaloff a run for its money both feature the late Brit tenor man Tubby Hayes. Mexican Green (Mole 2), an inspired choice by the canny trio at Mole Jazz Record Shop, finds him in blistering form on a set first issued on Fontana back in the Sixties; while another jazz independent, Spollite Records, has unearthed a selection of previously-unreleased material by Tubbs and present it on The Syndicate (SPJ

Milestone and Prestige, marketed by RCA in the UK, can be relied upon to produce the goods, and there should be interest in Trav'lin Light (M 47056) a Sixties' set which pitches the late, great, tenor giant Ben Webster in with a young, still learning, Joe Zawinul. This includes previously-unreleased takes of Come Sunday, Too Late Now and Frog Leg.

A Monday Date (P 24043) gives us a brace of Earl Hines albums which retain their sparkle, and were issued as Plays Fats Waller and Solo on the Fantasy label in 1956. World on the Fantasy tabel in 1950. World Records delves back even further to produce "King" Oliver's Okeh Sessions (SH 358), laid down in 1923, with a fledgling Louis Armstrong capturing attention on his own composition Tears, and the incomparable Johnny Dodds.

It's been a wonderful spring and with World Records all set to put out the complete Armstrong Hot Fives and Sevens, summer prospects look good for collectors too.

#### **Yellow Page** improvements

WORTH NOTING by retailers looking for every possible way of making their presence felt is the fact that the Yellow Pages are to have a new look - which should help local businesses.

Businesses.
Each of the o7 individual directories (of which about 20 million copies in all are distributed each year) will be getting a face lift. Improvements are to include buyers guides, street maps, better indexes and more local information. There will be free advice on copy and design to advertisers in the new

> Edited NICOLAS SOAMES

## THINGS ARE settling down at Record Sales, after the split between directors Alan Wade (who has left to form Promo People) and Richard Jakubowski, who remains to run RS. The old RS faces which dealers can expect to go on seeing regularly are Paddy O'Connell (Scotland), Pete Ringrose (Liverpool), Keith Connor (Yorkshire), Lynne Bartlett (Wales and SW), Sandra Goode (Birmingham), Susie Higgs and Kelvin Jacobs (both London), John Jakubowski (West Country), and Julian Caruso (Staffs). Newly-appointed reps, joining as replacements, are Nicki Denaro, formerly with Bellaphon and Pye, covering East Anglia — contactable on 056 42 2004; and Mary McCormick, formerly with Charisma, CBS and EMI, covering Scotland — contactable on 041 334 2115. Jakubowski asserted that RS intends to stay a promo-only company, and that he would not be replacing Wade with another partner but would be giving some people already in the company — such as Andrew Jamieson, based at the Newman Street head office — greater responsibility. • Dealer service number at RS is 01-636 6424. CLASSICAL

### Wide variety from Hyperion

Systems normal at RS

releases from Ted Perry's new label Hyperion presents a wide range of repertoire this month.

There are five records, two of early music, two of English music, and a real rarity — the world premiere recordings of two huge piano sonatas by Anton Rubinstein.

The first of the two early music records features for the first time on disc The City Waites, a group directed by Doug Wootton which has an established reputation in concert circles for its approach to "historical" popular music.

Although The City Waites began by concentrating on medieval music, this LP How The World Wags — Social Music for a 17th century Gentleman (A66008), is devoted to a John Dowland played Extempore String E Ensemble

Perry has a well-deserved reputation for his work in bringing reputation for his work in bringing on to record forgotten works of the Edwardian era, and Gurney's Ludlow and Teme cycle and Vaughan Williams' On Wenlock Edge with Martyn Hill, Graham Johnson and The Coull String Quartet (A66013), should do well.

Thea King follows up her Hyperion record of the Stanford and Finzi Clarinet Concertos with works

Finzi Clarinet Concertos with works Finzi Clarinet and piano by Stanford, Ferguson, Finzi, and Hurlstone, accompanied by Clifford Benson (A66014), And Rubinstein's Sonatas Nos 1 and 3, which are difficult and extrovert works are played by Leslie Howard (A66017).

NEW SINGLE

Vice 2

#### FIVE YEARS ago the musical world was shocked by the tragic death of the early music pioneer, scholar and populariser David Munrow, and the

by Munrow's widow and comprises many different works showing Munrow as soloist (recorders, shawms, pipes, chanters, etc), director of small consorts, large consorts, sacred music and secular music, as well as including one side of music which he conducted for

The box comes with an explanatory leaflet (SIS 5136), has a dealer price of £6.06, and is available on cassette as well.

LEO SMIT, the pianist who will give a number of recitals at Aldeburgh this year, has recorded the Complete Music for Solo Piano by Aaron Copland, and the resulting two-disc set is being released by CBS this month

The set (79234, £5.84 dealer price) covers a wide range of Copland's styles including the Piano Sonata,

#### **Digital debut for Berlioz Requiem**

THE FIRST digital recording of Berlioz's Requiem is released by EMI this month performed by the London Philharmonic Choir, the LPO and Robert Tear, tenor, with André Previn conducting.

The 2LP set, issued in a double wallet (SLS 5209), was made after a successful performance at the Royal Festival Hall last year, and has been carefully recorded to make the most of the spectacular nature of the work, including the bases of fittees of feets of the Digis Leas

the work, including the brass offstage effects of the Dies Irae.

The records were pressed in Germany, and for the first time EMI is issuing chrome dioxide tape cassettes (TCC-SLS 5209), which can be played on any machine, regardless of whether it has a chrome tape switch or not. CBS also releases its digital titles on Cr02 tapes.

## date is being commemorated by the issue of a 3LP box set of some of his finest EMI recordings. The compilation has been made

the Four Piano Blues, and Night Thoughts: Homage to Ives. It will be the only recording of Copland's piano music available in this country.
CBS is also issuing a re-cut and re-

mastered version of Rudolf Serkin's performance of Max Reger's difficult piano concerto, recorded with the Philadelphia Orchestra under Eugene Ormandy (61711).

CANADIAN BRASS, the virtuoso group which records for RCA, comes to the UK this month for a series of concerts concluding with an appearance at the Queen Elizabeth Hall on June 2.

Hall on June 2.

To support the visit, RCA has issued The Canadian Brass Plays Great Baroque Music, with pops such as the Toccata and Fugue in D minor, Pachelbel's Canon and Bach's Sheep May Safely Graze on RL/RK 13554.

#### Reviews

Light of Life, Elgar. Margaret Marshall, Helen Watts, Robin Leggate, John Shirley-Quirk, RLPO, Sir Charles Groves. ASD/TC 3952. D.P. £3.29.

This is the world premiere recording of the work, a surprising fact in view of its distinctive Elgarian qualities — the broad sweep of the strings and clarinets, and the striking urgency of the solos. It is not as great as Gerontius which followed four years later, or The Kingdom, but it still has marvellous things which would not disappoint lovers of the English choral tradition. The performance is Elgarian in every detail.

The Morzin Symphonies 1758-1760, Haydn, Volume 1. L'Estro Armonico, directed by Derek Solomons. Saga 3LPs.
The first of two volumes, this is an important issue. Haydn needs the

treatment given by the Academy of Ancient Music to Mozart, and here L'Estro Armonico, playing on original instruments for the first original instruments for the first time, takes a lively approach to these, the composer's first symphonies. Actually, many of the L'Estro players are AAM players too, and therefore bring to their performance the lessons learned with Hogwood, but that is not to take anything away from Solomons. It is good to see a small company like Saga finding sponsorship from Martini Rossi to undertake such a project. The set will probably not sell as well as the Mozart series, but will do much better than normal figures for early Haydn with sufficient promotion of authentic tag by dealers.

