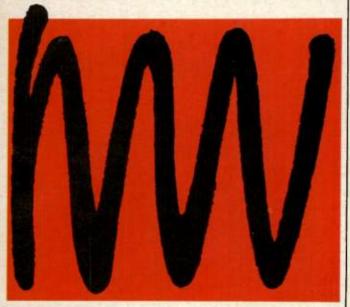
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Virgin Retail boss ousted after sell-up

Asked about Fewings' departure, Virgin Group managing director Don Cruickshank comments: "We have got a three-year

plan for expansion and it needs a

JOHNNY FEWINGS has been re-placed as managing director of Virgin Retail in the wake of the agreement to sell 74 of the chain's smaller shops to Our Price.

His successor is accountant Simon Burke who has been with the Virgin group for 18 months and was closely involved in the negotiations for the sale of the

fresh start and new people." Before taking up his new appointment, Burke was business development director at Virgin and has been involved in moulding the

style of the megastores.

Says Cruickshank: "He has a very good grasp of the retailer's details theory. There are 100 details that you need to get right if

you are going to make a profit out of retailing and I think, until now, that has always been our failing. We got the concept right, we just didn't get the details right." He adds that Burke has an ex-

pertise in electronic point-of-sale equipment and that he has already gained the respect of many people within the retail sector. "Lots of within the retail sector. people in retailing have welcomed him with open arms," he asserts. Burke's role will be to develop

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R1 computer hiccup causes playlist upset

AN ABERRATION in the programming of the Radio One playlisting computer is throwing a spanner in the works of the listing system.

The admitted hiccup has caused non-listed records to receive many more plays than listed ones and has caused consternation among the people missing out. However, the BBC says the problem has been

BPI CHAIRMAN Peter Jamieson

and Radio One's Roger Lewis are

among speakers already lined up for BARD 88 as the autumn pro-

duct showcase and conference be-

Dealers is packing in a potent mix-

ture of advance record company

The British Association of Record

gins to take shape.

spotted and is being put right.

In one five-day period earlier this month, Prince's Glam Slam which featured only on the unpublished C list — had almost twice as many plays as the A-listed Love Bites from Def Leppard.

Four acts not on any list — /omack & Womack, Funky Womack & Womack, Funky Worm, Blow Monkeys and Climax

Blues Band - received an average of a play a day during that period while the B-listed Iron

Maiden were aired only once.
Says a spokeswoman for Maiden's management, Sanctuary Music: "The unacknowledged demand for Iron Maiden is highlighted by Radio One's lack of coverage for The Evil That Men Do. The single was the highest chart entry of the week at number six, yet despite such a high profile (a number one album and top three pre-vious single) we have benefited from just one weekday show play."

Companies involved with similarly disadvantaged product who contacted MW are reluctant to TO PAGE FOUR

STOP PRESS: EMI and Woolworths have ended their trading terms dispute which had kept the record company's product out of the chain's stores for 24 weeks. The two sides are this week trading normally following top-level talks between EMI and Woolworths' supplier Entertain-ment UK, formerly Record Mer-



HOLLAND: WE are in the business to make profits'

DG set to go CD-only

IN THE WAKE of recent criticsm the compact disc format has received a massive boost with the news that classical label Deutsche Grammophon is to release its fullprice product only on CD in Janu-

Its sister labels, Decca and Philips, are not following suit and will continue to release on all three formats for the foreseeable future. although occasional releases of minority interest may be tagged CD-only.

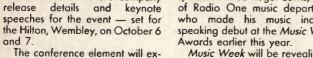
"We are not trying to be flag-

rantly controversial or venturesome — we are in the business to make profits," says Bill Holland, marketing manager of DG. "We can only reflect the market place, but I must admit I don't know why DG has established itself so clearly as a CD label."

The move, which affects Deutsche Grammaphon worldwide, will be received with dismay by many classical collectors who still prefer the conventional mediums.

But the decision was underlined

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BARD: pick of autumn crop

amine likely technical develop-ments in the future, what retail customers really want, sell through

keynote speakers. A gala dinner on the evening of October 6 will include live enter-tainment and the after dinner

video and market trends covering

the future of black vinyl and the

singles format. Celebrated produc-

er George Martin is among the

speaker will be Roger Lewis, head of Radio One music department who made his music industry speaking debut at the Music Week Awards earlier this year.

Music Week will be revealing in

the coming weeks further details of the event and how independent dealers and others can participate.

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DIARY

VIRGIN MAY well have completed the formalities which will allow the company to return to private ownership but the official word is that there won't be ary developments "for a few weeks". Virgin's directors, meanwhile, have been enjoying the heatwave at the company's international sales conference in Greece ... The great W H Smith market share debate (see p1) seems unlikely to die down completely for Our Price profits having "nearly doubled in a year" according to chairman Sir Simon Hornby, and the group still keen on more growth, it seems certain the retailer's "power", "influence" or however anybody wants to interpret it will be drawn to the attention of Office of Fair Trading officials again at some point in the future ... Smiths MD Malcolm Field has a proud boast that since the company took over Our Price "we have not had one person leave us". That's true out readers may recall the Music Market personnel who didn' hang around too long ... It is always a privilege for Dooley to be asked by Sire boss Seymour Stein, as president of the Bock and Roll Hall of Fame, to vote for the celebrated nominess. It was rather disturbing, however, to read the biographical notes on R&B great Jimmy Reed — correctly listed as having died in 1976 — who is apparently "still active today performing around the country" ... Apologies to George Martin for listing him as a definite speaker at BARD 88 when he has not yet had a chance to respond to the invitation.

REPORTS OF the death of Cherry Red appear to have been greatly exaggerated. The company admits that the emphasis is now more on publishing arm Complete Music but the record operation continues to trade and will do so for the foreseeable future... Organisers of the Reading Festival say they have noticed a change in artists' preferences over the years. Instead of drink and drugs, they now tend to request creches, vegetarian food and mineral water back tage... MW received a fax from a prominent music biz executive describing himself as a "horizontal industry figure with gammy leg". And even more bizarre, we knew instantly who it was from. Can you guess?... Is MWs news editor making a takeover bid for EMI? He appears in the latest edition of the company's house magazine Off The Record no less than three times — once more than even Bhaskar Menon.. The other Steve Mason (or is he the real Steve Mason?) has spoken up. Heading promotional service Club Preview UK, Mason mark II tells Dooley that the difference between him and the Pinnacle boss is "in the breeding — I being the aristogratic one". He lays claim to being the Earl of Oakdene and has it entered on his driving licence to prove it... MTV Europe's daiming its biggest ever advertising commitment in a three year deal with Levi Strauss ... Phonographic Performance (Iraland) has begun a campaign to license night clubs which PP director Oliver Sheridan

estimates could net more than £1 m a year.

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WE GET the point: It was a piece of cake when PolyGram celebrated the opening of its new Dublin offices.



BARGAIN BASSMENT: Indie dance label Bassment's Craig Bevan celebrates his new UK marketing and distribution deal with Westside's Morgan Khan.



SEA, HEAR: WEA and Radio One got together to celebrate the station's series for 40 years of Atlantic.



TOYA-ING WITH greatness: BMG Music International gets excited about its worldwide deal for La Toya Jackson.

COMMENT

Garbage in — garbage out. That is the favourite explanation of technologists to those anxious to blame a computer for their ills. And what it means basically is that the machine is only as good as the information fed into it. If the individual elements are not right, then the overall result won't be either

Adapting that notion, it can provide an apt — if loose — representation of Radio One's attitude to the music it plays, compared to the music other interested parties feel it ought to play. The radio station is only as good as its music output, as judged by listeners, and Radio One is much more prepared to be judged by its listeners rather than the music providers. Therefore it will be responding to audience research it has undertaken when reshaping its schedule this autumn.

Back to the dreaded computer again. It is all very well computer assistance taking some of the slog out of deciding rotation of records on the playlist, yet computer hiccup—as seemed to be advanced initially by Radio One for several seeming playlisting anomalies (MW, August 20)—was too glib an answer to be the real reason behind complaints of unfair

treatment by the network. More simply, producers will always want to control what goes out on the airwaves and will not play tracks they deem to be inappropriate for a particular time slot, whatever the computer suggests. That certainly builds in a prejudice against, say, heavier rock material because it is simply more likely that a heavy metal track will stick out awkwardly rather than a pop single, as confirmed by Daye Price (see p.1)

confirmed by Dave Price (see p1). There is a small footnote which appears at the bottom of each playlist which states: "Appearance of an item on this list does not guarantee plays." Perhaps it should be emblazoned across the top to get the message across because however high records may get in the chart, however hard they're promoted, and however successful they may be in getting on the playlist, it's a hard fact that there really is no certainty in this world. Just as there is no certainty, however much effort has gone into making a record and getting everything right, that it will be hit.

Javis Jalton



HALE FELLOW well wed: The Cure's Robert Smith with bride Mary Poole and wedding guests.



BEAT AND one veg: Andy Leek got a good turnout for a showcase of his songs.



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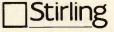
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The music industry is an ever changing world. Bobbie Dahdi, managing director of COPS, gives a manufacturer's insights on the trials and tribulations of the last decade.

Music: Ten years after

OW MUCH water flows under the bridge in 10 record industry years? 1987's top label, Poly-Gram, was enjoying runaway successes with Saturday Night Fever and Grease in 1978. Now some remote committee, to which we manufacturers are most grateful, has decided to close their factory.

The pressing plant is the latest in a straggling list of deaths — Decca, RCA, Island, West Drayton, MVS Today there is kudos in simply still being here.

Familiar Faces ... Many of the familiar faces from 1978 are still around. Frank Pearce can be found at expansionist Damont. Nick Flower has arrived there in a roundabout way, but the company's ever-optimistic founder Monty (Damont) Presky, now wears a different hat — Montmusic.
Phil Race of PR was with CBS in

1978, (so was John Hardman who is now heading up marketing at the Boulogne Chamber of Commerce!)
Dave Richardson used to have a
factory called SRT in Cambridgeshire. I am told Brian Bonnar drove a mini-cab at that time.

Peter Hall, recently returned to the EMI fold after a protracted stint at Orlake, remembers one of the missing — Bill Burgess. And I can recall the chill of learning that George Pocock of WEA had drowned at 29.

Grinning "Media" People ...
Boney M and Rose Royce topped
the charts in August 1978. Judging
by today's pop, we might conclude
that little has changed. That would be wrong. Musically innovative bands of that time like The Police, Boomtown Rats and the Human League, all visually uninspiring, presold 100,000s units. To do so "media" person like Kylie Mino-gue. Gloom is out. Wet Wet Wet Cheshire cat grins are in.

Medium Indies . . . A vital element from the turn of the Eighties music scene has all but disappeared the medium independent who re-leased an album and perhaps four singles a month. Few have grown big enough to cope with the sub-stantial overheads of releasing CDs. The rest have mostly gone under or gone away. The 1987 total market shares for "Others" (those with less than one per cent) are a mere 9.6 per cent of singles and 12.5 per cent of albums.

Where is to be the breeding

round for tomorrow's successes? Over the years, we have pressed on small indie labels such as Everything But The Girl, Simply Red, New Model Army and Billy Bragg (then Billy Bonkers!). One rainy January night, David Virr from Graduate proudly presented me with lacquers and hopes for a big Bobbie Dahdi with the Gold Disc awarded for Save Your Love — the first

Indie chart topper

hit in a seedy Tottenham Court Road café ... It was Food for Thought by UB40.

First Indie Number One ... Scepticism is the worst of sins. When John Edward of Hollywood Records in the Upper Clapton Road played me "Save Your Love" by Renée and Renato, I suggested it might do better on the Italian market. The first ever totally indie number one (Christmas 1982 — four weeks), it sold some 980,000

John Edward wrote and pro-duced the song and released it on his own label. Promoter Fred Faber, now with BBC Records, says "I thought it was good for Terry Wogan on Radio Two. It took five weeks to get a play. Then calls flooded into the BBC."

Meanwhile, we manufactured 1000 units in plain black sleeves with heart-shaped cut-outs which let the red vinyl show through.

The "Buck" Stops Here ... The first Pinnacle, which distributed the song, were one of a growing number of early Eighties indie distribu-tors. "When they went bust, the major creditors were manufactur-ers," says Peter Hall remembering the effect of failed I.D.S. on Orlake. I too felt sick when the first Pinnacle went under, as doubtless did Mayking with Making Waves.

Collecting the cash is always the manufacturers' problem. If you put the customer on stop, they go somewhere else. At COPS, we never know whether to celebrate the arrival of a new label or not. "It's a continual chase for money," was Monty Presky's only gripe about the world.

Margins are tight too. Peter Hall cannot understand why "whether oil goes down, or oil goes up, PVC goes up.

The crux of the margin problem lies in an excess of manufacturing capacity. Ten years ago, there was much talk about singles breaking the "psychological" £1 barrier. They now retail at £1.75, yet we have had trouble adding 2p to our prices. Album and single markets have slumped and plants have been left holding the presses. Those which have planned for tomorrow's massive CD market are ready too early. The only ones laughing are the cassette manufac-turers where volume has increased 400 per cent in years.

Toffee-Nosed A&R ... Will our future lie in DAT or in CDs for computer professionals rather than record industry people? Peter Hall thinks the record industry gets into your blood. Many of us would be saddened to change our client profile. We often see ourselves as masochists, particularly when repertoire people look down their noses as if we were some non-essential component of "the boring

Yet the radio today plays flaccid op. The still-present valid names ike Michael Jackson, Elton John, Phil Collins, were the risks taken by the innovative A&R teams of 10 or even 20 years ago. Music is a fashion business that thrives on the "must have" syndrome. "Anything goes" is bad news for sales. If today's market has shrunk, much blame can be laid at the door of unimaginative A&R. Who's bad?

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'Music is a fashion business that thrives on the must-have syndrome'

Sound reproduction on tape has become increasingly important with higher and higher fidelity required

(tape, box, inlay etc) together auto-matically. There are still some tapes which have to be hand boxed, usually those where the box is in

some way unusual — for example two tape boxed sets. But packaging machinery is becoming more

Once boxed, the tapes go off to be packed — in 10s at CBS, and

then five packs strapped together, and in 20s at EMI. Depending on the order requirements, different

wrapping techniques can be used

 but once this is done the packs go off to the distribution areas, for forward delivery to the customer. Talking to duplicators of every

size, it becomes apparent that they all have slightly differing outlooks as to preferred equipment. Jon Powell of ISS swears by the com-

pany's sophisticated Gauss system,

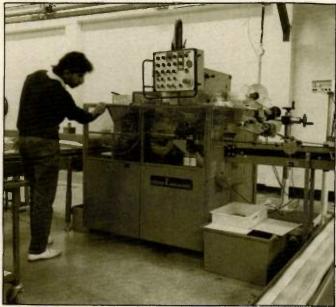
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modern Otari set up. However, they all agree that keeping abreast of developments and improvements is important, and many have echoed Nick Flower of Damont who says that since the advent of CD the sound reproduction in tape has become increasingly impor-tant, with higher and higher fidelity required — if not demanded by customers.

One thing they all are in accord about is the fact that the tape duplicating is expanding, with the most

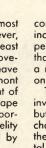
conservative estimates putting the increases at around 10 per cent per year. And the common belief is that those who do the best job for a reasonable price will come out

To do this many plan substantial investment in new equipment — but the basic process will not change much. So perhaps gauging the potential of such things as crys tal tape shells will be what gives some companies the edge. It's just one more factor in the complex life of a tape duplicator.



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A day in the life of a tape duplicator

The cassette's share of the market continues to grow — but few people realise the work involved in producing a tape. Music Week takes a look at the process from start to finish

he process kicks off with the initial order from the customer: most of the big boys won't accept less than a minimum order of 500, unless it's for a good customer. Smaller independents may be able to do lesser amounts.

Once an order has been placed, details other than that must be sorted out. A master has to be supplied, the printing and delivery to the duplicator of inlays arranged, and other information such as label copy provided. Such details as type of box and colour are agreed, along with a delivery date. In normal circumstances, an average of five days is common, but assuming it's not at peak time and depending on the urgency, most duplicators can do better than that.

Printing the inlays can pose a problem — as Jim Wilmer of James Yorke points out, although any printer will say it's a job he can do, there are in fact few specialists.

Should the inlays not be cut to quite the right size or made incorrectly it could require costly hand packing, and delays. He says his company is fortunate in having a good relationship with nearby Beshara Press, but that those choosing non-specialist printers could be making trouble for themselves.

Assuming all the necessary components are arranged, the process can begin. A one inch loop-bin master is made from the master supplied. Then, once all necessary paperwork has been done, the duplicating process can begin.

The master is run continuously through the machine and copied onto whatever the requisite number of slave machines might be. In the case of the major companies, this proceeds at 64 times real time — although smaller companies still use 32 times machines. As Malcolm Goody points out, the faster machines need more maintenance, a cleaner environment and many other special facilities. With the smaller companies, who often don't need the greater capacity, it is not worth the trouble.

The tape itself is supplied from large "pancakes", which on average contain enough tape for around 30 cassettes. Once recording has taken place, the tape is loaded into a winding machine. The tape shell, supplied empty and at that point called a C Zero, simply has a tape leader between the two hubs. This is drawn out by the machine, and the recorded tape wound on and spliced at the appropriate place, as directed by the cue tone.

The selection of the appropriate shell is another choice the customer



PRECISION: Latest equipment is always important

now has to make, since the advent of the crystal shell (or crystal zero). Wilmer says there's a rapidly growing trend towards these totally transparent boxes, and his company is so confident they will become even more popular that it has laid in large stocks.

Quality control is important at all

Quality control is important at all stages of the process, as Bryan Evans stresses. At CBS this takes several forms, ranging from the making of a cue master at the same time as the full master so that a tape can be checked without stopping the run, right through to random sampling to look for splicing quality and any edge damage. Once all these checks have

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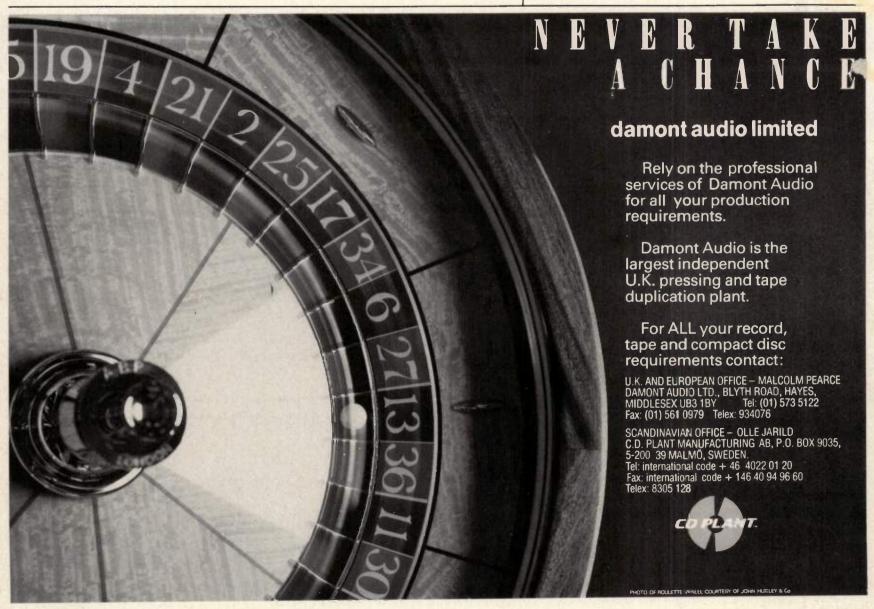
THE CBS duplicating room with Master Bin

companies all seem confident that they can and will cope, with many eager to stress that however busy they are there's always room for a few more customers, and if they had to work 24 hours, seven days a week, nothing would make them happier. Others, who've invested in more sophisticated a plant which can just absorb the business, are just looking forward to what looks certain to be a boom time even by record industry standards. Who knows what the

ahead will bring for duplicators

and custom pressing plants? Without a crystal ball it's impossible to foretell, but a few things seem highly likely. Demand for cassette will continue to expand steed! while its newer sister CD grows rapidly like all babies do. Duplicators will have their best season ever at Christmas, with a Happy New Year. And the family's oldest member, vinyl, will behave steadily like the middle aged format that it is, with youthful bursts, not by any means ready to be pensioned off **Vinyl will** behave steadily like the middle aged format it





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BUSINESS IS booming at James Yorke Ltd, Europe's largest DP80 OTARI installation

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Both Ablex and Spool recognise the importance of nurturing a high profile and Spool is in the process of putting together a new glossy brochure including data sheets and comprehensive information about its facilities. Spool's sales and marketing director Tony O'Dowd believes that 1988 is going to prove a bumper year for duplicators, partly due to the closure of the PolyGram plant which, has created an overflow situation which is benefiting the independents

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Mike Standen at PDO, which specialises in CD believes that while business has eroded vinyl demand—cassettes don't seem to have suffered so badly. In fact there's a school of thought that says it may even have benefited, as customers are often reported as buying a CD for home listening and a cassette for in-car or other more personal and portable purposes.

