

Punk rockers in tour row

A RIFT between two of Britain's biggest new wave bands has forced the Jam to quit the Clash tour. But the Jam, who embark on their own British tour next month, have added three London shows to their schedule — and all three concerts will be part of the Silver Jubilee celebrations,

The Jam, whose "In The City" album is number 30 in this week's MM chart, were originally due to play 10 concerts with the Clash. But, after playing at London's Rainbow theatre last week, the Jam left the tour.

A statement from the Clash's manager, Bernard Rhodes, claimed: "The understanding at the beginning of the tour was to bring a number of relatively unknown groups on the road with us and, as the Clash and the Jam have record companies prepared to support the tour, it was decided these groups would subsidise the bands that didn't have recording contracts.

"As the Jam now don't seem interested in this project, there doesn't seem any particular point in keeping them on the tour."

A spokesman for the Jam, however, alleged they had paid "a four-figure sum" to play on the tour.

The Jam play three Silver Jubilee concerts next month, starting at Chelsea Football Club's Stamford Bridge ground on June 12. Admission is £1.

The band then appears at Poplar Civic Hall in Tower Hamlets on June 18, with admission costing 60p. The final concert is at Battersea Town Hall on June 27. Admission price is 75p.

The concerts have been arranged by local boroughs and, although there are admission charges for all three shows, the Jam have given their services free.

The band, meanwhile, have added a further three shows to the tour. They now also appear at LONDON Twickenham Winning Post on June 8 followed by MALVERN Winter Gardens (25) and MIDDLETON Town Hall (July 2).