#### EXPORT

You Gotta Rock

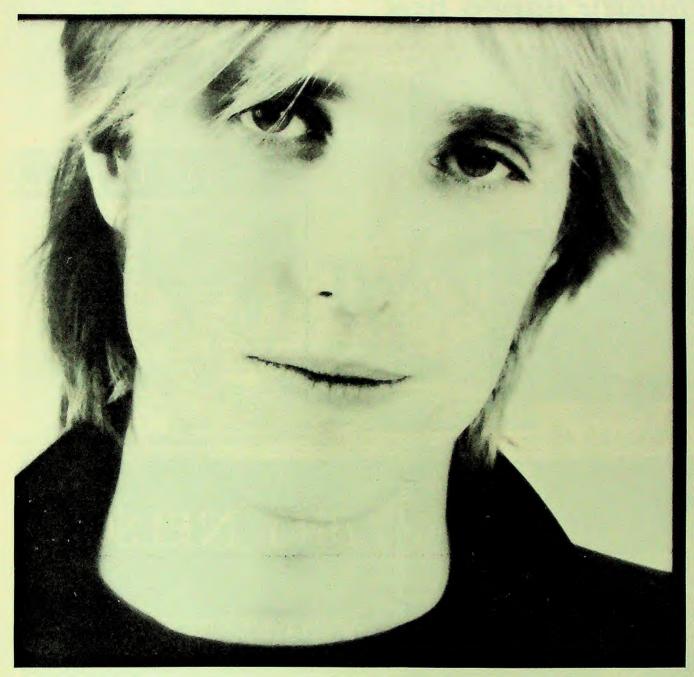
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### Showstopping ideas from the Royalty dance hall

MORRIS, DANCE and Webb may sound like a folk group from a Lancashire weaving mill, but folk music is one form of entertainment this trio of entrepreneurs has not been involved with . . . yet.

Tony Morris, Roger Dance and Adrian Webb are the directors of Adrian Webb are the directors of Showstoppers, and their philosophy can be summed up as: "We'll promote anything, as long as it's entertaining and looks like showing a reasonable profit."

The trio are currently involved in running the Royalty dance hall in Southgate as a regular venue, for

funk and rockabilly music; CB radio; organising music weekends at holiday camps outside the vacation season; managing two successful young rock 'n' roll bands; looking for a British country act with true grit and commercial viability — and they plan to give the idea of tuning an engine new meaning with a series custom car rallies-cum-discos

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Dance points out that their different activities are linked — all are entertainment and almost all involve music, both live and

Morris recalls the three years in which the enterprise has

MORRIS, DANCE and Webb, directors of Showstopper Promotions, who have the philosophy: "We'll promote anything as long as it's entertaining and looks like showing a reasonable profit."

mushroomed: "The Royalty was a traditional dance hall, but it had worn its time out. I became involved and with Adrian decided to change the image. We started a rock 'n' roll evening on Thursdays, and disco evenings on Fridays and Saturdays. Rockabilly took off after our Thursday nights started going really well, I started managing Matchbox, the first of the new rockabilly acts to have chart success. And Adrian manages the Polecats.
"We soon realised that we could

extend our activities outside the Royalty. We started Showstopper Promotions. We felt at that stage we were stretching ourselves a bit, and brought in Roger Dance to take care

brought in Roger Dance to take care of the Royalty administration.

"Then one of our DJs, Robbie Vincent, suggested we take the disco kids away for a weekend. We found Ladbrokes holiday camp at Caister would let us take it over. We organise the whole weekend — accommodation and music — for £25 a head. We started to do these regularly, and we do rockabilly and

£25 a head. We started to do these regularly, and we do rockabilly and country music weekends as well."

Morris is convinced that the dearth of big British country acts is the fault of the major record companies, which refuse to put any money behind UK bands, preferring to sell US country names over here. to sell US country names over here. But he and his partners are always looking for new acts to manage and promote and are ready to "diversify" into country music acts if one really impressed them.



RECENT RECIPIENT of several Grammy awards, Christopher Cross, also enjoyed two sell-out concerts at the London Palladium recently which were followed by a party hosted by WEA Records, Cross (centre) is pictured with his nanager Tim Neece, Nesuhi Ertegun (president of WEA International) and Charles Levinson (managing director).

#### News in brief

sung by three Dutchmen, and topped and tailed with a specially-written refrain, is the

specially-written refrain, is the unlikely combination, known as Stars On 45, which is currently climbing the British and US charts, writes Sue Baker.

Produced by Dutchman Japp Eggermont, the single has already spent four weeks at the top of Holland's single chart. Eggermont says: "A few months ago I heard a hootley made up of Eggermont says: "A few months ago I heard a bootleg made up of bits of original records, which was aimed at the discos. This inspired me, so I took some people into the studio to do Stars

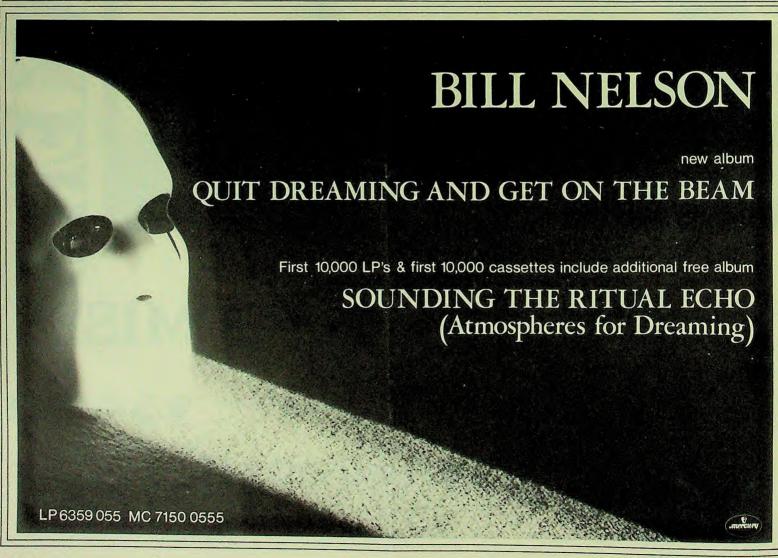
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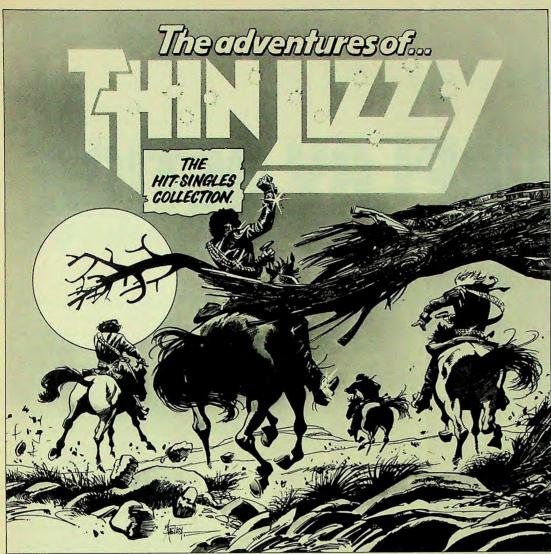
Eggermont used session musicians, the most notable being Bas Muys, the Lennon soundalike, with two others approximating McCartney and