On the whole, tape business still seems to be booming, with 10 per cent a minimum reported. Vinyl seems to be holding its own, and there are definitely certain sectors of the market which prefer their music on vinyl. One widely known area is in heavy metal, whose fans just seem to like actual records — possibly because of the "freebies" such as posters which can be included. CBS's Morrish says CD could be responsible in part for this levelling out of demand for vinyl: "CD has awoken many people's

"CD has awoken many people's interest in music, in particular that of the 'boom generation' of the Sixties. Many of these people haven't bought a record for 10 years, and aren't locked into one format. In fact they may have a dormant affinity for records. And with the

CD market growing so quickly—the number of players in homes has doubled this year, and unit sales are also more than twice as many—this could help vinyl a lot."

Few people seem to be actively encouraging vinyl sales as opposed to those of cassettes, although all vinyl pressers emphasise continuing investment in new and better plants because of the continuing demand for higher quality. Everyone is happy to fulfil demand, and many believe vinyl still has a long life.

Tape certainly has a rosy future, and without wishing to appear ghoulish, many tape duplicators were made very happy by the PolyGram closure. EMI obviously took the cream of the business, but most others — especially those in the immediate London area — have noticed a marked increase in business directly attributable to the closure, or expect to benefit during the coming peak months.

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EMI's Grimmel says that the effect at the Hayes plant has been to increase daily working by a whole extra shift since the closure, thus coming from two to three shifts on each of the five days.

On a smaller scale, Brian Bonner

On a smaller scale, Brian Bonner of Mayking Records also reports increased business, which he attributes to the fact that his is one of the few plants which can offer large volume in both seven inch and 12 inch. "In other words, we can service hits," he says. In fact his company is now re-commissioning presses which were decommissioned in 1984 when the company began making CDs, and will have 54 available for the peak season. All the London based plants report increased business as a direct result of PolyGram's closure.

As we've already said, the real

effect of the closure won't be felt until the peak season is under way. While regular PolyGram customers will already have found replacement service, those who used the company on a seasonal basis will have to find capacity elsewhere in this pre-Christmas boom time.

Some companies are fortunate, in that their set up is such that this demand can easily be accommodated. At CBS there is something called The Tap, where it is possible to literally turn up or down the supply available and it's then simply a matter of taking on temporary staff for back-up jobs such as hand packing.

Other smaller companies are already planning extro shifts, or desperately trying to get new equipment in time. Some are calmly planning, others are apprehensive. James Yorke's Wilmer says that by October he believes that "there will be bedlam!" It will be terrific for the duplicators, but I think anyone needing capacity would do well to plan ahead now, if at all possible."

However, both he and the other

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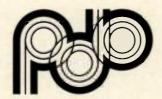
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Vinyl holds its own as the cassette and CD march on

CD still has a way to go before it ousts the cassette from mass popularity or sounds the death-knell for vinvl. **Rosie Horide** gauges the market climate for both custom pressers and tape duplicators by talking to major and independent operators

ccording to CBS's corporate PR Jonathan Marrish, vinyl's much talked about demise has been greatly exaggerated: "For example, between 1986 and 1987 there was very little difference in the units produced — 52.1m as against 52.3m," he says. "Additionally, one must remember that there are between 17-18m turntables in this country. They aren't going to disappear over night, and people will still want records."

His sentiments are echoed by Jim Leftwich, who is director of manufacturing for CBS at their Aylesbury plant. He says: "We saw a large growth in tape duplicating last year, although some of that is down to us securing a larger share of the business available. But I believe that year after year the tape market is growing by 10 per cent. This is *not* at the expense of vinyl. That market has stayed steady."

For once the big boys are in agreement: EMI's general manager for cassette manufacture Geoff Grimmel says: "We are experiencing a growth rate, year on year, of around 10 per cent." However he disagrees about vinyl — "During the last three to four years we have seen a vinyl to cassette ratio of two to one switch right round until now it is almost one to two.

Nick Flower, managing director of both Damont and Lintone, says that in his company's case cassette business has increased dramatically. The company had had to make substantial investment in equipment, moving cassette duplication to a separate building nearby, and

its capacity is now treble the previous levels. But Damont is a vinyl specialist, and its output is still 2:1 ratio in favour of vinyl, with sales of the latter up on last year too.

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With some of the smaller companies, the increase in demand for cassettes has been phenomenal. At Immediate Sound Services, Jon Powell, sales manager reports increases from 450,000 last year to in excess of 1 million this. Jim Wilmer at James Yorke says their business is up 20 per cent on last year, and he's another who doesn't believe it's at the expense of vinyl. He simply says that it is cassettes which are growing in market share — largely, he believes, because they are more convenient. His company has noted particularly the dramatic growth in business for spoken word cassettes, especially adult fiction — an area he says is going to keep growing rapidly.

At Ablex Dave Morris reports

At Ablex Dave Morns reports that volume business has more than doubled during the last year and puts this down to an increase in premiums and promotion work. In response to this upswing, it has ordered more labelling equipment to run two fully automated finishing lines and has been running at 24hrs, with an output of 600,000 cassettes a week. Ablex is now on two shifts until September and has already ordered up all of the row material it anticipates using until the end of December.

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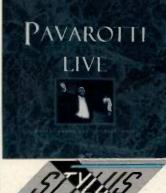
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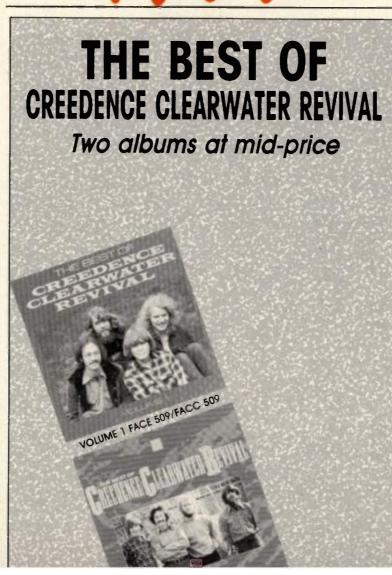
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CARLY SIMON: Greatest Hits Live. Arista 209 196. Interesting slant on the greatest hits idea. Give her the benefit of the doubt regarding overdubs; the singing, playing and production are clean and flawless. No sense of chronology in the order, but she never did pay much heed to the ticking of the clock. A double A-side single, You're So Vain/Do The Walls Come Down, acts as an hors d'oeuvre. The live context (and the windswept cover photo) may intrigue the casual browser.



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VARIOUS ARTISTS: 'Til Things Are Brighter. Red Rhino REDLP 88. Laudable tribute to Johnny Cash from the indie bunch with a host of Cashophiles singing the man's songs with varying degrees of reverence (Mary of Gaye Bykers should not have been allowed near the studio). Michelle Shocked is a hoot, Stephen Mallinder spooky and Triffid Dave McComb well-nigh perfect on Country Boy. Excellent backing from the Mekons and Creepers personnel.



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SILLY SISTERS: No More To The Dance. Topic 450. Distribution: Conifer. Twelve years on from their first collaboration, two of

North onth Title, Artist

England's greatest voices are back together. Maddy Prior and June Tabor interweave delightfully on a well-chosen set of songs with sympathetic accompaniment notably from Breton guitarist Dan ar Bras. Highlights are a rousing Hedger and Ditcher And a haunting How Shall Your True Love Know. With guaranteed airplay from Kershaw and co, watch it go to the top of the folk charts.

MICHAEL MESSER: Diving Duck. PT Records PTLP 002. Producer: Artist. Distribution: PRT. Messrs, a British singer/guitarist, appears to be following the path of the early Ry Cooder (mid-Seventies model) — a lot of very good slide playing largely country blues material. Recently exposed on both Andy Kershaw's and Paul Jones's radio shows, Messer could do well with what is an impressive debut, although it is happily far from main-

DEAN FRAZER. Sings ad Blows. Greensleeves GREL 113. These superb arrangements of vintage lovers rock make Dean Frazer's position in the reggae hierarchy even stronger. After the velvet voice runs the gentle lyrics over smooth guitar on the vocal tracks, Frazer gets out his sax for some powerful blowing on the instrumental version. On the strength of the hit single Girlfriend alone, the album will do well.

KASSAV': Vini Pou. EPIC 460619. Vini Pou is a skilfully produced melange of Antillean 'Zouk' music and

Label, Catalogue No.

American pop/soul. An added punch comes courtesy of earth, Wind and Fires brass section, The Phoenix Horns. Kassav' enjoy massive success in France and The West Indies and look set to emulate that success in the UK, with World Music doing well in the national charts.

DEVILS IN DISGUISE: Revealed. Get Moving GET 1. Distribution: Topic. Would anyone have dreamed that 1988 would see a Peter, Paul & Mary revival? Not me, but the originals are back, so are the Washington Squares, and now here's the UK equivalent. Chris Thompson, Jacqui Callis and Tony Minnion were all members of the late lamented Rivals, and this is very similar to that group, still country-tinged and with numerous very good songs. This should be picked up by a major — the best British acoustic trio in years.



STOCKIT

ROBBEN FORD: Talk to your Daughter. Warner Bros. 925 647-1. Here is one hot-shot guitar picker from California, having himself a ball with some good rockin' blues. Mix in a little jazzy smooch and the result is an album full of timeless qualities — like unpretentious charm and first class musicianship. Can we have more like this please?

VARIOUS ARTISTS: Jackmaster 3. Westside JACKLP 503. The third volume of the Jackmaster series is a single LP rather than a limited edition double. But what it lacks in quantity it more than makes up for in quality. It embraces the soulful and poppy House of Peter Black's How Far I Go and I Want You Back by Kario Reyes & Joe Nell, as well as the pure acid of Fast Eddie's Acid Thunder and Mixmaster's Pump It Up Homeboy.

LEMONHEADS: Creator. World Service SERV 001. Distribution: Rough Trade/Cartel. This new import-licensee offshoot of rough trade begins with the second album by an excellent teenage four-piece from Boston, Masachusetts. Lemonheads map out the same rough, punkish but emotionally considered guitar-rock as fellow Americans Husker Du and The Replacements, and they do it very well too. Bound to be a late-night radio favourite all round.

THE LYRES: A Promise Is A Promise. Fundamental SAVE 59. Distribution: Red Rhino/Cartel. Another bristling set from one of Planet earth's foremost garage punk bands, whose 13 line-up history can be extensively traced inside the gatefold sleeve care of one of Pete Frame's wonderful family trees. A Promise ... is The Lyres' first for Fundamental recorded half in the studio and half live in Europe; pumped-up beats, that cheesy organ, adrenalin, razorish guitar. Great!

RECORDED DELIVERY: Martin Aston, Andrew Beevers, Adam Blake, Dave Cavanagh, Ola During, Adam Isaacs, Dave Laing, and John Tobler

HEAVY METAL ALBUMS

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1	5	HYSTERIA Del Leppard	Bludgeon Riffola HYSLP* (F)
2	2	WIDE AWAKE IN DREAMLAND Pur Bernatur	Chrysalis CDL1628 C
3	17	APPETITE FOR DESTRUCTION GUEN ROME	Geffen WX125 NM
4	9	SEVENTH SON OF A SEVENTH SON Fur Morden	EMI EMD1006 (E)
5	10	OU812 Van Halen	Warner Brothers WX177 (W)
6	3	LONG COLD WINTER Coderals	Vertigo VERH5º (F)
7	4	B' SIDES THEMSELVES Man and	EMIEMS1295(E)
8	1	SOUTH OF HEAVEN Slayer	London LONLP63 (F)
9	NEW	FROLIC THOUGH THE PARK DARK DARK	Engma ENVLP502 (E)
10	NEW	IN GOD WE TRUST Stryper	Enigma ENVLP501 (E)
11	16	SLIPPERY WHEN WET Bon Jow	Venigo VERH38 (F)
12	29	HITS OUT OF HELL Meat Loaf	Epic 4504471 (C)
13	7	OUTRIDER Jimmy Page	Geffen WX155 (W)
14	23	WHITESNAKE 1987 Whitesnake	EMI EMCP3528 (E)
15	25	BAT OUT OF HELL Mear Loaf	Cleveland International EPC82419 (C)
16	27	POWERSLAVE Iron Molden	EMIPOWER 1 F
17	20	PYROMANIA Def Leppord	Vertigo VERS 2 F)
18		THE NUMBER OF THE BEAST ron Manden	Fame EMI FA3178 (EI
19	30	PIECE OF MIND Iron Maiden	EMI EMAROO EI
20	26	RECKLESS Bryan Adams	A&M AMA5013 (F)
21	28	SKYSCRAPER David Lee Roth	Womer Brothers WX140 (W)
22	15	FOUR SYMBOLS Led Zeppole	Atlantic K50008 (W)
23	8	SOMEWHERE IN TIME from Mandan	Fome EMI EMC3512 (E)
24	32	LIVE AFTER DEATH Iron Municipal	EMIRIP I (E)
25	12	AIN'T COMPLAINING Story Que	Vertigo VERH 58 (F)
26	18	ODYSSEY yearway Malmsteen's Rung Force	Polydor POLD 5224 (F)
27		KINGDOM COME Kingdom Come	Polydo KCLP1 (F)
		ETERNAL NIGHTMARE Violence	MCA MCF3423 (F)
29	34	ELIMINATOR ZZ Top	Warner Brothers W3774 (W)
30	35	SO FAR, SO GOOD SO WHAT! Magadeth	Capital EST 2053 (E)
31	13	WINGS OF HEAVEN Magnum	Polyder POLD 5221 (F)
32	24	BLOW UP YOUR VIDEO AC DC	Atlantic WX144 (W)
33	14	OPEN UP AND SAY AHH! Po son	Capital EST2059 (E)
34		NOBODY'S PERFECT Deep Purple	Polydor PODV10 (F)
35	19	SAVAGE AMUSEMENT Scorpions	EMI SHSP4125 (E)
36	11	OPEN ALL NIGHT Georgia Satellites	Elektra EKT 47 (W)
37		RIDE THE LIGHTNING Metal ca	Music for Nations MFN27 (P)
38	36	LITA Una Ford	RCA PL86397 [BMG]
39	40	IRON MAIDEN Iron Maiden	Forma EMIFA4131211 (E)
40	_	KILLERS Irun Morden	Fome EMIFA4131221 (E
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TOP-40-SINGLES

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	1	1	MARTHA'S HARBOUR All About Eve	Eden EVEN8 (F)
	2	2	I WANT YOUR LOVE	Polydor TVV3 (F)
	3	4	I SAY NOTHING Voice Of The Beehive	London LON179 (F)
	4	5	WORKING IN A GOLDMINE	WEA YZ199 (W)
	5	3	I DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT	blanco negro/WEA NEG34 (W)
	6	11	GOODBYE MR MACKENZIE Goodbye Mr MacKenzie	Capital CL501 (E)
10	7	_	DESTROY THE HEART House Of Love	Creation CRE057 (I/RT)
	8	17	STILL WAITING	Blue Guitor AZUR 8 (C)
H	9	_	KINGDOM CHAIRS Soup Dragons	Sire W7820 (W)
1	0	7	CHARLTON HESTON	Ensign ENY 614 (C)
1	1	10	RETURN TO YESTERDAY The Lilor Time	Fontana LILAC2 (F)
	2	15	WHOLLY HUMBLE HEART Martin Stephenson And The Daintees	Kitchenware SK36 (F)
li	3	6	A WISH AWAY Wonderstuff	Polydor GONE 4 (F)
li	4	9	DEF CON ONE Pop Will Eat Itself	Chapter 22 PWEI 1001 (I/NM)
1	5		YOU MAKE ME REALISE My Bloody Valentine	Creation CRE055 1/RT
1	6	14	GLAMOUR BOYS	Epic LCL2 (C)
1	7	12	OTHER 99 Big Audio Dynamite	CBS BAAD5 (C)
1	8	13	STREETS OF YOUR TOWN The Go-Betweens	Beggars Banquet BEG218 W
	9	16	'CAUSE I SAID SO The Godfathers	Epic GFT2 (C)
2	0	19	HERE COMES TROUBLE The leadle Works	Beggars Banquel BEG220 W
2	1	_	ALWAYS THE LIGHT The Weather Prophets	Creation CRE056 (1/RT)
2	2	_	LISTEN UP	Rough Trade RTT 229 (I/RT)
2	3	_	RETURNING TO GEHENNA Fields Of The Nephrium	Supports Fonografica SF008 11/JU
2	4	35	MAYFAIR The Quireboys	Survival Sur045 (1 BK
2	5	8	FIESTA The Poques	Pague Mahone FG2 /W
2	6	21	WE HAVE THE TECHNOLOGY Pere Ubu	Fontana UBU1 (F
2	7	27	DOCTORIN' THE TARDIS	KLF Communications KLF003 (I/RT
2	8	30	GOODBYE JIMMY DEAN Boys Wonder	Burning World BW1 (I/RT)
2	9	_	TUNE IN (TURN ON TO THE ACID HOUSE) Psychic TV/Jack The Tab	Temple TOPY037 (I/RE)
3	0	37	TIME HAS TAKEN ITS TOLL Crazyhead	Food/Parlaphone FOOD12 (E)
3	1	22	RA! RA! RAWHIDE 1Start Counting	Mute MUTE81 1/RT/SP
3	2	28	BLUE MONDAY 1988 New Order	Factory FAC737 (P
	3	20	MY LOVE OF THIS LAND Killing Joke	EG EG043 (E)
3	4	25	THE MERCY SEAT Nick Cave and The Bod Seeds	Mute MUTES2 11/RT/SP
	5	-	SOMETHING NICE Robert Llayd And The New Four Seasons	In Tape ITOS6 (I/RT)
3	6	-	SUMMER'S HERE Myscle Shool	Treasure Island TID1 (I/RR)
	7	39	Et ne die	Mute MUTE83 II/RT
	8	23	- Congaot -	London LON182 (F)
3	9	-	PEEL SESSIONS The Cure	Strange Fruit SFP050 P
4	0	_	EVERY DAY IS LIKE SUNDAY	His Master's Voice POP1619 E

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		JI ZU ALL	701113
1	1	LET IT BEE Voice Of The Beehive	London LONLP57 (F)
2	3	ALL ABOUT EVE	Mercury MERH119 F
3	_	DOING IT FOR THE KIDS	Creation CRELPO37 (I/RT)
4	2	1977-1980: SUBSTANCE Joy Division	Factory FACT250 (P)
5	4	THE INNOCENTS	Mute STUMM55 (I/RT/SP)
6	-	IN MY TRIBE 10,000 Maniacs	Elektra EKT41 (W)
7	5	TOMMY The Wedding Present	Reception LEEDS2 1/RR
8	6	VIVA HATE Morrissey	His Master's Voice/EMI CSD3787 (E)
9	8	SUBSTANCE New Order	Factory FACT200 (P)
10	7	TIGHTEN UP VOLUME 88 Big Audio Dynamite	CBS 4611991 C
11	9	GLADSOME, HUMOUR AND BLUE Mortin Stephenson And The Daintees	Kitchenware KWLP8 (F)
12		NOW THAT'S WHAT I CALL QUITE GOOD The Housemortins	Go! Discs AGOLP11 /C
13	10	BARBED WIRE KISSES Jesus And Mary Chain	bionco y negro BYN15 W
14	11	THE HOUSE OF LOVE The House Of Love	Creation CRELP34 (I. RT)
15	12	LIFE'S TOO GOOD The Sugarcubes	One Little Indian TPLP5 1 NM
16	15	LOVELY The Primilives	RCA PL71688 (BMG)
17	18	THE WISHING CHAIR 10,000 Maniacs	Elektra EKT14 iW,
18	14	DAWNRAZOR Fields Of The Nephilim	Situation Two SITUP18 RT
19	-	VIVID Living Colour	Epic 4607581 (C)
20	_	GEORGE BEST The Wedding Present	Reception LEEDS 2 1/RR

A & R SINGLES

Reviewed by Selina Webb

UB40: Where Did I Go Wrong? (Virgin DEP 30). No Chrissie Hynde this time, but this lilting Regae For Beginners packs a bigger punch than you'd expect after the first listen. Summery, breezy and should be a biggie.



