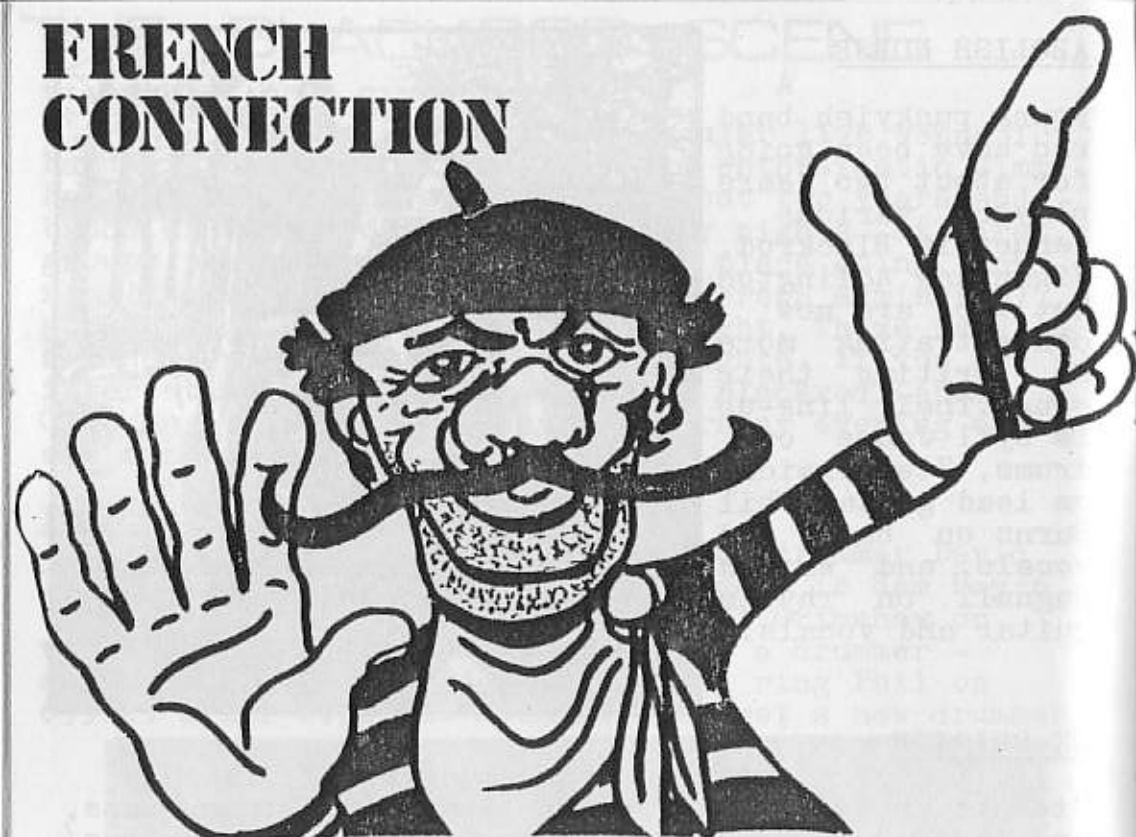


FRENCH CONNECTION



- JIM REDFERN - BASS - formerly with The Electric Blues Band
- influences are Jack Bruce/John Deakin
- GARY BENTLEY - DRUMS - formerly with The Critics
- influences include Golden Earring/Sabbath/Thin Lizzy
- RAY BROMLEY - FLUTE - formerly with Jazz Fusion
- influences are Jazz/Weather Report
- VERONICA NEWTON - VOC - formerly with Tapestry
- influences include Eagles/Tourists/Eurythmics
- DAVE MERCER - GUITAR/VOCALS/KEYBOARDS
- DAVE BROMLEY - GUIT/VOC - influences include Jack Jones/Montevani

Earlier members included Rick Pullar (now Colours of Crimson) and Ian Driburgh. French Connection have been in existence now for about two years (this line up for about three months) and in fact, someone from Radio One is due to come up and see them with a view to recording a session. They are a band who are

continuously touring (around a couple of dates per week), and amongst their future dates is the Rochdale Festival around the 28th of August. The band will be going into the studios soon to record a demo featuring "The Letter", "Well Alright", and probably either "Angels" or "Time of the Seasons". Musically, they are quite strong, one of their members being a professional music teacher, and they define their music as "melodic rock" with cabaret as a parallel. The difference in their covers lies in the use of flute and vocals, for example where there is a guitar riff in a song, it may be played on the flute, or whereas the majority of their covers are recorded by male vocals, here we find the pleasant change of a female voice. They alternate their rehearsals between Spirit Studios in Manchester (rehearsal home of such artistes as Pete Shelley and John Cooper Clarke), and Jamm Studios in Bolton, since the band are a geographical mixture of the two. They are also looking



for an agent/manager and anyone interested should ring Jim on 061 764 5190. French Connection play quite simply for enjoyment, and are happy spending (or rather losing) money on their gear, although their main aim is to actually break even one day! Incidentally, they are after young women (apart from the vocalist, that is). Any takers...?