Harrison. The single is in fact an edited version from a maxisingle, and there is also a Stars On 45 LP with one complete side devoted to a medley of Beatles

JOHN COOPER Clark takes to the road again this month, playing 18 dates around the country including the London Dominion on May 30. At the same time Epic releases Me And My Big Mouth, a compilation of tracks from his three previous LPs ... Marvin Gaye plays several live dates during June ... Japan, who have a new single Life In Tokyo released by Hansa, also have several live gigs during May including two nights at Hammersmith Odeon. The JOHN COOPER Clark takes to at Hammersmith Odeon. The single has been produced and co-

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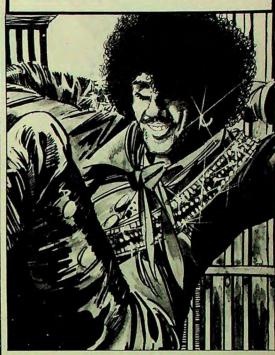


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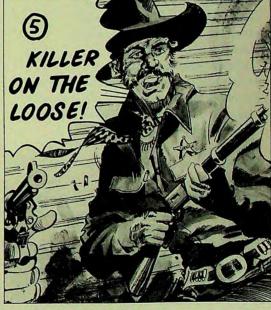
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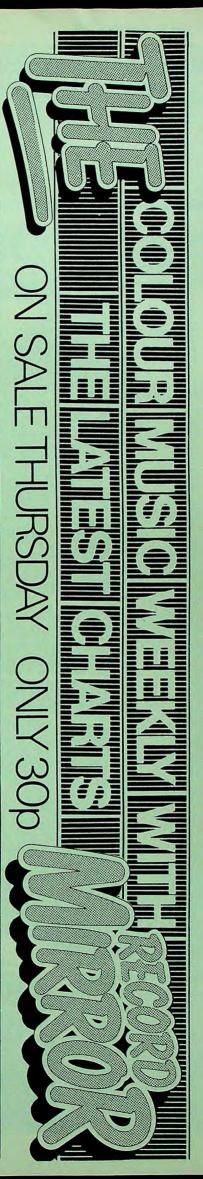
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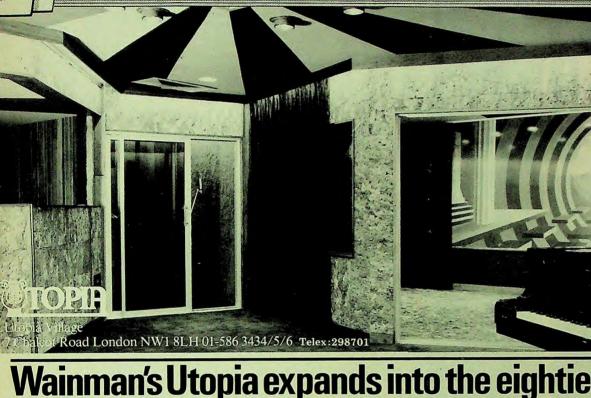
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man's Utopia expands into the eighties

"UTOPIA STUDIOS are not what they were" said producer Phil Wainman for not only does it incorporate the very recently as he began to embark on a new album project in North London's latest Neve microchip technology, but Primrose Hill recording complex. Wainman in his role as highly successful producer expects the best from a studio – while his alternative role as owner of Utopia Studios means that he immediately put in hand a major refurbishment of the studio and up-date of the control room.

The results are exactly what anyone who knows Utopia's unfailing style would expect, and with a predictable touch of Wainman showmanship the official re-opening of the upgraded studio was arranged to coincide with the achievement of another long-planned objective: The studio doors re-opened on the day that the Utopia flag was hoisted over what had been Spencer Court, but was now officially re-named Utopia village. Wainman had planned to acquire the whole court when he first moved in five years ago, and house a community of creative business enterprises there. This is exactly what Utopia Village now is.

Chief among those enterprises is the studio complex, which is now more than twice the size it was when

Wainman first opened the facility.

Of the latest developments there
Wainman says: "We did not want to let things slip, so we have invested in refurbishing the studio and putting in a new, technically advanced desk - and we will continue to incorporate the latest

equipment.
"But I'm very concerned with looks as well as function. I wanted to keep the artistic touch which had set the tone when we first designed the studio to include those striking murals. The decor has always been intended to make Utopia a place which is pleasing to look at and comfortable to work in rather than just being rooms full of electronic devices."

#### **Greater versatility**

Utopia was the first studio to have an acoustic design by Eastlake - after acoustician Tom Hidley left Westlake to set up his own company. Wainman

stresses: "We have kept all the original acoustic trapping in the main studio - because that was, and is, ex-

tremely good and very necessary".

However, a new vocal booth has been built inside Studio One, increasing the room's versatility without diminishing

The biggest alteration is in the isolation room, with its marble floor and glass covered walls. All the acoustic trapping has been removed from the ceiling giving absolutely excellent ambient sound. After testing the room out, Wainman (who keeps a drumkit in the spare bedroom of the house next door which is Utopia's HQ - to keep his hand in as a drummer) pronounced: "The sound is amazing. We are getting excellent results just using the mikes above the false ceiling, or maybe with one additional one on the kit itself".

#### Sophistication with chips

In the control room the microchip has arrived in earnest. The streamlined dimensions of the brand new, customised Neve 8108 in-line desk disguise the fact that it offers more facilities than the older large version did. With the new desk, and rearrange-ment of other equipment in there, the control room is decidedly roomier.

The improvement in the ergonomics in the control room is something about technical manager Goldstraw is very enthusiastic, and he believes that the extra space and the better arrangement of all the machines will be much appreciated by everyone

using the room.

The new Nevedesk is most accurately described as "highly sophisticated"

also various additional refinements provided by Utopia's technical staff. "All the flexibility that can go into a console has been put in", added

The technical details of this Neve 8108 are: 48 channel in-line console with 32 group outputs. Each channel has six auxiliary sends, parametric EQ, and filtering networks. All EQ and filtering is switchable to monitor or tracks. All routing to group output is via microprocessor-controlled electronic switching - which also has four non-volatile memories, allowing four different session set-ups to be stored and recalled at any time.

#### Village within a village

Utopia Studio is really a village within Utopia Village. Around, and linked to the main studio and control room are a collection of facilities which allow for the entire process of creating and recording music to be carried out in one place-if that's what an artist

The rehearsal room has the same dimensions and acoustic properties as Studio Two. Artists rehearsing there can use the small studio to make demos, and if the demo is good enough can move into Studio One with it - to overdub

The tape's next stop could be at Utopia's remix room, which is equip-ped with a Necam-computerised Neve desk. The Studer tape machines in the remix room and in the Studio Two control room can be locked in synch to give a 46-track facility.

Last on this list, but in fact first as you enter Utopia Studios' doors, is the cutting room. This has the Neumann VMS 80 lathe, generally accepted to be the ultimate where disc cutting is con-

Utopia's engineering staff is headed by senior engineer John Mackswith and includes Greg Walsh, Andy Jackson and Pete Walsh. Kevin Metcalfe runs the cutting room with engineer Steve Angel, assisted by Geoff Oberman. In charge of studio bookings is Suzie O'List while Annie Sendall is the credit controller.