STOCKIT

DEEPAK AND KHAN: Holle Holle (Circa YRTPR 16). A trip down the curry house from New York producer and DJ Mark Kamins which, despite being nearer Kurma than Vindaloo in the acid house stakes, will earn enough support in the clubs to get onto strobe fans' shopping lists.

SARAH JANE MORRIS: Can't Get To Sleep Without You (Jive SJM T1). A disappointingly MOR and fuzzily-produced number from this impressive vocalist. Can't Get To Sleep Without You hops uncertainly twixt jazz and big band sounds and is utterly forgettable.

BLYTH POWER: Goodbye To All That (Midnight Music Dong 38). Pained macho vocal spurts out all over a sour three-note lead guitar line, clomping beat and unexpected Talulah Gosh-style la-la backing vocals. (Just) exhilerating enough to get away with it, but pop appeal continues to elude Blyth Power.

KEVIN ROWLAND: Tonight (Mercury Row 1). Another attempt to pick up a piece or two from Dexy's may succeed with this harmless bopalong. Catchy, but only a hint of the old sparkle.



STOCKIT

YELLO: The Race (Phonogram. Yello 1). The scintillatingly odd Swiss duo should have become stars with Oh Yeah, but at least acid house has opened doors for their fab keyboard experiences. The Race is a breathless electromix of gutteral horns, Hawaiian guitars and vrooming car noises. Irresistible.

HEAVEN 17: The Ballad Of Go Go Brown (Virgin. VST 1113). A Sunday afternoon stroll turns into a major excursion into rural America with quivering guitar twangs, mouth organs, hillbilly beats and black soul interludes. Sadly, it never quite reaches its destination, but the track should still do well for a funtime Heaven 17.



STOCKIT

ANDY LEEK: Please, Please (Atlantic A905 4). I thought all the little men hunched emotionally over their keyboards had slipped down the cracks with Howie Jones, but Leek cannot be ignored for the brute force of his songwriting. This debut track gets you all gooey after the third listen and there's better on his George Martin-produced album.

CLOSE LOBSTERS: What Is There To Smile About? (Fire Records. Blaze 25T). Such jangly, twangy and occasionally gritty SixUB40



WHERE DID I GO WRONG

UB40 pack a punch

ties-style guitar bands are fast losing favour. Paisley's Close Lobsters have better haircuts than most, but this release struggles under the leaden weight of a repetitive melody.



JOHN COUGAR MELLEN-CAMP: Rooty Toot Toot (Phonogram. JCM 11). The latest from the Lonesome Jubilee album puts similar guitar work-outs to shame with its in-the-pod freshness, stark bouncy percussion and superb production. Drags the hi-fi listener to the front of the joint and will sound fab on radio.

THE DUEL: Tell Me Why Love Dies (Tent. TENT 7). Buster "Five Star are my sprogs" Pearson has The Duel on his Tent label and would be wise to market this uninspired pop/bop down the same shopping malls as his offsprings' superior work. Looks alone should earn the Atack twins favour with the teen market.

roque will do better with a decent song.

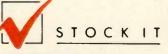
THE SCREAMING TREES: Iron Guru (Native. 12 NTV 35). Writers/producers Swancott and Maloney release a New Orderstyle mix of punk vocals and electro-boogie backbeat from their 1987 Fracture In Time LP. The barrier-crossing works well here to create a bopping yet weird dance track.



STOCKIT

PRIMITIVES: Way Behind Me (RCA PB 42209). Coventry's pride hover just short of sickliness with this sugary one-off predictability concerning (discarded) lurve. Its silly melodies are completely eargrabbing, but is life really this simple?

LEVEL 42: Heaven In My Hands (Polydor PO 14). King and Co. preview their Staring At The Sun LP with a blustering foray in which the brass intro, rocky guitars and backseat slap bass signify a more gritty pop than of late.



RUN DMC: Mary, Mary (London LONX 191). More chunky beats, gratuitous scratches and belly-slapping good humour from Run DMC whose crucial appraisal of the rap/hip-hop market continues with this spacey track. An ingenious reworking of a kiddies' rhyme but the refrain could become irritating to non-believers.

BOP BAROQUE: International (WRC BOP 1). Despite Ruby Turner's (barely there) backing vocals and Tony Taverner's slick production, this is a conventional pop debut which bungles its intermittent attempts to be funky. Their feet firmly in the Duran/Spandau mould, the bog-named Bop Ba-



STOCKIT

EUROPE: Superstitious (Epic EUR 3). More huge, heart-wrenching stuff from Europe with regulation guitar solo intact and a surprising down-beat interlude towards the end. The first single from the band's new Out Of This World LP, this has 'massive' etched in its surging grooves.

LOVE AND ROCKETS: Lazy (Beggars Banquet BEG 217/T). Trampoline on the duvet to this simple yet multi-textured cheeky grin from the truly splendid Love And Rockets. Lazy is a real faberoonie — and just dig that breaking glass percussion at the end!



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Big Life BLR 4(T) (I/RT)

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PWL PWL(T) 14 (P)

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Parlophone (12)R 6184 (E)

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I NEED YOU B.V.S.M.P

Debut/Passion DEBT(X) 3044 (A)

MY LOVE Julio Iglesias featuring Stevie Wonder

FIND MY LOVE

CBS JULIO(T) 2 (C)

Fairground Attraction

RCA PB 42079 (12 -PT 42080) (BMG)

YOU CAME Kim Wilde

MCA KIM(T) 8 (F

THE EVIL THAT MEN DO Iron Maiden

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GOOD TRADITION Tanita Tikaram

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Chris Rea

WEA YZ 195(T) (W)

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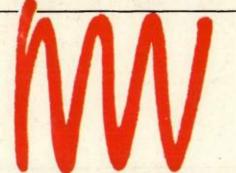
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BREAKFAST IN BED UB40 (with Chrissie Hynde)

FOREVER YOUNG

21	38	Jane Wiedlin	Manhattan/EMI (12)MT 36 (E)
22	16	PUSH IT/TRAMP O Salt 'n Pepa Champion CHAMP	(12)51:Hrr/London FFR(X) 2 (BMG/F)
23	14	I WANT YOUR LOVE Transvision Vamp	MCA TVV(T) 3 (F)
24	35	SWEET CHILD O' MINE Guns N' Roses	Geffen GEF 43(T) (W)
25	34	ANYTHING FOR YOU Gloria Estefan & Miami Sound Machine	Epic 6516737 (12"-6516736) (C)
26	NEW	TOUCHY! A-Ha	Warner Brothers W 7749(T) (W)
27	12	NOTHING'S GONNA CHANGE Glenn Medeiros	MY LOVE FOR • London LON(X) 184 (F)
28	28	WHEN IT'S LOVE Van Halen	Warner Brothers W 7816(T) (W)
29	39	YE KE YE KE Mory Kante	London LON(X) 171 (F)
30	18	ROSES ARE RED Mac Band feat. The McCampbell Brothers	MCA MCA(T) 1264 (F)
31	NEW	THE RACE Yello	Mercury/Phonogram YELLO 1(12) (F)
32	20	I DON'T WANT TO TALK ABO Everything But The Girl	UT IT Blanco Y Negro/WEA NEG 34(T) (W)
33	42	SOLDIER OF LOVE Donny Osmond	Virgin VS(T) 1094 (E)



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36	46	WHERE DID I GO WRONG UB40 DEP International DEP 30(12) (E)	
37	55	EVERY GIRL AND BOY Spagna CBS SPAG(1) 1 (C)	
38	21	FOOLISH BEAT Debbie Gibson Atlantic A 9059(T) (W)	
39	48	JUMP START Natalie Cole Manhattan/EMI (12)MT 50 (E)	
40	31	WORKING IN A GOLDMINE Aztec Camera WEA YZ 199(T) (W)	
41	51	COMING BACK FOR MORE Jellybean feat. Richard Darbyshire Chrysalis JEL(X) 4 (C)	
42	43	DON'T BE CRUEL Bobby Brown MCA MCA(T) 1268 (F)	
43	52	EASY Commodores Motown ZB 41793 (12 - ZT 41794) (BMG)	
44	27	DIRTY DIANA Michael Jackson	
45	26	ALL FIRED UP Pat Benatar Chrysalis PAT(X) 5 (C)	
46	NEW	I'M GONNA BE The Proclaimers Chrysalis CLAM(X) 2 (C)	
47	25	PEEK-A-BOO Siouxsie & The Banshees Wonderland/Polydor SHE(X) 14 (F)	
48	61	I HATE MYSELF FOR LOVING YOU Joan Jett & The Blackhearts London LON(X) 195 (F)	
49	33	LOVE BITES Def Leppard Bludgeon Riffola/Phonogram LEP(X) 5 (F)	
50	29	LIKE DREAMERS DO Mica Paris feat. Courtney Pine 4th + B'way/Island (12)BRW 108 (F)	
51	23	I SAY NOTHING Voice Of The Beehive London LON(X) 190 (F)	
52	NEW	HE AIN'T HEAVY, HE'S MY BROTHER Bill Medley Scotti Bros PO 10 (12'-PZ 10) (F)	

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74 NEW FIRST BOY IN THIS TOWN (LOVE SICK) Virgin VS(T) 1082 (E)

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Her objective is to persuade W H Smith customers that classical music is not full of mystique and demanding of special knowledge but that it can be appreciated

simply as music.
"We look at the entire range of classical products and select according to our market," she says. We cater for both the specialist and the non-specialist audience the classical buff and the persor who perhaps knows little of the subject but would like to know

She feels the environment in the Sounds departments of W H Smith lend themselves to this type of ercouragement — "people don't feel intimidated when they are in

Interest in classical music is steadily increasing, Cory finds. "A

lot of the record companies are making great efforts with the advent of CD to educate people into classical music and to build up lib-

While the album market is fading a little, cassettes remain buoyant, especially in the mid-price and budget areas, and CD, as in other areas, is perceived as the growth

A classical buff herself — she played the oboe in her school orchestra — Cory believes that in-terest in the subject is spreading beyond the accepted market of males aged 35 and above.

"We are now getting a lot more interest from women, particularly in cassettes," she said. "And with the growth of CD, which appeals to all age ranges, younger people are being attracted."

Sometimes, the introduction to

classical music comes from hearing a few bars in a TV commercial or as film or television theme music. "People come in and ask about the music, not always knowing it is from a classical work."

Most user catalogues list classical music by the name of the com-poser, sometimes making it difficult for retail staff to assist customers who enquire by title of the work — or even by the film or TV commercial which featured it.

To solve this problem, Cory is producing a guide for the bran-ches which lists and cross references main titles, composers with brief biographies, the classical music from films, TV programmes and commercials, a section on record company catalogues, main artists and which labels they are assigned to and whether they are

exclusive to one label.

A further section will deal with how staff can further assist custom-

ers and make recommendations.
"I started work on the guide soon after I arrived here last September," she says. "I previously worked at a branch of Our Price and this experience has helped me to know the sort of information that customers seek.



BIANCA CORY: We cater for both the classical buff and the nonspecialist audience

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DISES complementary accessories as well as mainstream These add up to a considerable range of brand care and storage products, from record cases to cas-

sette cleaning tapes.
Nick Wingrove, buying manager for pre-recorded video and accessories, says: "It is a very comprehensive range. Some of the products are unique and they are all own-brand."

The marketing philosophy is that the accessories follow the software trends. So as CD increases, for instance, so do the storage and

care products.

Often the need for a new accessory is identified at Sounds and the product is developed jointly with the supplier. An example might be a storage rack capable of accommodating both CDs and videos. "We regularly conduct market research to find out what customers want," Wingrove said. "Then we go to the suppliers and give them a

Although accessories must, above all, be practical, Sounds is proud of the design elements it has introduced into its range.

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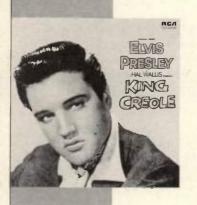




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Inside Insight

celebrity interviews and reviews across whole range of CD and video are contained in the W H Smith magazine *Insight*. The magazine is offered free to customers purchasing a CD or video and it has an impressive circulation of about 125,000.

"A lot of customers, especially those who are new compact disc player purchasers, are looking for prompts to buy," says buying manager Tim Forrester. "They don't

really know what is available as they are often lapsed music promo buyers who don't listen to singles any more. *Insight* provides the vehicle to inform and stimulate purchase.

Singles buyer Alison Parker also Singles buyer Allson Parker also has responsibilities for the magazine, liaising with *Insight's* publishing agent and editor.

CD and video charts are com-

piled for inclusion. These do not solely reflect the sales of CDs and videos. Because there is a lead time of about two months in the produc-tion of the magazine the charts have to contain an element of

"Insight has been very exciting," said Parker. "It has got better as it has gone along and by the beginning of next year it should be exactly how we want it to be. We plan to include more competitions, for instance, and the idea is to make it a fun magazine but informative as well."



ALISON PARKER: 'Insight has been very exciting'

Sounding board

decade, W H Smith's Sounds is embarking on television advertising. With a budget of about £3.5m, the advertising will spearhead a co-ordinated marketing campaign "that will lead the customer from the armchair in front of the television screen right to the point of sale," says buying manager Tim Forrester.

The campaign will be operated in conjunction with record companies and instore display material will feature the albums advertised.

The advertising and promotion of Sounds is co-ordinated by Alison Parker. She briefs the company marketing department, which in turn deals with the advertising agency and suppliers of print and point-of-sale materials.

She is confident that sales will react to the campaign. "Television is the most intrusive medium," she says. "When an album is advertised on TV, you see it go straight up the charts."

Work on the campaign has been going on for several months and

12-week period.

Although a major promotion, this is just one of a continuing series. At any one time, Sounds will be attacking its markets in several different ways. different ways.

There is the Insight magazine which, as well as attracting adver-tising in its own right, promotes the sales of CD and video. Point-ofsale materials are continually changed and kept topical. Joint promotions and tie-ins are organised with suppliers. The video catalogue is issued twice a year — 750,000 copies.

Instore promotion includes banks of videos and screens for promos and graphics. There are proposals for an electronic catalogue — a giveaway promotional

trailer videotape.

Another form of promotion is Sounds' own Hit List, which is updated weekly and displayed in all branches. "It is a reflection of W H Smith rather than the Gallup chart," says compiler Carole Martin. Like the CD and video charts published in *Insight*, the Hit List

"With the Gallup chart based purely on sales, you are a week behind," Mortin explains. "Our charts says what we think is going to sell this week. All the buyers sit round once a week and discuss the release.

"Our EPOS system gives us our actual sales figures and on considering a new album we can see how many we sold of another album in a very similar market."

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HILDREN ARE well catered for in all W H Smith departments and Sounds is no exception. Products for youngsters are to be found in virtually all the ranges stocked.

Carol Martin controls the book

Carol Martin controls the book cassette range for youngsters and sees this as a significant market. Her job is made easier and more productive with the introduction of electronic point of sale (EPOS).

"With our EPOS information, according to the space available in each branch, we can allocate a range according to the number of spinners. This gives us greater control."

There are three main suppliers

— Pickwick, Rainbow and Multiple
Sounds/Tempo. The Postman Pat
series is also taken from the PRT

range.

W H Smith is also enjoying success with its own brand book cassettes, with a range of seven about to be supplemented by a further three. These are specially produced under a joint arrangement with the Children's Company. The best selling ones are Action Songs and Playgroup Favourites.

There is increasing emphasis on educational book cassettes and two of the new ones are on learning to count and learning the



CAROL MARTIN: 'Trendsetters like Masters Of The Universe tend to come and ao'

alphabet, narrated by Dame Judy Dench.

On the entertainment side, it is still the favourite characters, such as Thomas The Tank Engine and Postman Pat, which lead the field. "Trendsetters like Masters Of The Universe, seem to come and go," says Martin. "We are very dependent on the coverage given in TV advetising by the toy companies and on television cartoons which are running on Saturday mornings."

ings."

The biggest competitor to the book cassette is the video. "These are very strong," says video buyer Valerie Mutter. The company has developed its own brand range of children's titles.

As with cassette books, children's video tends to be character-led, but there is a discernable increase in sales of educational videos.

'We are very dependent on the coverage given in TV advertising and on TV cartoons which are running on Saturday mornings'

Sounds effects good business

ESCRIBING HIS Sounds colleagues, merchandise manager John Rowland says: "We are very lucky at W H Smith because we have a terrifically capable and young buying team who have the uncanny knack of being able to understand not only the music and the business of promoting the products but also a good understanding of the commercial realities of selling pre-recorded music."

pre-recorded music."

He adds: "This combination of the arts and the sciences is quite unusual. Our results show that we have always attracted a very high calibre of staff. Many of them have been in the business all their working lives."

ing lives.

"Some of them have become figures in the music industry — if you place an order for 20 per cent of what anybody is making you do get to be important!"

The emphasis is on team work. Buyers might deal in similar products but each with their own group of suppliers. The division of responsibility is not always clearcut. For instance, who deals with CD singles — the singles buyer or

the CD buyer? Answer: They cooperate and agree their individual areas depending on the circumstances. There are rarely demarcation disputes of any kind.

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Considerable co-ordination is called for in such areas as range management and promotions and they meet regularly together to achieve this. Some of the buyers worked at retail branches before their present appointments, giving them direct experience of dealing with the customer.

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Says buying manager Tim Forrester: "In apportioning space to the different products, we have a healthy debate about it. We approach it in a scientific way. Through our EPOS system, we can measure precisely what our sales are in each format and we know how the overall market is moving.

"There is always the difficulty of

"There is always the difficulty of space. There are certain products to which we would like to give more space but you reach a limit. Naturally, each division makes out its case for having more space. But in the end it comes down to evaluating the profitability of each square foot in the shop."

