NEW RELEASES

Coming soon to a record or video store near you . . .

AUDIO

- □ The Northern Lights single, "Tears Are Not Enough," should be in record stores across Canada sometime this week, according to CBS. Advance orders already top 100,000, and the label is heading off the retail price-gouging stories that accompanied the Band Aid release in Canada by printing a suggested list price on the cover. No word yet on what that price will be.
- ☐ Toronto singer/songwriter Mary Maragaret O'Hara's debut album, recorded at The Manor studios in London, was remixed in Montreal by former Richard and Linda Thompson producer Joe Boyd. Virgin release will list O'Hara as producer, not XTC's Andy Partridge, who dropped out of the project before it got underway.
- □ Joni Mitchell's first LP in three years was produced by British synthesizer whiz Thomas Dolby, who always claimed his own material had more in common with folkies like Mitchell and Gordon Lightfoot than with computer-driven technopoppers. Mitchell's album will be out in June.
- □ Rick Chertoff, who produced Cyndi Lauper's megamillion seller She's So Unusual, will likely produce Toronto trio Platinum Blonde's second album, scheduled for a summer release. And most promising female Juno award-winner Sherry Kean and husband, singer/guitarist David Baxter are back in the studio winding up sessions on Kean's second Capitol LP, due in late spring.

VIDEO

- ☐ Jim Morrison is alive and well and living on video. In mid-April, MCA will release Dance On Fire, a 65-minute cassette featuring 14 Doors classics, with after-the-fact videos compiled from performance footage, promotional clips and home movies. There's also an original piece directed by former Doorsman Ray Manzarek, L.A. Woman, in which old footage of Morrison is blended into an '80s California setting of punks and skateboards.
- □ Elsewhere on the music video scene. Warner has Thompson Twins Into The Gap due next week, Media has Elvis — Aloha From Hawaii and Judas Priest Live the following week, which will be followed immediately by CBS/Fox's release of Wham! The Video. In early April, RCA has a trio of music tapes - Randy Newman Live At The Odeon, Kiss Animalized Live Uncensored and Pat Benatar In Concert — and Vestron releases Bette Midler - Art Or Bust.
- □ Recent theatrical releases scheduled to hit the video shelves in April include Oh God You Devil, Supergirl, Body Double and The Pope Of Greenwich Village, and MGM/UA will release a trio of Ninja movies Enter The Ninja, Revenge Of The Ninja and the recent Ninja III: The Domination. The hype has already started for MCA's video release of the big-budget bomb Dune—look for it in May, if you dare.