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environment I would feel most comfortable in."

THE PURCHASE of Island is the biggest such deal in Poly-Gram's history, says Fine, and it will have spin-off benefits. "We want greater visibility; and we want it most in the one and we want it most in the one area that is most important to us — the creative community. We want to be increasingly important to the artistic community."

The acquisition should also help ward off what Fine considers as unfounded rumours of

PolyGram's sale by parent com-pany Philips. He contends the stock market crash put an end to Philips' plans

to float more PolyGram stock. POLYGRAM WAS not alone in its expressed desire to acquire Island. Says Blackwell: "We had approaches from all the labels

nd from some companies not in the entertainment business." He adds that he had extensive conversations with Warner but those talks were eclipsed by the Warner involvement with Time. "I met David in May. Then I really had the chance to think about this

Island has a number of dis-tribution deals with WEA and BMG around the world and these will run their full term before transferring to PolyGram, according to Blackwell.

 ALTHOUGH THE alliance of pany is being portrayed in several quarters as a watershed fo the independent sector, Black-well has this to say about the indie ethos: "There will always be india emos: Intere will always be independent companies. It's just that when you get to a certain size you lose the edge of an in-dependent. Independents have always been the lifeblood of the

 CHRIS BLACKWELL's service contract will last for "between five and seven years", he says. He will be contributing to Poly-Gram management although he will not be jo the board of the company.

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Spring buying spree stokes up Island price

for the top' PAUL CONROY, who next week officially takes over as president of Chrysalis Records International, feels that he has been growing towards just such a top echelon job for some time.

i's like the coach coming off the bench and saying he's ready to manage the club," he comments. Conroy, who is moving from be-

ing managing director of WEA UK's US division (MW, August 5), adds: "I've had a lot of offers over the years, but Chrysalis is one the few companies that I would be prepared to go to.

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Berlin lifts vinyl curtain

EAST MEETS West later this year in East Berlin at the first conference designed to exploit the dramatic pening up of music markets in the

Under the banner Looking East, 350 music industry executives from Western Europe, North America, TO PAGE FOUR

AGGRESSIVE BUYING by EMI earlier this year is being cited as having forced up the price Poly-Gram has had to pay for Island.

The industry consensus is that the true asset value of the Island group is around £50m. However, EMI's inflationary pressure coupled with intense, last-minute bidding means that PolyGram has had to pay four times that amount, though spread over a period of years and ulti-mately based on Island's profit per-

formance.

Bidding for Island has been going on for a number of months with one of the benchmarks coming when Warner Communications offered E100m. This was bettered by BMG and, ultimately, PolyGran although Warner is known to have made a vestly improved, eleventh-hour offer. None of the parties involved, though, will comment on the amounts involved.

comment on the amounts involved. For its money, PolyGram has gained the record and publishing companies and Island Visual Arts. The sale of Island comes in the

wake of EMI's £250m spree dur the spring when it acquired SBK



nment World and 50 per Entertainment World and 50 per cent of both Enigma and Chrysalis Records. As with the EMI-Chrysalis deal, PolyGram is adamant that Island will retain its creative

independence.

PolyGram president David Fine says Blackwell and his team will be

FINE (LEFT) and Blackwell blow their own trumpet at the announcement

left alone to find and nurture talent but will benefit from his company's worldwide marketing and financia

Fine adds that Island's expertise in the visual arts will be a highly-

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Our Price: top five directors suspended

THE TOP five directors of Our Price remain suspended this week following court injunctions granted on Friday preventing them from set-

fing up a competing business.

A High court judge granted orders holding the men to the terms of their contracts of employment Those injuncted are founder Those injuncted are founders Garry Nesbitt and Mike Isoacs, managing director Barry Hartog and directors David Caine and Frank Deranjo.

Parent company W H Smith says all five have been suspended from their duties.



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for two weeks before rolling out nationally. There will also be a coop TV campaign with Windows in the Tyne Tees area for one week and radio advertising on Capital Radio and LBC.

Accompanying this will be tional press advertising, British Rail poster advertising in September and a national display campaign. The album is a new recording fe turing Jessye Norman singing ex-cerpts from the opera.

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PARKFIELD MUSIC is lound what it claims is its biggest point-of-sale campaign to back the release of SingaLongaWarYears by Max Bygraves.
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IN-STORE display for Parkfield's Singal angaWarYears by Max

STYLUS IS backing the release

TV advertising campaign which breaks in Harlech and Yorkshire on August 7 before rolling out nationally.

The album is a remix compilation of hits by Imagination and includes Body Talk, Music And Lights and

 EMI IS releasing the Canned Heat single Let's Work Together this week to tie-in with the Electric-ity Board TV and campaign which features the song. A compilation album will be released in early

THE RELEASE of the Dennis Seaton single What Ya Talkin' About by Brouhaha Records on August 7 will be supported by trade and consumer ads, nationtrade and consumer ads, nation-wide flyposting and in-store disnlays



VIRGIN WILL be releasing a new single by Danny Wilson to tie in with the group's UK tour in September/October.

 A SINGLE from Fish's debut solo album Vigil In A Wilderness Of Mirrors will be released by EMI in October to coincide with the artist's UK dates during that month.

 WEA IS releasing the Wood-stock II album on all formats to coincide with the 20th anniversary of the Woodstock Festival. The album has been unavailable since 1982. TEXSUN RECORDS is releas ing Heartaches the debut album by Rob Hertner this week, through EMI Supertrack, to tie-in with Hertner's UK concerts.

The saga of Solocopy

Record and music hardware companies have finally gareed on a system for preventing the endless cloning of compact discs on to digital audio tape

HE IDEA of a spoiler, to prevent people copying records, dates back more than 20 years — to the

The grand plan was to put a very high pitched tone on the Sergeant Pepper LP. In theory, this would be inaudible to the human ear, would mix with the equally high pitched "bias" signal generated in all tape recorders. The result would be an audible whine on tape which spoiled the recording.

be made to work in the laboratory, but not in real life. People who bought Sergeant Pepper had difficulty copying it onto tape. The same idea has been re-invented and embellished many times since

then. And always without success The CBS Copycode system back ed by the IFPI was quite different It relied on circuitry built into the recorder. This detected a supposedly inaudible trigger signal recorded with the music

The trigger is a notch, quite literally sucked out of the music. A recorder with a Copycode circuit switches off when it senses the

Obviously, the millions of people who already own tape recorder will not voluntarily have them mod ified. So Copycode can be used only with a completely new gener-ation of tape recorders, with the manufacturers compelled by law to incorporate switch-off circuitry.
Hence the IFPI's decision to back Copycode as a way of preventing DAT recorders from taping record ings marked with its notch.

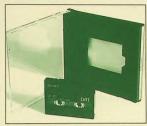
The US Government asked its

The US Government asked its National Bureau of Standards to look at Copycode. In March 1988 it gave the system a thumbs down. This left the way clear for a Philips system called Solocopy. All digital recordings, whether on CD or DAT, routinely have in-

audible digital codes which mark the beginning and end of each mu-sic track. There is also space set

sic track. There is also space set aside for a few extra codes or "flags" which signify that the recording must not be copied.

The CD format was designed from day one to incorporate these "no-copy flags". The plan was to make any DAT recorder switch off when asked to record flagged must. The external has not here used. sic. The system has not been used It was made redundant when the agreed to make all domestic DAT recorders incapable of making a direct digital copy or "clone" dub



A DAT cassette — the next generation of recording hardware?

from any CD player. In the spring of 1987, Phillips suggested that DAT recorders should be allowed to make dubs but automatically put a no-copy

but automatically put a no-copy flag on the tape.

Any attempt at cloning the dub onto another DAT recorder would then fail. This is Solocopy.

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not be copied . .

A modification of the system, called Salocopy II, would allow a DAT recorder to make one clone

copy of a digital dub. The idea is

to let people dub CDs onto tape and then make a compilation tape

Philips chose just the wrong time to unveil Solocopy — a week or so before the IFPI and CBS demon-

strated Copycode to the industry at London's May Fair Hotel.

The IFPI saw the Philips system

as diverting attention from Copycode Philips clammed up and

the system has for two years only

been discussed behind closed

doors at the industry round table

There were signs that Philips was losing patience, however, when a party of American journalists visited Eindhoven at Easter. For the first time they found Philips willing to

Now, at the latest round table meeting in Athens, a combination of events has led to agreement or n improved system called olocopy-Plus.

Solocopy-Plus.
Although a compromise, it prevents the cloning which George
Martin once referred to as the
"awesome thing" about DAT.
Technically Solocopy-Plus is
easy to implement. A computer
microchip inside the DAT recorder

microchip inside the DAT recorder is programmed to add flags to every digital copy recording made. The flags do not affect normal lis-tening in any way. There is no chance of a hi fi buff with a screwchance of a hi if buff with a screw-driver bypassing the system. The new copyright laws in the UK make it an offence to defeat anti-copy systems of this type.

But Solocopy Plus will work only if its adoption is backed by legisla-tion. Without laws to prohibit the sale of DAT recorders that do no have a Solocopy chip, there would be nothing to stop electronics firms (say, from Taiwan and Korea), who were not party to the round table discussions, introducing DAT decks can repeatedly clone tapes DAT: latest news p4

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Island

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valued asset at PolyGrom and that
the acquisition of Island Music will
mean PolyGrom "can and any
publisher, worldwide".
Blackwell soys he feels "comfortable" with his involvement with
PolyGrom, although he acknowledges that Warner was, until Moy,
leading the race to buy his comleading the race to buy his com-

Asked why he is selling up, Blackwell says: "It seems like the right time now. It becomes harder continue as an independent company when you have grown as much as we have.

"We're too big to be small and too small to be big."

Vinyl curtain FROM PAGE ONE

the For East and Australia will have the opportunity to take part in inottend formative seminars, attend showcases of Eastern European artists and talk business directly artists and talk business arrectly with 150 of their counterparts from the Soviet Union, East Germany, Hungary, Poland, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Bulgana and Romania. Top management from Romania. Top management from Eastern European record companies, artist agencies, video firms, rights organisations, concert pro-moters, radio and TV broadcasters will be among the delegates repre-senting territories which form an emerging marketplace with a po-tential of 420m consumers.

Business sessions will cover basic issues such as barter agreements, joint record ventures, rights to tours, catalogue licensing, music on radio and television, and the de-velopments of video markets and new technologies

new technologies.
Looking East is being organised
by Tribute Productions, a new company set up by producer Tony
Hollingsworth, in consultation with
US record producer Jack Rieley and with the co-aperation of East Berlin hosts the German Demo-cratic Republic's Ministry of Culture. Music Week and Toshiba are ture. Music Week and Toshiba are co-sponsors of the conference.

Brochures detailing conference participation are available from Alison Burgh, Tribute Productions Ltd, Unit F, 144 Liverpool Road, London N1 1LA (Tel: 01-700 4515; Fax: 01-700 0854).

Dual deal ends as Mute goes Cartel-only

MUTE RECORDS is switching dis-tribution after reaching what it says is an unworkable situation After 10 years of dual distribution with the Cartel and Spartan, Mute boss Daniel Miller has decided to deal solely with the Cartel.

as of August 29 as of August 29.

"Because Mute has had a very close, good working relationship with Spartan over the years this was a very difficult decision to make but dual distribution has be-

come an increasingly unworkable situation," says Miller. Associated labels Blast First and Rhythm King are also affected by the new deal and will be distribut-ed solely by the Cartel.

DAT accord fails to shake 'no-law, no release' stance

THE ACCORD on digital audio software companies is proving insoftware companies is proving in-sufficiently strong to persuade one of the world's biggest record com-panies to go ahead with DAT re-leases.

The agreement commits both The agreement commits both sides to press for legislation making the Solocopy-Plus system compulsory in all DAT players (MW, July 29). However, PolyGram says it format until such laws are in place. olocopy-Plus allows one clone of a compact disc to be made but precludes further digital cloning from that original cassette. Chris Blackwell, who, through the acquisition of his Island group, is now part of the PolyGram man agement team, says he believes DAT will repeat the growth pattern

will be no releases from his comlation is enacted

egislation is enacted".

Fine, who was part of the IFPI team which negotiated the accord with the hardware companies, points out that the agreement is the first of its kind between the two sides of the industry.

"The accord is imperfect," he concedes, "but it does give us some He adds that, although the major

European and Japanese hardware companies are party to the agree-ment, there is still a threat from emerging manufacturing nations such as Taiwan and Malaysia. Fine also contends that, no motter what the success of DAT, music industry will always be a two-format industry with CD coninuing to grow in significance.

The history and practice of Solocopy-Plus — p3.

US publishers raise DAT

NEW YORK: Music publishers in the US are registering their protest vide for a royalty for themselves and their writers.

companies have agreed to allow one copy of each work to be made without first securing a concession for those whose works will be recorded.

The National Music Publishers The National Music Publishers Association in the US, backed by ASCAP, is pressing for legislation which will provide "reasonable royalties" for writers and publish-

royalty protest

They are annoyed that record

Profits up six-fold at Filmtrax

PROFITS AT Filmtrax have increased six-fold over the past year ed six-fold over the past year — a rise due largely to acquisitions. Profit before interest stands at £3.7m compared with the loss of £660,000 in 1988. Turnover during the two years rose from £2.5m

Music publishing was the main contributory factor to this success with its profits rising from a loss of £28,000 to £3.5m in the black. This increase was due to the acqui-sition of the Columbia Pictures Mu-

The Records and Video division suffered a drop in profits from £79,000 in 1988 to a loss of £233,000. Filmtrax says this fall was due to the establishment of a video division. video division, investment in ne record products and marketing

The company claims profits will increase over the next year in both music and video divisions. NEW YORK: Formal response

NEW YORK: Formal response to the long-awaited DAT agreement has been muted. Sony says it has to see the Philips chip before it has any comment. Record industry executives cite the long legistative as well as technological road ahead prior to implementation and many observers simply question whether the agreement provides realistic agreement provides realistic compensation for business lost to home taping. In addition, there is hardly unanimity among RIAA members concerning the proposed Serial Copy Management System—despite the fact that the RIAA itself has formally endorsed the scheme—with BMG the more approach and Paly MGT and the MGT vocal opponent and PolyGram and CBS the loudest supand CBS the loudest sup-porters. Even with RIAA support however, no-one is promising software in the short term preferring to wait until Congressional hurdles are overcome and until practical overcome and until practical duplication mechanisms are in place. Both Sony's Sprinter and Otari's high speed video duplicating systems are claimed by their manufacturers to be adaptable to DAT. Neither is commercially available for audio-only duplication as yet.