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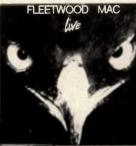


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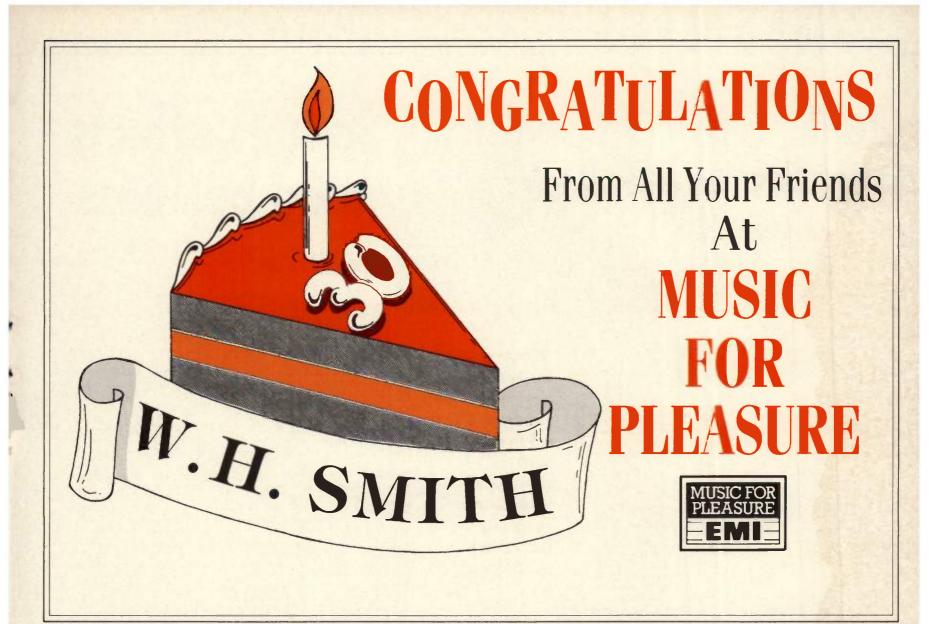
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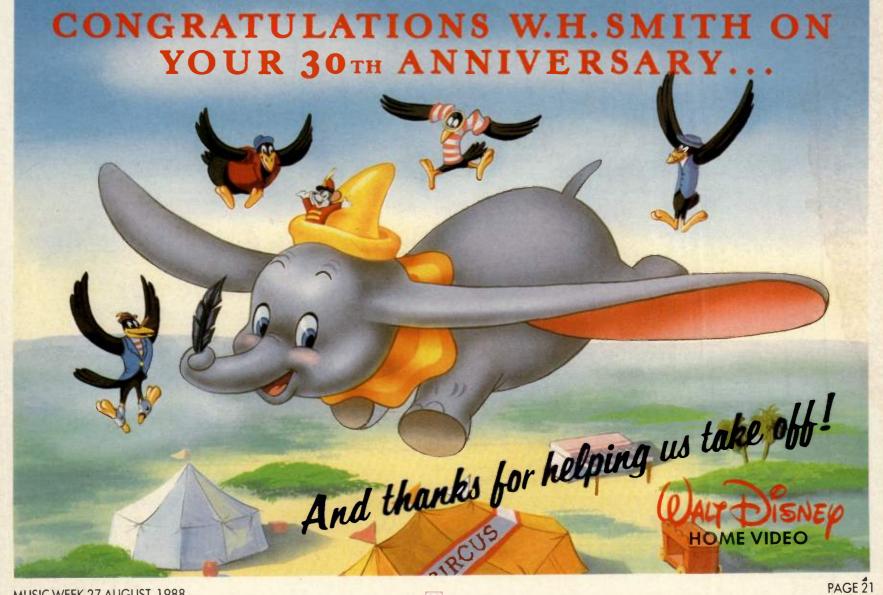


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tem manufactured by Lift to give them "flipability".

"We believe our new facilities for browsing through CDs are the best on the market," he says. He sees the relatively sparse

number of players as being a limit-ing factor in the development of CD singles. "I think we have to decide what format we want for singles in the short term and stick with it," he argues and refers to the "current nonsense" of having a seven inch, a 12 inch, a three inch, a five inch and a cassette all of the same single.

Agreeing that singles are a de-clining market, singles buyer Alison Parker nevertheless finds the profusion of formats makes an interesting buying problem. It has to be remembered, she points out, that singles are still important in how a shop is viewed by the customer. "If you haven't got the number one single they think you are old and bodies."

boring."
She believes that, since the average buyer of hit singles is about 14 years old, price is an inhibiting factor. "I think that in two or three years time the record companies will bring the cost down and that will revive sales."

Another development which interests her is the introduction of the CD Sony Walkman — "the new Virgin 3-inch singles look lovely on them but the players are so expen-

Parker concludes: "There is still a lot of mileage in singles. When you look at it from the record company point of view, it is still the best way to promote an album or break in a

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new band. Until they find a better way of doing that, singles are going to remain important."

The company's strong rela-

tionships with major labels plays a part in the arranging of tie-ins with suppliers' television campaigns, said Graham Budd, CD range buyer. The newest member of the buying team — he joined from Scotland just before last Christmas

— Budd said: "In return we give them support and a good instore profile."

The material which is the subject of tie-in campaigns can range through classical, Sixties and popular compilations. Recent such promotions have been carried out in co-operation with K-tel, Stylis and Telstar.



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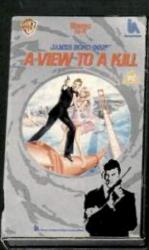




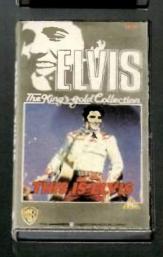


















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lan Cherry, the recorded music buying manager, cgrees: "Three years ago you could find LPs and cassettes sharing the same sort of retail space, with hardly any CD and very little viceo. Now the Sounds departments have completely changed.

We made a conscious decision two years ago to go gung-ho for the future CD market, while estab-lishing the cassette. LPs was unfor-tunately the area in which we felt we had to reduce the amount of space.

But now the point has been reached at which it is felt the LP space cannot be reduced further. An LP presence has to be maintained.

For the past two years, a CD voucher promotion has been operated during the frst half of each year. For CDs, this is the extended buying period and the vouchers help to induce a loyalty factor among purchasers.

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unusually long buying period — for most music products a third of annual sales take place in December — stems from the Christmas purchase of CD players, followed by a steady build up of sales of discs to go with them.

Just as a presence is being maintained in LPs so the cassette is also being nurtured. "I think it is an area which can be under-estimated and it is an area in which we have always been strong," Cherry main-

To underline this, there has been a promotion on cassettes at Smiths, offering vouchers on repeat purch-

ases off for every £10 spent on them. Although there are already signs that LPs are becoming a specialist format, strongest at the independents, cassette sales at Sounds departments remain buoyant with car owners representing a con-

tinuing market.

Talk of cut-back or not getting carried away has to be seen in scale. W H Smith has between 18,000 and 20,000 lines in LPs, cassettes and CDs.

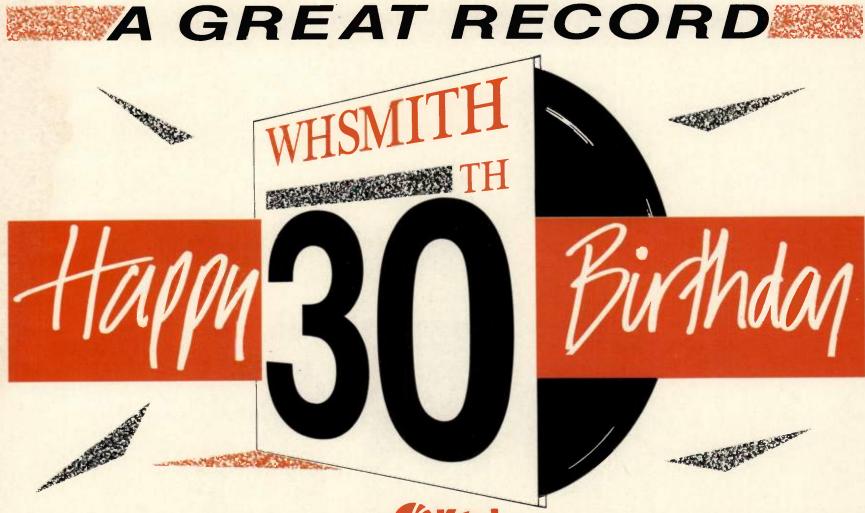
The CDs are treated differently in distribution. While LPs and cassettes are delivered direct to branches by the suppliers, about 50 per cent of CDs are held at the central warehouse adjoining the Swindon head office and distributed from

The historical reason for this is that two years ago CDs were in short supply and the decision was taken to bulk buy and hold buffer stocks.

Overall Sounds buying manager Tim Forrester concurs with the pre-sent and future importance of CDs. He points out that along with the redesign of W H Smith stores which is now taking place to give them a more spacious atmosphere, CDs are being presented in a new sys-



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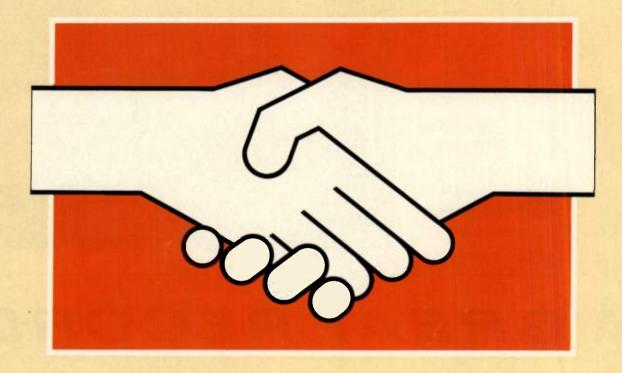


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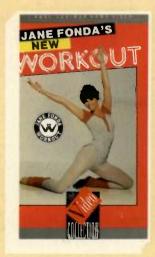


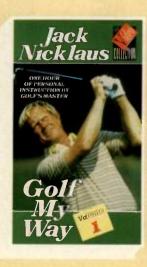
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LTHOUGH the compact disc population is only in about 10 per cent of the UK homes for W H Smith the advent of CDs was perceived as an opportunity to be seized upon. The Sounds buyers rightly judged that sales would be out of proportion to the percentage of CD machines, since the new machines meant there were whole collections to be renewed.

"From the beginning, we allo-cated a lot of space to compact discs," says merchandise controller John Rowland. "To a large extent we pioneered on compact discs because we think that that medium has a good long-term future. CDs are eminently collectable." Although CDs may represent the

latest in reproduction technology, he does not believe they are the last word. "Anything that moves must be low tech," he explains. "The disadvantage with all the media we have at the moment is that they move — they rotate or they are pulled across tape-heads. There may be a time quite soon when music will all be in solid state

Meanwhile, people are collecting CDs — and W H Smith is in the business of helping to build up music collections. Attention is currently on 3-inch CD singles. This, says Rowland, is an example of the medium leading the hardware, because the penetration of the "custom" there is the mechanic to minute. tom" three-inch machines is minute.

"If you were to pick a non-vinyl medium which had a wide appeal, a larger user base, it would have to be cassette on any basis of logic. The singles purchaser is aged be-tween 11 and 17 and a fair prop-ortion of them have cassette play-

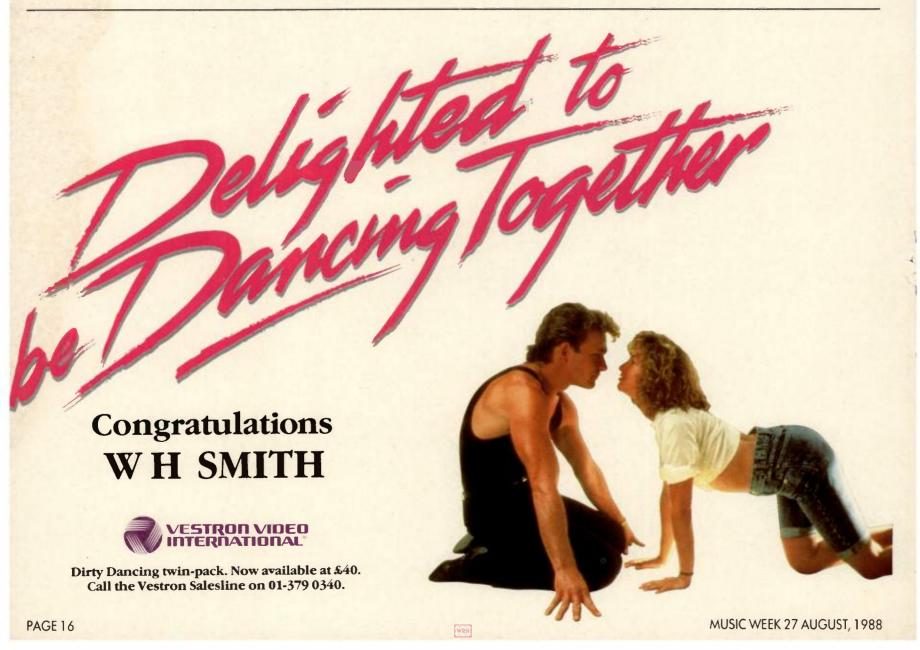
ers.
"Nevertheless the CD looks like winning the day. One of the reasons: the CD, a nice laser-read high-tech product, is a very sexy object. It is intrinsically very collectable. I see it as the major medium by the end of the next five years."

He also harbours a suspicion that when people trade in their old systems, within a few years they will buy ones that do not incorpo-rate an LP change system. This will hasten the sales of CDs as replacement discs.
So CD sales of the future will be

both replacements and new en-trants. "Some of the youngsters who are seven or eight now will never buy a vinyl product. At the same time there are some very tough decisions out there to be



IAN CHERRY: WH Smith's recorded music buying manager



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sell-everything convenience stores are not seen as any sort of threat in sell-through video. "They cannot devote the amount of space to it that we can and so they cannot offer the range."

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Meanwhile, the overall market for sell-through video continues to expand — and the company's

market share with it.

In Wingrove's view, there could be an acceleration in market growth as quality and range continue to improve. "In the early days of video, companies would release just B-grade films on the assumption that just about anything would sell. Today, we buyers can be much more selective and poss that selectivity on to our customers."

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The new release package for Christmas is expected to be larger than ever before — about 1,400 to 1,500 titles. This is where the buyers' selectivity will have to be applied, for even Smiths' biggest branches can only stock up to about 1,200.

With feature films, Wingrove notes that the gap is continually narrowing between cinema release, TV holdback and sell-through and rental video. Additionally, more and more products are being developed specifically for sell-through.

Special interest products are particularly prominent in this large category and this is one of Smiths' particular strengths.

"Three years ago nobody really knew whether sell-through video was going to last," Wingrove recalls "It was difficult for us as retailers to decide whether we should

give it a long-term commitment. Now we have decided it is here to stay and so we now offer it our full support in spacing, advertising and

work with the video suppliers. There will also be promotions tailored to specific products.

He believes the video industry

He believes the video industry has now recovered from the bad press it received in the times of the "video nasties". In fact, when W H Smith began to stock selected video in its branches, this did much to restore the industry's reputation.

"We are not censors and we appreciate that contemporary tastes change," Wingrove explains. "Nevertheless we are conscious of the fact that we are a family retailer and have children in our departments.

"We stock a wide range. But we can also order for our customers anything that is currently available."

Fellow buyer Valerie Mutter echoes Nick Wingrove's confidence in the future of the video market. "I buy a full range of videos so that we stock more of the range of titles priced at £14.99 and below.

"Within our range can be seen specific attractions. These include children's video, music and such special interest as sport, keep fit, documentaries and educational tapes."

tapes."
Her forecast is that special interest will prove to be possibly the biggest growth area.

The company has also experienced success with its own brand videos. These cover a range of children's titles, opera and ballet and Shakepeare titles.

To assist customers, the company publishes its own top 20 video chart. This started off as top 10 but provoked such interest that it has been extended.

"The market has changed in that more people are buying videos to keep. Some special interest and children's videos are watched over and over again. They are like a hard-back book compared with a paperback."

Although children's video is still dominated by cartoon characters, Mutter can see a trend developing in favour of tapes with an educational flavour.

Ancilliary to its pre-recorded videos, Smiths also stocks blank tapes. These include its own brand.

"We offer the market leaders plus an own brand which is produced for us by leading quality manufacturers so that a less expensive alternative is available," says Wingrove.

The market for blank videotape, although always busy at the Christmas run-up, is also event driven. A World Cup final, the Olympics or a major concert on television, such as Live Aid, produces a demand.

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TIM FORRESTER: buying manager







VALERIE MUTTER and Nick Wingrove: buyers of pre-recorded video

promotion.

The range of videos carried in any given store is determined by its size and turnover. Product selection is carried out centrally at the Swindon head office, as is the display material.

play material.

This policy, as well as maximising sales, has the spin-off benefit that it gives confidence to suppliers that if promotional material is jointly funded there is going to be widespread application.

"Obviously, video is a big growth area for us," Wingrove says. "Over the last two years, we have allocated increasingly more space to video and we are giving it more support. Our marketing plan is to improve upon our market share."

In the early days of video, W H Smith carried out a small experiment with video rental but this was not developed. Sell-through is seen as the more interesting and potentially fruitful area.

"There is nothing to preclude us

from looking at video rental again in the future if the situation changes," says Wingrove. "We look at every opportunity that comes along"

comes along."

The effort that the company has put into video sales is indicated by the fact that Smiths and Woolworths now control two-thirds of the market.

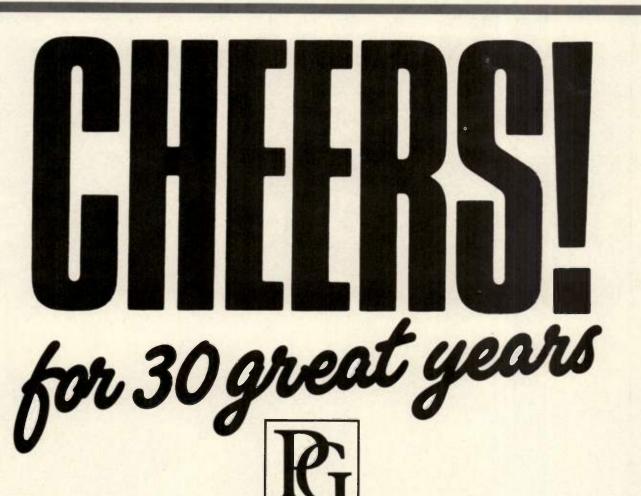
The whole range of videos is covered, which broadly divide into four categories — feature films, children's product, music and special interest.

"I think we offer the widest range of videos in the High Street, as indeed with other product groups as well," he claims. "This is part of our overall High Street proposition. Coupled with this, we have our own particular customer profile which can be capitalised upon."

Looking ahead, he sees no reason why Smiths should not continue and develop its leading position. Such new retail trends as the



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Smith and lessons in video



THE NEW-look Smiths Leeds branch

IDEO HAS emerged as a continuing growth area at Smiths, according to Tim Forrester, buying manager responsible through his buying deputies for the whole range of products stocked in the Sounds departments.

A major in-store promotion for video is video itself. This was introduced back in 1981, when 220 stores were equipped with video players and monitors. Since 1984 this has been supported with a fortnightly video programme lasting around 30 minutes and a weekly audio programme of around one hour.

This has been extended further, with 50 of the largest stores — they represent more than a third of total turnover — banks of three screens have been installed. These are fed by a TSARS computer controller.

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There is greater impact because
the synchronising of the three
screens provides the flexibility to
switch pictures and information between screens.

There is longer playing time and continuity. When the tape reaches the end, automatic rewind is triggered. During this two minute period the second picture source takes over, so there are no blank

And there is more information. The second video source enables extra graphics information to be introduced.

"It is a sophisticated system," says Forrester. "We display the latest promo tapes or tailor-made material to promote current artists. We can switch around the screens, so that you can have, say, two outer screens showing the video and the middle screen giving the information or the promotional message."

About 18 months ago the company introduced its video catalogue. "It has proved very successful," Forrester enthuses. "A very strong video market has been established."

The catalogue is produced at Easter and Christmas. Some 750,000 copies of each edition find their way into willing hands.

"It represents everything to stock or which can be sent away for," Forrester says. "The width of our range still comes as a surprise to a lot of customers."

The two buyers of pre-recorded video who report to Forrester are Valerie Mutter and Nick Wingrove.