There are, inevitably, plans in Wainman's mind for continuing his refurbishing and updating programme through the rest of the complex

Other plans are for the 100,000 square feet of Utopia Village – which he could have rented out twice over to beseeching enquirers after MW's an-nouncement of the village's re-naming and new ownership. There is a constant programme of refurbishment through-out this property, both decorative and structural in maximising the space available. As Wainman says, "The day we stop building is the day we stop building!" Video studios are a distinct possibility, with Wainman seeing Utopia Village as one day being "a mini 20th Century Fox".

#### Fantasies become realities

But first comes talent - finding it, fostering it, producing and recording it. Wainman believes that fine records of good material by talented UK artists will turn the music industry recession around, with video as "one more way of creating the stars we need". He sees his own personal role becoming less involved with record production and more towards the management and direction of up-and-coming engineers and producers.

Wainman concludes jovially: "My view of the future for Utopia may like fantasising, but my fantasies of the past are now reality

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The girls recorded the LP, First Act, last March and charted in Norway for eight months, selling some 50,000 units in a market of only four million people. At the beginning of the year they came to London to record an English version at Marcus Music, adding two new songs.

Dollie are two 17-year-old school girls, Ingrid and Benedicte. They have written most of the songs themselves, with English lyrics by Barry Corbitt. The girls are the youngest artists to receive the Norwegian Grammy, and on stage vary in style from Abba to (would you believe) Kate Bush.

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#### **Manchester operation looks for** backing to form new label

DEREK BRANDWOOD, an DEREK BRANDWOOD, an experienced record man, is seeking the backing of a major record or publishing company to turn his group of companies into a new Manchester-based label.

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Brandwood's expertise includes A&R, agency, promotion and marketing for CBS and RCA. As international manager for ABC/Dunhill and Anchor, he liaised with the EMI licensees in Europe. In '79, Brandwood decided to try his hand at personal management with client Bos Bros, whom he signed to Phonogram.

Last summer, he formed a production/publishing and management company in Manchester, Revo Music. The two bands he signed were Monroe, now

bands he signed were Monroe, now with Polydor, and the Kicks who

"are poised to sign a deal", says

Brandwood.
CONTACT: Derek Brandwood,
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#### Harmony duo seeks manager

MIKE STAVELEY and Ken Hart form the melodic duo Cinnamon, and tell Tipsheet they are in need of a good agent/manager and a good agent/manager and "eventually the chance to record

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#### PUBLISHING

### Beadle goes into action-**US** expansion is planned

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business.

Among them are Chris Palmer, whose Janmar Music is being administered by the Beadle team. He made a name — and a sound — for himself last year with The Scratch, and the Scratch Band is currently doing well in the disco charts with Your Place Or Mine.

Palmer is in the studios recording

the first album for Groove Records, which is Virgin Flight by Cayenne, and Beadle Music is also handling administration for his Groove

Beadle is involved on the same basis with Moon Records and Continental Music, the disc and Continental Music, the disc and publishing enterprises launched by Rick Wakeman, and is associated with composer-producer Richard Hill of Canterbury Tales fame, who is writing and arranging a K-tel album for Christmas release and producing Mary Mason for CBS.

Beadle Music is linked with Radioactive Records and Dave Mindel, and the current Radioactive release. What A Shame by Trick

release, What A Shame by Trick Dog. The company is also publishing material by guitarist Paul Brett, who has completed recording Guitar For All Season for K-tel as a

follow-up to his charting LP last year called Romantic Guitar. He is also recording an album by the Brett Band, and will have a new guitar tutor published soon.

Len Beadle is visiting Los Angeles shortly to clinch a library music deal and to expand the Beadle and MAM Music operations in the US. His creative director, Martin Pursey, will be undertaking similar expansion missions to Europe, and the Beadle team is completed by company secretary Roy Smith, copyright manager Lynn Barker, royalty manager Laurel Shipley, and professional assistant Kay Orphan

#### Len Thorpe of Chappell is new chairman of MRS

LEN THORPE was unanimously elected chairman of the Mechanical Rights Society at a recent MRS council meeting. He succeeds Laurence Swinyard, who is retiring on reaching his 80th birthday and who has been on the MRS council for 16 years and chairman since 1972. His retirement was marked with a dinner

for 16 years and chairman since 1972. His retirement was marked with a dinner in his honour given by the council at the Merchant Taylors Hall on April 22. Thorpe is copyright controller of Chappell Music, having joined the company in 1943. He was appointed to the MRS council in 1976 after assisting for over 10 years the successive managing directors of Chappell who had served as council members since the inception of the MRS. He has also served on numerous MRS sub-committees, and has been closely involved in topical matters such as the MRS/BPI agreement and video rights.

Ron White, managing director of EMI Music Publishing, continues as MRS vice chairman, but decided not to stand for the chairmanship in view of his many other commitments in the music industry, including the presidency of the MPA and council membership of the PRS.

#### **Greenaway re-elected at PRS**

ROGER GREENAWAY has been re-elected as joint deputy chairman of the Performing Right Society general council until December 31, 1982.

Dick James of Dick James Music has been elected as the other joint deputy chairman for the same period in succession to Donald Mitchell (Faber Music). chairman for the same period in succession to Donald Mitchell (Faber Music), who withdrew from consideration for re-election due to the pressure of other commitments. He remains a publisher-director of the PRS and a director of its subsidiary organisation, Music Copyright (Overseas) Services (MCOS).

The council's present chairman, Richard Toeman (Josef Weinberger), whose initial three-year term of office expires at the end of this year, has agreed at the unanimous request of the council to continue in office for a further 12 months.

The PRS articles of association provide that the chairman of the general council may be either a writer or a publisher-director, and one of the deputy chairmen must be a writer-director and the other a publisher-director.

MUSIC Publishers THE THE MUSIC Publishers Association is inviting delegates attending the International Federation of Serious Music Publishers conference in the MPA boardroom on May 12 and 13 to be present at the special MPA expressed in the APA sections of the special MPA acceptance of the held.

MPA centenary dinner to be held at Stationers Hall on May 13. The function is taking the place of the standard publishers' dinner normally held about this time each year.

AMONG the celebrities attending the 25th Ivor Novello Awards presented by the British Academy of Songwriters, Composers and Authors (BASCA) and sponsored by the PRS on May 19 at the Grosvenor House Hotel are Sting, Jona Lewie, Dennis Waterman, Peter Skellern, Max Boyce, Don Black, Tony Hatch & Jackie Trent, and David Essex.

