

Tonight

THEATER

Club Bene — "Giggles Galore,"

Burlesque comedy, 7 p.m. dinner, 8:30 p.m. show; \$23.50, \$21.50 dinner, \$15 show only; Route 35, Sayreville.

Dam Site Dinner Theater — "Chase Me, Comrade!"

6:30 p.m. dinner, 8:30 p.m. show; \$18.50; 1213 Sycamore Ave., Tinton Falls.

Spring Lake Community Theatre —

"When We Are Married," presented by The Pine Tree Players, 8:40 p.m.; \$5, \$4 for students and senior citizens; Third and Madison avenues, Spring Lake.

St. Lawrence Theater — "Grease,"

produced by the Laurence Harbor Playhouse, 8 p.m.; \$3.50, \$3 senior citizens; St. Lawrence Roman Catholic Church, 109 Laurence Parkway, Old Bridge Township.

ATLANTIC CITY

Bally's Park Place — Park Cabaret:

"Outrageous!" all-new revue. Billy's Pub: International Fox, Friends, Barbara Graham, In The Flesh; Park Place and Boardwalk.

Caesar's — Cabaret Theatre: Lola

Falana; Regency Bar: Scheherazade.

Clash begins American tour in Asbury Park

ASBURY PARK — Despite the postponement of a series of concerts in England earlier this month due to the absence of lead singer Joe Strummer, the British rock group The Clash will open its American tour on schedule at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow at Convention Hall, Fourth Avenue and Boardwalk, a spokeswoman for the group's management office said yesterday.

The group will also perform at 7:30 p.m. Sunday and Monday. All three shows are sold out.

The New Musical Express, a British publication, reported that Strummer had unexpectedly left the band before a string of scheduled concerts in England, forcing postponement of the shows.

Bernard Rhodes, manager of the group, told the publication, "Joe's personal conflict is — where does the socially concerned rock artist stand in the bubblegum

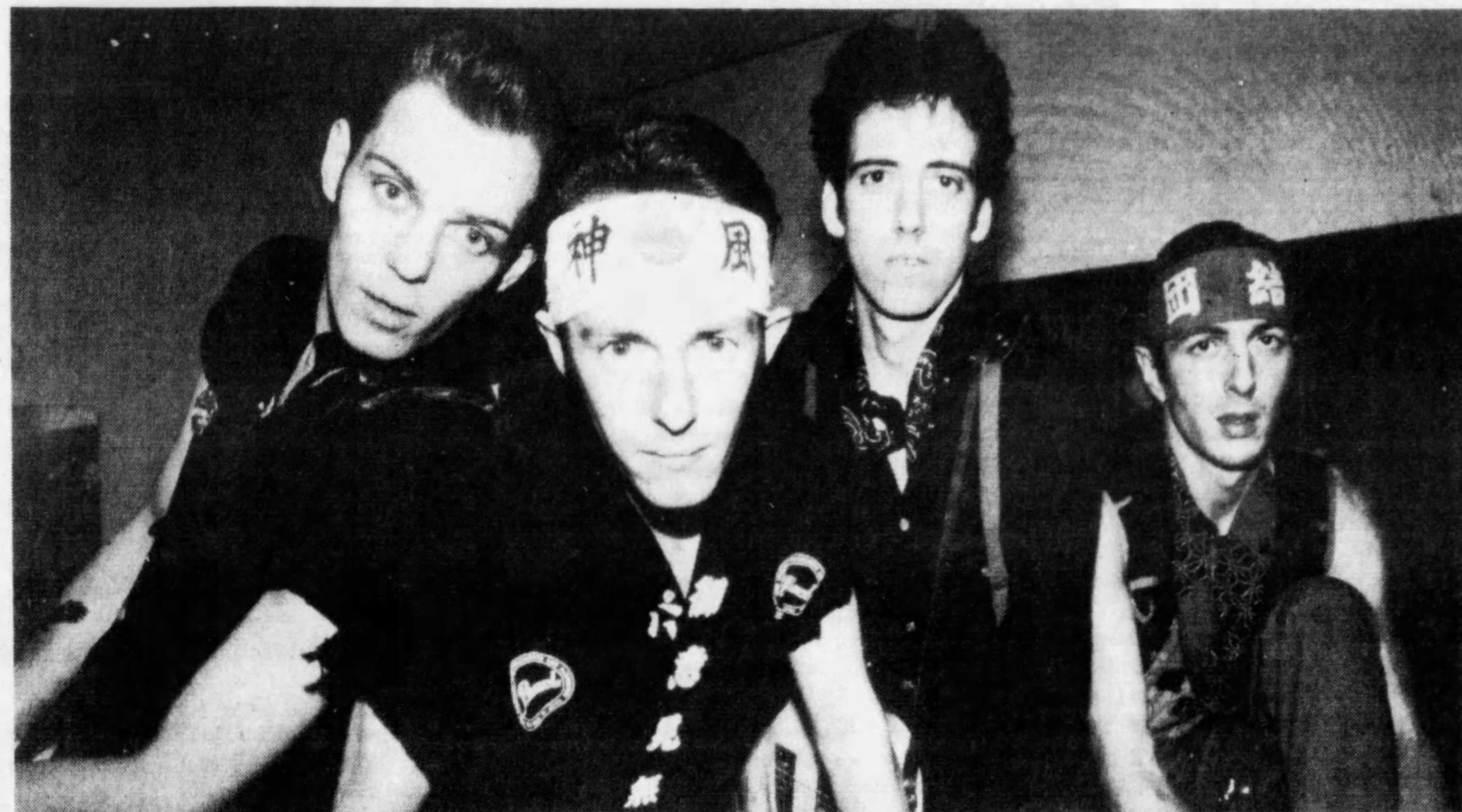
environment of today? I feel he's probably gone away for a serious rethink. . . . He's not gone religious or taken drugs or anything like that."

Rhodes' office confirmed yesterday that Strummer had rejoined the band to begin the American tour. Among the cities where the group will perform are Atlanta, Los Angeles and San Francisco. Three performances in Canada are planned also.

The postponed British concerts have been rescheduled for July, the spokeswoman said. The band will return to the United States for another series of dates later in the summer.

In addition to previous appearances in Europe and North America, The Clash has performed in New Zealand, Hong Kong and Bangkok.

The group's American tour coincides with the release of the album, "Combat



The Clash (from left): Paul Simonon, Topper Headon, Mick Jones and Joe Strummer.

Rock," last week. A single-disc package (the band's previous releases were two- and three-record sets), the album features six original songs, "Rock the Casbah," "Sean Flynn" and "Death is the Star" among them.

Previous recordings by the group in-

clude "Safe European Home," "Train in Vain," "Wrong 'Em Boyo," "Radio Clash" and "The Magnificent Seven." Among the group's albums are "Give 'Em Enough Rope" and "Sandinista."

Time Magazine listed "London Calling," a two-record set released by The

Clash in 1980, among the top rock albums of the year. The magazine called the group "the toughest band around."

In addition to Strummer, the group is composed of bassist Paul Simonon, guitarist Mick Jones and drummer Topper Headon.