Valerie Mutter and Nick vvingrove. "This year we have an aggressive advertising and marketing plan," says Wingrove. "As well as press and television advertising, we have the catalogue and in-store

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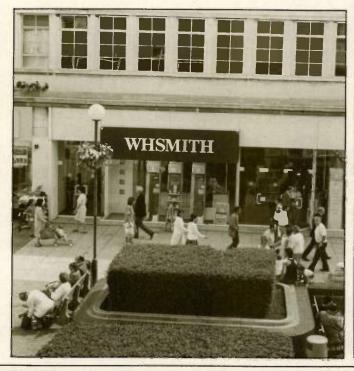
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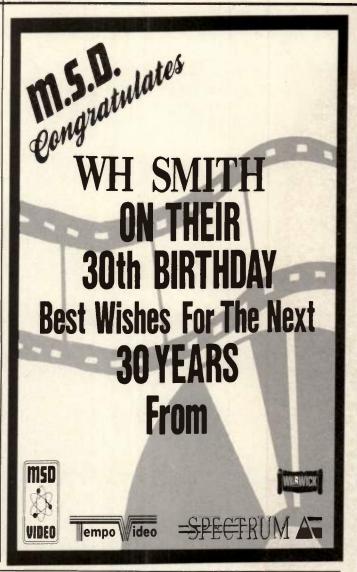
technology

"Being a multiple and part of a product mix rather than a solus retailer, we are very dependent on imaginative promotions to generate business," says Rowland. "Fast feed-back and the ability to manage promotions centrally in terms of range, scaling, etc, should enable us to do these even better."

Technology is also applied by Smiths in the layout of shops and departments. Computer aided design (CAD) is employed in the allocation and layout of space, such as that between vinyl records, cassettes, CDs, videos, posters and all the sub-divisions into which these products fall.

Rowland has a special affinity to these latest applications of technology. Before taking up his current position about a year ago, his area of interest was in computers and special products.









JOHN ROWLAND: looking forward to the fast-feed back potential

'We are doing a pioneering job, but WH Smith is no stranger to pioneering'

Sounds'

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branch area."

In most applications of EPOS technology, the objective has frequently been to minimise and standardise ranges. W H Smith is taking the opposite course by employing it to really cater for local customer demands.

The company is believed to be the first major multiple outside of supermarkets to introduce EPOS. The version introduced at Smiths has been tailored to the company's requirements to accommodate the variety of products and ranges it stocks.

Sounds will develop a sophisticated tiering system broken down by classification types. "We have the technology and we now need to develop the application," says Rowland.

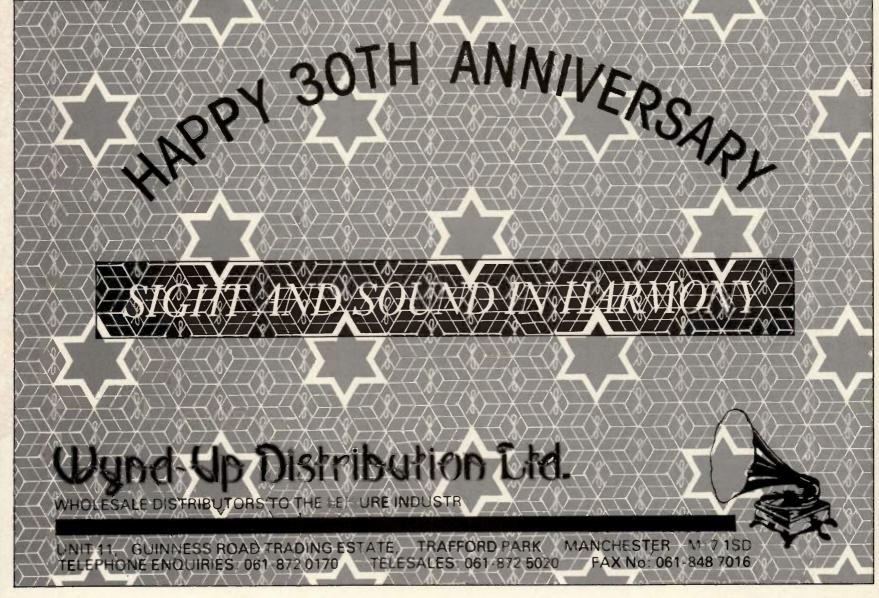
EPOS will be applied across all Smiths Sounds departments

and will be one of the most "fashionable" product ranges to be controlled in this way.

"To that extent we are doing a pioneering job," he adds. "But W H Smith is no stranger to pioneering!"

Scaling models will be developed which will enable Sounds to calculate order sizes and co-ordinate them. This should enable a helpful feedback of information at the regular meetings and negotiations that take place between the industry and the Sounds buyers.

Long term, the aim is to have a screen-based rather than paper-based operation. As routine administration and calculation is reduced, so the buyers will have more time to be able to concentrate on those parts of their responsibilities which call for human judgement and to work closely with those handling promotion.



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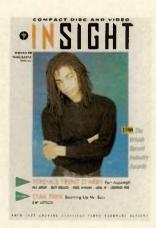
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A technological revolution is taking place in Smiths' Sounds division, and it's called EPOS. This new retailing tool, similar to supermarket systems, speeds up the whole business of selling records, but importantly plays a crucial role in ordering and stocking

Sounds' basis for technology

ELEBRATING ITS 30th anniversary this year, the Sounds division of W H Smith has witnessed many advances in technology related to the products it sells — from records, to cassettes, to videos, to CDs.

Now the company is undertaking its own technological revolution with EPOS — electronic point of sale.

Based on the electronic reading of the bar codes on products at the till, with the data recorded and assembled from there on to a computer system, EPOS will give several benefits.

It will increase efficiency at checkout, provide real time inventory keeping and, most important of all, optimise ordering and stocking. Says John Rowland, merchandise controller for Sounds: "The introduction of EPOS has reached the point where we can stop just referring to it in a passive way but actually start to take charge.

"It is our intention during the next few months to put together a proper development plan which will enable us to control the bulk of the branch ranges.

"A primary reason for introducing EPOS was the need to be able to control and manage the way the product ranges are sorted into their classifications," he says.

"The next step was to devise a system which would manipulate these to reflect the local tastes and demands in each TO PAGE 10

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of a record department without the top 50. And at the grand opening the next day we were going to have the Mayor of Bradford, the Lord Lieutenant of the County and

all the other bigwigs.
"I rang the EMI director with whom I had arranged the delivery and he had his store manager per-sonally pick the stock for us and put it on the early morning milk train

on the opening day.
"I had to meet the train at half past five in the morning, collect the stock and then get it ready in the store before we opened. I was awake all night because I was so terrified I wouldn't wake up when the alarm went off." Right at the start of introducing

records into Smiths, the decision was made not to stock 78 rpm records. Although these were still popular, Miss Smith had identified the fact that they were rapidly being superseded by the 45s and

More trend spotting a few years later enabled W H Smith to probably be the first High Street chain

to sell cassettes.
"Everybody was very wary of them to begin with," she remembers. "It was regarded as quite a daring experiment. Fortunately, the manufacturers were so anxious to get the stuff on show that they gave us very favourable sale or return terms, which were unheard

of in those days."

By being able to offer a wide range of cassettes so soon after their introduction, W H Smith gained a reputation for being major stockists which greatly enhanced sales.

There was a hiccup when a onethird purchase tax was suddenly placed on cassettes and prices had to be increased by 25 per cent. This dampened sales for a while but Smith's high profile in this pro-duct paid off and the customers returned.

When Miss Smith eventually relinquished the post of records merchandise controller, departments had been established in virtually every branch. From there, she went on to be retail staff manager and then project manager for staff training.

"My early days in records were a wonderful preparation for being retail staff manager because I knew so many of the locations and so many of the managers and staff," she says. "After I became merchandise manager and we had a larger staff so that I no longer had to work directly on the open-

ings myself, I still went to them.
"And I used to insist that all my head office staff, including myself, went out and worked through the Christmas period in record departments. Sitting in head offices doing the buying was all very well but you can get very ivory towered.

"It was a good way of getting back into the swim of what custom-

ers were asking for and talking about. Also, any new develop-ments, in policy or in systems, if they were to break down would break down at Christmas. It was an opportunity to observe how one's innovations stood the test."

Miss Smith has innumerable anecdotes. There was the record

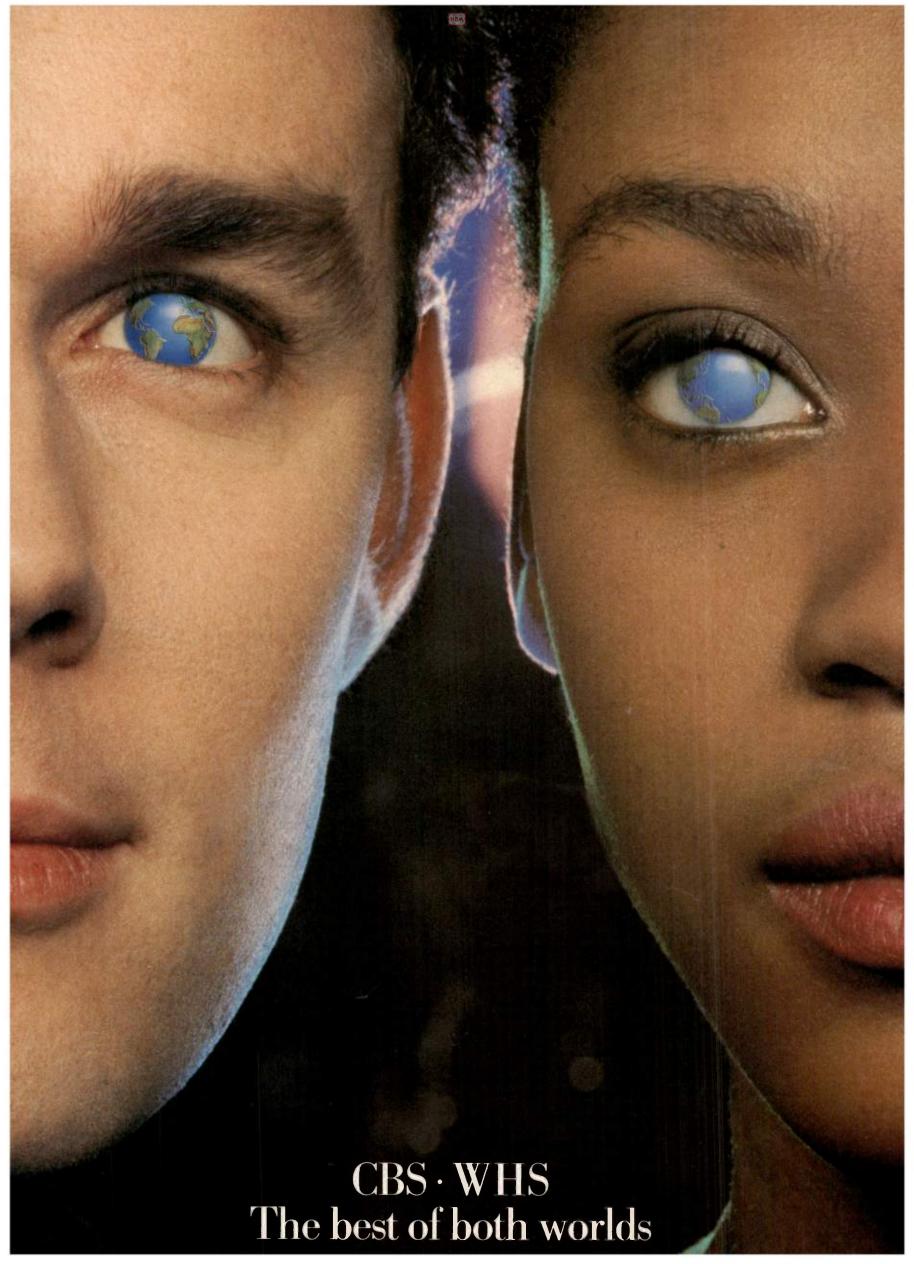


HIGH STREET profile: A Smith's can now be found in almost every major town — a long way from the first newsagent in 1792.

signing at Llandudno by pop pianist Russ Conway, idol of the more mature age group. "The shop was full of screaming middle-aged women and he escaped with his jacket half torn off. When mature women get really hysterical you run for your life. They are much worse than teenagers!" Now retired, Miss Smith looks

back fondly to the pioneering days of W H Smith's Sounds. There is still change and excitement — but today the keen professionals have succeeded the gifted amateurs.





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Past and present at Smiths record retailing



her small team worked long hours setting up each one and training staff.

The shop management, steeped in the printed word, were not always enthusiastic and some regarded the interlopers with suspicion.

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"So, on top of everything else, we had a major public relations and education job to do on them," Miss Smith says. "It took quite some doing at times to convert them when they had been brought up on books, news, stationery and the library service. They were often rather frightened because it was something they knew nothing about

out.

"We had to get them first of all to accept it as an exciting development and secondly to persuade them that even though they knew nothing about music they could actually learn to control it and make it an integral part of their shop. That took quite some doing.

"The current generation of managers, of course, don't even think about it, it is so much part of their lives."

Another near-disaster occurred with the opening of the record department at the Bradford store. This was the first of Smiths' super stores and the first custom-built branch since the war.

"In those days the new Bradford store seemed huge — it was medium-sized compared with today — and we had a great deal more space than we were accustomed to for records. We were a bit pushed to fill our space.

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"We all worked like beavers to get the super store ready. We had to leave the order for the top 50 as late as possible to ensure they were current. The suppliers promised they would send our order on the train the day before the opening. We met the train — and no records.

"You can imagine the prospect

'Our first sale
was a
polythene
inner, price
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Records and books — living hand in glove at Smiths

From humble beginnings to a vast empire is the story of Smiths. Robin Cobb talks to **Joanna Smith** about the early days of the record department and how it's grown into a chain of 278 shops.

T WAS life without music at Smiths for 166 years. This was from the first small London newsagent shop in 1792 to when, in 1958, it was a vast High Street empire. Then Joanna Smith was brought in to launch what is today the Sounds depart-ment in 278 stores. The idea of a bookseller, sta-

tioner and newsagent entering into the retailing of recorded music came about with the decline of the circulating library. In those days, W H Smith had in all its larger shops
— and some of the smaller ones —

— and some of the smaller ones — space reserved for its subscription library.

As the "free" public libraries improved and spread, so the commercial circulating libraries lost their customers. Having seen the writing on the wall, then Smiths chairman David Smith and codirector Peter Bennett decided to experiment with the sale of records. experiment with the sale of records as a possible means of utilising the shop space occupied by the librar-

ies.

While this plan was germinating, Joanna Smith, David Smith's daughter, was working at the Doubleday bookshop in New York. This was probably the only major bookshop in the world which also sold records.

Misc Smith who had previous

Miss Smith, who had previous experience at W H Smith, received a letter from her father. It asked her to transfer from the books to the record side at Doubleday to get some experience and then come

home and make a report. "This was in 1957," says Miss Smith. "I did as my father asked and then made my report, which I think strengthened the decision to go into records."

On January 1, 1958, she began work at Smiths to plan the opening of what was to be called the gramophone record department.

"It all started as an experiment to see whether records could replace the libraries, which were quickly becoming unprofitable," she recalls. "If it did not work we were faced with the prospect of this huge hole in our shops when the libraries were closed."

It was decided that the first gramophone record department should be at the Kingsway, Lon-don, branch and then possibly ex-panding to a further six branches for evaluation.

An initial team of three people, led by Miss Smith, had the job not only of planning and opening each department but acting as sales staff at each one in turn while other staff were hired and trained.

The first gramophone record department opened on March 31, 1958. Miss Smith was on hand to make the very first sale. "It was for a polythene inner, price six old pence (2½p)," she says. "My goodness, we've grown since that first sixpence!"



JOANNA SMITH: back in the halycon early days

The early days were far from smooth. What threatened to be a catastrophic problem occurred well before the first opening, as Miss Smith recounts

"In those days, in order to be a successful record provider, you had to get an HMV dealership. This had to be applied for and they had the total right of veto, with no appeal.

We put in our application and were turned down.

"The chap in charge of issuing dealerships was one of the major junior directors at HMV. Fortunately, Peter Bennett was a great friend of Sir Joseph Lockwood, chairman of HMV. He rang him up and said What on earth are you thinking about?'

"He had previously talked to Sir Joseph, who had been enthusiastic at the idea of getting a whole lot of new outlets all over the country. new outlets all over the country.
Obviously, he hadn't passed the message down. He was frightfully embarrassed, poor man.
"We got our dealership and think the chap who turned us down was nearly fired."

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proved successful. Miss Smith and

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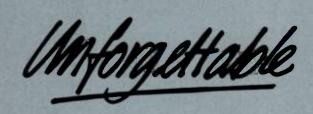
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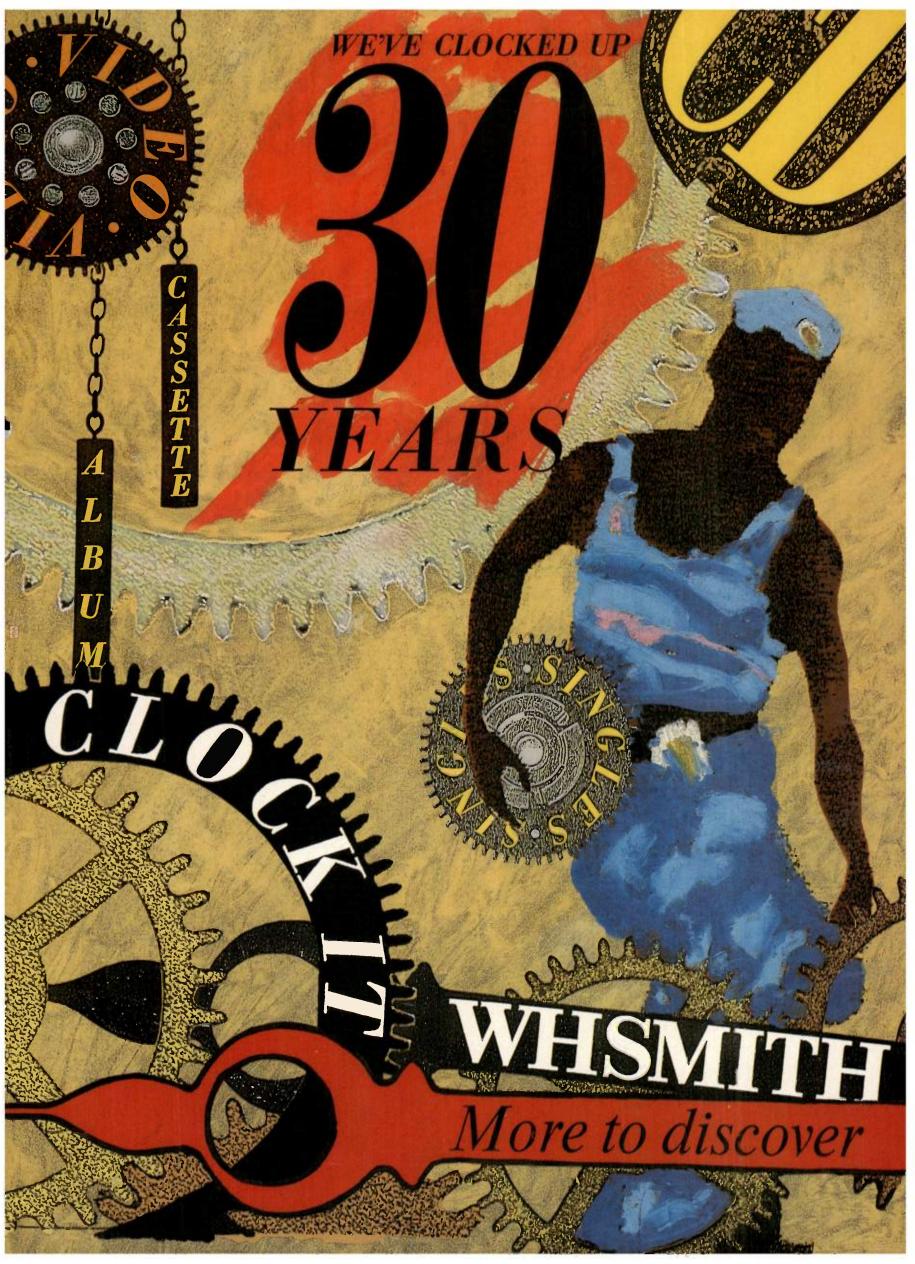






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Kids' play

AS A sort of indie Woodstock Creation's Doing It For The Kids showcase presentation at London's Town & Country Club was doing just fine until curtain call, when the collected cast of bands, numerous guests and comperes unwisely attempted to dismember We Are The World.