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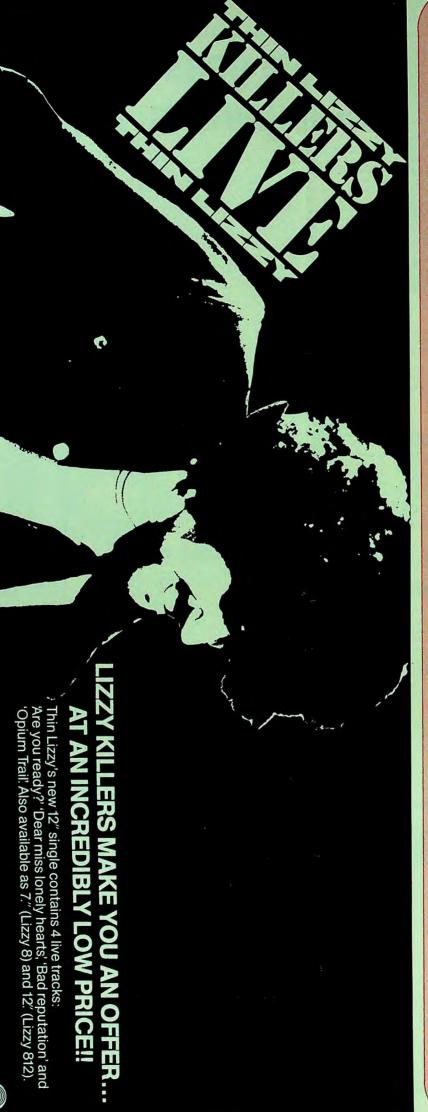
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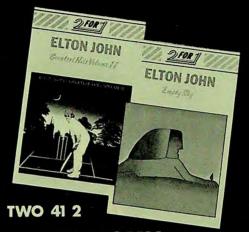
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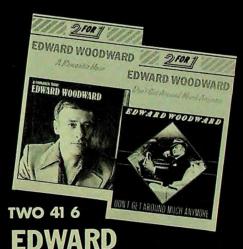
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TOM PETTY & THE HEARTBREAKERS Hard Promises. MCA MCF 3098. Producers: Tom Petty Hard Promises. MCA MCF 3098. Producers: Iom Petty and Jimmy Lovine. This group have the advantage of never having pigeon-holed itself into one particular musical movement and so have remained popular in the UK for a few years. This LP is typical Petty — original songs with strong lyrics and melodies. MCA is mounting a major campaign which should see Hard Promises safely into the charts.

#### ASWAD

Showcase. Grove Music/Island ASWAD 1. Producer: Michael Campbell and Aswad. Fans of this UK reggae combo will not be disappointed by this excellently produced abbum in traditional reggae style with the clean, meaty sound which has become their trademark. It comes to the fore with the superb Warrior Charge, complete with heavy brass and the last cut Babylon. Deserves good sales..

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Pickwick Talking books series—catalogue numbers PTB
600-PTB 621. The first 21 releases in Pickwick's "talking
books" tape-only series feature a large cross-section of
titles, authors and narrators with the result that there must
be a wide sales appeal — particularly as there is an
attractive retailing price of £2.25. Titles include Worzel
Gummidge, Hazell, Doctor Who, Modesty Blaise, Dr
Jekyll & Mr Hyde and Rupert Bear. The star names include
Robert Powell Richard Briers. Roy King are John Hust. Robert Powell, Richard Briers, Roy Kinnar, John Hurt and Patrick Mower. This constitutes Pickwick's entry into the spoken-word market and with a hefty radio campaign supporting the release, each title should have a lot of market potential.

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#### JEAN SHEPHERD

JEAN SHEPHERD
I'm A Believer. Music For Pleasure MFP 50513. Budget priced album which features in MfP's country music campaign — song selection includes the title track (which isn't The Monkees hit), Blanket On The Ground and (Hey Won't You Play) Another Somebody Done Somebody Wrong Song. Five other albums have been released to strengthen MfP's foothold in the country music market — Kenny Rogers' Ruby Don't Take Your Love To Town (MFP 50514), Billie Jo Spears' For The Good Times (50515), Slim Whitman's 20 Greatest Love Songs (50516), Waylon Jennings' Don't Think Twice It's Alright (50517) and The Loretta Lynn Story (50518). All of them are excellent value for money, combining top country artists excellent value for money, combining top country artists with well-known country songs.
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#### ELO

ELO
Four Light Years. Jet BX2. Producer: Jeff Lynne. A second box set covering A New World Record, Out Of The Blue and Discovery albums. The group's track record is well known and the vast majority of fans will already have these albums, so the appeal of this set must be in the packaging, including a 16-page glossy booklet containing pictures and lyries. Should sell well to collectors but not in vast numbers.

#### PATTI BOULAYE

PATTI BOULAYE
Magic. Celebrity ACLP 010. A change of visual image for the former New Faces winner — and a commendable album too for Celebrity, the MOR oriented label. Patti Boulaye tackles Streisand's Woman In Love and Randy Crawford's One Day I'll Fly Away, but shows the best facets of her vocal talents with original songs like He Is My Guy (her current single), Sometimes and You Bring Out The Best Of The Woman In Me.

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#### **ALBUM REVIEWS**

GEOFF MULDAUR And The Nite Lites

I Ain't Drunk. Hannibal HNBL 1304 (Island). Goodtime, laid back arrangements in the New Orleans jug band mould. Muldaur has a superb crusty yet wide-ranging voice, as does the soulful Sarah Brown who leads on a couple of the tracks. Fine horns and guitar work too. A delightful album, but of limited general appeal.

PLASTICS

Welcome Back. Island ILPS 9627. Japanese new wave band's first album recorded at Compass Point with Alex Sadkin as producer; release ties in with a British tour through May. Opening track sounds like the Muppets on an off night. Overall, the sound is derivative... but different.

WALTER EGAN

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The Last Stroll. Edge HOG 3. Producer: Earl Mankey.
Egan is a writer and performer of excellent US pop music
and this, his fourth album, shows his talents as singer,
composer and guitarist off to good advantage. Such a
strong collection of songs deserves better sales than they are
likely to get, since an artist like Egan needs to be seen and
heard a lot before making a marked impression on a public currently more interested in heavy rock and electronic music.

I+I Soundoff SOFF LP 001. Engineer: Leroy Tyrell. Formerly The Regulars and before that the Reggae Regulars, the band's new name sums up their music more aptly—traditional reggae with an emphasis of Rastafarianism. The album has a slinky soft-edged feel to it, but lacks originality. Afficionados of the style will probably pick up on it, and the playing throughout will make it worth their while. It is hard that this music is distinctly "unhip" at the moment though moment, though.

PLUMMET AIRLINES
On Stoney Ground. Hedon 1/2. Producer: uncredited. Out through Armageddon Records, this double album from the old pub rockers is in many places very endearing, bringing back memories of West Coast-style R&B interspersed with a few free-form passages using feedback well. The first album fares better than the second where the live cuts are rather rough, but at a reasonable price the record deserves to sell.

JERRY LEE LEWIS

Best Of The Country Music Hall Of Fame Hits. Mercury 6463 085. VARIOUS

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Three releases in the Reflections series. Jerry Lee exchanges his blue suede shoes for his comboy boots and stetson to beat out 20 country favourites such as Oh Lonesome Me, I Love You Because and Cold Cold Heart. The Killer has turned soft, but the voice remains strong. The Louisiana collection (previously released in 1975) showcases a selection of second division material from such as Jivin' Gene, Phil Phillips and Rod Bernard, while Mercury Rockabillies is the pick of the three albums with strong contributions from Conway Twitty, Johnny T Talley and J P Richardson. All three albums are of limited appeal and sales potential. sales potential.



JERRY LEE LEWIS: The Killer has turned soft

VARIOUS

Battle Of The Bands. RCA LP 5015. Features a wide variety of rock sounds from the recent competition, including the winners, Carl Green And The Scene. Pretty Boy Floyd show they have potential on vinyl as well as on stage. A reasonable sampler.

