

# INTERNATIONAL

## News From The United Kingdom

By David Courtney

**THE DEATH OF LORD DELFONT:** Lord Delfont of Stepney, London, died last week aged 84. Lord Delfont was chief executive at EMI Ltd in the '70s and was responsible for the EMI group's extensive leisure and film interests. It is a known fact that Delfont turned down the offer to co-manage **The Beatles** with **Brian Epstein** in 1963. In 1967, Delfont organized the sale of the **Grade Organisation** to EMI for £5 million, and in more recent years he launched **First Leisure**, which now operates 40 clubs across the country.

**PHONOGRAM HEAD FOR HIGH COURT:** Phonogram and **Rick Rubin's Def American Inc.** are set for a battle in the High Court. The dispute is over an alleged agreement between the two parties to form a joint venture company, **American Recordings**. Phonogram has launched the action, which is due to reach the High Court on August 17. Phonogram are accusing Def American of breaching the agreement.

**THE MCA/CHARLEY COURT CASE:** Yet another court case (oh, to be a lawyer) on the way is the one between **MCA** and **Charley Records** over who holds the rights to the **Chess Records** blues and R&B catalogue. The High Court has ruled three MCA lawsuits and one served by Charley will be heard in one giant case next year. MCA will apply for a hearing date in October and the case is expected to start in mid- to late-1995.

**EMI PUBLISHING BACK ON TOP:** EMI Music Publishing regained its position at the top of the publishing market share in the second quarter of 1994.

Despite their share dropping in the last quarter to 19.2% (down from 19.8%), the major took pole position over its traditional rival **Warner Chappell**, who slipped out of the top two for the first time since late 1991.

**EC HOME-TAPING LEVY:** The **European Commission** issued its long-awaited draft directive on home-taping last week. The document was welcomed by the **BPI**; however, director of legal affairs **Sara Johns** says the proposed levy—12p per hour on blank audio tapes, £1.60 on audio hardware, 20p per hour for blank video and £8 on VCR hardware—is unlikely to be implemented in the U.K. in the immediate future.

**THE CURE CASE:** Former **Cure** member **Lol Tolhurst** will hear on September 16th whether he has won his legal battle with the group's leader **Robert Smith** and **Fiction Records** head **Chris Parry**. Tolhurst has sought to set aside a 1985 deal which he alleges gave Smith and Parry an unfair share of recording profits.



Former member **Lol Tolhurst** (left, nearly obscured by **Robert Smith's** hair), seeking legal remedy from the **Cure** and the truth from **Fiction**

**SONY LAUNCH MINI-DISC SINGLE:** Sony Music is underscoring its commitment to **Mini-Disc** by releasing the first single on the format, "Car Sex," by former **Bow Wow Wow** front woman **Annabella**. The single will also be available on CD, cassette and 12-inch and will feature three previously unreleased tracks on the Mini-Disc format. A spokesperson for the company said, "This is part of Sony's aim to make Mini-Disc famous this year and to bring people's attention to the format in an effort to show how good it is."

**ON THE ROAD:** The 15th of August will see the start of a very special

Elton John, Kate Bush, Cher, Meat Loaf, Jon Bon Jovi, Oleta Adams, Elvis Costello, Sinead O'Connor, Lisa Stansfield, Peter Gabriel, Chris De Burgh, Willard White, Robert Palmer, Courtney Pine and Issy van Randwyck. The album was produced by Beatles guru **George Martin**... U.S. singer/songwriter **Amy Grant** will be appearing in the U.K. Oct. 1, 2 & 4... **Gun**, who stormed into the U.K. top 10 with the rocking rendition of the Cameo classic "Word Up," will be undertaking a full-scale U.K. tour commencing August 2 through to September 8... **Candlebox** has two dates in August, 28th **Reading Festival** and 31st at London, **Underworld**... Brooklyn-based band **Biohazard** will be playing the **Brixton Academy** on September 1... **Chrysalis** band **Orange** will be touring the country with **Blink & The Surfing Brides** from August 27 thru to the 30th... **The Tea Party** return to the U.K. at the end of August to play the **Reading Festival** and are also doing another set of live dates from August 22 thru 4th September... **Dina Carroll**, who last month added the prestigious **Nordoff Robbins Silver Clef** for "Best Newcomer" award to her long list of trophies, has announced two extra dates to her forthcoming December tour. Due to a huge demand, Carroll has added a third **Wembley Arena** date on Tuesday 20th December and a second **Manchester G-Mex** date on Saturday 3rd December. The tour will run from December 3-23... **Jan Johnston** dates are August 21, 27, 28 & Sept. 2... **Sounds Of Blackness** September 23, 24 at **Labbatt's Apollo**, **Hammersmith**... **Squeeze** will tour December 8-20.