But for starters how about Heidi
Berry's velvet jacket and plaintive
quiver in her velveteen voice which
made me think fondly of Sandy
Denny? That voice and those
brave covers of Randy Newman
songs should see Heidi firmly
ensconced in the favours of the
blooming folk fraternity.
The manner in which The Jas-

The manner in which The Jasmine Minks have returned once more to spin their brash, moddish pop anthems spells ebullience. They sounded healthy, but a trifle stodgy. A little more finesse wouldn't go down badly. The Jazz Butcher's full-blooded hootenanny and his severe pop skiffle is akin to Lonnie Donegan on 5000 volts, but it must be said it's getting better and better.

Primal Scream seem to have

learnt nothing from their Elevation Records disappointments. If this clodhopping rockier format is progress, then the group are surely fooling no-one but themselves. They got a good reception, granted, although I can't see it. Felt looked and sounded indif-

Felt looked and sounded indifferent tonight, despite some wonderfully rousing guitars (three of 'em) behind Lawrence's mournful expressions (and shades). But by this time it was becoming clear that all the quick changeovers between bands didn't help that much.

House Of Love were welcomed with cheers and sent home with an ovation. Their dark, dramatic Bunnymen-like guitar flourished and bittersweet choruses make them leaders of the pack right now, Creation's rising stars. Watch them go.

And finally, the noise, the helter skelter of guitars and wicked backbeat of **My Bloody Valentine**, shaping up to be our answer to Sonic Youth. It was a



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GO-BETWEENS: touts favourites at £20 a throw

fine, fitting climax of leather, denim, rhythm and tension that befits Creation's image. The label are back on course as Britain's most charismatic.

MARTIN ASTON

Go now

THE GO-BETWEENS have yet to notch up a hit record, but they have been slowly and quietly building up a sizeable and loyal following. So much so that the touts were having a field-day outside their recent concert at London's Astoria Theatre, with tickets changing hands at £20 a throw. Inside the group could do no wrong — the crowd lapped up

Inside the group could do no wrong — the crowd lapped up everything they did. But this was a patchy performance by their high standards. The set contained too many of Robert Forster's recent, rather tuneless compositions, including two new ones, Clouds and Can't Say No Forever. And John Stead's rockier bass playing does not suit the group's choppy guitar sound as well as Robert Vickers' plucky style used to. He also helped turn the beauty of Cattle and Cane into an unity mess.

ed turn the beauty of Cattle and Cane into an ugly mess.
But, when they were good they were very very good. Bye Bye Pride, Right Here, Apologies Accepted, Spring Rain and Head Full Of Steam are all great slices of articulate pop which sounded great. And the group's other song-writer, Grant McClennan, is still on fine form as demonstrated by the new single, Streets Of Your Town, and Was There Anything — a track from the forthcoming LP, 16 Lovers lane.

ANDY BEEVERS

Firing blanks

IT MUST have been all of 100 degrees, the crowd were soaking and ecstatic and by 8.45 the queue was snaking way down the street from **The Fulham Greyhound**. City Limits Rock Week No 3 was getting off to a rocking start.

We blasted off with **The Sense**less **Things** who played their brand of Eighties punk with a sustained verve and who have an aura and presence that belies their tender years (all except one are 17).

Although much more polished **Mega City 4** were a bit of a disappointment. Their brand of updated punk was leaden, but the crowd liked them.

The Celibate Rifles take a lot of chances and usually succeed. A powerful lot who combine hardness and thrash with psychedelic rippling guitar. A mixture which, when it came off, was very good indeed.

SARAH DAVIS

Bringing home the bacon

A YOUNG Danish group on a cultural visit to Ireland courtesy of a grant from the Danish Rock Council, **Stalin Staccato** combined a raw guitar-based energy with natural charisma to produce a potent brand of driving pop with excellent commercial possibilities.

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Together just two years with a substantial following in their homeland, SS have just released a single Civilised Guy under license from Tir (Den) to Scoff (Irl). That song is by no means the strongest number in a set full of hooks, spirit, and conviction. From the delightful pop of the single flip Ocean Of Life, which is reminiscent of The Church circa Heyday, to the heavy rhythmic riffola of Stumblin' Down The Road and Keep Growing, Stalin Stactato's have a tendency to overrun. However, the lengthy Cliches In The Moonlight sets the tone for a brilliantly pessimistic ballad full of rich textures and impassioned lyrical insights which rise to a blistering finish.

If Stalin Staccato can harness their potential and refine it to further exhibit their impressive sense of dynamics, then it shouldn't be long before they extend their audience beyond Ireland and Denmark and in the process attract major label interest.

PAUL O'MAHONY

RACKING

by Dave Henderson
PLAY IT Again, Sam, through Red
Rhino and the Cartel, has a number of its catalogue items submitted to CD, they include The
Weathermen's 10 Deadly Kisses album, Borghesia's No Hope
No Fear album, Cassandra
Complex's double set Feel The
Width and The Legendary
Pink Dots' oldie Island Of
Jewels. Rhino will also be handling some new ROIR tape-only
releases real soon and they include The Buxxcocks' Lest We
Forget live selection and Black
Uhuru's The Positive Dub, Also
on the horizon from the NY-bosed label are releases from The
Three Johns and The Prince
Far I Musical Review.

FAST FORWARD has a double A-sided seven inch from **The Dog Faced Hermans** called Ciao (or Mrs Grady — depending on which way up it is). That's on the Calculus label. **Men Of Courage** have a seven-inch release too, their Cold Winter appears on the Far Out label and is cited as the best thing to come out of Scandinavia for some time. The **Off Hooks** confuse word pundits by releasing a minialbum called, simply, Off The Hook on the DDT label — you know the kind of thing: garage and emotional petrol-type stuff.

JOHNNY THUNDERS and Patti Palladin pull She Likes To Mambo, from their Copy Cats album on Jungle, and release it as a single for those discerning punters not willing to dive in for an album's worth of the duo (although the album is very good!). Unicorn releases a compilation album called Skankin' 'Round The World', which features the top dozen perpetrators of the genre. It includes tracks from Bad Manners, Bim Skala Bim, Blue Chateau, The Deltones, Saxawhaman, The Toasters and more, more, more. That's available through Nine Mile and the Cartel. The Dinner Ladies release their debut LP These Knees Have Seen The World on Hannibal through PRT and jolly chirpy it is too.

HOLD ONTO your hats for the new **Cocteau Twins** album that's set for release in mid-September on 4AD through the Cartel. It's an absolute scorcher! Titled Blue Bell Knoll it's the group's finest moment to date, an infectious, moving set of sounds that become a glorious whole that's destined to be continually replayed and thoroughly enjoyed.

THE REVOLVER connection comes up trumps yet again with a whole variation of musical styles. First off, there's a new addition to the dictionary of rock 'n' roll with the Acid Jazz label offering a 12-inch by Byron Morris And Unity, titled Kitty Bey. The Acid House market is open for gazumping! Revolver also has an album and cassette compilation release on the Trojan subsidiary, Attack, which is titled Sufferer's Choice and features tracks from Dennis Brown, the original Wailers and The Ethiopians. Cooking Vinyl has an album and cassette release from The Horseflies titled The Human Fly, described as avant garde folk! Whatever next?

THE TOY Dolls release their fourth album, A Bare Faced Cheek, on the Neat label through Red Rhino. It will be available in LP, cassette and CD formats. The Ediesta label has picked up the Scandinavian delights of Marie And The Wildwood Flowers, releasing their debut eponymous LP, while Fundamental releases TMA's Beach Party 2000 noiseatron. The Coolies follow up Dig! with Doug — which is acclaimed as a teen opera — and The Palookas have their Hit The Bottle album from the Constrictor label made available in the UK. The Legendary Pink Dots who appeared in an earlier paragraph, return with CD versions of Brighter Now, Curse and The Tower on the Terminal Kaleidoscope label. Honey releases the 12-inch only acid hoe-down The Acid Test on the Audio Instant label and The Legend has his Constrictor 12-inch, Step Aside made available through Red Rhino and the Cartel.

THE MUTE label releases The Silicon Teens' cover of Red River Rock from the soundtrack of Trains, Planes And Automobiles through the Cartel and Spartan, while Excalibur release their first single, a 12-inch called Hot For Love, on the Clay label through Pinnacle. Nitzer Ebb have their first three Pre-Mute singles re-issued through Backs and the Cartel following the interest in the group created by the Balearic Beat wave and The Spermbirds have their Nothing Is Easy LP released on We Bite through Revolver and the Cartel.



EXCALIBUR: crossing swords with their first single



DISKORD DATKORD: 'we emulate Bros'

Dis Dat

by Sarah Davis
ONE OF the new up-and-coming

Cult club records is a cover of X-Ray Spex' Identity by Diskord Datkord, that quirky, fun-loving bunch on Soho Girl Records.

The band are three men — plus Diskord the dog who appears for live shows. The record is a wicked House mix, with vocals and samples laid over a hard dance beat. Diskord's irreverent style and sense of wit is making them popular, not just in the clubs and on pirate radio, but on Radio One too. Liz Kershaw and John Peel have played the single numerous times since its release last month and BBC Radio Manchester plan to use BBC Radio Manchester plan to use the record in a competition. The record was voted single of the week in the NME, the Virgin Megastore keeps selling out and Diskord mania looks set to spread to the regions. Ask them why and they'll tell you: "It's because we emulate Bros."

emulate Bros." Lawrence Bouvier of Soho Girl Records says another single will be released at the end of September. "We plan a massive launch for the next single followed by a tour with other bands on the label. It'll be an onslaught." He explains the pol-icy of the label. "Hip hop, House and Eurodisc beats are going to cross over to pop music in all its forms. I'm looking at different bands that are drum machine-bas-

ed but refreshing."
Diskord are certainly refreshing: their mischievous cross-over of hard house rhythms and punk is an original.



SONTICHE'S MARTIN McClatchey

Against all odds

by Selina Webb

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THE ODDS would appear to be stacked against Sontiche. With three band members based in Co.
Armagh, Northern Ireland, and the fourth working in Lincoln, full rehearsals are expensive and infrequent. When the group does get together it is according to keytogether it is, according to key-board player Martin McClatchey,

"one hell of a party".

But beyond the high spirits,
Sontiche have released a debut single of considerable merit which sports an impossibly sleek finish when you learn that it was recorded in a day, mixed the next — all in a 16-track studio. A poppy departure from the raw guitar sound currently in vogue across the Irish Sea, I Stand has been released on the band's own Mercy Records, distributed by Backs. Supported by airplay in Northern Ireland and despite the band's low profile (they have never played a gig), McClatchey says around 450 copies have already been sold.

"Although we've done every-

thing ourselves the single isn't really independent in sound," says McClatchey, who deals with engineering, production and promotion for the band from his home in Lincoln. "We're letting the music take its time to develop, but if the situ-ation arises that we are offered a major deal we will all move to Eng-

Indian deal we will all move to England if necessary."

McClatchey is disappointed that there are so few opportunities for the wealth of new talent he sees developing in Northern Ireland and says the expansion of Mercy Records is a future possibility.

There are no record companies at all in the North and we would like to expand Mercy. If the label does anything for Sontiche then that would obviously open up doors for other bands in the North of Ireland," he says.

Carpet baggers

by Mick Middles
EIGHTEEN MONTHS ago, Oldham's precocious Inspiral Carpets
were little more than a rather
clumsy collection of Sixties underground cliches. They produced a
flexi disc, Garage Full Of Flowers,
given away with the Manchester
fanzine, Debris. Few people took
them seriously. The disc was raw
and introverted, even failing to
gain airplay on the John Peel
Show. Since then, Inspiral Carpets
have matured beyond recognition. have matured beyond recognition. The cliches may remain, but they have been stretched to the brink of perversity. The dominating sound is the Manzarak-like organ of Clint Boon. It's a huge, enveloping sound, adding warmth and depth.

The rest of the band, rather like Manchester's Happy Mondays, rely on youthful spontaneity to punch their live appearances into areas of extraordinary intensity. In this respect they are far more reminiscent, of 1976 than 1966. The spirit of punk lives in this band's sound, despite Boon's Small Faces haircut!

Their new EP, just out on the local Playtime label, is picking up a good deal of local airplay. The daytime DJs who are taking it to their collective hearts, focusing on the track Keep The Circle Around. It seems to be selling well, too. One

Manchester record shop, Eastern Bloc sold 70 copies within the first two hours of release, indicating a

two hours of release, indicating a rapidly developing buzz.

The band has its comedy side. Clint has built a huge cow, larger than a mini and capable of being driven onstage, that is, if they ever find a stage strong enough to hold it. "I admit, I built the cow a bit on the large side," says Clint, whose mind is a constant pot pourri of madcap schemes and wayward madcap schemes and wayward marketing ideas. When charged with producing a blatant copy of the old Pink Floyd cow, he merely looks blank and states, "I never thought of that."

In presentation and music, Inspiral Carpets are perfecting the art of making past influences seem completely in sync with the Eight-ies. The Remainder of the band, vocalist Stephen Holt, bassist David Swift, guitarist Graham Lambert and drummer Craig Gill, dismiss accusations of revivalist tendances with disarming simplicity.

"I've never even heard of some of the records they accuse us of copying," states Gill, who is the ginger haired 15 year old we all remember from school: "as far as we are concerned, no one has made music like this before."

Galaxy of stars

ONE OF this summer's most durable dance records it the updated version of War's Galaxy, released on Parlophone by the outfit Love Street. Not a band as much as a Street. Not a band as much as a collective, Love Street centres around Mal (Stephen Mallinder) from Cabaret Voltaire, pioneers of electronic dance music long before acid was brought into the House.

For Galaxy Mal was joined by ex-Soft Cell keyboardist Dave Ball, Krush vocalist Ruthjoy and Fon Force producer Robert Gordon.

Mal sees this line-up as a flexible

Mal sees this line-up as a flexible unit, capable of absorbing other musicians, but not too many ... don't want Love Street to become a totally dissipated thing, with a cast of thousands! But I would like to get other people involved, so that it's not set to a band of four people. Like a scaled-down Parliament or Funkadelic!"

Having left Cabaret Voltaire

ice" for the time being, Mal clearly has plenty of ideas for future ma-terial, and the first Love Street composition Come On Down To Love Street hits vinyl as the Galaxy B-side. Although the bass lines have a distinct House feel to them, Mal has steered clear of any deliberate attempts to cash in on recent club trends (although he is sporting a Smiley badge in the publicity pics).
"I didn't want to jump on a bandwagon — everyone's doing Acid
House re-mixes, but unless it's ininitally conceived as that.

And the wisdom of kicking off with a cover version? "Although you'll get people saying they preferred the original, in actual fact most of those people haven't played the original for six years!"

Spence's AOR has come

by Jerry Smith
SELLING SLICKLY-produced AOR rock to the Americans is akin to carrying coals to Newcastle, but British bands seem to be astonish-ingly good at it. The latest export is Scotland's Brian Spence whose new album, Reputation, is making steady in-roads over there, while over here he suffers from superfluous comparisons to Bryan Adams ous comparisons to Bryan Adams and Bruce Springsteen, a problem that he acknowledges: "This type of rock has a real problem getting heard in this country, unless you've already cracked it in America."

Having survived the gruelling club circuit with various bar-room bands in his native Edinburgh, Brian Spence first came to notice when his first album, brothers, spawned a European hit with Hear It From The Heart last year. The new album has a more melodic and atmospheric sound notably in the title track. Reputation's infec-tious melody won a healthy amount of radio play earlier this year, although the American comparisons have puzzled him. "Even people reviewing it were saying you can imagine it playing whilst driving down highways in America and I thought it was really British

sounding!"
So, with the release of a new single, Come Back Home, it is to America that he looks for the first breakthrough although he cer-tainly hasn't forgotten about us: "You obviously want to do it in your home country. I just feel it's a question of time and I've got

plenty of time.



INSPIRAL CARPETS: more 1976 than 1966

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In an already somewhat album dominated week, George 'Bad' Benson is back, on single with GEORGE BENSON Let's Do It Again

(Warner Bros W7780T), a gospel girls backed slinkly jogging revival of the Curtis Mayfield-penned Staple Singers-originated 1975 theme song from the Bill Cosby/Sidney Poitier from the Bill Cosby/Sidney Poitier movie which by coincidence was on TV two weeks ago, and — more importantly — on LP with GEORGE BENSON Twice The Love (Warner Bros WX 160). Will a new Benson album sell? Will it rain before September? Also carefully crafted classy album product is MICA PARIS SO Good (Fourth & Broadway BRLP 525) and the rapidly UK released JEFFREY OSBORNE One Love — One Dream (Breakout AMA) UK released JEFFREY OSBORNE One Love — One Dream (Breakout AMA 5205), while also selling like crazy to soul fans on import are SCOTT WHITE Success ... Never Ends (RCA 8419-1-R), the lurching and Benson-ish scatting track Friends being commended for radio attention, and PERRI The Flight (Zebra Records ZEB-42017, via MCA), sometime gospel singing sisters sounding at times not unlike their mentor Anita Baker on a primarily home

listening set.
Strictly for dancefloors are the new

Anita Baker on a primarily home

Strictly for dancefloors are the new slew of "acid house" LPs, two rival double albums compilations being London - Records' subtly retitled series-continuing The House Sound Of London, Vol. IV — The Jackin' Zone (ffrr FFRDP 4), combining new UK and US productions (plus 1979's Scandinavian Harry Thumann Underwater), and A&M'S obviously answering House Hollucinates — Pump Up London, Volume One (Breakout HSEA 9002), a slightly more retrospective US-only slightly more retrospective US-only selection. Westside Records' latest single album of, in the main, extremely new acid house is Jackmaster 3 (DJ International Records JACKLP 503), while single sets from the States on import that are doing well are Acid (Hot Mix 5 Inc Records HMF-LP-01), only an eight-tracker but "sizzling", and Rough House, Vol. 1 (Minimal Records MINLP 100), largely Arthur Baker

Productions in acid mixes by Junior Vasquex. However, despite all the foregoing, by However, despite all the foregoing, by far the biggest new seller — on prerelease promo at only the most
specialist dance music stockists ahead of
its September 5 official release date —
has been KID 'N' PLAY Gittin' funky
(UK Remix) (Cooltempo COOLX 168),
an excitingly jumpy rap woven from a
brassy MFSB TSOP break beat, funky
dammering and "rock steady" clucking drummering and "rock steady" clucking girls. Mossive! Likely to leapfrog it into the pop chart is **Dancin' Danny D's** specially UK-aimed remix of the

previously released US smash pop-rap "sleeper", DJ JAZZY-JEFF & THE FRESH PRINCE Parents (Just Don't Understand) (Jive JIVE R 169), while another pre-release rap that's been doing quite well ahead of its August 30 official release is EPMD Strictly Business (Cooltempo/Ensign COOLX 172), a chatting sinuous reggae-rap roller with Bob Marley's I Shot the Sheriff slotting

through it.

The other really big pre-release seller, ahead of September 5, has been the seriously acidic new ADRENALIN M.O.D. Ecstasy (MCA Records RAGAT 2), this controversial title being merely the lead tune on a "sizzling" four-tracker ("sizzling", incidentally, is in this context more a description of the twittering synth sound that sets your teeth on edge). Other acid house that's happening includes **GROOVE** Hijack
The Beat (Submission SUB X 05), which began on promo as an East Midlands house adaptation of Herbie Mann's Hijack before now getting the full acid treatment, and THE NIGHT WRITERS Let The Music (Use You) (Jack Trax JTX 19), a somewhat Hi-NRG melodically pulsed and mournfully nagged canterer that since its original release over a year ago has become a firm favourite at London's more Balearic orientated acid

gigs.
As a complete contrast, there are As a complete contrast, there are several UK produced singles that some people are calling "street soul", their common factors being female singers whose plaintively pitched sweet (and sometimes slightly tentative) vocal style reveals a "lovers rock" reggae origin, a concentration on the old style of slow

a concentration on the old style of slow to mid-tempo jogging heartbeat rhythm that traditional black audiences here still prefer, and a steadily ticking over sales pattern. Current examples include DELUXE (I've Got A) Feeling (The Dance yard Recording Corporation/Unyque Artists UNQ 3T, via Spartan), TONGUE IN CHEEK Why (You Could Have Had It All) (Criminal Records BUST 11), JENNY B Sexy Eyes (Power Pack Production PP 1, via Jet Star), and a remix of the old SAMARA Love So Fine (Fast Forward FFO 2). Finally, a male purveyor of street soul, and a very fine one at that, Rick Clarke is suffering from confusion over the two different sides of his current single. My original white label review

single. My original white label review copy had the titles hand written on the wrong sides but the matrix numbers at that time made me think the A-side was that time made me think the A-side was a superior slowie that I recommended to radio's attention. Ignore the confusion, now just be aware that this side is called Love, it remains better than the other side, Get Busy, but now it is the B-side. Flip it!