LUXEMBOURG: A European Court decision has ruled that national authors' societies could be in breach of the Rome could be in breach of the Rame Treaty if they don't set their fees for music use in line with those in other EEC countries. The judgement followed a French Supreme Court hearing in which the French performing right society SACEM success-fully challenged what it con-sidered to be extortionate fees sidered to be extortionate fees charged by a group of disco-theque owners. The owners then took the case to the Euro-

LOS ANGELES: Dealers are painting a dismal picture for overall sales in 1989. After three good years, they have been surprised by what they been surprised by what they see as a sales slump. In some cases, top 10 sales have drop-ped by a third compared to 1988 figures. Possible explana-tions for the drop are the ab-sence of big sellers, variable interest rates and high compact disc prices.

OTTAWA: The Canadian Recording Industry is introducing certification awards for music videos. Gold certifications will be for 5,000 units with a sales vale of \$150,000 and platinum for 10,000 units with \$300,000 sales value.

BONN: The West German BONN: The West German government is planning to ex-tend protection in neigh-bouring rights for artists from 25 to 50 years. But it has no plans to change its present blank tape levy system.

Accord highlights East/West divide

THE DAT agreement points up a difference between the European and Japanese hardware compan ies. While the Europeans agree not to resist moves for a blank tape levy by record companies, the Japanese give no such assurance A spokeswoman for Dutch com pany Philips argues, though, that

contends that the Europeans have a tradition and culture of copyright protection unlike the Japanese.

The difference in the companies' attitudes, she says, is not a sign of conflicting aims but is an express-ion of different prevailing attitudes in home markets.

Conroy sales force to propping up the bar in The Marquee."

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"I feel this is a challenge that is impossible to turn down, and it happened to come along at the right time. I'd done the corporate world for six or seven years and I wanted to get back to something

"It's hard to leave Rob Dickins because we are very close friends, but I think he understands." Conroy will be responsible for Chrysolis's activities outside North America where Joe Kiener will continue to head the operation. Conroy's appointment comes at the same time as news that longthe same time as news that long-standing worldwide president Doug D'Arcy is leaving the com-pany. D'Arcy is believed to be about to unveil plans for his own

label in conjunction with Chrysolis.

Conroy describes the task facing him with: "The big challenge is to do what I'm best at, which is to pull everyone together and give them a sense of purpose — something that's been sadly lacking. "I want to get to grips with

PAUL CONROY (left) is welcomed to Chrysalis by chairman Chris Wright everything from going out with the

> Asked whether he is planning al-terations at the company, he re-sponds: "Undoubtedly there will be changes, but I haven't even started in the job yet so it's too early to talk about it."

Ink dries on Virgin/MCEG video deal

VIRGIN HAS concluded the sale of VIKUIN HAS concluded the sole of its video arm to Los Angeles-based Management Company Entertain-ment Group, MCEG bought Virgin Vision for \$83m (£50.3m) and as a result Virgin now owns a 22 per cent share of the US company.

 PINNACLE IS now distributing product on the Old Gold label following the demise of PRT Distribu-tion. The new deal takes effect from August 7 and label manager at Pinnacle is Carol Scudder.



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Discovery plumps for new look, new image

WEST MIDLANDS-based inde-pendent Discovery Records is giv-ing its mascot the boot in favour

of a new image.

Until now, Bob Barnes' stores have used a little cortoon man as their logo but with the opening of the sixth Discovery shop he has decided to go for a new look

very opens a second store in Dudley — at the Merryhill Centre — in November and it will be the first to incorporate the new open before the end of the year and marketing manager Fitzsimons anticipates that all sev Discovery stores will change to the new look just after Christmas.

The front of the shops will ange to a new corporate image the work have a particular design but we just felt that now that we are opening our sixth shop and have another couple in the pipeline we should bring them all together," says Fitzsii

Spong offers 'designer' POS

CREATING AN individual look for independent shops is the aim of a new service being set up by Spong

Spong is forming a new design team to help retailers solve any problems they have with point-ofsale organisation. The team will produce POS displays for any product and will build prototypes if required, says the company.

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IT IS about time that record com

panies recognised changes in the market and looked to the future,

soys P Rees, of The CD Shop in Eastcote, Middlesex, which sells

We are new to both retailing

only compact discs

"Our costs for such a service de pend on how speculative the en-quiry, type of product and so on but we have yet to meet a problem we cannot solve at the point-ofsale," says Spong marketing direc-tor Peter Whitmore.

Once a design has been ap proved, Spong says it will produce the required quantity of their Mildenhall factory. antity of systems at

P 0 1 terial provided by the companies is based upon vinyl album sleeves and sales promotion teams insist on

sending us free seven-inch vinyl singles for in-store play. "Why then are the record com panies so slow in recognising the evolving market situation and so desperate to retain their old out-moded ways? The vinyl age is over, tape stretches but the future belongs to CD".9

and the music business so we tend to compensate for our naivety by overstocking what we think will sell only to find it doesn't sell and no-body is more surprised than the "We stock all types of music. We

 Make your views known through Counterpoint, Frontline, Music Week, 23-27 Tudor Street, London EC4Y 0HR. wed as odd as we do not stock a few cassettes. Any display ma-







A1'S MIKE Howell had quite a surprise when this Simply Red single (left) All 3 minc rower and quite a surprise when this Simply Red single lielsh arrived in his south London shop, Howell dug up one of the original Twenter All Stores 78 sleeves and spothed the unanny similarities be-ween the live NEAU Kim mortelling manager 107 McGuiness has since confessed that he look his importation for the Simply All sleeves from old 78s at his father's house — including an original All sleeves from old 78s at his father's house — including an original All seeves from the father shows the simple state of the simple should be to the simple should be sometimes of the simple should be to the simple should be an arrived by the simple should be to the simple shoul

A life-time's experience

by Nigel Hunter FIFTY-TWO years is a goodly part of a lifetime, and, in the music business, 52 years working with one is virtually

If the criteria permitted it, Joh Gordan would qualify for an hon-oured place in the Guinness Book of Records. If the EMI Music Pub-lishing-SBK Songs merger had per-mitted it, he would have actually notched up 53 years service be fore retiring next spring.

But that was not to be, Gordon,

But that was not to be. Gotton, a big, hearty, gregarious man, is nothing if not a realist. He knows as well as anybody that change is inevitable. Indeed, no one has livered. ed through more changes in musi-cal fashion and methods since he started in the post and packing department of the Keith Prowse Music Publishing Company in No-vember 1937

Nevertheless, the manner of the rger and the enforced mass ex odus of many of his colleagues and friends have clouded his own departure. Gordon himself hasn't raised the point, but it seems puzziling that he couldn't have worked out his time until next spring and left according to sched-ule and contract after all the years

That way the new EMIMP mega ouping headed by the erstwhile SBK team would have enjoyed for a few more months the benefit of his knowledge, experience and contacts. The latter are still the lifeblood in successful music publishing where standard gues are involved, and no-

body has more than Gordon acknowledges changing and attitudes without opplauding them or regarding them necessarily as improvements

"Today, the new system of mega publishing is controlled by profes sional management people rather than professional music people and it shows," Gordan observes "It always used to be a family-type business, with writers, publishers and artists genuinely friendly. The publishing business, in my view, is simple one - find the song, buy the song, record the song and pro mote the song. Then it's up to the public. It's always been a gamble." He recognises the need for pecialist lawyers these days when

publishing contract contains page after page of clauses.

"Good publishers always recommended writers to seek inde-

pendent legal advice before sign ing a contract. Accountants are also very necessary for controlling the huge sums of money which can easily be spent without thought. I strongly believe you have to spend money to make money, but the in-dividual doing the spending should have ears and the ability to know

a good deal from a bad one." He also thinks in-house exploita tion plays a vital role with big com pany autologues and it is a great help to presenters when done knowledgeably, feeding interest-ing and relevant information to them for their programmes. Standard songs must be promoted and not left to rot in the basement

Gordon's experience includes the sales department of Peter Maurice Music which merged with Keith Prowse to become KPM Mu-



JOHNNY GORDON retir spring after more than half a cen tury working for EMI's music pubing wing - is this a record

sic, and organising the first record promotion department in publish-ing there after five years on the road selling sheet music when he had completed his wartime Army

When KPM joined forces with Feldman and Francis Day & Hunter to form EMI Music Publishing, he added artist liaison, press and PR to his activities

Mergers are obviously not new to him, but the modern method of implementing them and the ruth-lessness in human terms certainly

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publishing business is a simple one find the song, buy the song, record the song and promote the song. Then it's up to the public. It's always been a gamble'

"I was very upsel about the way it ended and the clumsy, inept manner in which things were handled for all my colleagues at EMIMP. I've know the American publisher Al Gallico for 40 years, and he was flobbergasted about the statement of the collection of the colle the unbelievable way things have "Al and many other US publish-

"I was very upset about the way

"Al and many orner up put the ers are very puzzled about the merger and the way it has been implemented throughout the merger and the way it has been implemented throughout the world. It remains a mystery to me as to how EMIMP, rated as one of the most successful companies in the world, takes over another com pany and ends up being run by

that company."

On the subject of publishers,
Gordon states how lucky he has been in his career to work for probably the greatest music pub lisher of all — Jimmy Phillips" and "a great record MD who became a very good publisher — Ron White

"And, although regretably it was only for a short while, there was Frans de Wit, one of the nicest and most respected figures in the publishing business Gordon regards the late Fifties

and the Sixties as the best years for the publishing industry. There was more melody around then and sensible lyrics, and less TV sets.
"People still had real home enment, especially music, in

stead of gaping at the box for hours on end." He hopes the wheel may turn a fuller circle in publishing, particularly for the benefit of writers.

"They used to compose songs for other people to record, but now it's all self-contained and selfcentred and very difficult to get covers. I'd like to think there'll be a trend back to melodic music and artists considering other people's material as well as their own. If it does happen, it will bring back good writers again who aren't good writers again will bothering at the moment because there's nobody to record their There are far too many people just thinking of today. In the old days, we thought of the future and looked for songs that would

And what of J Gordon's future?
Firstly, he would like to see his youngest son, James, settled in the industry they both love. To gain as much experience as possible, James is currently presenting a two-hour chart show for hospital radio at the Queen Victoria Hospi-tal, East Grinstead. It looks likely there will be another JG around in years to come

As for the man himself, there is as for the man himself, there is a forewell party in early August that should be better attended than the annual garden bash at Buck House. And he's been meeting with several interesting people lately, which several between the several se which seems to suggest that the golf course cannot yet claim him exclusively for its ov

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From the UK club circuit to worldwide mega-tours there's a crew of professionals to take any band on the road Anette Peterson takes a look behind the scenes

On the road with the profes

tour even before they start promoting records. Stories of hotels trashed and wild of hotels trashed and wild parties on the road are frequently heard. What most people do not realise is the amount of hard work and the thousands of hard-nosed professionals it actually takes to make successful tours happen.

The sizes of tours vary enormous-ly, from one minibus taking a band and equipment on the UK club and pub circuit, to major operations in-volving hundreds of people travelling by road, sea and air ground the

Steve Hill, director of Bandwidth Vehicle Hire says: "The bottom line for touring is the amount of tickets sold. If 5,000 kids have paid £5 per

Nobody does it better!

Transporting people and equipment is done by many companies using many different means. Some of the key companies supplying minimal production of the produc

have a responsibility to them and you have to be there. When people ring and ask for quotes on a minibus for a tour I will tell them, say, £2,500. I sometimes find out later that they went somewhere else for £1,500 — but three gigs into the £1,500 — but three gigs into the tour their vehicle seizes up and they miss the next gig. I consider such an example completely irresponsible. "You also have to employ crew that are professional — basically you get

what you pay for."

Pink Floyd's recent tour used even

Pink Floyd's recent four used even more trucks than Michael Jackson's tour. Taking care of the trucking side was Redburn Transfer, a family com-pany which has been in existence since 1880. Fourth generation Chris since 1880. Fourth generation Chris Redburn took the company risto the music industry in 1982 with one ve-hicle — and hundred of tours have been done since then. Last year olone they went cut with Simply Red, Al Jarreau, Elvis Costella, Frank Sinatra, Liza Minelli and Sammy Davis, Stevie Wonder and Fink Flowd.

Some 16 production trucks con taining PA, lights, backline and stage set were used for Pink Floyd and this is not including the trucks used for operation are not too far off the mark when organising all these trucks. On a normal sized six-truck tour there is a so-called lead driver in charge. But when dealing with more than 10 trucks a trucking co-ordinator is specially assigned for

the job.

Chris Redburn explains: "When loading out shows, it can take up to five hours to get out, some of the for an ordinary lead driver to del-egate who goes where in the right order. In this situation one man is out there all the time just to deal with the trucks. He organises border situations, deals with everything regard-ing the trucks on site and he keeps in constant contact with base in Eng-

On the road the trucks are usually strung out over about a three-hour period, but in Russia there had to be a convoy. They were escorted by the Russians from Moscow all the way up to Lathi in Finland.

The trucks are specially made for

uring. The suspension on the tractors and trailers is adjusted so that the gear will not bounce as much as it would on an ordinary truck. The trucks are also serviced every 10,000km, while a fitter travels on the tour and one of the trailers has the four and one of the trailers has a repair section with tools, enabling anything that can be repaired on the road to be done. There are special cargo loading devices to make loading on and off as easy

as possible. A record breaking time for load out was noted on the Floyd

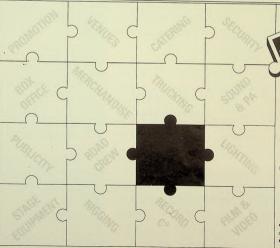
tour.
"With a tour this size no-one in their right mind would attempt to do a back-to-back" show," says Redburn. "Floyd did. They decided to do London — Holland within 24 hours. The trucks arrived at Nijmegen at 2pm after having play-ed London the previous night. The whole load out took three hours, from the end of the show to the last from the end of the show to the last truck leaving. Twelve trucks were used on this one. Pink Floyd have the best of everything working for them. That is why they get things

way of transporting equipment is by air freight. For journeys across the globe when time is not so desperate, globe when time is not so desperate, sea freight is used. Specialising in these forms of transportation is Rock It Cargo. According to Redburn, nobody does it hette

body does it better.

"They are miles ahead of anyone else. If there is any problem getting gear from somewhere, Rock It can do it," he says.

Problems with the trucks on tour, opart from breakdowns, can be caused by difficult customs officers caused by difficult customs officers
— even before getting out of Eng-land. Occasionally, customs men de-cide to check everything going out of and coming in to Dover, and this



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can mean unloading with hours of delays. Again Rock It can be involved to make sure customs are cleared in London. A customs officer is invited to the site to inspect the gear as it is loaded onto the trucks. For an extremely big tour, it is the only way to do it

The transportation of crew and band evolved rapidly over the years. The use of sleeper coaches is one of the most economical ways of travelling. The crew very often live on these buses for entire tours.