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JIM CAPALDI

Let The Thunder Cry. Carrere CAL 123. Producers: artist and John Taylor. Second solo LP on this label, but change of label has not meant alteration in the mellifluous Capaldi tones; there's plenty of enjoyment here for those who know and appreciate him already but he's unlikely to grab any new fans with this one.

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#### FEATURE

## In the beginning there was Elvis

THE OPENING lines from the song (right) that was to change the course of popular music and to launch one Elvis Aaron Presley on his way to becoming rock's first megastar.

Heartbreak Hotel, along with I Got A Woman, I'm Counting On You, I Was The One and Money, Money, was recorded on January.10 and 11, 1956 — 25 years ago — at RCA's studio in Nashville. It was his first recording for RCA, the record company he was to stay with for the rest of his life.



The single entered the UK chart on May 11 1956, staying 21 weeks in

WELLLL, SINCE mah beh-bee left me Ah've found a new place to dwell It's down at the end of Lonely Street It's Heartbreak Hotel. . .

the chart, reaching No 2 at its peak. In the US, the single had entered that chart in February, stayed there 27 weeks and gave Presley his first

27 weeks and gave Presley his first No. One.

The week the single was released in the US, the young and relatively unknown Presley was booked for a series of six Saturday night spots on the networked CBS TV programme, the Tommy and Jimmy Dorsey Stage Show. Producer Jackie Gleason had been searching for something a shade different to boost flagging audience ratings. On being something a snade different to boost flagging audience ratings. On being shown a picture of Presley, he is reported to have commented: "This kid is the guitar-playing Marlon Brando."

His TV appearances were a sensation. Heartbreak Hotel charted and the rest is history. The King's reign had started.

Presley's emergence in 1956 dwarfed the debut of Bill Haley during the previous year. The first year for Elvis meant no less than six hits in the Top 20 including Blue Suede Shoes, Love Me Tender and Don't Be Cruel which followed Heartbreak Hotel. By the summer of 1956 Elvis was making his first film,

Love Me Tender.
1956, then, was a landmark year in the history of popular music.



Cast your mind back . . . The year began with Bill Haley at No. One with the classic Rock Around The

Clock. He had further hits such as See You Later Alligator and Saints Rock And Roll, and in October 1956, Rock Around The Clock made its third appearance in the chart.

The new rock sounds resulted in some ballad singers having a thin time. Ruby Murray had just the one hit, in contrast to her seven hits of 1955 and Nat King Cole managed three chart entries. Alma Cogan and Pat Boone were popular. Boone's Pat Boone were popular. Boone's four hits in the year included the Forces' favourite, I'll Be Home.

Forces' favourite, I'll Be Home.

In addition to Presley's explosion onto the scene there was another important arrival — Lonnie Donegan and his skiffle music. Skiffle became the big UK trend and Donnegan, formerly a traditional jazzman, started an eight-year run of hits, beginning with Rock Island Line.

Thousands of skiffle groups emerged, many using tea-chest basses and home made drum kits.

basses and home made drum kits. One such group included a certain Richard Starkey, who was later to find fame parallel to Presley's with a group called The Beatles.

The UK looked for her own answer to Presley and produced Gene Vincent, who found fame with his hit single, Be Bop A Lula. But this apart, Vincent was not a success in terms of the charts. Be Bop A Lula stayed only two weeks in the Top 20 and his follow-up, Bluejean Bop, stayed just the one week. Bop, stayed just the one week

Another UK answer to Presley Another UK answer to Presley was an ex-merchant seaman known as Tommy Steele. John Kennedy who, at the time, was largely responsible for shaping Steele's career and image, said: "Tommy is a natural to be the UK Presley. But Presley's sullen approach, and all that hip-swivelling which gets him criticised so much, isn't right. Nor is the fact that most people think rock the fact that most people think rock is a lower class form of music, appealing only to the poor paid yobboes. We must make Tommy into an upper class hero."



Steele was launched at a debs' party and charted with Rock With The Caveman. After Steele — who found further success covering US hits — came a plethora of UK rock and rollers including Marty Wilde and Billy Fury. Italian-cut suits became the fasion and rock music flourished. flourished.

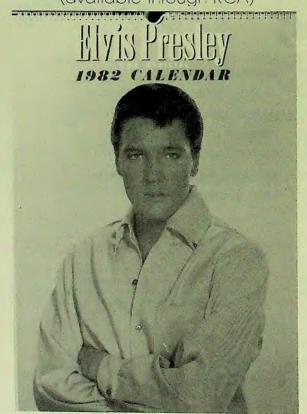
But of all the names to emerge, by the end of 1956 Presley was well and truly established as the undisputed

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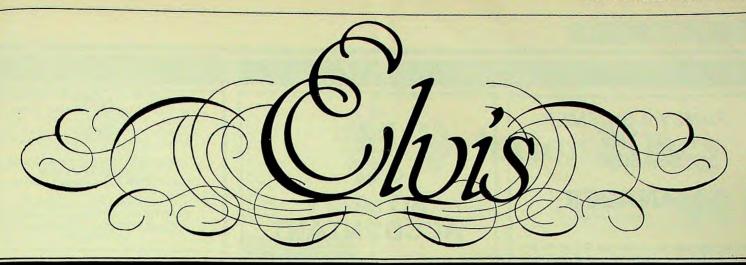
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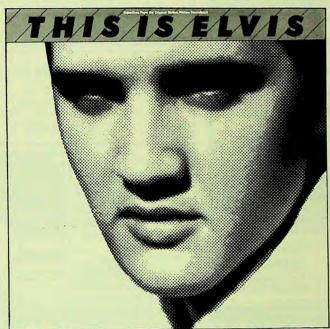
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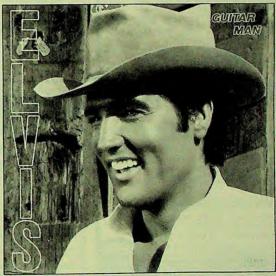


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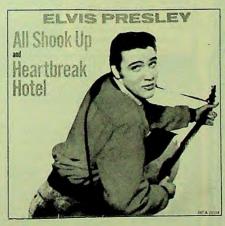
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#### **MCA** drops rental clause

NEW YORK: Approval of direct broadcast satellite transmitting and low-powered TV stations by the Federal Communications Commission, the successful debut flight of the Columbia space shuttle, and general technological growth, particularly in the areas of cable and computer miniaturisation, are going to affect rapidly the nature of home entertainment.

While the emphasis in most discussions centres on video, the audio/music world dreams (or nightmares, as the case may be) that once seemed years off are sometimes reality now in a matter of weeks. For instance, there is the notion of a system that would essentially

For instance, there is the notion of a system that would essentially pipe music directly into homes for home-taping. Richard Branson may have envisioned such a project as a prank, but others have been seriously studying the possibilities for some time — both for video software and for music.

In the case of video, cable access (especially when linked to a VTR for home-taping) would be notably useful for limited appeal subjects or for information retrieval.

One could either dial a central number by telephone to have a programme computer-fed to a specific screen or, given a two-way cable system, one could dial direct. As with time-share computers, the cost could be based on the amount of time needed for the transmission couled with a namual subscription fee or charge per

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transmission, coupled with an annual subscription fee of charge per programme.

The major stumbling block for setting up such a system for audio recordings has been the poor sound quality available so far via cable and on TV sets. Satellite transmission, based on digital technology, should improve senders' signals immeasurably.