Foot-inthe-door music

by Paul Sexton

"NAMES LIKE Michael Jackson and Quincy Jones do seem to open a lot of doors," says Siedah Garrett, the lady who suddenly found herself at number one last summer with MJ on I Just Can't Stop Loving You. "But Quincy once told me, 'I can only open the door. I'm not responsible for what hap-

pens when you get inside."

Now she's inside, Siedah —
"sigh-ee-da" if you're still having trouble — has finally made it on to an album of her own, Kiss Of Life, just out on Quincy's Qwest label via WEA and with "Q" as executive producer. "It seems like it took forever," says Garrett. "But I firmly believe that these things

happen in their own good time."
It's four-and-a-half years since most of us first became aware of the formidable Garrett larynx, when she duetted on the soul classic Don't Look Any further with Dennis Edwards on Motown. But by then, the LA-born Blackfoot Indian girl had already been "disdian girl had already been ais-covered" by Quincy and plucked from 800 auditioning singers to join the dance group Deco: "Mo-town made an offer for me but by then I was already in the group and it seemed only natural to see that through to the end."

The end of that particular av-

enue came after a top three US dance hit, Do You Want It Right Now, and then came the hard work of grafting her way on to the session circuit. "I became the demo gueen", she recalls. "I did the demo for It's Gonna Be Special for Patti Austin and Through The Fire for Chaka Khan — then I became the background queen."

Her gigs included backing vocals on Madonna's True Blue and Night Shift by the Commodores. "The demo circuit is definitely word-ofmouth, and doing demos gets your voice known," she says.

That was never truer than when Garrett did the guide vocal for a song she'd finished with writing partner Glen Ballard called Man In The Mirror. Michael Jackson



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gave it the thumbs up and says Garrett, even went to the extent of filming her singing it at home to help him rehearse the number. Then came the surprise of being chosen by MJ for the duet. "I knew that was a leg-up. But I didn't realise the magnitude of it till later.

Garrett was then finally in a po sition to start that solo album, with producers Rod Temperton (a longtime Jackson collaborator) and Dick Rudolph. "I took a little over nine months to make. I'm very single-minded about it, I'm not go-ing to just let it go." The perform-ance of the first single, K.I.S.S.I.N.G. suggests that Siedah's perseverance will be tested, but she's ready for the long haul and certainly not lacking in self-belief.

Who do I listen to at home? Me. I love listening to myself. And Michael, and Prince, and Chaka.

Keeping tabs on Milton Keynes

by Andy Beevers

FORGET ABOUT the concrete cows and red balloons — Milton Keynes could soon be better known as the home of the first Acid House hit. The record that looks set to give it that unlikely accolade is Acid man by Jolly Roger, which was recorded in a garage in the

new town by local DJ, beat-boffin and Baad records boss Eddie Richards. The track uses the modulated bass sounds and nagging synthesizer lines which originated in Chicago, but adds samples and phrases which are specifically aimed at UK clubs and which make the record more accessible and more memorable than many other acid

Acid Man started off as just another of Eddie's experiments — it is loosely based on a short acid track, Shout by Jack Frost, aka Adonis. Eddie recreated his own longer interpretation of the record entirely from samples. He explains that his 16-track studio contains no drum machines or sythesizers, just a sampler, two turntables and 7,000 records! It is usually used for recording megamixes and edits for dance labels such as Streetsounds and Rhythm King.

The recording of Acid Man ended up on a tape of such megamixes which Eddie sent to Colin Faver, a DJ on a priate station Kiss FM. Colin incorporated the track into his show and it was not long before 10 Records was on the phone making enquiries. That was back in April, and the label has eventually released the track this week. But do not bother watching out for Eddie on the TV - he is hoping that the single's video will just be shots of dancers taken in the underground London clubs where he DJ's, such as Brainstorm and RIP. And if a Top Of The Pops appearance is need ed then he will send along Jolly Roger himself - an enigmatic Arabian who apparently provided the inspiration and guidance for Acid

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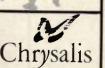
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14 8 10	Salt 'n' Pepa FFR 2 (12 -CHAMP 1251/FFRX 2) (BMG/F) ROSES ARE RED
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17 NEW	GET BUSY Rick Clarke Wa WA(T) 2 (JS)
18 NEW	IT BEGAN IN AFRICA Urban All Stars Urban/Polydor URB(X) 23 (F)
19 14 5	LIKE DREAMERS DO Mica Paris/Courtney Pine 4th - B'way/Island (12)BRW108 (F)
20 16 5	SO MANY WAYS Dennis Malcolm Charm — (CRT 19 (JS)

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4 4	Michael Jackson Epic 4502901/4502904 (C)
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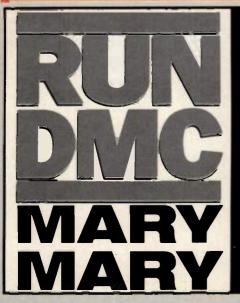
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A more detailed playfist breakdown, tracking specific records, is available from the Assessed Department. Fig. details of this weekly service, call Lynn Facey on 01 387 6611 ext 221.

Records are eligible for the grid if they a) are on the current Radio 1 playlist, or b) had 4 or more plays on Radio 1 last week as logged by Sham Tracking, or c) are featured on 11 or more current ILR playlists (A & B lists).

Shooting little arrows at the charts Twenty years ago Albert

Hammond was responsible for Leapy Lee's Little Arrows. Far from giving up and going home after this worrying start he's gone from strength to strength, as **Dave Laing** discovers

HEN ASWAD took his Don't Turn Around to number one earlier this year it was exactly 20 years since Albert Hammond's first British hit, a less distinguished number called Little Arrows, sung by Leapy Lee. That launched Hammond on a career which has included numerous songwriting successes in both Eng-

lish and Spanish.

He grew up bi-lingual in Gibraltar, "hearing everything from Mexican, Spanish and Morrocan music to pop, opera and R&B". Hammond recalls that he wrote his first song at 10 and encouraged by his father took up guitar, moving to London in the mid-Sixties. There he worked with Mike Hazelwood on such songs as Joe Dolan's Make Me An Island (1969), The Pipkins' Gimme Dat Ding (1970) and Blue Mink's Good Morning Freedom (1970), co-written with Cook and

Greenaway. Since 1970, Albert Hammond has been based in America where

search of backing for a musical they had composed. That never meterialised, but Hammond embarked on a new career as a singer, scoring a big hit with It Never Rains In Southern California, "a song I wrote in Fulham in 1969". As a result, says Hammond "I did four world tour with T Par "I did four world tours with T Rex,
Ten Years After, Yes and the
Moody Blues". He was also recording for CBS and his The Air
That I Breath ("my best rock in roll song") became a pop classic after The Hollies cut it in 1974. "It was first covered by the Everly Brothers", Hammond remembers, 'the only cover on an LP produced by Duane Eddy. He wanted them to do it as a single, but they preferned to do their own material ..."

Next came When I Need You which started life on Hammond's final CBS album. "They refused to put it out as a single, so I got Leo Sayer to cut it. Adam Faith believed in it and it's now one of my biggest songs. It's like a nursery rhyme, a very simple song."

he and Hazelwood first went in

Albert Hammond's later hits have come from artists as diverse as Julio Iglesias, Starship and Aswad. For Iglesias he wrote Por Un Poco De Te Amor which in various languages has sold 9m copies since 1979. Other Spanish-language success has come with Jose Luis Rodrigues and Lani Hall, who won a Grammy with a Hammond

After a partnership with Hazel-wood which lasted 11 years, Ham-mond has co-written in recent years with a variety of other writers, notably Diane Warren who collaborated on Don't Turn Around and Nothing's Gonna Stop Us Now, for which the US Navy offered \$400,000 to use it in a recruitment ad. "I refused because I'm a peace-loving person," says Hammond, although he is not in principle against the use of his work in commercials Starship song was eventually used

'I got Leo Sayer to record When I Need You. Adam Faith believed in it and it's now one of my biggest songs'

by Amnesty International.
The writer has his own publishing company, Albert Hammond Music, which is administered by Warner-Chappell everywhere except in Britain where he is with Empire Music. Empire's Bob Grace handled the convigation of the convigat dled Hammond's copyrights at Rondor Music before setting up Empire in 1972 and the two have been close associates ever since.

Currently, Hammond is spending time on production as well as writing, with projects in progress in-volving Roger Christian (of The Christians) and Roy Orbison. And the next big Hammond song will almost certainly be Whitney Houston's version of his A Moment Of Time, which has been chosen as the theme for INDC 3 iconoccoverage of the Seoul Olympics 11er. as the theme for NBC's television

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Compiled by Gailup for the BPI, Music Week and BBC 1987



GUY CHADWICK, songwriter for independent chart-toppers House Of Love has signed a long-term worldwide publishing deal with EMI Music Publishing. Pictured are (left to right) Steve Walters (A&R, EMI Music), Frans de Wit (managing director EMI Music), Chris Mileson (business affairs, EMI Music), Chadwick, Peter Doyle (head of A&R, EMI Music), Simon Long (Chadwick's lawyer from the Simpkins Partnership) and Alan McGee of Creation Records, House Of Love's label

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The success of the first series suggests that the sequel will sell in similarly hugely respectful numbers, but I can only say that it was a wonder of marketing rather than content. This second series is such a hotchpotch of music often on old or mediocre recordings that I find it difficult to believe that people know what they are buying.

In Part Seven of this second series, for example, Elgar's Cockaigne Overture is a live recording by the National Youth Orchestra is followed by a Brahms Waltz played by the pianist Roger Steptoe, which it-self is followed by Vivaldi's Concerto for Two Trumpets which gives way to Saint-Saens' Dance of the Priestesses from Samson and Delilah. As far as I am concerned, this is the musical equivalent of one of the worst rides in Alton Towers.

But the sell, and Trax Music is apparently putting even more money into promotion. So no matter how small the classical section, they need to be stocked.

The Mravinsky Legacy. Volume 1, Overture. — Tannhauser, Wagner. Symphony No 9, Bruckner OCD 220. Volume 2, Prelude and Liebestod, Wagner. Mussorgsky/Liadov, Symphony No 5, Tchaikovsky. OCD 221. Funeral Music, Wagner. Alpine Symphony, Strauss. OCD 222. Volume 4. Overture, The Marriage of Figaro. Music for Strings, Percussion and Celeste, Bartok. The Swan of Tuonela, Symphony No 7, Sibelius. OCD 223. Prelude Act III Lohengrin, Wagner. Agon, Lohengrin, Wagner. Agon, Stravinsky. Symphony No 15, Shostakovich. OCD 224. The Leningrad Philharmonic Orchestra, Yevgeny Mravinsky, conductor. Olympia, distribution Conifer.

Over the past 18 months or so, the label has consistently Olympia shown what an interesting source is the catalogue of the Soviet state record company Melodiya, with its regular releases of older record-ings of great Russian music, record-ings of lesser-known composers, and music featuring younger Soviet musicians.

Even in this context,

Mravinsky Legacy is extremely in-teresting. Yevgeny Mravinsky con-ducted the Leningrad Philharmonic from 1938 until his death earlier this year, and as these recordings show, maintained an individual sound and approach that has been lost by many Western orchestras which are scarcely distinguishable.

Known for his interpretations of the German and Austrian repertoire (Wagner, Bruckner, Richard Strauss) as well as Russian music, he drew an exceptional depth of string sound from his players which resulted in intense and powerful readings.

The recordings contained on these well-filled discs were made between the '60s and the '80s, and are very variable in hi fi sometimes low-fi — quality, but the musical content is always captivating. For classical buffs generally, but a set of true historical worth.

— reaching the masses

Two new recordings with a strongly popular appeal are being released by EMI in September. Placido Domingo's Vienna, City of My Dreams, sold in excess of 200,000 units, and though he is will be to exall that with its novel. unlikely to equal that with his next release, EMI are still hoping for good figures.

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It is called Romanzas de Zarzuelas, and is a collection of Spanish popular songs, with the Orquesta Sinfonica de Madrid conducted by Manuel Moreno-Buendia (CDC 7491482 and on LR/4rap.) LP/tape).

The product is supported by an A2 poster, with major in-store displays, including special blow-ups of the CD front. It is EMI's LP/tape of the month with a reduction to £3.60 on the dealer price up to October 14.

Unusually, EMI have also decided to mount an outdoor advertising campaign using large posters for the disc coupled with another release, Wagner Arias featuring

Jeseye Norman. EMI's recording is interesting in that it was conducted by Klaus Tennstedt, returning for the first time after recovering from throat cancer. Norman sings arias from Tristan und Isolde, Tannhauser, The Flying Dutchman and Gotter-dammerung (CDC 7497592 and on tape/LP).

In addition to the Domingo joint ads, the Norman release is also supported by A2 artist poster and in-store displays.

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BEETHOVEN (from a painting by Bildris von Schimon)

N THE whole of classical music, there is probably no better-known short theme than the famous opening of Beethoven's Symphony No 5. Just four notes, it is remarkably concise and economical, yet the genius of Beethoven builds it into a magnificent allegro movement, and then into one of the most powerful symphonies in the 250-year-old history of the genre.

It is perhaps surprising, because the symphony evolved as an abstract musical form, one in which composers enjoyed working with the technical intricacies of theme and development, conforming to set rules of composition, only breaking them when their imagination so dictated.

But at the same time, composers such as Haydn, Mozart and Beethoven, followed by the wild romantic figures of the 19th century, and right through the 20th century to the present day, used the symphonic form as a repository of some of their greatest thoughts and most profound feelings.

So, though it maybe hard to see the link between the worldweary qualities of Mahler's great symphonies, and the diverting elegance of a Haydn symphony, it becomes easier

when seen in terms of its historical development.

The symphony grew out of the orchestral suites and divertimentos of the late baroque period. In the mid-18th century, symphonies were churned out by the thousands almost to a set formula. That was the way Haydn (1732-1809) and Mozart (1756-1791) started, but between started, but between them they ennobled the form into a grand vehicle, Haydn with a distinctly human elegance and wit, and Mozart with artistic transcendence.

Beethoven (1770-1827) opened the floodgates for the 17th century. Using progressively larger forces, and writing longer works — No 3, the Eroica, lasts some 50 minutes - he broke out of the technical limitations of the 18th century. He marked the birth of the ego in western music: in the Eroica, and the great symphonies that followed, culminating in No 9, the Choral Symphony, he as-



DVORAK: wrote nine symphonies

serted his magnetic musical personality and, in music, pro-claimed — "I Am".

After Beethoven, almost every major composer felt compelled to make his symphonic mark. Schubert (1791-1828) emulated Mozart (Symphony No 5) and Beethoven (No 4) but found his own voice

in his last two, Nos 8 (The unfinished) and Mendelssohn (1809-1847) and Schumann (1810-1856) both took up the challenge, as did Brahms (1833-1879) though not until he was in his forties and he felt he had the technical skills. The form was not restricted to

the Austrian or German tradition. Tchaikovsky (1840-1893) wrote six numbered symphonies and the Manfred, Dvorak (1841-1909) wrote nine, and numerous others produced works that are now largely forgotten. The two giants of the late-ro-

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mantic era were from the German tradition, however, Bruckner (1824-1896) and Mahler (1860-1911) seemed to take the symphony as a form to its limits with nine completed symphonies each. But as Mahler carried the symphony into the 20th century, he

priory into the 20th century, he was joined by others.

In England, Elgar (1857-1934), then Bax (1883-1953) Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), Walton (1902-1983) and others formed an English symphonic tradition. an English symphonic tradition which has continued to this day with the symphonies of Peter Maxell Davies (b.1934), George Lloyd (b.1913) and others.

Russia has produced some of the great symphonists of the 20th century led by Prokofiev (1891-1953) and Shostakovich (1906-1975) who wrote 15 Symphonies sometimes incorporating voice as Mahler and Beethoven had done before him. Finland's Sibelius (1865-1957) also found the symphony a natural medium for his passion. And Charles Ives (1874-1954) found a true American symphonic expression in his four symphonies.

And, as the form became a testing ground for composers, so it became - and remains testing ground for conductors. No conductor feels he has truly established himself until he has put on tape his view of the great works.

Karajan has recorded Beethoven's nine symphonies three times. It is interesting to note that Karajan has sold 100 million units of Deutsche Grammophon recordings worldwide, of which 25 million are the Beethoven's symphonies, with Sympony No 5 by far the most popular.

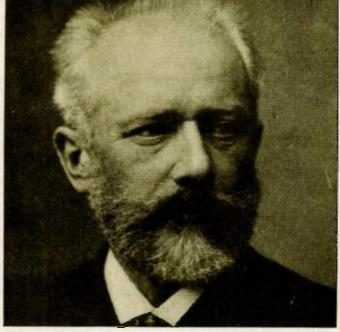


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Chandos goes it alone

by Nicolas Soames
JUST SIX months after changing its distribution from Harmonia Mundi to Pinnacle, Brian Couzens' much admired English classical label

Chandos is on the move again.
But unexpectedly, the label is to set up its own distribution network, with just four reps covering the country in addition to its tele-sales department at the Chandos HQ in Colchester which has been in operation handling the major classical accounts for some time.

Brian has had it in mind that Chandos could do its own distribution, and when he felt that after six months Pinnacle had not come up to expectations, he felt it was the perfect opportunity to try it," says Andy West, Chandos sales and marketing manager.
Pinnacle ceases to handle the

Chandos account on September 1, and enquiries about the 300 titles in the catalogue should be made to Chandos House, Commerce Way, Colchester CO2 8HQ, Tel: 0206 577300.

West felt that the problems with Pinnacle may have been integral to the problems of independent classical distribution.

"We looked after 80 accounts through our tele-sales, but the sales figures on the accounts handled by Pinnacle were not as we had hoped perhaps because the Chandos label gets diluted when it is produced in a classical presentation with

others, even if it is presented first." Initially, the Chandos distribution service will sell just Chandos material, allowing the reps to work on back catalogue promotions, as well as the new releases.

But it is possible that Chandos will consider taking on other labels in the future, for even with just four reps — covering the north, west, east and London — it will be a costly business.

Dorothy Howes, classical mar-keting manager, Pinnacle, says that she is "naturally disappointed" with the decision of Chandos to leave after just six months. "I thought things were not bad considering that summer is not the best time for business, and I don't think they are going to find it any easier on their

Despite changes at Pinnacle -Mike Spring who ran the classical section left in August" through mutual agreement" — the company still has a strong classical portfolio, with ASV and Hyperion, as well as imported labels such as Claves (Switzerland), Auvidis (France) and Thoroson (Germany).

And Pinnacle received support from ASV. "Our sales have rocketed since we moved to Pinnacle two years ago, and we remain pleased with what they are doing for us," says Neil Heyland, ASV.

Showboat gets star treatment

SHOWBOAT, Hammerstein musical which contains the hit songs Old Man River and Only Make Believe, is being given the full opera star treatment by EMI with a September released backed by a substantial marketing cam-

The recording project is another in the genre created in the 1980s - by Bernstein's West Side Story for DG, and followed up by South Pacific on CBS, and My Fair Lady on Decca.