Len Wright was one of the first people to put sleeper buses on the road in England, along with Edwin Shirley, who started at the same time. Edwin Shirley now runs the biggest trucking and staging com-pany in the UK, but Len Wright stayed with the buses and developed Len Wright Travel.

The buses then were nothing like they are today. Only the barest basics. The beds were simple mattresses, and there was little regard to safety aspects. Today, a first class sleeper bus is like a rolling miniature

five star hotel. More and more tour managers are now ringing up themselves for quotes. Sometimes they will use a different company for the crew buses from that used for the gear, or they will go for a total overall package. Whatever happens, 90 per cent of the time the company per cent of the time the company will have to win that tour with the competitive and quickest quote. Then the milages, drive times and any overdrives will have to be worked out. Long gone are the days of paying the driver an extra £50 to do a certain drive. The whole touring business is now a very professional industry.

fessional industry.
Lyn Moulding of Len Wright
Travel explains: "The ministry people
are laoking over our shoulders all
the time and we have to run legally. Overdrives have to be covered and nes you will go back to clients saying. No way can we make that show. It can be cut very fine though. Recently we had to do London-Stockholm with one travel day. I said we would do it, but that it was going to be tough. We had one driver to Dover where he was joined by an-other bus and two more drivers. The two new drivers took the buses to Copenhagen. We then flew the main drivers to Copenhagen, the others got off and flew home and the buses continued on route straight to Stockholm. They made it on time."

As the tours tend to be growing recent years, so are the crews. More caterers are going out and a lot of the thrash metal bands are taking security teams with them Phoenix is one company respon-

THE PLUSH interior of one of Bandwidth's mini buses



Today, a first class sleeper bus is like a rolling miniature five star hotel, while drivers have to be competent, patient and intuitive'

sible for the increase in standards of the crew buses. Other companies are following suit with regards to looking after the crews equally

Moulding continues: "Our whole fleet is now interchangeable and a crew looks after our buses just as well as the bands. You could find one bus out with the Lou Reed band and the same bus could go out again on Slammer crew. Of course, you expect a bus to come back messy after three months on the road, but they hardly ever come back with anything maliciously dam-

Travelling together for long periods requires a competent, patient and intuitive driver, friendships often develop, making the travelling party like a family. Bands are also bringing their own families with the

All experienced drivers know border procedures — and they also have their own special tricks to get through as easily as possible. There is also quite a lot of interest when a tour bus goes through borders.

Wendy, operations manager at Len Wright says: "Sometimes, when the border guards get on the bus all they want is to be introduced to the musicians or just get an auto-graph. On the Chris de Burgh tour he actually sat at the front of the bus at every border crossing, signing raphs. 'How many want this time, he would say.

Parking production vehicles can ometimes be a problem. Not so sometimes be a problem. Not so much at the larger venues, but the smaller ones in town centres simply do not have the parking facilities needed. A lot of cities also have regulations against trucks driving at

A bus driver is very different from a truck driver. He has to live with the people on his bus. He is totally responsible for the bus and its upkeep. He makes sure supplies are kept up, repairs are done and a lot of them are good mechanics. Every bus has something going wrong on a tour, yet most of the crew do not out it.

A bus driver who knows his job,

especially in the music industry, is incredibly important. Most credibly important. Most drivers really learn their work and buses can even be known by the name

Specialists are also needed when using travel agents. Redburn says: "With five minutes notice we had to send double drivers to Russia because of a Siberian rail crash, and an extra show had to be put in. They have to expect to change all the flights overnight, so flexibility is very

In 1974, Mike Waksworth started booking flights and hotels for The Who and Lynard Skynard. He founded his travel agency on the basis of looking after the bands at that time. A travel agent in the music dustry must be prepared to work 24 hours a day, seven days a week

Attention to detail and flexibility is situations frequently occur.

When a travel agent takes on a client he is working for the entire tour. Waksworth says: "We did the Michael Jackson tour last year with ver 200 people on the road. Our logistics have to be extremely accu rate. Say you lost a sound engieer in Munich, then you have a problem. Everyone on that tour was — every day, literally hour by hour — my responsibility

When booking hotels everything has to be checked; location of the crew hotel with regards to the venue, for example. British travel agents tend to stick to the territory they know best — Europe

They do book worldwide fights, but the hotel side is taken over by

US or Australian agents in their own

Flying is still the most expensive vay of getting from A to B. A. ible European ticket on a scheduled flight is pricey compared to the US. When, in 1992, the new regulations

come in, prices should drop. The hiring of whole planes for the stars still happens, but the more lu-natic days of the Seventies are over. "The whole touring industry is now run in a much more business-like fashion", says Wakesworth. The understanding of the needs of the artists and crews are greater. Their work has become an acceptable and respected profession in an inter-

Preconceived ideas aside, touring is an acquired art which is getting more sophisticated each year.

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Into the arena

Mark Jenkins surveys the new, bigger (and better?) UK venues

ITH THE London Dock-lands Arena successfully launched, and plans for an even more enormous
"Londondome", taking shape, are
we entering a new era of bigger
and better venues? It is still com-

and better venues? It is still common to hear London-based bands comploining that there is "nowhere to play" in the capital, and there is no doubt that operating on the terminally soul-destroying.

But that is not to say that there have not been development in the venue market in the recent past, and while many of these have in valved the very largest venues and the very largest venues and cryst of hope both in and out of big-name bands, there are a few rays of hope both in and out of Landon for smaller bands as well. Aaron Siegel of International Sports Marketing, which is behind the Landondome development north of the Royal Victoria Dock [Jean-Michel Jarre's cold and wet open-air venue last October) em-phasites the planning that has any planting that the property of the planting that the planting that has a state of the planting that has gone into its new project. In ISM's opinion, the running of a successful venue depends on the right balance of music and non-music events

be running Londondome very much as we run other existing venues in the States," he explains. "The Landandame will be a multi-purpose venue catering equally for music, conferences, horse shows and other types of event." ISM is also the developer of a 15,000 seat venue in Sheffield due to open in 1991, and although it will primarily be for athletics, it will also be a significant new music

venue. Meanwhile, the London Docklands Arena, which opened with a successful Duranduran show on April 2 and went on to host Pink Floyd's return to London in July, is intending to de-emphasise confer-ence and exhibition work and, in

ence and exhibition work and, in fact, to concentrate more on music events in the near future. The venue's capacity is being increased from 11,000 to 12,500 by Christmos, in time for an Erasure concert—so a little building work is still going on. But good access via the Docklands, Light Railway has been a major factor in establishing the Avena, which has also halted a Powerful show. We have en't experienced any crowd con-trol problems, and people are finding it quite easy to get here," claims Belinda Brook from manager Alan Elias's office. Several other large concerts are awaiting signature of contracts at the moment.

Outside London, one of the ma jor concert venues is Manchester's G-Mex, although this tends to be a seasonal music venue. Concerts tend to take place from November to January, with the summer period devoted to exhibitions, and special Christmas events such as Walt Dis-ney's Ice Show or even an indoor

period.

period.

For major pop artists, G-Mex has a normal capacity of 9,000, although a 10,000 seat configuration and a smaller 6,500 seat configuration are also possible. G-Mex already has concerts lined up from Erasure, Alexander O'Neal and Deacon Blue later this year, so obviously intends to keep the music part of its business alive.

In July, G-Mex hosted a series of Hallé Orchestra concerts, but later this year the Halle will have its own new Manchester concert venue just along the road from G-Mex. The Hallé have used Manchester's Free Trade Hall for some years, and are finding this a little restricted now — but the possible loss of the Hallé's business will not affect G-Mex's music policy too

One new booking is a northern version of the British Music Fair, to take place on October 5-7 1990 take place on October 5-7 1990 in addition to the London BMF each July. BMF director David Newns has been quoted as saying that the London BMF only reaches 30 per cent of the consumer popu



NEW DERBY nightspot. Ritzy

lation, so the addition of a northe event is significant — another 30 per cent of the population lives within one hour's drive of G-Mex, a fact as significant for concert bookers as for the British Music Fair, and G-Mex has better access than the Birmingham NEC, which

is aimed at car users.

Also on the subject of northern locations, but looking at small venues, Derby has a newly restyled music venue to offer — the Ritzy night club, a part of the Mecca group which includes Cinderella Rockerfella.

Rockerfella.

The Ritzy is located in a late-Victorian building in the heart of the city centre, and was previously known as Confettis. The existing Victorian facade has been restored and explaned by the content of the conference of the conferenc Victorian focade has been restored and enhanced, but in contrast there's a new "Ritzy" sign in nean lights. Chrome fittings and globe lights are the order of the day, and the capacity of the venue is 1,200. Rather bizarrely, the combined themes are Jules Yerne and Aztecs, with a striking DJ's console inset with a sunburst design! A gold, carved phoenix, gallered dining areas and balstrades, fabric test-

ed canopies and comfortable ed canopies and comfortable chairs and sofas complete the re-design by Fiana Greenslade of the Tibbatts & Co design group. DJ Paul Douglas explains that the music policy for the venue spans alternative, soul, dance and States Comments. Sixties/Seventies music, with one night per week kept free for primay never get a chance to devel-

vate functions and band bookings The Ritzy uses a portable stage and The Ritzy uses a portable stage and has full three-phase power and other band facilities. However, if has found that a full live band leaves little space for customers, and has tended since opening in April to stick to a series of PAs, in-cluding Jason Donavan, Edwin Starr, Buster Bloodvessel, Princess Starr, Buster Bloodvessel, Princess and London Boys. Future PAs are planned to include Kylie Minague and Madanna, while live band ap-pearances are likely to increase in the future with The Tremeloes already having played.

Mecca has an even more in ressive project opening in Burnley pressive project opening in aurniey in August. The Central Park/Ritzy/Waldo T Pepper complex includes a pub, club and restaurant, and will be managed by Peter Smith. Costing £2.5m, the venue will feature live music as well as an extensive program of PAs Mecca has also done a deal with Soul II Soul for a series of appearances to launch a new pop maga zine, which will begin in the

As far as London is concerned the most active company on the smaller venue front seems to be the Mean Fiddler organisation. As well Mean Fiddler organisation. As well as taking over the promotion of the Reading Festival, the company has launched a new club, The Powerhaus, which opened in Islington in March. It is open seven nights a week, licensed until 2am, and hosts a variety of club and live band nights. Also

Also opening soon is Subterrania, built under a motor-way flyover near Portobello Road Another Mean Fiddler project, it is a conversion from a disused comnunity hall and cost £550,000. A motorway theme of bare concrete, rubber and earth colours contrast with a first floor steel gallery which

with a first stoor steel gallery which takes the capacity up to 600.

Meanwhile, the new-look Reading Festival from August 25-27 will have a capacity of 25,000. The Powerhous Promotions staff believe that the formula for success will include a wider range of music, improved security, bar, food and toilet facilities for this 28th year. The usual site is retained but there is just one giant stage featuring more than 20 bands. Headliners are New Order, The Pogues, and The Mission, and there will also be a Mean Fiddler tent (capacity 2,000) including African, country, R&B and other alternative styles of

With open-air festivals generally With open-air testivals generally having experienced problems over the last few years, it is tempting to think that they are being replaced in the mind of the public by sell-out concerts at mega-venues such as the NEC, G-Mex, Wembley Arena, or the Docklands. Yet there still seems to be a lack of venues larger than a club but smaller than a huge arena which can cater for up-and-coming bands, despite efforts by The Rock Garden and one or two other London venues to promote afternoon sessions for unknown afternoon sessions for unknown bands. There may be little money to be made in managing small band venues, but if they don't exist, the stadium bands of the future



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Dave Henderson on who's making what, and who's wearing them

Not so humble T-shirt

VER SINCE James Dean and Marion Brando pulled on their clean white cotton I shirts, teenagers — and juvenile delinquents the world over have donned similar in an attempt to look sharp, sporty and

The punk explosion in the mid-Seventies brought the garment into the fashion market with Vivienne Westwood's Sedilionarise designs ufiliary modernised resistance shirts bearing erole and sensotionals screen-printed designs and, as ever, if idian't take long before every street corner was rife with similarly "anarchic" T-shirts doubed with the lottest slogans.

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It wasn't long before the major, and independent, record companies realised that the T-shirt was an ideal merchandsimp leal. First of ill it was resider to produce for press purposes than the occasional merkeling play of Sad Cafe tracksuits and the like which existed in the mid-Seventes. Of course, each early produced varietions an the order produced varietions an the say-ill garment, some opining for collared tennis shirts, some going for the more lourious American for the more lourious American tools become more viable than some power or getting editions of the produced than some produced than the same produced that th

For example, EMI spent a facture promoting the hapless guitar pap of Spell Like This in the early Eighthes, with is gradest marketing move ever coming when it produced anagams of journalist annual "Spell Like This" printed beneath fully an black thirts with the legned "Spell Like This" printed beneath. An expensive, individual move for press consumption which success fully introduced a huge number of subject the control of the control son had the collected journal scratching the name of the segre-

But there's life beyond press promotion. And in the T-shirt merchandising market, the latest designs, featuring the latest band artwork, has become an established concert

heal item. From the smallest independently motivated venue — where fanzine enhusiasis joselle for position with gorth soyal sharts position with gorth soyal sharts— In Mochine logo shirl need to the lour programmes eiller, the variation is remarkable, for axample, cert is strewn with propripheratiol hard's consumed with great glee by entering and excelled lans, target are staged to the propriet of the variable of the propriet of the ords, shirts, sweets, etc are all oralloss, while the vendors and road crew for the lost lour sported feather baker jocks. Indige is all feather baker jocks. Indige is all

important ... right down to the man who's selling it direct.