Where the receiving end is concerned, General Electric has now announced the introduction of the first stereo TVs for the US market, while Sony is beginning to offer component video systems — monitors.

with separate tuners, both of which hook into existing component

stereos.

William von Meister, who founded a data base information service called The Source utilising existing telecommunications know-how and hardware, is planning to launch Home Music Store by April 1982. Though still raising funds for the venture and still trying to sell the idea to labels, von Meister appears to have most of the details for the system worked out, including suggested royalty payment structures.

Subscribers, who would already have to have cable TV, would be given decoders which would be computer-activated via telephone request. They would pay a monthly fee, and additionally be billed for any albums recorded via the service. Five background music services would also be offered at no additional charge, and in all cases, computer tallies of the number of plays of any given title would be maintained for royalty accounting purposes. maintained for royalty accounting purposes.

#### By IRA MAYER

It may sound far-fetched, particularly bearing in mind the proposed launch date for April next year, even for a mere five test markets. There are intangibles involved that are only marginally related to the technological capabilities.

For instance, how much consumers prefer being able to browse when making record or tape purchases; how covers and liner notes might be transmitted (or whether it is necessary to do so at all); how many "going-out" functions does the consumer wish to perform from home, and how wide a selection would there have to be to make such a system viable — or would it only be viable as an alternative means of

distributing only the biggest hits?

The only seemingly sure bet is that the proliferation of all these technologies — particularly the low-power TV stations, which will make the US similar to Italy in the number of localised operations and direct broadcast satellite transmissions — is going to create ever more demand for programming. The key for the music industry is in creating new applications for its product.

YOKO ONO is reportedly interested in purchasing Soho Weekly, the New York activist news, arts and fashion tabloid from Associated Newspapers of the UK.

She has also hired Ray Caviano to oversee future record releases. It was Caviano who suggested she gave her video tape of Walking On Thin Ice exclusively to New York's Ritz Club with its 30-foot projection screen.

The clip is shown nightly at the club at midnight, and has drawn national press attention

MCA HAS eliminated the "no rentals" clause from dealer contracts, and is not adding any kind of surcharge, while 20th Century Fox has hired an independent consultant to sort out the rental situation.

Magnetic Video is still hoping to have a policy on the subject to

announce at CES, while Paramount claims it is happy with its surcharge system, and is contemplating an increase in price structure. Disney claims contentment with its dual inventory system.

SHORTS: RCA SelectaVision video disc marketing VP David Heneberry leaving the company in favour of an ad agency . . . rumours persist that Fred Silverman is on his way out as NBC-TV president, with one possible successor none other than Selecta Vision executive VP Herb Schlosser, who has headed the network before.

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#### Time to get tough with the pirates

IT NOW seems that copyright law is not nearly stringent enough to deal with the growing epidemic of video according to management Association piracy, according to MPEAA (Moving Picture Association Of America) chief investigator Percy

He makes his conclusions after a speight of prosecutions culminating in George Dawson and his wife Michelle of Video Chord pleading Michelle of video Chord pleading guilty to conspiring to contravening a section of the 1956 Copyright Act at the Old Bailey last week. The couple admitted to conspiring to defraud film distributors of their hiring fees.

A private detective acting for the MPEAA alleged that the couple were operating a pirate film laboratory at their former home in Loughton. Dawson was fined £750 and his wife was given a two year

Conditional discharge.

But what is worrying copyright holders is that the fines imposed are

not strong enough to act as a deterrent to pirates. The sort of fines being made can be recouped after a week's pirating activities. It now seems likely that the associations concerned will be looking to civil law where they can also claim for costs and damages.

The other problem, they claim, is that with all the other crime they have to deal with, a copyright case nave to deal with, a copyright case over video piracy comes very low on the police's priority list. Passing the sentence Judge Martin said that a "considerable industry in pirate film making is causing a good deal of wrath to honest film makers"

This wrath is being heightened by ne difficulties film makers the difficulties film makers encounter trying to prosecute pirates. There is still a general feeing that there is still a proliferation of recent film titles coming onto the market and the "big boys" have yet to go to court.

#### Elvis heads EVC tapes

ELVIS PRESLEY'S Live From Hawaii is one of 19 new video cassette releases now being distributed in this country by a new company EVC — the European Video Company

Other titles include the original A Star Is Born with Janet Gaynor and Fredric March, the cartoon of George Orwell's Animal Farm and Star Trek —

Based in Ashton Under Lyme, the company is headed by MD Crena Uiterwijk with ex-Polydor and RCA man Derek Valentine as sales manager. Titles are available on VHS and Betamax while there is an order facility for the Philips V2000 system

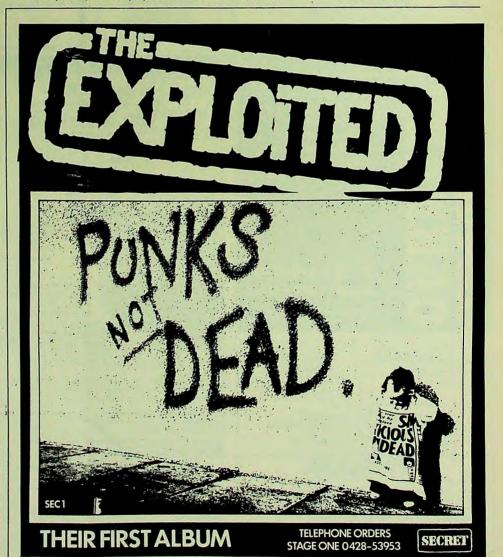
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ARRANGEMENTS HAVE been finalised for the fourth ICA Rock Week — which this year has a special emphasis on video. Compiler Charlie Gillett has chosen video charle Gillett has chosen videoses sections for the intervals which represent production companies including South London Video, V Productions, Video-Active, Eel Pie. Productions and film makers Don Letts, Mick Calvert and Paul Davies. The event runs from May 12

ACCESSORIES COMPANY Bib is claiming to be marketing the first Betamax video tape head cleaner. It operates in the same way as current cleaners on the market, by inserting it in the machine and playing it for 15 seconds. It is packed in a library sleeve similar to playing tapes and carries a RRP of £8.98 including

MAGNETIC VIDEO announced two new appointments.
From this month the sales manager is John Porter, who previously held the same position with CIC Video and has also worked with EMI and WEA Records. Tony Connor takes up the position of marketing manager has been in the consumer electronics industry including working for Sanyo.

MITSUBISHI LAUNCHES two new video cassette recorders later this year, the HS 310 featuring infra red remote controls and improvement to the timing section and a new "basic model" which has a RRP of £549.00.



#### PERFORMANCE

#### **Stuart Henry Gala Appeal**

FRIENDS, WELL-WISHERS and fans recently gathered at the Venue with Stuart Henry, Radio Luxembourg's veteran DJ, to raise cash for his newly-launched multiple

cash for his newly-launched multiple sclerosis appeal.

Earlier in the day Henry had revealed to the press that he is himself an MS victim.

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Among those contributing time and talent to the event were Billy Connolly, who, with Lux's Tony Prince, compered the event; dance troupe Shock; Dexy's Midnight Runners; Lene Lovich; Rick Wakeman and Adam and the Ants.

Wakeman and Adam and the Ants.

If Lene Lovich managed to thaw
out the audience with her set of old
and new material, Rick Wakeman
really warmed them up. Although
whether it was his piano playing or
his battle with a terrible sound
system that won them over is another thing.

