

Having so successfully followed in his father's footsteps, **ZIGGY MARLEY** is now making tracks of his own. He and the **MELODY MAKERS** have recorded the follow-up to 1988's breakthrough album *Conscious Party* with producers **CHRIS FRANTZ** and **TINA WEYMOUTH** in the Bahamas. "This album kind of takes reggae to a next phase," says Frantz. "It's a bit more fiery and risqué: politically, sexually and emotionally." Weymouth says the album represents a "new maturity" on Ziggy's part. "He has a really good, healthy attitude towards life," she says. "Yet he's not afraid to tackle ugly problems. He always maintains his sense of humor."

"This album is a little more serious," says Marley. "It's political, but on a human level, on a natural level. I'm not talking about economics."



Ziggy Marley in the Bahamas

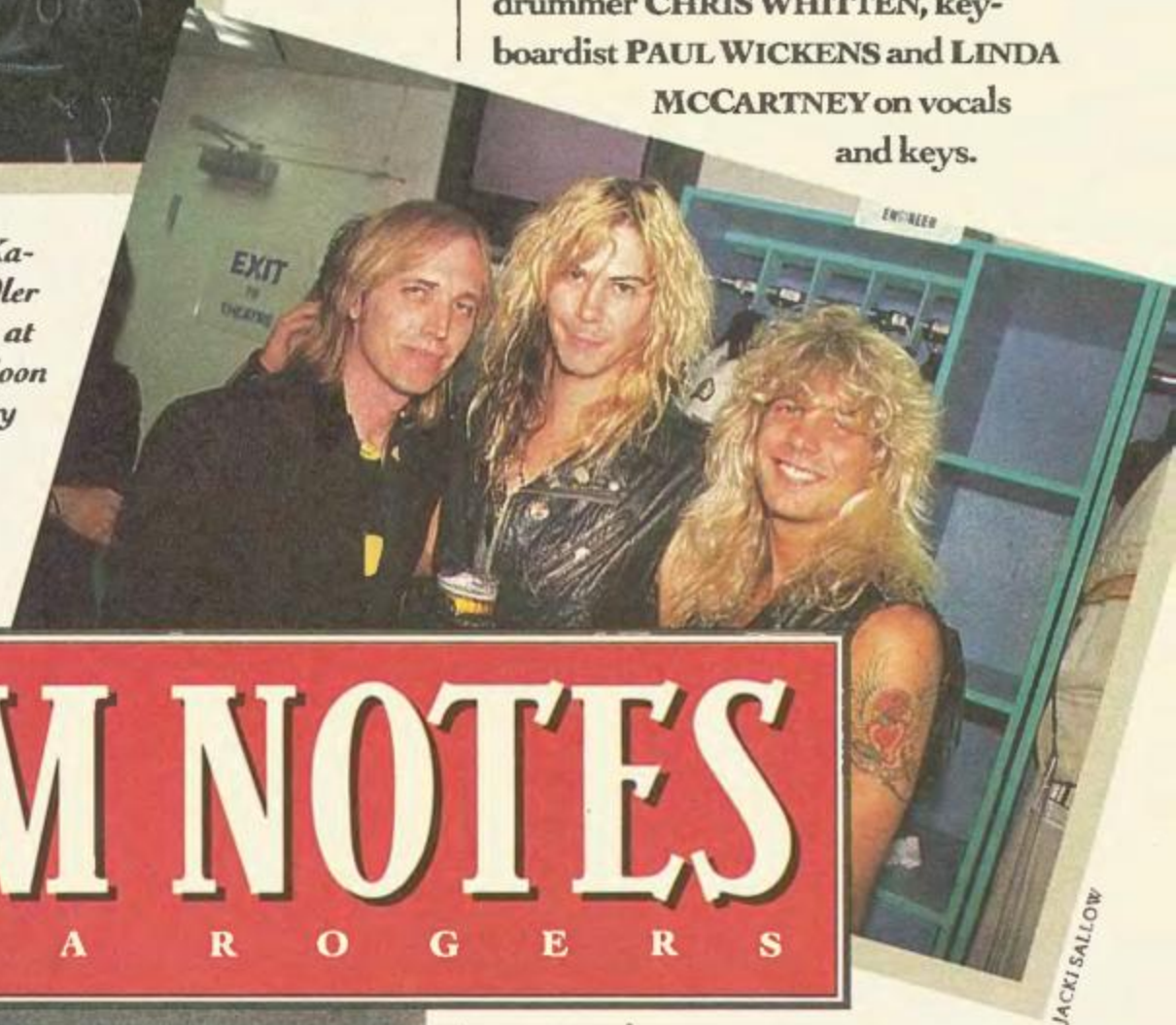
If you're from Liverpool," says **PAUL MCCARTNEY**, "you don't ever leave, no matter how far away you go." The Liverpool singer was moved by reports on the recent soccer disaster in Sheffield, England, in which ninety-five people — mainly youths from Liverpool — were killed. In response, McCartney teamed with **GERRY MARSDEN** (of **GERRY AND THE PACEMAKERS**), **HOLLY JOHNSON** (late of **FRANKIE GOES TO HOLLYWOOD**) and the **CHRISTIANS** to record a new version of "Ferry Cross the Mersey." The idea for the single was the brainchild of **PETE WATER-**



Axl Rose (left) and comic Andrew Dice Clay

MAN, of the producing team **STOCK-AITKEN-WATERMAN**, who works as a DJ on a Liverpool station on weekends. ("Ferry," which was originally recorded by the Pacemakers, was the song most requested by listeners after the tragedy.) Proceeds from the single will benefit families of the victims.