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In terms of design the qualityvaries, but flow usually fells in line with the kind of group/oct flot are being merchandred. The likes of helm of the line of the line of the purky "generate wing with relevant stagementing promoting the likes of the Dead Kennedys he likes of the Dead Kennedys thought of chairman sello Bidfra are set for graphic mage by American collage expert John Yotes on both T-shirt and supplementary pamphlets. Similarly, the progress of "zany New Yorkers" Sonie

Youth has been traced through a series of highly collectable T-shirts, from collage and photographic images to daubed graffili and sundry items by the hand of illustrator Sovege Pencil. And the Sonics have the sporadic fanzine to underline their image and ideals, the tacky but coffee-table Sonic Life. It seems that it's entirely up to the

It seems that it's entirety up to the into the merchanding/f-shirl area and just how for it goes. As mentioned in Music Week recent mentioned in Music Week in the properties of the properties of 12-inches, was heralded with a down on cotton—all of which looked quite bizarre after a few washing mothem cycles, especially and the properties of early to properties with a great properties. The early to provide when we have a properties of early to provide when we have a properties of early to provide when we have a properties of early to provide when we have a properties of early to provide when we have a provided and and in the province to the properties of the properties of the provided provided provided the provided provided

Utilising its in-house design team, 23 Envelope, 4AD's merchands-ing wing is an admirable fail to its musical cutivities. For example, the artwork for the recent Pixies all-bum, Doolfille, was previewed with a gold leaf print for Volentine's Doy. The allow sleeve was a spectacle in itself, with a book of illustrations based on the songs, and it was supported by a set of nine postcards and the inevalable 1-shirt

bearing the compaign image. Now, that might sound like a simple enough development, but 4AD T-shirts have a little more to them than that. Using high quality American shirts, the designs aren't merely slapped on the front and forgothen, they're carefully tailored to each release. For example, AR



4AD's RELEASES have been marked for their originality

Kane's Lollito single was promoted with a Vaseline lens shot of a moody, naked girl on the front, the back having a reverse shot of her holding a huge knife. That was followed by MARRIN's Pump Up The Volume, which featured the legend in big letters on the reverse, printed slaggons on the sleeves and

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In basic terms, the T-shirt is always going to be a staple accesssory for record promotion and music farn affiliation, that some
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even those with excess cash or even a heary metal love of gare, have opted for the current treat in splater shirs with plastic alien heads coming out of stamach, subit's sure to be a press-creating move should someone care to induge. Yes, I can just see Kylie's head emerging from the centre of such a goudy garment, perhaps with the slogan "She's here!" scrawled across the back.

As yet, none of the labels, not

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HILE ADVERTISING agencies will cheer-fully spend a couple of hundred thousands pounds producing a 30-sec-ond film, most will balk at paying more than £4,000 for music production. Soundtracks run a poor second to sumptuous filmic techniques in the ad bizz.

Seeking to redress this imbal-nce, or at least make a lot of noise about it, is Ken Dampier — creative director of the advertising agency Dampier Robertson Redel champion of music production companies.

His cause, he says, is quite logical: "The way I always work it out is, that if you look at the high qual-ity of film production in advertising,

the screen time per second in a commercial is more expensive than the screen time per second in a feature film.

you look at the cost per second of music time in a commercial in relation to say the cost of making an album. Agencies expect to get the same quality of sound on a com-mercial track as on an album which has taken years and great expense to produce."

Not only does Dampier argue that musicians should be paid ac-cording to their efforts, but that they should not be given a "pa-thetically short" amount of time to produce a high quality track. Even with the current craze for using background music with no voice-over in commercials, Dampier claims agencies are reluctant to

claims agencies are reluctant to fork out more than one or two per cent of their ad budget. Music is still regarded as an afterthought, he groans: "It amazes me that music is often at least 50 per cent of the soundtrack, yet is still something that is put together

at post-production stage."

The reason for this neglect, he claims, is a general lack of understanding among agency creatives of the nuts and bolts of music production: "Most agencies don't con-sider how long it takes to create and produce music and what the

While film techniques in advertising are constantly improving -becoming more experimental and stimulating — music in commercials has been left in the Dark Ages of the jingle, one argument is that Joe Public is more likely to notice cheap and nasty visuals than, say, a second-rate reproduction of a o securio-rate reproduction of a popular song, or even a predict-able jingle. In fact Dampier stresses that the very word "jingle" deni-grates the professionalism of pro-ducing sound track ing sound tracks for com

self-confessed music junkie, this 34-year-old redhead not only takes advertising tracks seriously but the whole music industry. Ever since punk shook the UK in the mid-Seventies, Dampier has been tising and the desire to become a full-time musician.

From his days as a guitarist in the underground band Tennis Shoes, through to a stint with the Shoes, through to a stint with the garage surfing group, The Corvettes, Dampier has maintained his semi-professional career as a musician with the Steve Cook Soul Band. This Ray Ban-clad, 12-piece is hinged together with three pro fessional musicians and a mish mash of frustrated admen. "It started purely for fun about seven years ago, when four of us got together in a dubbing theatre to play for our own amusement," recalls Dampier.

recalls Dampier.
"It began to become more or-ganised, and we found ourselves playing at chums' houses and agency Christmas parties."

Although not spied on the club circuit, the band now takes itself semi-seriously with gigs as diverse as country weddings to £150-a-head advertising awards ceremon-

ies in Istanbul.

So after years of jigging about on stage at agency dos, Dampier earnt himself a reputation among his colleagues of knowing a thing or two about music. Enter advertis ing's unofficial spokesman on mu or two al sic. It then took a matter of weeks for journalists to realise that this squat little ad man had a lot to say on the subject — and was frank about the industry and his col-

Jeagues.
Earlier this year Dampier de-cided to practice what he preach-ed by resigning his post as a group director at the agency Ogliyy and Mather, to start his own agency with former Still Moving Music di-rector Angus Robertson. Commis-sioning original tracks for clients such as Warner. Chappell will be a major objective for the fledgling agency.

But the new venture hasn't shut

but the new venture nash i shall him up about his reservations with the ad industry. He has no qualms talking about his pet hates — the tempering of well-known lyrics to fit advertising copy and the editing of key bars from famous songs to

fit the timing of a commercial.
"I particularly hate that Smiths crisps commercial, on a while ago, with the potatoes singing to Bobby's Girl. It was a rotten use of the song, had nothing to do with the product, and generally sound-ed clumsy, crass and horrid. Why force a script onto a tune that doesn't fit?" He complains. As for the indiscriminate editing

of popular songs, Dampier la



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ments: "People who have grownup with music as a main source of entertainment are very familiar with the rhythms and sequences of songs, and find it very distracting to suddenly find the song jumping

So what does Dampier co So what does Dampier consider to be a worthy soundtrack? "Oh, I do like the Rover ad," he enthuses. Apparently this car commercial, with two Germans marvelling at British ingenuity, used original music, voice-overs and sound effects to complement the

sharp copy.
"There are people who produce good music tracks, but generally speaking the level of awareness of how music works, what it costs to produce, and how long it takes to do properly are not considered enough," he argues.

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"I know I have been guilty of this
in the past. I'd ask for something
like talking Heads and it would
come back from the music produc-tion house sounding like Cliff Rich-

He also admits he is a "rotten He also admits he is a "rotten client" when it comes to commissioning original music, because he gives a very specific brief. But perhaps the more dangerous extreme is the ad man who comes walfing into a briefing meeting, giving the producers little idea of the mood or role of the soundtrack.
"Briefing is about saying what

the music should achieve. It's not enough to say, 'something like the Rolling Stones', 'he says.
"I think a greater awareness from agency people on how rhythm works, how tone and texture work, would make it easier for

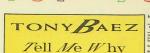
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With such a black and white atti-

de, and his readiness to vocalise it, has Dampier made enemies in the ad camp? "I'm sure I have. Obviously I'm

not going to be popular by telling agencies and clients they should be agencies and clients they should be spending more money. If I think something's no good I'll say so. But the converse is also true if I like something. I simply believe you have to respect music and musi-

'Most agencies don't consider how long it takes to create and produce music and what the costs are'





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MAD HATTERS Bernstock and Speirs (right): The boundaries between

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by Selina Webb ON THE road to picking up a recording contract on the strength of their autumn/winter season brochure, milleners for the music business Paul Bernstock and Thelma Speirs have switched hats for a bash at making "the dancefloor cut of the summer"

"When the record companies first approached us hadn't really thought of making a record, but once the idea had been put in our heads it started to seem quite a good one," admits Speirs.

As a hat-designing team. Bernstock/Speirs have earned something close to cult status. Now with their own fan club and quarterly newsletter, Mad Hatters, they built their follow-ing via collections for Warehouse, Oasis, Davies and Jigsaw. Their exclusive designs are found on the heads of French & Saunders, Christo-pher Lambert and Lloyd Hunnigan while their record industry clients include the Pet Shop Boys, U2, Neneh Cherry and Holly Johnson.

and Holly Johnson.
In their latest brochure,
Bernstack and Speirs are pictured
'hanging around' their creations
atop such well-knowns as Jimmy
Somerville, Mica Paris, Courtney
Pine and Bananarama.
Weren't they surprised a fashion
brochure could attract record company interests.

pany interests? Bernstock: Bernstock: "Not really. The boundaries between fashion and music are disappearing very quick-ly. The music business motivates the fashion business and vice versa."

Speirs adds: "Just as our designs

have to instantly excite people, so our music will have to. It's not that we want to be pop stars at the end of the day, we're just creative people and this is just part of what

Although Bernstock and Speirs believe that "a lot of creativity comes out of ignorance" they have chosen to work with producer riter Gene Pourtouche to help with recording their samba-influ-enced dance track. The dua have

et to decide on the right record deal but, when they do, they plan an exciting visual package of live shows and video to accompany

A lucky break

by Nick Robinson ABOUT A year ago, three bands appeared on Channel Four's The Chart Show. What was unusual was that none of them were signed to a record label

Their performances were part of a new slot on the programme call-ed Make Or Break. They were the lucky ones to be picked by the programme's researchers to have a video made especially for them.

Of the three bands, Joseph

Groom Towers are now talking to record companies. Baby Ford in record companies, Boby Ford is on Rhythm King and River City People signed to EMI within two months of their Chart Show appearance, RCP vacalist Siobhan Maher says the band had been perform-

ing together for two years when Channel Four got hold of one of the group's demo tapes. "We were zed when they contacted us They had commissioned two inde pendent producers to do a video for us on a budget of £2,500," she "It was really great for us be-

video which showed us exactly as we wanted it to when it could have easily been a disaster. "Although we were at the point

of signing to a record company, that appearance on The Chart that appearance on the chair Show put us in a much stronger po-sition. It was a great way to show the band aff," says Maher. "It was definitely a valuable ex-perience for us. The problem is that

it is an expensive way of promot-ing new talent. I just wish more shows would take the chance." Sadly The Chart Show has not Sadly The Chart Show has not featured any more unsigned bands since the initial three. Executive producer Keith MacMillan explains why: "That was a Channel Four idea that we decided to expe ment with. Since we changed channels, I have not approached ITV about resurrecting it," he says.

"The problem was that it was very useful for the bands but in our minds it wasn't useful for the show Maybe if we had more time and space then I would think about doing it again.

ing if again.
"I certainly haven't completely kicked the idea out of touch."

The River City People video shown on The Chart Show featurand the Chart show features ed the latest single [What's Wrong With] Dreaming₹ Their debut EMI album, Say Samething Good, is released on September 4.

Workers' **Playtime**

by John Slater PAULA GREENWOOD reclines behind a G-Plan desk littered with the rustling laurels of the previous

r, and contemplates the re-birth of Playtime Records. Last year was hard. This mistress

of the Mancunian groove dis-covered The Inspiral Carpets only to have them desert, along with Tom, the crooner with Too Much Texas The final straw was the demise of her distributor, Red Rhino. Greenwood would be the last to deny that the struggle to re-build has been long and hard.

A recent showcase at The showcase at The ed a plethora of talent scauts from the majors, all eager to associate the majors, all eager to associate themselves with the new line-up of Too Much Texas, The Rainkings and the wonderfully named New Fast Automatic Daffodils (or New Fads for short). The last band was recently tipped by one of the national broadsheets as "the band most likely to" in the Nineties

most likely to" in the Nineties.

Besides running Playtime, Paula has her own PR and plugging company. Or as she so aptly puts it:
"Trying to convince the majors that egional PR is just as important as

regional PK is just as important us the national press ..."

The next project on the agenda is a world music label featuring Tunisian falk music and ethnic

RIVER CITY People: 'Although we were at the point of signing to a record campany, that appearance on the Chart Show put us in a much stronger

American country. This is a wome American country. This is a woman with many strings to her bow, a chead full of ideas and, with the blessing and finance of her new distribution company, APT, the future of Playtime Records looks rosy. Taday the new single from Too Much Texas, tomorrow the

Hedd case

of Hedd Records has meant problems for many promising acts. Bands such as Soho and The Seers, agnos such as sono and the Seers, both set to realise what threatened to be successful records, are now stuck in the quandry of having no financial backing.

The Seers have the extra problem of not having access to tapes of their recently recorded bum. In fact the whole Hedd episade seems to have been one big

Virgin as a subsidiary along the lines of Siren. Hedd felt that it could compete on a major's terms wh retaining the profile and credibility of an indie. This approach naturally led to problems culminating with Virgin terminating the contract with Hedd shortly after the Seers had finished their album. This left the Seers with a fully recorded LP (produced by Pat Collier — Darling Buds, Wonderstuff etcl but no label

The album itself is a gem. A mixture of garage noise and pop — not a million miles away from what made the Wonderstuff and Guns

N' Roses so popular. Sun Is In The Sky, the single released on Hedd, went into the top 100 with almost no airplay.

With the correct handling, b Welcome To Deadtown and Flyaway are surefire top 40 success es. And the rest of the album is of a quality to ensure chart longevity. However, there are a few US-based major labels which have expressed an interest in the Seers and would be sad if another succe ful English band found it had to move to the States merely because of an unfortunate choice of label

Punk flock

by David Giles JUST WHEN you thought the ex-citement and energy that inspired citement and energy that inspired the punk explosion of the late Seventies had become no more than a hazy memory, along comes a young <u>Birmingham</u> band to shake us all out of our compla-

Birdland's first single — the Birdland EP — is on Lazy Records, the label owned by the Primitives'

the label owned by the Primitives' manager Wayne Morris. Side one, where the tracks Hal-low Heart, Crystal and Gotta Get-away run into each other without any real pauses, is possibly one of the most thrilling pieces of vinyl to emerge in years. It sounds rather like the Clash's first record, capturing the anarchy, mayhem and power of Birdland's live performances, a combination that saw them get thrown off the British tour by US rockers Jane's Addiction, after only one date. you ever see us play, you'll

realise that we played a normal gig", explains Robert Vincent, one of two brothers in the band. "A few microphones got smashed and stuff like that, nothing really outrageous, and we went down really well. Afterwards we were loading our stuff into the van and this guy ran out going 'don't bother turni up tomorrow, you've been sick all over the dressing room, smashed everything up ... They needed a good excuse because we went

down so well

Jane's Addiction gren't the only people to have their feathers ruffl-ed by Birdland. Such pop dignitar-ies as Phil Collins, Pete Murray and Cliff Richard were all startled when the video for Hollow Heart appeared on the one-off revival of Juke Box Jury a while back Disgruntled mutters were all the con irmation the band needed to prove they were on the right tracks. You may scoff at such a seem-ingly dated attitude, but plenty of people did that in 1976, remem-ber.

