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Television switch on

TELEVISION, the American new wave band whose "Marquee Moon" album jumps into the Melody Maker chart this week, make their British debut at the end of next month.

They play eight concerts highlighted by a show at LONDON Hammersmith Odeon. And supporting on all dates will be the critically applauded American band Blondie, whose first album was released in Britain earlier this month.

The tour opens at GLASGOW Apollo on May 22 and continues at NEWCASTLE City Hall (23), SHEFFIELD City Hall (24), MANCHESTER Free Trade Hall (26), BIRMINGHAM Odeon (27), LONDON Hammersmith Odeon (28), PLYMOUTH Top Rank (30) and BRISTOL Colston Hall (31).

The Bristol concert also features local new wave band, the Cortinas, who next month become the first group on a new label called Step Forward.

Tickets for all the shows cost £2.50, £2 and £1.50. The Glasgow concert also has £1 tickets. Box-offices open at the end of this week.

Television were formed by guitarist Tom Verlaine in the early Seventies. Although they have long been established as one of New York's leading club bands, their debut album was released only last month. This week it hits number 21 in the MM chart.

● IN NEXT WEEK'S MELODY MAKER, Tom Verlaine talks exclusively about Television's music, and why he believes the band are not part of the punk phenomenon.

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Who's a punk?

WHAT THE PUNKING 'ELL! Who is the ferocious young man with the safety pin through his nostril and an expression of impudent hostility? No, it's not Charles Unpleasant, it's the original f-f-f-ade away man, Roger "The 'Oo" Daltrey.

DALTREY recalls what the best dressed hooligan has worn over the past decade, from Ted to Skinhead, Hells Angel and Punk in a special promotion film for his new album "One Of The Boys." He talks to MM's Chris Welch this week — so why doncha all turn to p-p-p-p-ages 8 and 9!



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● The Clash have a new drummer, 21-year-old Nicky Headon (second from left), who joins the band on the eve of their first major British tour.

● Headon, who previously worked as an office clerk, told the Melody Maker: "I can relate to the Clash on a political level. I've been through the unemployment bit. I've been made to take jobs

that I didn't want at all.

● "Captain Beefheart is my main musical influence. I like sorts of music, anything with a lot of energy."

● "I knew Mick (Jones, the Clash's guitarist) from about a year and a half ago. For a week I played with his band, the London S.S., when Brian James of the

Damned and Tony James of Generation X were in it too.

● "Then I didn't see him for ages until I bumped into him at the Kinks concert at the Rainbow last month. I'd never seen them play but I was really excited as soon as I did. They are incredible. I really wanted to join. They are by far the best band in the country."

● The Clash now, left to right: Headon, Mick Simonon.

● The band's follow-up to "Janis Jones," debut album, "Young Blood" (May 1).

JONATHAN RICHMAN: BRITISH DATES

JONATHAN RICHMAN and the Modern Lovers are in line for their first-ever British concert this summer.

Richman, first championed by John Cale five years ago, has won a considerable cult following in Britain even though his two albums have been available only as imports in this country.

But now his American label, Besserkley, has signed a distribution deal with Decca and the first release is Richman's "Roadrunner" single on May 7. It will be followed by his new album in June, when it is also planned to bring Richman and the Modern Lovers to Britain.

None of the dates, however, have yet been finalised.

Richman's first two albums will be released in Britain this autumn.

Ace scrap gigs

ACE have scrapped their British tour, due to start this week, claiming that to play in this country is "financial suicide." The only date salvaged from the four-week tour is at London's Roundhouse on May 8 where Ace are supported by Sassafras and Bees Make Honey.

10cc on tour

10cc embark on a major British tour next month — the first since the band split last year. But details of the new line-up have yet to be revealed. As reported by Melody Maker last week the tour opens at Glasgow Apollo on May 27 and 28 and is followed by 11 more concerts, including a show at the 8,000-capacity STAFFORD New Bingley Hall and two nights at LONDON Hammersmith Odeon. Original members Graham Gouldman and Eric Stewart will be joined on stage by drummer Paul Burgess, who was back-up percussionist with the band for many of their concerts last year.