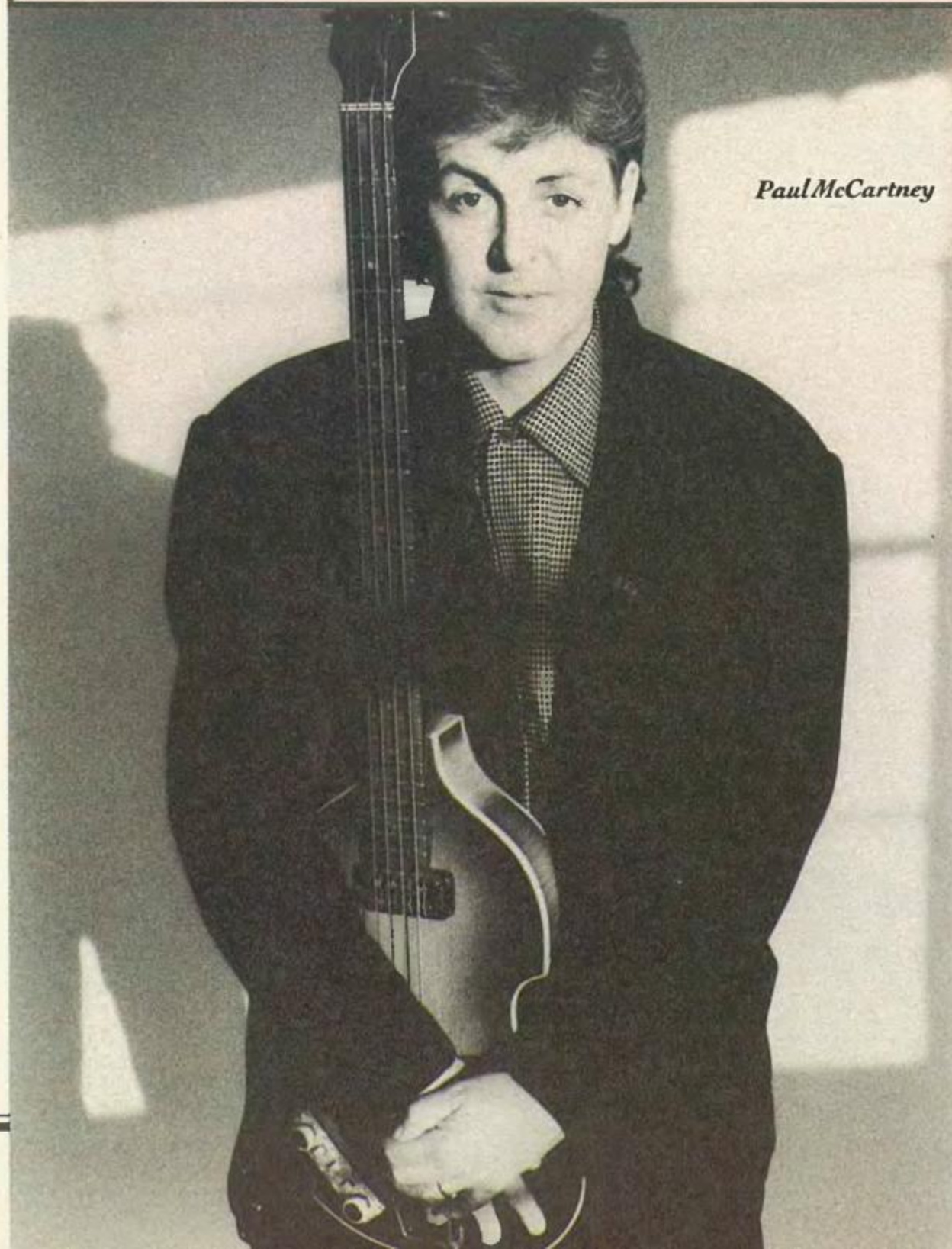
Petty, McKagen and Adler (from left) at the 'Full Moon Fever' party



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Paul McCartney

McCartney is set to release his solo album *Flowers in the Dirt* in June, with a tour planned for this fall. Four of the songs on the LP were co-written by **ELVIS COSTELLO**, including the first single, "My Brave Face." McCartney's band features guitarist **HAMISH STUART** (formerly of the **AVERAGE WHITE BAND**), one-time **PRETENDERS** guitarist **ROBBIE MCINTOSH**, drummer **CHRIS WHITTEN**, keyboardist **PAUL WICKENS** and **LINDA MCCARTNEY** on vocals and keys.

A**XL ROSE** says he's been a fan of the raunchy comic **ANDREW DICE CLAY** since seeing him on HBO. "He's a lot of fun," says Axl, who attended Clay's postperformance party at L.A.'s Wiltern Theater, along with fellow Gunners **DUFF MCKAGEN** and **STEVEN ADLER**. Dice says he'd like the band to write "the Dice theme song."

Across town at the Universal Studios lot, MCA Records was celebrating the release of **TOM PETTY**'s new album, *Full Moon Fever*. Petty sat in Ensign Chekov's chair on a ride called Star Trek Adventure while he did a radio call-in show. On hand at the *Fever* party were **GEORGE HARRISON**, **STEVIE NICKS**, the **BEASTIE BOYS** and (fresh from the Clay bash) McKagen and Adler. Harrison says that while he's uncertain about the future of the **TRAVELING WILBURYS**, he'd love to record with the band again. "It's so hard doing a solo album — all that ego gets involved," he says. "It's much easier being a Wilbury."