Backtracking Record Retailer, 13 August 1964

Decca launches the Atlantic lobel in the UK with singles by the Drifters, Bobby Darin, Solomon Burke, the Ska Kings and Carlo Thomas ... The Animals are the latest British success in the States, House Of The Rising Sun jumping from 60 to 10 in the Billiboard Hot 100 ... Decca reminds retailers that it intends to register records under the Resale Prices Ac and, accordingly, its produce

Music Week, 10 August 1974 Tony Roberts appointed MD at Bell Records UK, the label currently enjoying nine singles in the UK top 50. Replacing Roberts a general manager at Warner Bros Music is Rob Dickens, 24, the

Music is Rob Dickens, 24, the company's professional manager ... Y Viva Espana, by Swedish singer Sylvia, enters the top 50 UK singles chart eight months after appearing in the MW chart breakers section ... MD Geoff Hannington reports a record-Hannington reports a 1800-breaking half-year at RCA Rec-ords, with sales up 13 per cent ords, with sales up 13 per cent over same period in 1973, thanks to catalogue strengths of Perry Como, David Bowie and Perry Como, David Bowie and Jack Jones ... Laurie Kreiger's Harlequin chain buys all three London one-stop retail outlets owned by Island Records. Music Week, 11 August 1984

Hoving been on the market for a year, PolyGram finally disposes of Chappel Music, Intersong and all affiliates to a consortium headed by Carlin chief Freddy Bienstock. Estimated prices Bienstock, Estimated prices \$120m (£76m) . . Richard Bran-son closes Virgin's loss-making London night-spot The Venue . . . After three successive poo showings, the BBC instigates new rules in an effort to rejuvenat British chances in the Eurovision Song Contest ... MCPS raid: Lyntone pressing plant, seizing 20,000 records which EMI and Warner Bros allege infr

MARK LEWISHON

Smith's rest Cure

AS ROBERT Smith shambled onto the Wembley Arena stage the six songs and three hours 40 mil utes later when Smith shambled off stage they were just as enthusiastic. Not many artists can command such devoted attention but it is a

credit to The Cure's 11-year ca reer that they have managed to build such a following without

Indeed, it was a concert that proved just that, with Smith delving into the group's varied back cata logue to play songs from all of their sical phases with none sounding out of place.

maintains that unity because al-though his voice varied little throughout, it slipped easily from sorrowful mourning to doleful croonings of love. At the same time, the band behind him matched his moods, adding colour wh necessary but without resorting to tedious solos

The latest album, Disintegration, was fully represented and fared well considering its often dark at-mosphere. This was aided by excellent lighting both bright and colourful that provided a neat con-trast to the stark images of the songs and lyrics

he really old stuff like M, Boys Don't Cry and Killing An Arab, were a reminder of how The Cure have always grasped pop sensibil-ities mixed with their own unique style - a quality still evident today on songs like Lullaby and the nev single Love Song.

At the end of the marathon set

Smith suggested that this could have been the last-ever Cure gig. it would be a terrible shame if that were so but as one of the most complete and satisfying concerts of the year it would also be the best way to go. NICK ROBINSON

Wave hello

AT FIRST sight Big Blue Sea appear to be the kind of well groom ed, almost manufactured band that A&R people dream about. But as Ask people dream about. But as they proved in little over an hour at a **Bordorline** showcase, they are capable of intelligently mixing their pop with jazz, funk and soul elements without obscuring the main dance component.

Despite a lack of an intro

and having to play the first few notes in semi-darkness, Big Blue Sea quickly triumphed over the incongruous Mexican decor with an impressive crossover style at times reminiscent of Working Week. The bass, drum, guitar, keyboard and sax line-up worked its way

through some homogeneous-sounding moterial, characterised by a sweeping opening sax sola and some top register vocals. The Roberts-soundalike with a mass of curls and assertive sta presence confidently tackled the presence contidently tackled the jazz-tinged funky arrangements. Cry And Whisper was one such tune and proved to be a highlight, complete with a mid song rap and climactic finish. Strong harmonies abounded on songs such as the jaunty Are You Happy Now? But

the full force of the shimmeri cals was saved for a spirited hurst of a cappella that saw all six band members come to the front of the stage on the gospel influenced Sweetest Devotion. The band slimmed do quartet for a closing love song One Day which neatly rounded of

a well paced set. Big Blue Sea have a song called One More Mile an apt description of how close they must be to fulfilling their potential with record comp PETE FEENSTRA

Juice on the loose

THE MOST astounding thing about the 1989 model Edwyn Collins is his hard-nosed persistence. The comeback LP, on Demon, has drawn praise from all quarters and now a sure-tooled return to stage at **The Mean fiddler** of firms the wimp-pop messioh is not such a delicate flower after all.

His new set replaces the jangle of Postcard Records' heyday with a confident country twana. Compositions as crafty as ever are now backed by a rock consciousness to match the quiff and Gretsch quitar.

The opener and new single, Coffee Table Song, is a rare de-parture from the more urgent and infectious tunes to follow. Collins' new collaborators put a rocket un der his usual lugubrious delivery with Denis Bovell on bass and with Denis Bovell on bass and drummer David Ruffy keeping a tight rein on some near perfect new tunes like Pushing It To The Back Of My Mind and Darling They Want It All.

Orange Juice nostalaia was kept to a minimum but a scorching ver-sion of the early single, Bridge, seemed to excite its compaser as uch as the ecstatic audience. "That was the highlight so far, but we're not finished yet," said Collins. How right he was. If the sell-out rowd had come remembering Edwyn's past they left looking for-ward to his freshly squeezed future. MATTHEW COLE

Solid soul

FIRST UP at The Summer Soul Spectacular at The Hammer-smith Odeon was the UK's own Lavine Hudson. She received an extremely warm welcome for this er London debut. However, her short opening slot never really allowed her to get into her stride the only songs she delivered with real conviction were the Gospel influenced tracks, such as Keep On

Praying.

Chapter 8 were big on

pation but short on imagination while Peabo Bryson's silk MOR territory. Things only livened up during a snippet of his first US hit, Reaching For The Sky.

All three acts had the same strengths, and, unfortunately the same serious flaw. The quality of the vocals and the standard of musicianship were both impeccable What was lacking was decen

lyrics deal with love. Not that there is anything wrong with that: it has always been the favourite subject ul songwriters. But these days it is dealt with in such an unime native way. Just the titles of Peabo Bryson's songs — All My Love, Lover's Paradise, True Love are enough to induce sleep. And listening to the songs performed at the show, it was impossible to imagine that they were part of a lineage

that they were part of a lineage which goes back to such greats as Tears Of A Clown and Heard It Through The Gropevine. Real soul is digging itself into a rut. It needs to find new ways of that its with large. If Relation's Te dealing with love: J Blackfoot's Taxi showed that it can still be done. Almatively, it needs to look e where for subject matter, as The Winans did with Let My People Go. However, on the basis of this show, there seems to be a strong reluctance to change.
ANDY BEEVERS

Mindless mauling

OVER THE last three years and with their last two albums, **Simple Minds** had begun to take the stadium rock big-arenas-means-big-anthems mentality too seriously. With this year's Street Fighting Years album it seemed that they had gone at least some way back to their roots and become a little

more thoughtful in their songwrit-But it only took 15 minutes of their performance at Wembley Arena to realise that this was not so and that Jim Kerr and co are now slaves to that big rock sound

It was an infuriating three hours as the band mauled their recorded works live, turning songs into la-boured self indulgence. Even the majority of the new album which opened the set struggled to breath as the band swamped it in melo-dramatic frills and pauses.

Most of the songs began well and built nicely to a crescendo only for the group to try and repeat the build-up by adding another tedious two minutes and making the iong into something of a -style enic

What made it worse was that this disregard for reasonable song disregara for reasonable soing length was extended to alder ma-terial (sadly — but probably merci-fully — nothing before New Gold Dream was featured). Songs like Book Of Brilliant Things and Someone, Somewhere were criminally re-worked live with all their passion replaced by pomposity. There was little relief from the

slaughter with only the Celtic instru mental before Once Upon A Time and the segmented East At Easter showing any sense of reserve or emotion. Otherwise, the audience





THE END and the beginning: Robert Smith bows out (or does he?) as Big Blue Sea catch the tide

was bombarded with the usual fist-pumping anthems which left you thinking nice sentiment, shame about the song.

Maybe it is about time Simple Minds thought a little more about

NICK ROBINSON

Blues rules

"FOUR HUNDRED years from there to here and back — how about that," said **Toj Mahal** at the end of his blues jam with Malian guitarist **Ali Farka Toure**. A simplification of the message at the heart of WOMAD's Blues And at Bracknell's South Hill Park.

Broadening its base considerably WOMAD netted some giants

to headline its first foray into the world of blues. The Texas swing of Clarence "Gatemouth" Brown was an early highlight as the silver haired master coaxed fireworks from his guitar and clouds of

from his guitar and closes smoke from his pipe.
His dazzling set was followed by the hardcore urban blues of Buddy Guy and Junior Wells. Their vintage is equally impressive but the slicker Chicago style struggled to fit this particular bill. Elsewhere a selection of R&B, Esswhere a selection of cajun and country blues boogled would World/

beside more usual World/ WOMAD attractions like the uplifting Real Sounds Of Africa from Zimbabwe and Rallvar stresses, Trio Bulgarka.

Barrence Whitfield and The
Savages should have been the

hottest of the bunch but were upstaged by scorching Californian outfit The Paladins, whose Alligator Records releases are avail able here through Sonet.

Tying up all the loose ends was headliner Taj Mahal. He stirred to-

gether a delicious blend from Africa, the Caribbean and the Mississippi delta in a near perfect demonstration of the lifeblood of the blues. The performance, like the festival, was right on target. Watch out for the blues renais-

MATTHEW COLE

World for the taking WORLD DOMINATION En-

terprises' first gig for some months, bar their recent Russian jaunt, served two pur-poses; as a showcase for their new material — it's now well over a year since their debut album appeared — and as further proof that their latest label, One Little Indian, is a growing force

Performing at Bedlam, the

Islington Powerhous' new hardcore dance/rock club. provided a chance for the band to forget what's gone be-fore them this year (three different labels and one indifferent single) and take their sounds a few steps further, World Dom have always been an inspired live experience, all sculptured white noise and black back beats, but what has been in doubt of late is their ability to change: The Company News, the last release, and Rare Mix merely tread water Message For You People was

positively subdued, a mish-mash of tension and awkwardness that only began to dissipate with the acridreggae loop of Blu Money. So far so standard. It was only with the arrival of a clutch of new songs that World Dom really let go. To Bad, possibly a future single, and Woke Up Just In Time proved that their blueprint of sonic guitar scrawls and cross-fertilised beats, reggae, hip-hop etc, can be better-ed. Far more forceful than the hazy drawl of the Dinosaur Jr school, the Ladbroke Grovers collage of soundscapes is set for some healthy expansion

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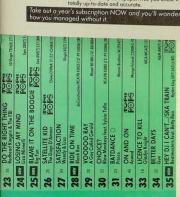
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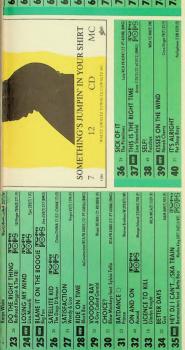
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ZIGGY MARLEY AND THE MEL-ODY MAKERS: One Bright Day. Virgin America. VUSLPS. While the first album, Conscious Party, wasn't quite the celebration its title might have promised, One Bright Day is the fully-fledged event with Day is the fully-fledged event with the Marley family creating some exuberant, colourful and ultimately soothing reggae rhythms that bring the group closer to the reggae/ mainstream crossover market. The depth of sound and the strong me odies should make this a consistent



MAU Mau 603. Distribution: Pin nacle. This live testament to one of Britain's finest new wave, nay, all time, bands is so on the case it's time, bands is so on the case it's hard to believe we've endured the Eighties without them. Recorded in their last year (1980), singer Peter Perrett is in wonderfully launguid form, John Perry's quicksiver guitar matching him all the way, smeared over each "greatest his" that never was. There'll be a lot of media attention for this is const to this count of the country. tention for this giant cult item, w threats of a reformation too.

STEVE "SILK" HURLEY: Work Is Out. Atlantic 782 003-1. Tv tracks each by Jamie Principle Risse, Jackson and Moore and pre siding producer Steve "Silk" Hur-ley. Reliably melodic but with enough changes from Risse's enough changes from Risses strong-voiced girly soul/house to wigged-out Jamie Principle to keep heads nodding. Hurley produces with restrained flair, and deserves action on the light side of the dancefloor with this dancefloor with this.



MARSHALL CRENSHAW: Good Evening. Warners 925 908-1. Here's the perfect follow-up to the understated and underrated Mary Jean album. Crenshaw again cap tures the intense yearnings of youth with the complications of adult-hood via catchy tunes by himself, Richard Thompson, John Hiatt, the Isley Brothers and the late Bobby Fuller. Uncluttered arrangements whispering the spirit of Fifties/Six-ties America help make it my numhies America help make it my ber one album of the year — so



042. Best tracks are the jounty new single Fool's In Love and that Yuppie-invective soundtrack, Changes, as heard on the VW Galf TV ad Of course he couldn't keep on re-writing The Jarrow Song, but some of the humour and bite of that or the humaur and bite of that would have helped this somewhat top-heavy affair. There's a lot going down, presumably due to Price's collaboration with guidrais Steve Grant, but he's at his best when he keeps it simple. Worth a

RAMONES: Brain Drain, Chrysalis. CHR 1725. You have to a mire their commitment and consistare still at it and still going for the three-minute burn out. They remain oblivious to trends by keeping their heads down and thrashing out more of those inimitable punk/pop toons and while their direction may hanged little, it sure wou be a dull world without them. NR



Mute Records. CAD307 Haw. Mute Records. CAD3U/ CD. THE BIRTHDAY PARTY Mutiny/The Bad Seed. Mute Rec-ords CAD 301 CD. Two wonderful releases from Mute's back-cata-logue, which confirm The Birthday lague, which continue the brinday Party's standing as one of the most important bands of the Eighties. Hee-Haw is a collection of early moterial most of which was previ-ously unavailable in the UK. The other release brings together their other release brings together their two clossic EPs, The Bad Seed and Mutiny both of which took the world by storm when originally issued. Two extra tracks recorded issued. Iwo extra tracks recorded at the Mutiny session are also in-cluded, best of which is a stunning early version of Six Strings That Drew Blood, All-in-all an essential purchase for anyone ever affected by music.

SPIRIT: Rapture In The Cham-bers, IRS EIRSA 1014, More Californian dreami commendably limp grip on reality.
This takes a couple of bold steps in the direction of the present, but simply can't help itself and slips back to a happier age when tape loops, pace whispers and phasers. provoked serious comment. The guitar is pretty solid throughout and all-in-all this is rather enchantingly dated, probably a bit lil some of your customers.

WRECKLESS ERIC: Le Beat Groupe Electrique. New Rose ROSE 179. Distribution: Distribution: ROSE 179. Distribution: Pinnacle. Closing the chapter on The Len Bright Combo, the punk-era Stiff Records star and under-dog supreme has gone back to usdog supreme nas gone back to us-ing his pseudonym with that pre-shambling garage pop spangle and ramshackle ruffian croaning intact. His Beat Groupe haven't produced a Whole Wide World classic but Tell Me I'm The Only One and Sarah are timeless Eric - cheeky, feisty and often pre funny. The cult carries on.