BARBARA DICKSON, MAYALL SHOWS

BARBARA DICKSON next month embarks on her first major British tour, coinciding with the release of her new album "Morning Come Quickly."

The LP was recorded in Nashville with Mentor Williams as producer. Williams, brother of songwriter Paul, was also responsible for Doble Gray's classic "Drift Away."

The tour starts at REDCAR Coatham Bowl on May 22 and continues at BIRMINGHAM Town Hall (23), NEWCASTLE City Hall (25), MANCHESTER Apollo (26), SHEFFIELD City Hall (28), STRATFORD-UPON-AVON Royal Shakespeare Theatre (29), LIVERPOOL Philharmonic (31), DUNFERMLINE Carnegie Hall (June 1), GLASGOW Kelvin Hall (2) and LONDON New Victoria (4).

Dickson's new single "Lover's Serenade," written by Mentor Williams, is in the shops this week.

● John Mayall and a three-piece back-up band next month tour Britain for the first time in two years, opening at LEEDS University on May 18.

Concerts follow at GUILDFORD Surrey University (19), LONDON Rainbow (20), BIRMINGHAM Odeon (21) and MIDDLESBROUGH Town Hall (22).

The musicians in Mayall's backing band are Ellis Richardson, James Smith and Steve Thompson.

NEWS FLASHES

THE open-air festival which was to have been held next month at Vetch stadium in Swansea — the scene of one of last year's Who Put The Boot In concerts — has been postponed. The promoter concert told the MM he had decided to scrap the original date because he was unable to get a headlining band. The event is now planned for August before the start of the football season.

Queen have abandoned plans to play a second concert at London Earls Court this summer. They now play only one show, on June 6. Tickets are on sale this week... Bob Seger's British debut has been postponed until the autumn. A seven-date British tour was provisionally fixed for the end of next month, but because drummer Jamie Oldaker was also required for Eric Clapton's recording sessions, the concerts were always in doubt. Seger now has a new drummer for the Silver Bullet Band, but insufficient rehearsal time for the British tour has forced a postponement until early October.

COUNT Bishops have quit John Cale's British tour, which continues with the Boys at the only support band... Wayne County has formed a new band, Electric Chairs... Guitarist James Litherland has quit Bandit on the eve of a British tour. The band, however, still plan to tour next month and are currently searching for a new guitarist. They also have a new bass player, Tony Lester, who replaces Cliff

for the Phoenix Theatre Company and based on the music from "Sergeant Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band," will be presented as part of the Leicester Festival, which runs from May 21 to June 11. At the London Mermaid Theatre on May 1, the Musicians' Union presents a May Day concert, featuring all types of music and comedy. Musicians include Bowles Brothers Band, Neil Ardley and Barbara Thompson. Starting time is 7.30 pm... The new Bay City Rollers single is called

"It's A Game," the title track of their new album, and is released this Friday (April 29), with the album due for release in June. American producer, Harry Maslin, has worked with the Scottish band on the new album.

THE Real Thing's new album is titled "Four From Eight" and is released on June 1. The band headline a tour to coincide with the album, a musical based on the works of Lionel Bart, opens at the New London Theatre on May 9. It

stars Marian Montgomery, Adrienne Posta, Avis Baynage and Aubrey Woods... Quantum Jump, who start their first major British tour at Maidenhead Skindies on May 1, have added new guitarist to their line-up. Vocalist Rupert Hine, drummer Trevor Morris and bassist John Parry, are now joined by ex-Nektar guitarist, Roy Albrighton... Tim Souster, who specialises in electronic music, has signed with Transatlantic Records. His first album, "Swig Drimz," is released in May.

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