Though none matched the extraordinary sales figures achieved by Deutsche Grammophon, the cross-over projects have still sold well and EMI is hoping to capitalise on the forthcoming Christmas market.

But the company has gone to some pains to ensure that their recording is not just a result of the meeting of a few stars in Abbey Road. It has been masterminded by John McGlinn, the conductor who directed two previous EMI recordings, Gershwin Overtures and Kiri Sings Gershwin, and he has used his specialist knowledge to research the complex history of the musical to produce a recording based 'the original long-lost full

The recording runs for over three hours 40 minutes, and in-

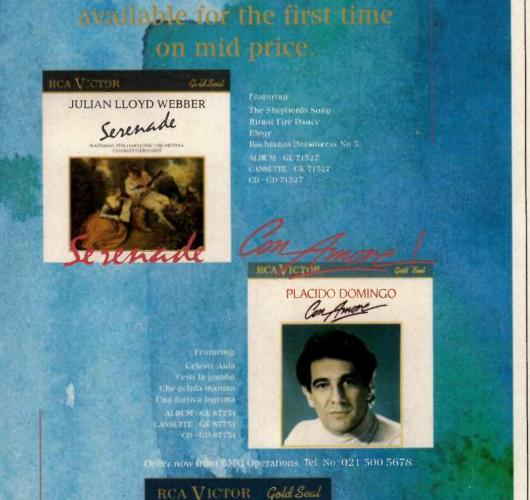
FREDRICA VON Stade and Bruce Hubbard: stars of Showboat

cludes all surviving music ever associated with Showboat, including songs dropped prior to the open-ing nights. The main roles are taken by Frederica von Stadem, Jerry Hadley Teresa Stratas and Bruce Hubbard, and they are backed by the London Sinfonietta.

The three unit set will be formally

launched by EMI on September 30, with a boat party attended by the stars on the Thames, broadcast live on Radio 2, although the product is planned to be in the shops by September 26. Just how much EMI is concentrating on cross-over appeal can be seen by the easy-to-remember numbers CDRIVER1, RIVER1 (3LPs) and TCRIVER1

(tape).
The marketing campaign is varied. A Granada TV film of the making of the album is scheduled for later in the year which will give the project an extra impetus. But initially, the promotion is based on an ad roster that includes national press and nationwide British Rail



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Chart Show's leg-up for the unsigned

A NEW perspective is added to Channel Four's The Chart Show this month with a trial run of inhouse promo videos featuring un-signed bands. Make Or Break will showcase an artist and the accompanying video will be paid for by Channel Four and produced by the F-Mix video company.

The programme's executive producer Keith Macmillan says the idea came from one of their regular production meetings. "It is part of an experiment to see whether we should make our own videos in special cases," he says. "It is also an attempt to broaden The Chart Show's trawl of bands on show. We are looking to give bands a leg-up.

Macmillan says the bands, the first of which was River City People, will be be effectively employed by Channel Four but the company will keep the copyright on the video. The producer is unwilling to say how much will be spent on each video but adds that the money will come out of a lump sum deal with the production company

Macmillan believes the project could be very fruitful. "I think we would like to take the view that if it goes well then we would like to make a video whenever we hear a track that we like that does not already have a video," he says.
"If the bands are then picked up

by record companies and the songs are hits — that is our goal."



GREG MUSUAK directs Maxi Priest's new video for Goodbye To Love Again. The video was made on location in London shortly after Masuak completed the latest Kim Wilde video which was shot on the Michael Jackson tour in Berlin and at Jacob Street Studios in London. Musuak works through the AWGO production house.

HENDRING is releasing video scrapbook from perennial rockers Aerosmith on September 1.
The story of the band is told

through live performances of their own favourite songs over the past 15 years, together with film of the band on tour and in interviews. The release, which co-incides with Aerosmith's current chart success in the US, runs for 55 minutes and has a dealer price of £8.34.



Chart Show people (left to right): Keith Macmillan, Flora Andrews and Philip Davey

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'End is nigh' for classical LP RHE PWEEK

CLASSICAL DEALERS are genbacking Deutsche Grammophon's decision to go compact disc only in January and believe the death of the classical LP is just around the

Many specialist retailers say that classical CD sales are rapidly overtaking sales of LPs.
"Most of our profit comes from that," says David Denis at City Radio in Cardiff. "I think it will be a good move to get rid of those other formats. You don't need LPs when CDs take such

"I suppose the public should have a choice, but for me it is a much easier product to sell because it is more robust and there are no faulty returns," he

John Hancock at Farringdon Records in London says CDs make up 70 per cent of his sales. "Records are only about 10 per cent. I think this move has been on the cards for about a year and I don't think it will hurt that much although record and tape buyers will be

cross," he says. Mike Sweet, at Paul Roberts Hi-Fi in Bristol, also believes the move to CDs is inevitable. "It is just purely progress. I think it is about time, but obviously the market forces were such that it was not viable until now," he says.

But Mlke Roberts, manager of Circle Records in Liverpool, says he will have many customers who will be disappointed by the news. "We still do very well with records with a ratio of about 60 (LPs and tapes)

to 40 (CDs)," he says.
"I think many of my customers will be surprised, I think a lot them thought that records would last for at least another five years.

"There are a lot of collectors out there aged about 50 to 60 who don't want to change. They won't want to switch to CDs straight away so Deutsche Gramaphon is bound to suffer a loss," says Rob-

Nigel Lines, manager of Covent Garden Records - which contrary to its title now sells only CDs says the change will have no bear-

ing on the shop.
"It has been something we have been expecting but it will not affect us in the slightest," he says. "It is inevitable and I would expect the other companies to follow suit. Once they have, that will be the end of the road for the LP



COLIN MILLER is CBS rep for south and south-west London. He lives near Croydon and has been with the company since

Miller says he has an insight into both performing and the marketing side of the music industry through his activities as a "freelance drummer"

"I feel that regular calls combined with an understanding of dealers' individual requirements can really bridge the gap between retailers and record companies - we need each other.



cent success from chart return shop machines, says Bruce Keachie of Round Sounds in Wishaw, Scotland:

So Woolworths want to hand back their Gallup machines and the question is asked — "How useful are the machines to the independent dealer?" It is pretty well accepted that na-tional multiples like Wooltional multiples like Wool-worths etc probably only punch in sales when they re-member and I doubt if their success rate is anything like the 80 per cent quoted by inde-pendent Track Records. Why not 100 per cent success? For five years, we have used a record Manager computer system which gives us total control over stock, returns, sales etc, as long as every record sale is punched through. Surely this must be more attractive to gallup to get all of a shop's sales, not just the ones the dealer or multiples remember to punch in. The chart is made by the public's buying trends not Woolworths' stocking poli-

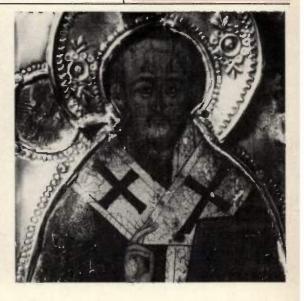
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THIS IS HMV Oxford Street's new-look ground-floor showroom which has been refurbished with 20 new speakers. The room, which caters mainly for vinyl discs, was totally redecorated at the same time







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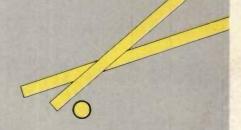
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Growth rate levels at 20pc

THE GROWTH rate for the recorded music market has levelled out at 20 per cent a year, according to the latest trade delivery figures released by the BPI.

In the year to June, the total value of trade deliveries was £560m, compared with £468.2m in the previous 12 months. However, the growth rate appears now to be stable at 20 per cent having dropped from 24 per cent for the year to March.

The second-quarter figures show that the only significant growth areas are now compact disc albums and singles. In the period, CD accounted for four per cent of all singles sales, with a steadily increasing proportion of three-inch discs among them.

Demand for 12-inch vinyl singles appears to be steady but a further decline in the seven-inch sector meant that the total singles market has lost 2m units over the year to stand at 62m for the 12 months ended June. Value, though, was up five per cent to £78.7m.

PPL: ILR speaks softly

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comes to a new release and they have the choice of two, they might picks yours if you're non-PPL."

PPL chairman John Brooks comments: "Choice is one thing, pressure another. You might think independent stations would give local indies a fair crack at airplay, if only to fulfil their much-vaunted public service responsibilities."

service responsibilities."

Brooks invites any labels who have been pressurised to write to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission which is currently considering PPL's future. He says PPL would be happy to offer confidential assistance with addresses and telephone numbers.

the guaranteed path to airplay.

One company gave up its PPL income only to find it was getting no more new release plays than before."

Our Price to go national

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sents for the Our Price/Smiths/ Virgin grouping, Field replied 22.5 per cent, the same figure that the company supplied to fair trading officers. Smiths says the figure is based on BPI statistics.

Earlier, group chairman Sir Simon Hornby said the Virgin stores were being quickly changed There was a similar increase in value in the black vinyl album market, to £149.6m despite a four per cent drop in unit volume.

The size of the re-recorded cassette market appears to be stable at about 75m units per annum but value has increased significantly and was up 20 per cent at £196.9m for the year. Says the BPI: "The increase in average trade prices of 16 per cent was a reflection of the confident pricing strategies at the top end of the market."

The organisation adds: "Well-paced expansion in the CD market new indicates that by the end of 1988 total volume will be between 27m and 28m units. The 74 per cent increase in unit volume in the year to June gives a current annual rate of uptake of 22.3m units."

EMI-Woolies settle in silence

THE TWO sides in the EMI-Woolworths dispute are keeping quiet this week about the settlement of a row which saw the record company's product barred from the chain's shelves for 24 weeks.

The only official comment being made is a short, joint statement which says there will be no changes in pricing policy or price increases as a result of the settlement.

Normal trading resumed immediately after the conclusion of top-level talks between the two companies, with Woolworths anxious to stock up on EMI chart product before the weekend peak sales period.

MW understands that the dispute was caused by EMI seeking to regularise all its trading terms in line with EEC legislation. This focused attention on the role of Woolworths-cwned Entertainment UK (formerly Record Merchandisers) and its third-party accounts.

to the Our Price format. He commented: "Productivity, that is sales volume per square foot, was much less under Virgin than it will be under Our Price.

"The Virgin stores are all prime sites and a lot have Our Price over the door already. We can do a great deal to improve their profitability quite quickly.

He added that Our Price's profits had doubled in the space of 12 months, although he declined to give exact figures. Overall, the Smiths group made a record pretax profit of £70.6m in the year to



IRON MAIDEN: not likely to be beside the seaside

User friendly

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each record at certain times during the day — "nobody wants a heavy metal song over breakfast" — then allocates eight records to each half-hour of the daytime shows. It is at that point that the produc-

It is at that point that the producer's judgment takes over. He will decide what order those records should be played in, which should be dropped if there is insufficient time and which ought to be omitted for the sake of continuity and smooth running of the radio programme.

"Whether or not a record deserves to get a play is something that is just about lowest in the producer's mind," Price asserts. "We pay £90 for every record we play and we think we have the right to play whatever we want. The editorial right is absolute and we stand very firmly on that."

Price answers the criticism that Iron Maiden's The Evil That Men Do received less plays than might be expected for a B-listed single by saying that the programmes it was dropped from were seaside roadshows. He contends that a heavy metal song is inappropriate for a crowd in holiday mood.

Night grows longer THE SCOPE for television expo An advantage for the program-

THE SCOPE for television exposure of new talent is getting a substantial boost with the ITV companies' decision to take Night Network around the country.

work around the country.

The overnight, music-based service will be seen throughout the UK from September 2 — except in Central — and producer Jill Sinclair says: "With four networked hours every week, it means that in terms of our music policy we can't say no to anybody.

"We can accommodate main-

"We can accommodate mainstream pop artists as well as the sort of artists that are never normally seen on television in daylight hours." 4 am — the target audience of 16 to 24-year-olds are watching without parental interference. "The rest of the time they are competing with their parents for control. It's the first time in the day when they can sit down and watch what they like," she adds.

Asked about Night Network's success in airing new talent in the

me, Sinclair maintains, is that at the time it is shown — between 2 and

Asked about Night Network's success in airing new talent in the year that it has been operating in London, Sinclair points to the group Hothouse Flowers who made their UK television debut on the show.



TONY CARNE has been appointed marketing general manager at MSD Holdings. He will be responsible for both audio product. Carne was previously marketing manager for sell through product at CBS/Fox.

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WASHINGTON DC: New US trade legislation could mean \$100m or more in annual sales for the record industry, according to RIAA.

The new bill provides for penalties equivalent to the los-

The new bill provides for penalties equivalent to the losses of US companies due to piracy. It also allows for impositions of tariffs, quotas, suspension or withdrawal of trade agreements in the absence of change on the part of the offending nations.

CHICAGO: Elvis Presley songs and two each by the Beatles, Creedence Clearwater Revival and the Rolling Stones are among the all-time Top 40 favourite jukebox singles in the US.

The list, compiled by the Amusement Operators of America, a trade association, features only six songs released later than 1970.

AMSTERDAM: The Netherland's pirate radio stations face an uncertain future following a July 28 ruling by the Amsterdam Court of Justice forbidding two local traders from continuing to advertise on unauthorised stations.

The court cautioned that if they disobeyed the order, they would risk a \$2,500 fine. Many other shops and businesses are expected to pull out of advertising deals with the pirates as a result.

LOS ANGELES: Capital Records is to release a box set of all 15 Beatles studio albums in October. Twelve of the 15 will be out in their British versions and two others are compilations of singles not available on albums.

MONTREAL: Canada's largest manufacturer of recordings, Cinram, has bought Poly-Gram's tape duplication plant just outside Montreal. The purchase gives Cinram a foothold in the eastern Canada market and may provide a platform for an eventual assault on the north-eastern US. Cinram has made several purchases in the past year, most notably Praxis Technologies, a company that was competing for business in Toronto.

TOKYO: MTV Japan has been launched here to a potential audience of 30 million people in 10 million households. MTV will broadcast five hours a week with a mixture of local productions and American shows.

LOS ANGELES: The Prince's Trust Gala 1988 will be aired in the US by The Disney Channel, a children's cable network. Rights were sold by Radio Vision International which is handling worldwide broadcast sales.

Apathy in the UK

PLANS FOR a music industryonly trade show at the National Éxhibition Centre near Birmingham have been put on ice because of what is said to be apathy from record compan-

Though not saying so publicly, the centre management is unhappy at the response it has received from all sections of the music industry over plans to give them their own event and over the reaction to last week's Home Entertainment Dealer Show.

The exhibition sales staff say they were met with an across-theboard lack of interest when they contacted record companies with a view to running what would have been a mini-Midem. The musiconly fair would have been an op-

portunity for trade and would have been augmented by associated events but despite the similarity of its projected format to that of the Cannes show, the NEC management shies away from any comparisons between the two.

However, the project now looks unlikely in the near future following the almost total absence of music industry representation at HEDS. Only shopfitter Lift UK was apparent with music-associated product among the 44 video-orientated exhibitors.

Says event spokesman Matthew Young: "Obviously the music industry does not want to talk to the dealers. We approached many people in compact disc and CD Video and we were met by apa-

He adds that the majority of visitors to HEDS were video store owners in search of cheap product but feels that the small number of exhibitors will mean a re-appraisal of the event.

"For it to carry on in this format there has to be change, and involvement from the computer industry and the music industry," he

Young points out, though, the extent to which the NEC is committed to the concept. "We believe in it strongly," he says. "The whole fact that it has gone ahead despite the low turnout of exhibitors shows that the NEC is right behind it."

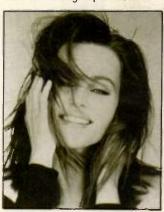


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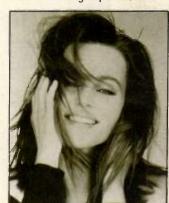
PHONOGRAM IS releasing a single from Kiss, Turn On The Night, this week to capitalise on

DEAN FRIEDMAN will be promoting his new single on Arista, Summer Holiday, on a UK tour which A&M LABEL Breakout is releasing a single from Stetasonic, All That Jazz, to tie in with a seven-date tour beginning on September 24.

PARLOPHONE IS to release an album from Crazyhead to tie in with their tour during September.



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S-EXPRESS: fly into Wee Papa Girl Rappers

STYLUS IS mounting a £1/4 TV campaign in support of Rap Trax, a 20track compilation of house and rap hits. The promotion breaks in Harlech and Yorkshire on Monday (29) before rolling out nationally.

Dealer priced at £4.86 (compact disc £6.99), the album includes Yazz And The Plastic Population's The Only Way is Up, BVSMP's I Need You, S-Express's Superfly Guy and Wee Papa Girl Rappers.

A SINGLE from Belinda Carlisle (right), World Without You, is being released by Virgin on August 30 to tie in with her UK tour.

LAUREN SMOKEN's debut album on Loop Records is being advertised in Sounds, Q, Kerrangl, NME and RAW. Distribution is through EMI/Supertrack.

their appearance at Donnington.

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Musicom come across

IN ANTICIPATION of a single European market, French organisations Musicom (The Music And Communication Marketplace) and MARS (Marketplace of International Live Entertainment) are launching an annual industry event in Octo-

Musicom 88 aims to bring together record companies, music publishers, radio stations, programme producers, advertising and communications agencies and artists from all over Europe in an effort to address the needs and expectations of 1992. The programme of seminars has yet to be finalised but there promises to be a heavy emphasis on radio and

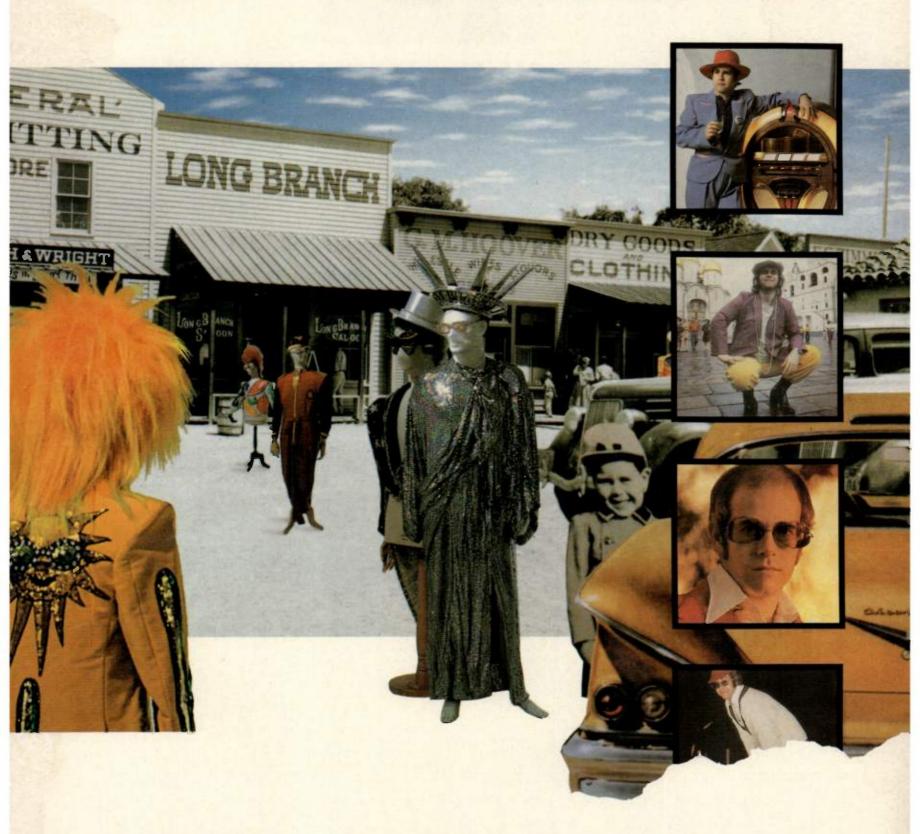
The show runs from October 11-15 at La Villette in Paris. Further information can be obtained from Judy Lipsey at Lipsey Meade on 01-434 3655.



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