TAV FALCO'S PANTHER BURNS: Tonight In Memphis. New Rose Records. ROSE 185 CD. Folco and co celebrated 10 years in the biz with a show taking in all the songs that they've made their own over the years and this double set records that night's events. An acknowledged master of the cover version, Falco breathes new life into such oldies as Drop Your Mask, The World We Knew and It's Only Make Believe and his sulky rockabilly delivery adds that vital edge. Falco is very much a cult figure and while this will hardly bring him any new fans, it will certainly delight current

GREEN ON RED: Live. China Records. 841 013-0. These boys have come a fair way since their have come a fair way since their and this limited edition 10-inch and cassette sees them in top form with mire their commitment and consist-ency. The ultimate garage rockers topped off with Dan Stuart's half

whining vocals. Predominantly rock and roll with an injection of blues, this set captures the live atwhining



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VARIOUS ARTISTS: Freak Beats SCAM BIP 501. Distribution: Revolver/Cartel. The new Manches-ter-based sister label to Bop Cassettes celebrates its city's monster underground, where acid meets hip meets hop meets house meets world meets freak meets new beat, in the bedroom, studio new bear, in he bearoom, studio and club, under a rainshower of Ecstasy. Featuring 808 State, Suns Of Arqa, Mighty Force, Toss The Feathers and four more, Freak Beats could be as heavyweight an independent release, the independent release as the sce it's documenting.

NAKED PREY: Kill The Messen-ger. Fundamental Music SAVE 73. Distribution: APT. This wel come return to vinyl for Van Chris-tian and co catches them in top form, producing blues of the high-est standard. Christian's vocals are est standard. Christian's vocals are superb, perfectly augmenting some fine lead and steel guitar. The mu-sic ranges from the haunting blues of I See The Light to the raunchy stomp of Road Rush, Production comes from the Green On Red team: nothing fancy, just perfect. This is the album which will escaate their already substantial cu

THE NOSEFLUTES: Zib Zob And His Kib Kob. Rictus Recording REAT 001. Distribution: Probe Plus/Cartel. This has been called the most diverse album of the year which may very well be true, but it's not necessarily a good thing. If anything it's too diverse with very little focus. That said, it is good value with 14 tracks and at least five of which are absolute crackers, especially the endearing Chant. They could easily build on this to carve out a happy little niche as enduring English eccentrics.

VARIOUS: Def Reggae — The Best Of UK Ragamuffin Hip Hop. Jive HOP232. Endearingly gauche and irresishibly infectious, this basement price reggae/rap compilation of uncompromising homegrown talent is a must. The differing textures of rap and regdiffering rextures of rap and reg-gae, stark rhythms, surprising samples and smooth rocksteady, combine wonderfully for fine hip hop, ragamuffin style. Gritty tales of London life in standout tracks by Just The Duce and Family Quest

VARIOUS ARTISTS: Rhythm Zone Vol. 1. Big Life/Kool Kat Kool LP1. Of these eight full-length mixes, only producer Mayday (Derek May) takes the rhythm zone to the twilight with Rhythim to Rhythim's daring Strings Of Life and R-Tyme's stretchy Illusion. Otherwise, the splintered varieties of house — deep, techno, hiphouse etc - are worked through with little innovation and soon fo gotten.

TUDOR ROSES; Martin Aston, Sarah Davis, Leo Finlay, Duncan Holland, Robin Katz, Stu Lambert and Nick Robinson

40 40 LARGER THAN LIFE, Jody Wotley

Reviewed by David Giles

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LISA MARIE WITH MALCOLM ILSA MAKIE WITH MALCOLM MCLAREN: Something's Jump-ing In Your Shirt. (Epic (12/CD) WALTZ 3). A strange compound of ideas: pop vocals from top model Lisa Marie, quasi-classical bursts from the Bootzilla Orchestra, catwalk audience murmur and McLaren talkover, all hitched to a brilliant synth riff. His best since Madam Butterfly

EAT: Summer In The City. (Fic-tion (12) CIFX 2). Frontic but reverent interpretation of the Lovin' Spoonful classic. Highly topical, but the band's original material is far more interesting, as the 12-inch demonstrates with two typically eccentric examples. The dislocated funk of Gyrate is particularly im-

BLISS: How Does it Feel The Morning After? (Parlophone (12/CD) IOR 6222). Heady combination of blues, soul and gaspel guided by Rachel Morrison's remarkable voice. Melodically derative and restricted but perform ed with such panache one can't help but warm to it.



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SOUP DRAGONS: Backwards Dog. (Raw TV/Big Life (12) RTV 6). A fiery return to their original label following an unsuccessful stint at WEA. The interim has found the at WEA. The interim has round me Scottlish guitar band growing more frenetic, retreating even further into garage psychedelia. Brash and bracing.

DEBBIE GIBSON: We Could Be Together. (Atlantic (T) A8896 756 788 896-7). Seventies-sounding pop song which will provoke comparisons with Olivio Newton-John. Sickeningly wholesome, but melodically superior to most of this week's afferings.

THE TRIFFIDS: Bury Me Deep In Love. (Island (12) IS 424). An old LP track revitalised as a single due to its forthcoming airing in a Neighbours episode. A pleasant, plaintive ballad, it doesn't need any extra publicity to hit big. The 12-inch contains byzarre covers of Into The Groove and the Pet Shop Boys' Rent.



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RED HOT CHILI PEPPERS: Knock RED HOT CHILI PEPPERS: Knock Mo Down, ICBNI (12/CD) MT 70). The Chilis' fusion of punk and funk won much acclaim last year and on this showing, that can only increase. The way they bend styles creates soulful and powerful music of which Knock Me Down is a shin-

CULTURE CLASH DANCE PARTY: Ghetto Blaster. (Jive (12) CCDP (T) 2). Another change of direction for the multi-racial, multicultural Landon outfit, as a very colourful and commercial excu sion into reggae mixes in with some laid-back rapping.

GEORGE CLINTON: Should I Dog U Out? (WEA (12) W7557 922557-7), Monstrously funky, of course. Clinton struts and growls his way through a groove solid gold with some wickedly choppy guitar accompaniment. James Brown and Prince can only stand and admire.

KISS AMC: A Bit Of U2. (Murdertone/Syncopate (12/CD) SYP 29). At last the Manchester rap duo get permission to incor-porate the hallowed phrase "U2" into the title. Don't really know why they bothered, since the track is strong enough by itself. Chattering, busy and dynamic, could this reis-sue be the one that crosses over?

IAN LOWERY GROUP: Need. (Situation Two (12) SIT 59 (T). Former King Blank vocalist returns with a typically brawling and bois terous single. Imagine a malevolent Godfathers or Dr Feelgood. The term "maximum R&B" has never been more appropriate

THE FAMILY CAT: Tom Verlaine (Bad Girl (12) BG RCT 01). Debut om much-touted north London indie rockers, rather scratchily pro duced by ex-Jam drummer Rick Buckler, Guitars fizz and crackle. but nothing ever really happens. Marc Riley & The Creepers on a bod day, I'm afraid. Disappointing.

NANCI GRIFFITH: It's A He Life Wherever You Go. (MCA (12/CD) MCA 1358). An easy-lis-(12/CD) MCA 1358). An easy-list-ening lay-by between folk and country, benefiting from some tastefully subdued orchestral back-ing and some suitably gloomy



EPMO: wound down and broading



PAUL RUTHERFORD: updating

FPMD. So Whatcha (Fresh/Sleeping Bag). Very slur-red, wound-down rap from New York duo Erick and Parrish. The loose, disjointed phrasing of the vocals and the muffled spluttering guitar lends the track a strange, drowsy atmosphere, which excel-lently conveys the broading men-ace of the words.

PAULA ABDUL: Knocked Out. (Siren (12/CD) SRN 92). The connal sound of this single fine approximation (again) of Madonna's hits — will ensure masses of airtime and hefty sales. Melodically, it's very bland and drowns in a welter of unwelcome beathors

PAUL RUTHERFORD: Oh World. PAUL RUTHERFORD: Oh World.
(dth. & Broadway/Island (12)
BRW 136). Remarkably competent
effort at updating Sevenilies soul a
la Ten City. Strings soor away in
the background, bass rumbles
nicely and the piano interrupts
things prettily. Shame about the
fairly crass lyrical content ("what
we need is unity" etc).

QUEEN: The Invisible Man. (Parlophone (12/T/CD) QUEEN 12). It's a shame Queen haven't chosen to release any of the good tracks from their recent LP. A some-what watered-down effort to create a modern dancefloor frenzy is enhanced by a Brian May guitar solo — but then, he's probably the only person in the world to make days.

ADULT NET: Waking Up In The Sun. (Phonogram/Fontana (12) BRX 312). Suffering from an economy of words, the title being re-peated far too often, but is othervise a delicious Banglesy song with crisp jangly guitar that man-ages to build up quite excitingly.

FINE YOUNG CANNIBALS: Don't Look Back. (London/ffrr (12/T/CD) LON(X)220). Rockier than the rest of the LP. bludgeoning intrusions of power guitar, a thumping beat and an-other good performance from Rol-and Gift, it should hit home all right.

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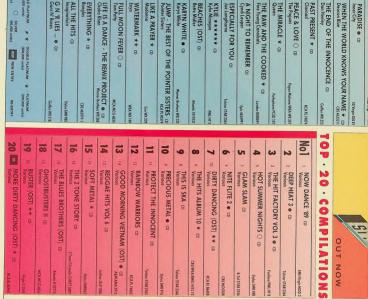
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by Barry Lazell SUBMISSION RECORDS, the Derby-based independent dance label helmed by John Crossley, Graeme Park and Tim Mold was profiled in these pages following its launch pages tollowing its launch some two years ago. At the time, the label's policy of con-centrating strictly on the devel-opment of new UK dance talent was an untypical ap-proach, but in the intervening couple of years, UK dance has mushroomed to the point where it is currently the predominant force on the British dominant force on me of man pop charts, and as acts like Yazz, Soul II Soul, Double Trouble and D Mob rule the top 20, Submission finds itself in the vanguard of a move-

UK labels are only just belatedly coming to terms. ly coming to terms.

Girding its loins for potential crossovers from much of its roster this summer, Submission has recently consolidated several areas of its operations to ensure optimum presence in the marketplace.

ment with which many similar

A new distribution deal was recently signed with Pacific Records in north London, while club promohas been taken over by the Club Net organisation, and PR by independent pressperson Janette

Recent sellers for the label have been Love Rush by Diskonexion (one of the original Submission signings), Crackdown from the highly commercial house masters Cut The Q, with vocals by Angela Farr, and Keep On Trying by re-cent-comers Kicking Back, releascent-comers Kicking Back, releas-ed in the latter part of June and riding the RM club play-based dance chart. The next two singles will be Get Involved from new signings MC's Logic in hin-hop style with a hip-house remix and Joy And Gladness's Half Past Mid night, released simultaneously on

night, released simultaneously on August 28. Kicking Back, the current Sub-mission flag-wavers, are a dua comprising vocalist Patcee, a for-



STEREO MC's: charmina

mer widely experienced session singer, and producer/mixer Lecroix, who has also worked with Graeme Park on remixes for Funky Worm, ABC, and Adrenalin MOD. Lecroix worked with John Crossley Lecroix worked with John Crossley on production of the three versions of Keep On Trying which adorn the 12-inch (SUBX 014), plus the bonus track Turn Your Back, while Crossley did the remixing on the Hold On mix, the one seeing much of the current action Submission Records is at: The

Bakery, Boyer Street, Derb Derbyshire, (Tel: 0332 292667)

Gee-force by Selina Webb ROB B, The Head and DJ Cesare

are Stereo MCs, Gee Street stal-warts whose newly-released debut LP deserves acclaim as a breath of fresh air for British hip-hop. The trio, who hail from Nottingham (Rob, The Head) and Sardinia (Cesare), also go under the mix-

ing/production name of Ultimatum with individual members of the with individual members of the group cropping up in different guises for unconnected projects.
"It's good to re-fuel with something different," explains Rob B. "We're all a unit and even if we do things on our own, we feel that

we are doing it for the good of everyone."
With Richie Rich, Stereo MCs in-

jected life into Gee Street Records its first signing early last year and were responsible for building (literally), and partly financing, the company's basement studio. Now the trio are under the umbrella of Island Records via Fourth & Broadway — an arrangement which is keeping all parties happy. Island appears to be putting "more and more" into the long term Stereo MCs project, according to The Head, but the group have been allowed virtual autonomy.

"We've managed to conv them that we're sure about what we want to do," explains Rob, while The Head adds: "We usually come out spending what we say we're going to spend — in a way it makes their job easier if we de-

cide things ourselves." cide things ourselves."
Video is one area left in the MCs'
hands and, although they're given
their budgets by Island, they resolve to spend "as little as poss-

"There's a lot of waste in the rec-ord industry," says Rob. "Our idea is to do things as cheaply as poss-

is to do things as cneupry as possible."

Swivel, the directing team responsible for producing the Voodoo Ray video, is likely to be working with the MCs on future promos and Swivel visuals form an integral part of the Stereo MCs live show. Their recent gig at The Tabernacle London's Powis Square found DJ Cesare behind the decks throughout the evening as part of the band's endeavour to "create an extensive travelling warehouse, taking responsibility for every de-tail; sound, visuals, venue and door policy. To recreate and revitalise the live performance area of dance music". Also included in the dance music". Also included in the package was an appearance by TGG Sheriff and a live drummer to pump up the live impact.

On 33 is the second single off the quizzically fitled 33 45 78 LP,

a lounging concaction of pacifist rapping and off beat scratching, sampling and beats. Snake charmer's pipes, tribal chants and sampled farmyard noises are

sampled farmyard noises are among its more unusual features.
"The album is our genuine feel-ings about what we see in the world," says Rob. "Bring It On is about bringing on hip-hop, the new force, and rap, the new tangue. Our music is trying to bring new peace — our vision of rap is positive and peaceful."

As for their preoccupation with the question What Is Soul?, The Head responds: "There's a bit of a misconception to me about what soul is. To me a lot of music is a soul, but it's pretty soul-less. Public Enemy have got soul, it's to do with the passion that they put into what they do. Stereo MCs have got soul — we mean what we're doing and we put a lot into it."

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Extra London FMs hang in the balance

by Bob Tyler

HOPES FOR two additional London radio stations may have been dashed.