The Ants, fresh from a tour of the

US, strode onstage to head the bill with all the ease and aggression of a band at the top of the charts. Adam is a great performer, and even if the numbers did begin to sound strangely similar after two or three songs, the audience loved it and it was a spectacular, exciting performance to watch.

It is hoped to stage a number of other gigs like this one for Henry's appeal.

DANNY VAN EMDEN

#### Glen Campbell

JUST OVER an hour's worth of music for £10 now appears to be par for the course for a growing number of US stars visiting these shores.
And at the Apollo Victoria Glen
Campbell gave a tired performance
that was never in danger of rising

above the mediocre.

He got shot of all his hits within the first 15 minutes — Rhinestone Cowboy, Wichita Lineman, Cowboy, Wichita Lineman, Galveston, By The Time I Get To Phoenix etc — before calling Carl Phoenix etc — before calling Carl Jackson to the fore for a banjo session of breakneck pace. Someone should tell him, brilliant banjo plucker that he is, that speed is not

A snatch of bluegrass later and on bounced Diane Solomon, taking the



THE EXCITING Adam Ani

place of the absent Tanya Tucker, to duet on Shoulder To Shoulder (featured on the current Capitol album, It's The World Gone Crazy) and Dream Lover.

The final 15 minutes were given over to Campbell's distant Scottish over to Campoen's distant sources origins as he produced the bagpipes to give reasonable renditions of Amazing Grace and Mull Of Kintyre. Curtain and goodnight. JIM EVANS

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IT IS not possible for today's fans to see Otis Redding or his soul counterparts, but they get some fine renditions of the old covers from Q

Slowly but surely they've built up a big enough following to fill the Lyceum, and there they ripped

ELVIS

through a set that included Respect, Shout and Track Of My Tears as well as their own numbers like the superb new single Stay The Way You Are.

The punters lapped it up, dancing from start to finish and the band's "fun" attitude won them over from the beginning.

The Q Tips are not the best band in the world, and often the numbers were played just too fast for comfort. But very soon the group will have to change from being a showband to serious contenders with their own numbers.

showband to serious contenders with their own numbers. With their stunning vocals, it should not prove too much of a problem, and although Stay The Way You Are deserves chart success, the current climate may not allow it a place. Next time round, though, we could hear more from the Q Tips. SIMON HILLS

#### Liberace

MR SHOWMANSHIP himself was MR SHOWMANSHIP himself was back in town recently for the opening night of a two-week season at the London Palladium.

What can you say about Liberace, other than that he defies all description and yet is undoubtedly one of the world's finest showmen?

His talents are a risairt need.

description and yet is undoubtedly one of the world's finest showmen?

His talents as a pianist need no recalling; his ever-present grin is only outmatched by his dazzlingly outrageous wardrobe; he sings excruciatingly badly, but can still add magic to a song like You Don't Send Me Flowers; and what in a lot of people would sound like extraordinary conceit, in Liberace comes across as sheer cheek.

This was the pianist's second season at the Palladium within the last couple of years, and it was easy to see why he is so popular with his fans. Although the best seats cost 512.50, he gave full value for money with a show that lasted three hours.

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The music was all familiar: Chopin,
a medley of songs connected with
New York, Send In The Clowns and
a string of his own hits.

Above all, though, it was his sheer personality that dominated throughout, and sent his devotees home happy.

CHRIS WHITE

#### OPINION

#### More money for Midem

I WOULD like to support Trevor Lyttleton's suggestion in Music & Video Week (March 21) that the DoT should subsidise all UK Midem participants, not just those taking

To judge from this year's Midem, the advent of the Sony Walkman and other portable hi-fi cassette players has eliminated the need for

future by helping all participants and not just those who need their help least and can afford to take a

C. ROSS, Park Lane, London W1.

IMIC QUOTES: "Records could be produced on cabbage leafs, but what is important is the creative product of our artists." (Bruce Lundvall) . . . "Remember the days of wine and grosses?" (Lee Mendell) . . . "Having heard your problems, I'm delighted that I'm in live concerts" (Harvey Goldsmith) . . . "It delighted that I'm in live concerts" (Harvey Goldsmith) . . . "It will be like silent films becoming speaking films — there will be a whole new breed of artist" (Harvey Schein on adapting to the video age) . . . "A hit has many fathers, but a flop is an orphan" (Theo 'Flying Dutchman' Roos) . . . "Strauss was the sound of the 1880s — I mention that to show how musical taste is constantly changing" (Dick Asher during Sounds of the Eighties session) . "If we only sion so-called sure-fire artists how come "If we only sign so-called sure-fire artists how come we lose money on seven or eight of every 10 acts we sign?" (Nesuhi Ertegun commenting on claims that only indie labels take chances on unknowns) . . "Big fleas have little fleas and take chances on unknowns) . . . "Big fleas have little fleas and I'm sure CBS enjoys having A & M on its back to bite them" (Marcus Bicknell) "If I mentioned publishers and tour support in an MPA Council meeting I'd get shouted out" (Bob Grace).

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STILL AT IMIC: Among recipients of Billboard's Trendsetter awards were Nesuhi Ertegun (for playing a major role in the prevention of piracy); Dr Helmut Steinmetz and Austro-Mechana (for pioneering a blank tape levy); Sony Corporation (for revolutionising the portable music market with the Walkman cassette player); and Ian, Miles and Stuart Copeland ("for expanding new wave market acceptance") . . . Ertegun and Monti Lueftner also deserve some sort of award for participating in the helping to enliven most of the IMIC sessions, and Chris Wright, Stephen James and Tarquin Gotch for being lone voices. Wright, Stephen James and Tarquin Gotch for being lone voices speaking up for the UK record industry's viewpoint . . . Visiting an East Berlin cafe, Rondor's Bob Grace chuffed to hear a Herb Alpert track being played on the background music tape Considering that Hansa is one of the few music companies which headquarters in Berlin, strange that Peter and Trudi Meisel did not show at IMIC

not show at IMIC.

MEANWHILE, BACK in London, could a lunchtime assignation last week between CBS Records president Bruce Lundvall and Hit & Run Music's Tony Smith have anything to do with fact that Genesis' contract with Charisma is nearing last album stage?

... Goaldiggers charity (which provides hard surface kick-about areas for under privileged children) has its pop/celebrity five-aside competition this Sunday (10) at Chelsea Football Club (2.0pm), battling for the Elton John Trophy . . . Stylish vocal version of the Chi-Mai theme, sung by Iris Williams, being rush-released by EMI . . . Another A & M redundancy, Midlands promo man Phil Baker, thanks all for the goodwill messages and can be contacted on 0926 30184 . . . Will Tony Stratton Smith's next film feature Phil Collins playing the role of a former can be contacted on 0926 30184 . . . Will Tony Stratton Smith's next film feature Phil Collins playing the role of a former England international soccer player? . . . Manchester City quick to follow Spurs into recording with their Cup Final single on the Manchester-based Smile label . . . Browsing in a Kensington record store, a MW staffer found imports from Canada, USA, France and Portugal in the same rack . . . Dansan Records' David Marcus hosted lunch last week to welcome Frank Chacksfield to the label.

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the MEMBERS

players has eliminated the need for stands which, necessary though they may be for selling UK furniture abroad, are now an anachronism where music is concerned.

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