**U.K. SINGLES CHART:** Nine weeks and still at #1 is "Love Is All Around" from **Wet Wet Wet**. Still at #2 is **All-4-One** with "I Swear." **BC-52's** "Meet The Flintstones" remains at #3. **Let Loose** are at #4 with "Crazy For You." Up two places to #5 is "Searching" from **China Black**. "Regulate" from **Warren G & Nate Dogg** moves down one place to #6. **Aswad** are back up to #7 with "Shine." **The Grid** also climb back up this week and are at #8 with "Swamp Thing." **PJ & Duncan** are at #9 with "Let's Get Ready To Rhumble." New in at #10, "No More (I Can't Stand It)" from **Maxx**. Another new arrival at #21 is **Hed Boys** with "Girls + Boys."

**U.K. ALBUM CHART:** **Wet Wet Wet** are holding on to the #1 place, *End Of Part One*. Highest entry this week and in at #2 is *The Glory Of Gershwin* from the legendary harmonica soloist **Mr. Larry Adler**. **Prodigy** stay at #3 with *Music For The Jilted Generation*. The **Rolling Stones' Voodoo Lounge** drops down two places this week and is now at #4. *The Very Best Of The Eagles* is down at #5. **Ace Of Base** are at #6 with *Happy Nation*. **Crash Test Dummies** slip back down to #7 with *God Shuffled His Feet*. **Mariah Carey's Music Box** is at #8 this week. **Whitesnake's Greatest Hits** remains at #9. **ParkLife** from **Blur** shoots back up and is at #10. Highest climber of the week is *The Best Of Van Morrison*, which comes straight in at #51.

**U.K. MUSIC VIDEO CHART:** Nothing changes with **Take That's Everything Changes**, again at #1. **Carreras, Domingo and Pavarotti's In Concert** is still at #2. **Joe Longthorne's Live** is at #3. **Take That (The Party)** moves up this week to #4. **U2's Zoo TV** drops down one place to #5. Climbing back up to #6, **Take That (& Party)**. **The Who's Thirty Years Of Maximum R&B** is down to #7. **Madonna's The Unauthorised Biography** is up three places to #8. **Wet Wet Wet's Greatest Hits** remains at #9. **Songs That Won The War** returns at #10. **Blur** are this week's highest climber, with *Starshaped* at #17.

### THE U.K. TOP 10 RENTAL VIDEOS

1. *Malice* (PolyGram)
2. *Perfect World* (Warner Home Video)
3. *Demolition Man* (Warner Home Video)
4. *Tombstone* (Ent In Video)
5. *Another Stakeout* (Buena Vista)
6. *Carlito's Way* (CIC)
7. *Hard Target* (CIC)
8. *Robin Hood, Men In Tights* (20/20)
9. *Age Of Innocence* (Columbia)
10. *Undercover Blues* (Warner Home Video)

—courtesy **Titles Video**, for the week ending August 4, 1994.

week at the **Jazz Cafe** in London. The man who single-handedly transformed the harmonica from a novelty item into a versatile, extraordinarily expressive musical instrument, **Larry Adler**, will be playing a series of concerts from 15-20 August. His album *The Glory Of Gershwin* has zoomed into the charts this week at #2. The album features a star-studded lineup with the likes of