Press comment during the early stages of negotiations between the IBA and Home Office is blamed. Paul Boon, chairman of the As-sociation of Broadcasting Devel-opment, which campaigns for more radio stations, says: "The ball

has now been really kicked out of play. Such speculative reports will only intimidate the decision The IBA had hoped that speedy

talks with the Home Office month would enable it to offer two month would enable it to offer two extra FM frequencies to candi-dates from the remaining 31 appli-cants for the London FM contract. This would open the way for two more stations in the capital.

But David Vick, of the IBA's radio division, says: "We may have lost the ability to obtain a quick deci-

"It now looks likely, if we get the frequencies, we will not be able to offer them to the remaining 31, but will have to re-advertise."

The Home Office, expected to announce its decision next week says the matter now lies with minis

 THE IBA has only received one application for the ILR contract for Dumfries (south west Scotland), It was made by South West Ltd in Ayr. An announcement about the contract award is expected after the applicant's proposals have been considered.

 THE FIRST Russell Harty Schol-arship, awarded jointly by Red Rose Radio and BBC North West has been awarded to Richard Frediani, 22, president of Parts-mouth Students' Union. The £6,000 scholarship is for a place this autumn on the postgraduate diploma course in radio and televisign journalism at Lancashire Polytechnic, Harty, who died last year was a founder and director of Red Rose Radio

 MTV EUROPE celebrated its second birthday on August 1. The 14 countries and an audience 10m including 300,000 cable households in Zurich and new households in the Benelux countr-

 ACCORDING TO unofficial reports Atlantic 252 sent out test signals last week which were clearly received in London and the South

 ATLANTIC 252, in a bid to "bring fresh new impetus to radio advertising in the British Isles" has joined the Radio Advertising ATLANTIC 252, in a bid to Bureau, the New York-based assa ciation for the promotion of radio odvertising, RAB is supported by some 3,400 radio stations.



RICHARD FREDIANI (right), winner of the first Russell Harty Scholar-ship with Christine McGawley, news editor of BBC Radio Lonca-shire, and Julian Allitt, assistant MD of Red Rose Radio

 RADIO ONE has launched a new competition, The Rock War, designed to give UK heavy rock bands regular exposure on the Fri-day Rock Show and a recording session in the BBC studios... Bands are invited to submit recordings to e show and three will be featured on a weekly basis. Listeners will vote for the best from each week. They will go on to the final

 RADIO WYVERN, which made headlines for banning the new Bros single, Too Much, is now play-ing the record after 6 pm in response to its chart status

1989 DMC/Technics World DJ Mixing Championships. Pro-ducer/director Terry Jervis. BBC Pebble Mill. Broadcast July 24.

FROM A curious clash of styles, vis and and musical, honors emerge for the Behind the Beat team, es-pecially those involved in the graphics. The links between guest performers and Dis were diverse,

stylish, compelling and innovative. The production design, at the Royal Albert Hall where the event was staged, and in the programme production, was excellent. The

stage set was a giant Technics SL1200 turntable, the DJs' favourite deck, from the show's sponsors. The lights were lush, drama was in

So why were the oddly-chosen guests at this hip hop event — mostly smoothies such as Alexand-er O'Neal, Mica Paris and even Sheena Easton — filmed in a conventional, reverential way? Over use of crane-shots and tight closeups made the poor Dis, supposedly the central item, appear like con-victs at an ID parade.

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Black stations clinch two more contracts

THE IBA more or less closed its file on incremental radio with the awarding of the last batch of sta ons last week.

In Birmingham, Buzz FM won the

contract to broadcast a full spec-trum of black music to the city's 750,000 population. Buzz carried out extensive audi-

ence research for its application. It showed that 47 per cent of the in-ner city populous wanted to hear soul music with another 27 per

cent wanting contemporary jazz.

"Birmingham really is a funky town," says Buzz spokesman John Henry. Buzz FM will be aiming at 14-25-year-olds, playing a wide range of soul music, reggae, latin, tropical and salsa as well as music for second generation Asian youth. In south London the Brixton con tract was awarded to South Lon-don Radio (SLR). It also plans an extensive black music service.

Programming of the new station which will cover more than 1/2m of which will cover more than 1/2m of London's population, is the job of Terry Jervis, a producer with BBC Two's Behind The Beat, and Vince Herbert, the presenter of television's Ebony programme.

Spokesman Yvanne Thompson

"We want to make it clear that although the IBA application said that the licence is for Brixton, the area does in fact cover three London boroughs and beyond and will give us a good young audi-ence, currently unserved."

Also in the south of the capital,

a contract has been awarded to cable station Radio Thamesmead.

known as RTM. Set up by a new town development corporation, the station has operated for 11 years over a rapidly deteriorating cable system. The programmes are currently aimed at a local, community audiidly deteriorating cable system



BRIXTON VICTORS: Howard Baugh (left), chairman of SLR, and Patrick Berry, SLR's managing director

Showcase, he claims.
The final contract, for the airport information service, went to a con-

ence, but this will change as the station will cover a wide area spanning three boroughs in south east London and parts of Kent. RTM's station manager, Bob mith, says: "We will extend our Smith, says: programmes from our existing 10 hours-a-day to hopefully 24.

One of the areas we want to develop is our specialist music pro-Smith hopes that if the station

Smith hopes that it the station were to operate all night, the service would be entirely specialist music. However, he was not sure what form it would take.

The cable station currently has evening shows of new country, roots, and world music.

roots, and world music.
"These will be expanded and
will be included in the daytime programmes outside of the peak time
shows," he says.
RTM plans to be a truly local station and will bit days trues in tion and will air demo tapes in mainstream programming as well as in a specialist show, Dema

information service, went to a con-sortium involving Surrey-based Radio Mercury. It will be a speech service aimed at giving air travel-lers at Heathrow and Gatwick flight and parking information.

One more contract is still out-

One more contract is still out-standing from the IBA — West Lothian. The sole applicant was given the chance to re-submit an application for consideration in October

Black music stations have fared well in the contract bidding. Birm-ingham and Brixton will join the new stations in Manchester, Bristol and the part-time service in north Yet the question of a London-

wide service remains. It could harm its smaller brothers in the suburbs. And would it add to existing ser-vices? Maybe the solution is for Il-scale, inner city black

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A Capital Radio 104.4 FM (Dublin

By Paul O'Mahony RTE'S MONOPOLY of Irish air ves was finally broken on July vaves was finally broken on July 20 when Capital Radio 104.4 FM began broadcasting in Dublin. Capital will be followed by a fur-ther 24 local stations in Ireland as well as the long-awaited, non-state national channel, Century Radio. According to Capital, the "financial investment involves a total commit-ment of IR£1.2m and this includes shareholders' funds of IR£1/2m with the remainder coming from leasing and banking loans" leasing and banking Toans." Among the directors are promoters Jim Aiken and Maurice Cassidy. Capital estimates that a potential advertising market worth IRE3.5m.

Music Policy Given that Capital's target market is the 15-35 age group on a week day basis, its music policy is design-



DUBLIN'S CAPITAL Radio direc-tors Gareth Oldham (left) and Maurice Cassidy

ed to reflect "a distinctive youthful image". It presents "speech-led as well as music-led" programmes on a 24 hour basis, seven days a week. Capital's music policy is chart-based, although "the pace of the music will be tempered to suit the time of day", so it does not dif-fer much from many of the pre-legislation stations.

Local Talent

Capital has a grass-roots policy, in-cluding plans for Battle Of The Bands promotions as well as a firm decision to support new talent "in the areas of music, acting, script-

writing, and direction". It will also encourage new broadcasting tal-

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> Capital features experienced pre Capital features experienced pre-senters like Colin Hayes and his morning radio show, but has no well-known figures such as the cur-rent crop of RTE presenters. This may never happen either, in view of Capital's Dublin broadcasting market. For the first time its peop ore going to experience the idea of regional personalities. Record companies in Ireland will

also have to gain regional knowl-also have to gain regional knowl-edge of producers and presenters instead of the previous narrow range of contacts based in Dublin. It will be new faces and new voices all round the country. The occupation of professional radio plu will also be a necessity for the first time in the Emerald Isle.

Listenership
After the first weeks of transmission, comments range from "extremely professional and bouncy" to "just another top 40 station".
Capital intends to introduce new ideas as it develops



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CRD strikes distribution deal with solo Chandos

by Nicolas Soames JUST A year after taking the gamble to go out on its own, Chandos Records has taken on its

first independent label for nation-wide distribution — CRD Records wide distribution — CRD Records.
Regarded as one of the most interesting labels of the Seventies
and early Eighties — though it has
been in decline slightly in recent
years — CRD was one of the bestselling classical clients of PRI, and
the collapse of the company left it
with distribution being handled
nouls but Trubus. only by Taylors. The decision

Pauncefort of CRD to go with Chandos is something of a surprise — he was approached by all the main independent distributors who would have regarded the label as

"We are delighted to be associated with CRD." says And W we are delighted to be associ-ated with CRD," says Andy West, sales and distribution manager, Chandos. "The stock is currently being packaged at PRT and will be sent to us as soon as possible. Meanwhile we are putting the label on the computer and we hope to be fully operational by the middle of August."

But Chandos is not going into the

distribution business in a big way.
"We would like to take on one or two more good labels and that will be it — we don't want to take too many on board. But we hope we have now proved to the market place that we did the right thing in going out on our own," adds

"It might seem odd that we have gone to a competitor," says Gra-ham Pauncefoot, CRD's chairman, "but the Chandos catalogue com-petes less with ours than many other independents — they are into mainstream and we are into

West

"They were very kind to take us on and although we were an

proached by many companies.
Chandos seemed to be the bee

 Chandos remains active with its own catalogue. September sees two releases aimed at the popular market, both played by the Ulster Orchestra under Bryden Thompson, Romantic Favourites (CHAN 8767 and on LP/tape) includes Tchaikovsky's Romeo And Juliet Overture, Grieg's Peer Gynt Suite No 1 and Brohms and Classical Favourites (CHAN 8746 and on Favourites (CHAN 8746 and on LP/tape) which includes Schubert's Symphony No 8, Mozart's Sym-phony No 40 and Beethoven's Egmont Overture.

Brave face on Sony Classical after bulwark Karajan's death

KARAJAN'S DEATH came as a particular blow to Gunter Breest and his fledgling label Sony Classical. Breest, a personal friend, had carefully looked after Karajan as Deutsche Grammophon's A&R head. And he had depended on the emperor/conductor giving his new label the ideal start.

Not only was Karajan destined to record the Beethoven symphonto record the Beethoven symphonies for Sony Classical, he was also scheduled for an operatic production — none other than Beethoven's fidelio in January.

This was revealed by Walter

Gurtelshmied, the Austrian critic who now runs the Vienna office of who now runs the Vienna office of Sony Classical and, of the Salzburg Festival was holding fort in Die Goldener Hirsch, fielding the curi-ous questioning of all comers. The Sony Classical office was largely there to demonstrate the new High Definition Sony TV, play-

ing a taped concert given by the American pianist Murra Perahia, one of the finest performers on the CBS roster. He was also in Salzburg last week, featuring in a televised Mozart concert conducted by James Levine.

Perahia admitted that his con-tract with CBS Masterworks was

would probably go with Sony Classical, although he only had praise for the way he was treated by CBS. Most of the main CBS artists are likely to continue with Sony Classical, it seems

In addition to Manzel's arches tral works already announced, I understand that he is to do a Puccini opera cycle with La Scala, Milan, starting with Eva Marton in La Fanciulla del West. And Eva Marton is to star in a new record-ing of Strauss's Salome with the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra con-

ducted by Zubin Mehta.
Placido Domingo, who has no loyalties to record companies, has already recorded some Puccini Songs; Giulini has recorded Moz-art's Requiem but otherwise has reart's Requiem but otherwise has re-turned to the Deutsche Grammo-phon fold; and it is no secret that Breest has shown great interest in the substantial library of visual material taped by Karajan's own com pany, Telemondial, over much of the last decade of his life. But DG will also be bidding for it.

The first formal statement

Sony Classical's future will be made in Salzburg on August 15.



 MOZART TAKES on a new dimension in October when Har-monia Mundi UK distributes new recordings of The Marriage Of

Figaro and Cosi Fan Tuttee — sung in Arabic.

The project was masterminded

by an Egyptian anaesthetist, Dr Aly Sadek, a Mozart enthusiast and a fervent believer in the beauty of his

fervent believer in the beauty of his own language. The recordings, on the Harmonia Mund label, feature solitation from the Cairo Opera Company, the Chair of Silesia, the Polish National Redio Orchestra, and are conducted by Yusself Elissia. Conducted by Yusself Elissia. Provided the National Redio Orchestra, and the Chair of Silesia, the Polish National Redio Orchestra, and Polish Polish National Redio Orchestra, and Polish Polish Redio Polis

 RICCARDO MUTI follows in the footsteps of the American so-prano Barbara Hendricks in havng been made an Honorary Am-

ing been made an Honorary Am-bassador to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. "If we look at history, artists of all kinds have always been among the most influential and deeply in-volved members of society," he told a press conference in

Salzburg.

He added that he intended to visit camps for refugees and dis-placed people while on tour. He placed people while on tour. He is also organising two mojor benefit concerts dedicated to the UNCHR, one at La Scala, Milan, where he is director, and the other in Philadelphia in an event with the Philadelphia Orchestra.



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Philips makes room on shelf for mammoth Mozart canon

of Mozart's death is still more than 10 months away, the classical music industry in general and the record companies in particular are gearing up for an uninhibited com-

gearing up for an uninhibited com-memoration — none more vigor-ously than Philips. Last week, in the Mozarteum, the heart of Mozart territory in Salzburg, Erik Smith, head of A&R, Philips, announced the launch of Philips, announced the launch one of the biggest recording projects, the Complete Mozart Edition.

It is a mammoth undertaking,

arranged in 44 volumes each con-taining between one and 12 CDs.
It will be released over 14 months, starting in August 1990 and finish-ing in October 1991.
Those Mozart enthusiasts — eshose Mozart enthusiasts tablished fans and the new Amadeus converts — will have to

find not only the better part of £1,500 but also create two-and-a-half metres of shelf space or nearly

Philips decided to make the Complete Mozart Edition a mid-price affair. But Paul Schwender, project manager, proclaimed that some 25 per cent of the recordings were recorded in the last two years. The rest will come from back cata logue, mainly, but not exclusively



ERIK SMITH, Philip's head of A&R, has the unenviable job of comp ing the complete works of Mozart, covering 180 CDs in 44 volumes

Of course, the record industry. and especially PolyGram Classics, has a tradition of huge ceremonial editions. Deutsche Grammophan produced a Bach Edition, a Beet-hoven Edition and a Brahms Edition, but it was Philips which, about 15 years ago, produced a Mozart Edition. It wasn't designed as a "complete" edition, though it prov-

ed another bulky affair. Yet it suggested Philips as the ob-vious candidate to attempt what although Mozart died at 36, his natural ability to compose left a huge legacy of works spanning just out every imaginable form

eras and chamber music, that we hear regularly, there were numerous other works, including 300 minuets and 200 contredanses and many fragments that need to be meticulously gathered together if Philips' ambitious title is not to find itself under fire from a sniper-

In fact, the fragmentary details must have caused Smith, who has produced for Philips for two dec ades, as many months of work as the main works. But some major

the start of the project.

