

RESPOND & TOSH DATES ● ROLLERS FOR FUTURAMA

CLASH: MICK GETS THE BOOT

MICK JONES has been sacked from The Clash. In a terse statement released by The Clash office last week, the remaining members of the band claimed: "Joe Strummer and Paul Simonon have decided that Mick Jones should leave the group. It is felt that Jones has drifted apart from the original idea of The Clash. In future, it will allow Joe and Paul to get on with the job The Clash set out to go from the beginning."

Rumours had been circulating in recent weeks that Jones and Strummer had reached a point where they could no longer work together, though a similar dispute occurred in 1981, when Jones headed for the States with Ellen Foley, while Strummer talked

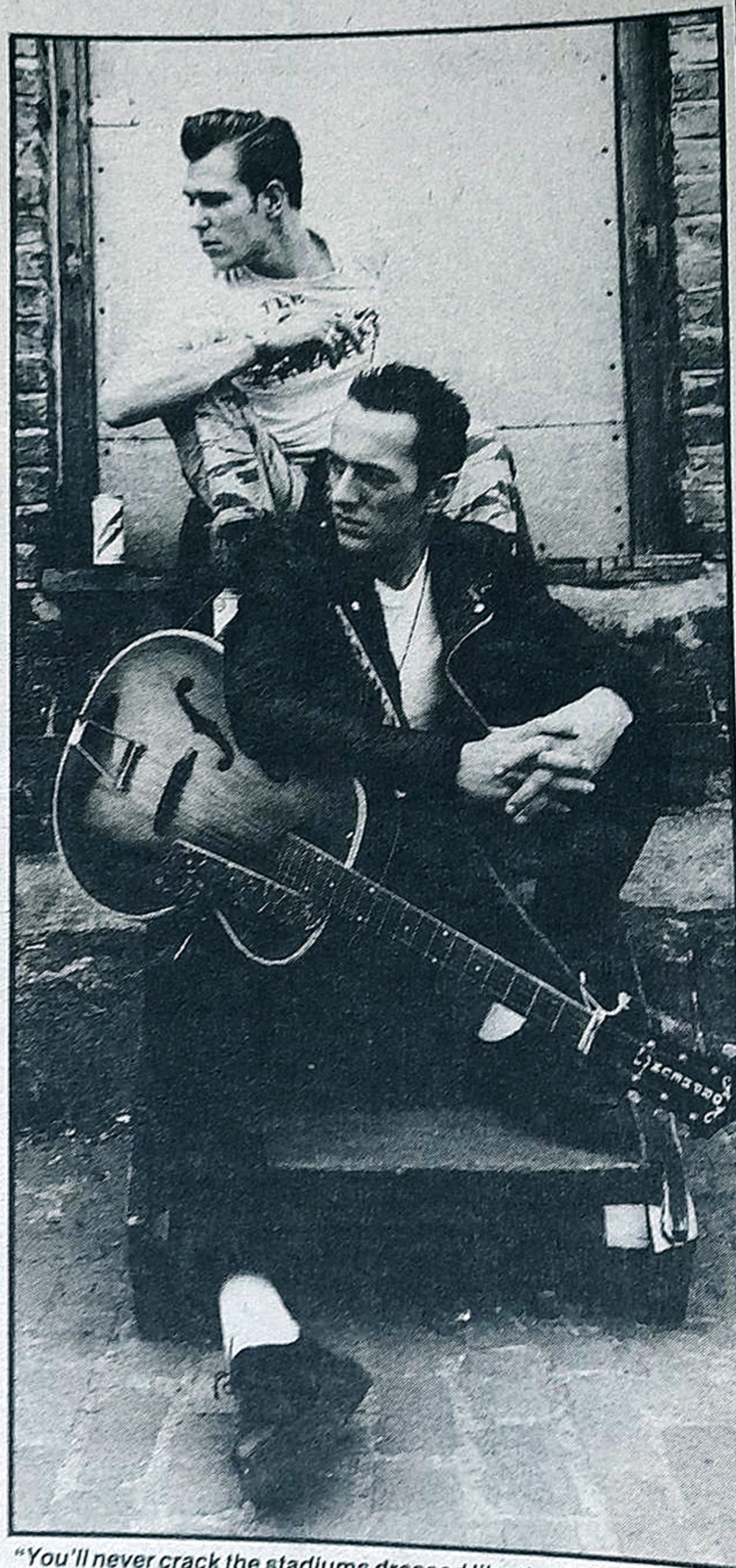
about reaching the end of the line — the twosome resolving their differences on that occasion after what Strummer termed: "a simple or garden punch-up."

Last year, Strummer disappeared for a while, causing a UK tour to be cancelled and his reappearance signalled the moment for drummer Topper Headon to split from the ranks. Now the inevitable has happened and Jones is out, though the exact reason for his leaving is likely to remain something of a mystery.

"I would like to state that the official press statement is untrue," Jones later stated. "I would like to make it clear that there was no discussion with Strummer and Simonon prior to being sacked. I certainly do not feel that I have drifted apart from the original idea of The Clash and in future, I'll be carrying on in the same direction as in the beginning." Meanwhile The Clash office continues to ward off all further queries with a series of "No comments".



"What me worry?"
Plc: Pennie Smith



"You'll never crack the stadiums dressed like that Mick."

RESPOND'S long-threatened tour — details of which have been filtering through in recent issues — has at last been finalised. Now titled The Love The Reason Live Tour, it features The Questions, Tracie And The Soul Squad, A Craze and Vaughn Toulouse's Main T Posse and plays: Leeds Poly (29 September), Southampton Top Rank (30)

The Questions will also be playing a live set on Gary 'Velvet Foghorn' Crowley's Magic Box On Wheels show from Capital Radio on London's South Bank on Saturday, 10 September, the band going onstage at 6.30 pm.

PETER TOSH returns to Britain at the end of the month for a series of concerts that includes the London dates of

and Bird Morgan (background vocals). To coincide with the tour, EMI will release a new Tosh single called 'Mama Africa', the title track from his recent album. Tickets to the shows, already available, are priced £4.00 at Dunstable and Brighton, £5.00 and £4.00 at Birmingham and £6.00, £5.00 and £4.00 in London.

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lead singer Les McKeown is still only 26, younger than many New Wave heroes. They've recently toured the Far East and packed The Budokan — which indicates that they must have something going for them. At Futurama, customers will be seeing the original Bay City Rollers line-up, plus the two replacement members who joined the later version of the band. Additionally there'll be a brass section

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