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# ROD LEAVES THE FACES

ROD STEWART has left the Faces. The split, which is not entirely unexpected, was made this week. Rod's tour of Australia and the Far East has been cancelled.

Stewart intends to start his own band in the New Year, and will be appearing with them at Wembley Stadium on June 26.

Rod's publicity officer, Tony Toon, said: "Rod feels he can no longer work in a situation where the group's lead guitarist, Ron Wood,

seems to be permanently 'on loan' to the Rolling Stones."

Pianist Ian McLagan said: "I won't believe he is leaving the Faces until I hear it from him."

Drummer Kenney Jones said "If this means the end of the Faces, I'm not bothered. I expect I will survive."

Rod Stewart is soon to begin work on a new solo album. He has teamed up with Tom Dowd, who produced Atlantic Crossing which has gone gold all over the Continent and Scandinavia and platinum in the UK.

The new album, which is as yet untitled, will be recorded in LA and New Orleans, possibly with the Meteors. Rod has decided to use completely different musicians on this album.

## More to the point

THE PRODUCTION of Nilsson's *The Point*, which was reported in last week's *Record Mirror & Disc*, will be ready by September next year. This was the news from Terry Oates this week. At the moment, a decision is being taken on the theatre which will house the show.

Big names are promised for the show and the premiere will be held in London. Nilsson himself is coming to Britain to finalise details in February.

# Mud go to college

MUD HAVE confirmed their college tour dates for the New Year.

They open at Cardiff University on February 6. Other dates are: Exeter University (7), Oxford Poly (9), Reading University (12), Salford University (13), Nottingham University (14), Glasgow Technical Col-

lege (March 4) and Edinburgh University (5).

The group break their tour from February 22-26 to appear at the Batley Variety Club. More college dates will be added later. Mud will spend January writing new material and will record a new album in March.

## ACE TOUR

ACE HAVE announced their tour plans for the New Year. They kick off at Plymouth Fiestas on January 14.

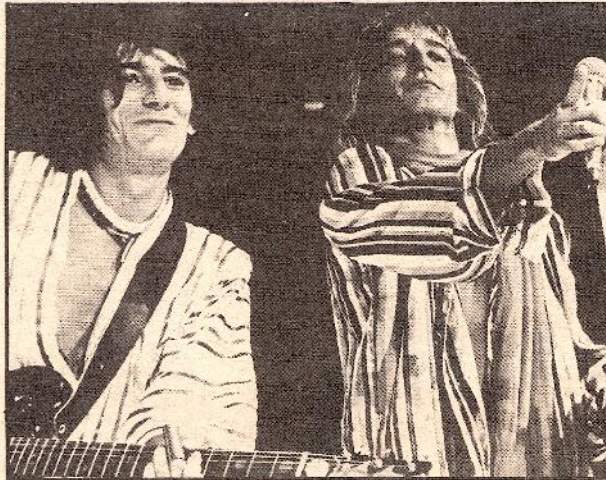
Other dates are: Bournemouth Village Bowl (15), Southampton University (16), Exeter University (17), Croydon Greyhound (18), Middlesbrough Town Hall (19), Salford University (23), Sheffield University (24), Swansea University (29), Hanley Victoria Hall (30) and Glasgow Strathclyde University (31).

There will be a major London gig on January 25, but the actual venue hasn't yet been decided.

## All in the family

THE OSMONDS have announced they will be spending a quiet Christmas at home with all the family.

"We will all be together in Provo on Christmas Day," they announced. "We have a living Christmas tree, which Jimmy has decorated and Marie and our mother are doing all the cooking. The next day we move to Los Angeles so Donny and Marie can begin rehearsals on January 2 for their new television series."



RON WOOD: permanently 'on loan'

## Stainton joins Hunter

CHRIS STAINTON has joined Ian Hunter's band, replacing Mick Ronson who is currently gigging with Bob Dylan. Stainton is flying out to New York to join Hunter and will also act as musical director and arranger to the band which also includes Denis Elliott (drums) and Les Nichol (guitar).

Stainton will also work on Hunter's second solo album which will be recorded in New York. Before he leaves for the States, he will produce a single for Viola Wills.

Hunter's band is expected to tour Britain in the New Year to promote the album on its completion.

## EAR WE GO . . .

FRANKIE VALLI had an operation on his ear last week.

"I couldn't hear in one ear," he told *Record Mirror & Disc*. "It was ruptured over a year ago and I thought the damage

was permanent. But my doctors discovered it could be operated on. They have told me to avoid noise for four weeks so I will be recuperating until January. Then I plan to do some charities for the deaf."

## Supreme engagement

THE SUPREMES' Scherrie Payne has announced her engagement to the singer/songwriter/producer Lamont Dozier. They plan to marry early in the New Year. Their association goes back several years to a group called the Glass House. Scherrie was the lead singer and Holland/Dozier/Holland were their mentors.

★★★ TO CLARIFY any misunderstanding, Tony Barrow International will engage Bess Coleman as a freelance P.R. to work on the Bay City Rollers account from January 1, 1976.

## New Lace

PETER OLIVER, a former New Seekers member, and Jamie Moses, from Merlin, have joined Paper Lace. The group will be produced by Ron Richards who produced all the Hollies' hits. Details of a new recording deal for the group will be announced soon.

## Extra things

EXTRA DATES confirmed for the Real Thing. They are: West Rounton Village Inn (Jan 10), London Gullivers (14), Sheffield Balileys (16-18), Spennymer Top Hat (30) and Carlisle Cosmos (31). They play a special New Year's Eve show at Huddersfield Ivanhoe's.

## Olsson returns

NIGEL OLSSON has arrived back in Britain, to spend Christmas with his family who live near Cambridge. He leaves behind his brand new home, in Ventura Canyon, Los Angeles, and his almost completed recording studio.

When he returns to the States on January 8, he will finish work on an album for Susan George; begin session work on a new Neil Sedaka album; compose the score for a film called *The Exterminators* and start a new solo album for himself.

## Joni — cancelled

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DIANA SOLOMON

## DIANA TALKS

DIANE SOLOMON, who recently hosted her own TV series, begins a two-week season at the London Talk Of The Town on January 19. She has also just been signed to EMI.

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