A project like this is as much a brary and there could be no suggestion that the entire set cou onsist of new recordings. But the whole concept must have created some concern within Philips because of the increasing importance with Mozart of authentic performance — and new recordings on conventional instruments.

"We could have included som of the late symphonies conducted by John Eliot Gardiner," admits Smith, "except that that would have caused on imbalance with the earlier symphonies on modern in-

So Volume 1 and 2 (12 CDs) will comprise the Symphonies in the performances by the Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields directed by Neville Marriner, taken from back catalogue. There is, however, the addition of some recently discovermanuscripts, the Symphony in F K 19a and two minuets, Smith has declined to record the sym-phony discovered in Denmark but ascribed to Moze

The Serenades and Divertimenti ill be contained in Volume 3-5 (18 CDs), again mainly featuring

the Academy.
The Piano Concertos (Volume 7, 12 CDs) will be the Brendel re-cordings. "We could have chosen Mitsuko Uchida, but she will be represented in the Edition by the Piano Sonatas which she is doing now," explains Smith.

"Brendel is one of our most distinguished artists, and it was im-portant that he should appear in the Edition.

Incidentally, Uchida's recording plans for the Sonatas have had to be hastened somewhat to fit in with the Edition's release date

The operas will form one of the largest sections of the Edition; Vol-umes 26-44, a total of 49 CDs Most will be from back cotologue, but there is a new recording of La Finta Semplice, with Ann Murray and Barbara Hendricks, conducted by Peter Schreier.
And there will be a new Idomence with Arraiza, Hendricks and Thomas Allen conducted by Sir Colin Davis.

The Quartette Indiana and the Colin Davis. Most will be from back catalogs

Sir Colin Davis.

The Quartetto Italiano perform
the String Quartets (Volume 12, 8
CDs), while the Grumiaux Ensemble play the Quintets.
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are the hours of frankly light entertainment that Mozard as a jobbing

'Mozart will sell'— Philips

MIKE SAGE, Philips's UK general manager, was a rep at the time of the company's last Mozart Edi tion and remembers well the green boxes — and some of the problems that attend large re-"It went very well at the start

"It went very well at the start, but after a few months, dealers began to say that it was difficult selling the series," admits Sage. "But I think it will be difficult now. First of all, there is a very different attitude towards Mozari he is very much in w

years ago.
"And I realise the important of getting the message across to the consumer, not just at the be ginning of the serie



MIKE SAGE, Philips UK ge manager, allays over Mozart works

Sage plans to extend the cam paign through the selling period, and is considering various incentive schemes covering reductions on successive purchases and possibly even CD prizes for those who buy the full set.
"I think Philips has the advantage in heirs

tage in being very much the Mozart catalogue in the eyes of the public, and it will be a chall lenge to ensure that they will be aware of Complete Mozart Edi-tion. It is very much a labour of

Festival tinged with black

FOR ALL the life and acti Salzburg Festival now in full swing it remains dominated by the deat of Herbert von Karajan. His EMI or herbert von Karajan. His EMI photos are displayed in all the shop windows, ribboned with black; there is a black flag hanging from the Grosse Festspielhaus and there is even a black-edged marzi-pan memorial in a confectionary

No conversation seems to be complete without some Karajan comment and once again there was inescapable feeling of the end Certainly the memorial

in the Festspielhous last Sunday was a sombre affair. The packed auditorium was almost exclusively attired in black, and silence the hallmark — neither the performers nor the performances were applicated.

Former Karajan protegé Seiji Ozawa, dressed in block, walked with painfully measured tread to the black velvet podium to direct the Vienna Philharmonic Orcheston the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra in Bach's Air on a G String to open in Bach's Air on a G String to open the concert. He imitlated the kind of seamless orchestral control that the master himself would have done. Then, in silence, Ozawa slowly stepped down and took his seat in the audience, close to This funereal atmosphere

This funereal atmosphere was clearly too much for a pragmatist such as Solti — or perhaps he is more sanguine having the

philisophical view of death. Any way, he shot from the artists' enway, he shot from the artists' en-trance at a brisk walk, leaped upon the podium in sprightly form and conducted the slow movement to Beethoven's Symphony No 7 with energetic courage. Solifi, one feels, will die well.

Then James Levine, regarded by many as the inevitable but somewhat unlikely successor to Karajan at the Berlin Philharmonic, took control of the Vienna Philharn for selections from Brahms' Ein

In a typical Austrian gesture, the eremony ended with the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra playing Mozart's Masonic Funeral Music without a conductor. Ironically, it

without a conductor, fronically, it was clear that the piece needed some strong control from the vocant podium for neither the entires nor the balance were what they could or should be. But perhaps that was the desired effect. It is not, of course, the end of Karojan, for as one of the Austrian newspraners, dedured in a warrantee.

newspapers declared in an extraordinary headline — "Karajan lives"; there are still new recordings to be released, and the benefit of the thousands of recordings will keep DG, EMI and Decca going

keep Drs, Emi and Decca guing on for years.

But for the habituees of the Salzburg summer festival, and the hundreds from the classical record industry who gathered to say fore-well, there was a sense of a new century beginning, albeit a decade

composer produced to aid his live-lihood. These must have caused mith many headaches and some Smith many headaches and some fun. He enjoyed the academic work of searching for the frag-ments which have yet to appear on record. He himself completed one of the Contredanses. It existed only in the first violin part. And he even days, far more than he was 15 brought to performing state a Contredanse which existed only in a second violin part. "That may sound a bit like creat-

ing a dinosaur from just a tooth remnant, but I don't honestly think that the reconstruction could have been otherwise." But for most of the Contre

and Minuets Smith turned to Decca and a recording he knew well for he was the producer when the Vienna Philharmonic made them in He also had to look to another

company for one of the most un-usual of Mozart's works for glass harmonica - Bruno Hoffman, last glass harmonica virtuoso. But he declined to record the work again, and Vox Turnabout agreed to license its memorable recording

Attempting to go someway to redress the Amadeus film image of "a sublime idiot, a pipe on which the gods tottle" Smith made the most of the Mozarteum lounch to once again sing the praises of the composer, and justify the Philips "If we want to know Mozart as

he really was, not as seen in the naive, romantic and really rathe derogatory vision as a divine idiot, we can find him in the rich humanity of his letters, but above all in his music which will be available now for the first time in its entirety.

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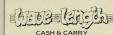
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Macca puts it there

heavyweight marketing campaign to support the release of Put It there, the new 70-minute Paul Mc-Cartney video due out on Septem

Pickwick, which struck the licensng and distribution deal with Ma artney's company MPL for sale of the video on the MPL lobel, is plan-ning both television and national newspaper advertising for Sep-tember. It is also releasing the video in Australia through its new

Australian company.

Put It There is released to co with the former Beatle's first worldwide tour for over a decade performing classics such as Let It Be, Fool On The Hill and The Long

video. The first McCartney video for two years, Put It There will go out to dealers at £7.65.

PAUL McCARTNEY: Pickwick

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 Jettisoundz JE 189. Running time: 60 minutes each. Dealer price: £6.50 each. COMMENT: The blurring of the lines between performance art and

musical expression coupled with an outbreak of video technology
— from paintbox to computer
graphics — makes these two colgraphics — makes these two lections of international artis immediately interesting, suitably bi-zarre and accasionally effective. These are cult items that need the viewers full participation. Some of these Europeans offer worthy footage but there's too much self-indul gence that never quite aspires to be fully pretentious. The first vol-ume is the most discordant with live self exorcisms, music madness, blood letting and self abuse head-ing the way, the latter tape's more uctured and technically superior structured and technically superior offerings being for more polatable. Sales forecast: Specialist stuff that's always popular in small obscure circles, from the art college crew to the gothic punks or the renegades from industrial culture. This is the South Bank Show taken to illogical extremes ... and no Melvyn Bragg. DEM

VIDEO COLLECTION's resi into the top two of both the labels and distributor market share charts and distributor market share charts is the big news of the second quarter of 1989. Thanks in part to continued sales of its Michael Jackson Legend Continues tape and the recent launch of its Music Club lower-priced series, VCI has more than trebled its share over the last quar-ter amongst both distributors and

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Carnival time at Channel 5

A CARIBBEAN cocktail of rhythms leads Channel 5's August pack-ages of music videos, which are due for release to coincide with the

oges to measure of the state of son (running time 60 minutes, dealer price £6.95) is a film record of the Trinidad Carnival. The latter of the Innidad Carnivol. The latter release will be promoted via a Channel 5-sponsored steel band during the Notting Hill Carnivol while both posters and leaflets will be distributed throughout the area Completing the tropical trio is a 15-track compilation from Third

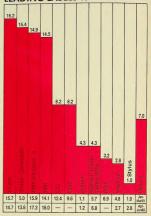
World (running time 72 m dealer price £6.95). Also due for release on August 11 is A Bunch Of Videos And Some Other Stuff (running time 60 minutes, dealer price £6.95), a

compilation from Tom Petty includ-ing his first hit single American Girl, his latest I Won't Back Down and 11 more tracks in between. Meanwhile channel 5 is re-re-

Meanwhile channel 5 is re-re-leasing its 16-track Eurythmics Live and Tears For Fears' Scenes From The Big Chair at lower prices of £12.99 (£9.04 dealer) and £9.99 (£6.95 dealer) respectively. There is also a 60-minute live set from Graham Parker Idealer (dealer price £6.95) recorded in Chicago in

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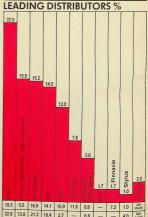


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WEEF PLEASED we got a right in being first to suggest that Pajo/Gram was leading the pack in the race to secure Island but can be tally history that Visit was such a strain and the such a strain to the such as Projection denties to the headlines so much but is doing very nicely thank you, Beggars Banquel is delighted to have had two of three (K-onignated albums in the US top 20 with Love And Rockets and The Cult and company boss Martin Mills is even more delighted that both bands have recently re-signed.

RECALING THE observation by W H Smith managing director RECALUNG ITE observation by WT Smith managing airector Malcolm Field that "I wouldn't say we have power; we have influence", we reckon that will be put to the test if Our Price does go ahead and phase out viny! (details next week) ... Paul Contray has worked under (some might say in the shadow Paul Contray has worked under (some might say) in the shadow of) some of the most charismatic characters of the UK music industry in Tany Stratton Smith, Dave Robinson, Rob Dickins and now Chris Wright, but he can be expected to step out of the shadows this time. Hard working and universally liked (a pair of qualities unusual in the music business), the worst that can be said of Controy is that he sometimes gets boring

had can be said of Conroy is that he sometimes gets borng in its evengefact of containty must not man country ont an Chrysoli — yet ... In spile of new exploratory talls Chris Wright may have had with Dardel Stamons, or crystee characteristic stamons, or crystee was offered the job wan Paul Conroy? ... Suddenly office less, howing amounted his move at MPAC, convry has been operative and office of the property of the country of the countr gards as a strategically important move in its video growth As the excitement mounted over the Island purchase, Poly-

Gram UK had celebrations of its own as staff gathered at the Riverside Studios to togst their move west

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gale Records to



HEART AND gold: No Sweat re ceive gold discs for Irish sales of their single Heart And Soul.

AS A straight asset acquisition, th Island deal is a disaster. Yet, as a gic move to strengthen strategic move to strengthen
PolyGram's global market position
and creative platform for the
future, it is a brilliant coup of which
PolyGram International president David Fine is rightly proud.

Experienced music executives can know better than City analysts and there is no doubt the likes of Ramon Lopez, Jim Fifield, Walter Yetnikoff and iealous of this deal.

PolyGram may not see much of Chris Blackwell but it will still get Chris Blockwell but it will still get plenty for its money. As one Island old hand observes: "You don't se but there is obsolutely no doubt that it is his company. His influence is apparent from top to bottom." And while he is still perceived to be the cutting edge of the create area of the must inclustry, it's worth noting that has a depth of sevenerace he part of the fact that has a depth of sevenerace he part of the fact that has a depth of sevenerace here of the fact that has the sevenerace here of the fact that he has a depth of sevenerace here of the fact that he has a depth of sevenerace here of the fact that he has a depth of sevenerace here of the fact that he has a depth of sevenerace here of the fact that he has a depth of sevenerace here of the fact that he has a depth of sevenerace here of the fact that he has a depth of sevenerace here of the fact that he has a depth of sevenerace here of the fact that he has a depth of sevenerace here of the fact that he has a depth of sevenerace here of the fact that here has a depth of sevenerace here. experience born of the fact that he has been around longer than all operating now. He had his first dealings with what is now a PolyGram company in the early Sixties and, coincidentally, David Fine is one of the few people who go back further than that with PolyGram. Blackwell also reckon: that with management in place o the calibre of Clive Banks in ndon and Lou Maglia in New York, the company has built up huge momentum" that will not carry such double-edge perils within a large company

Of course it's sad to see such an independently minded, creative force pass into the hands of a major. Of course it's sad that the ness environment does not allow companies to take risks and prosper as assuredly as they once did. But could Island have carried on as it was? I doubt it. Blackwell's move is a practical recognition the realities of the market. Just as he realised back in 1964 that Millie's My Boy Lollipop was too big for him to handle and licensed it to Fontana, he now perceives that Island is "too big to be small

too small to be big He doesn't believe he i sounding the death knell of the indie label. "But what has changed is that it is now possible to operate as an independent within a large company," he observes and point out that in recent times Island has not been competing so much with fellow independent companies, but more with, say, London which is also part of the PolyGram

Indies may have changed but, more significantly, the majors have changed their authook to embrace the indie ethos and, more cynically, the artists.



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John Ogdon

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Certainly the best-known British pianist of the post-war period, he combined a mammoth technical accomplishment with an inventive and original musical mind which made him tackle not only mainstream works but difficult reper toire from Liszt to some of the most taxing works from the twentieth

century.

Ogdon first made an impact upon UK concert audiences in 1958 with a striking performance of Busoni's Piano Concerto in the Proms. But he rose to international Proms, But he rose to international occlaim when he won joint firs prize in the prestigious Tchaikovsky Piano Competition in Moscow with Viadimir Ashkenazy in 1962.

However, his career was inter rupted by re-occuring attacks of schizophrenia, and his life, which he shared with his wife, the pianist Brenda Lucas, was a turbulent one as the dramatised TV documentary, Virtuoso screened last year showed so clearly. Nevertheless, he was still a re-

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