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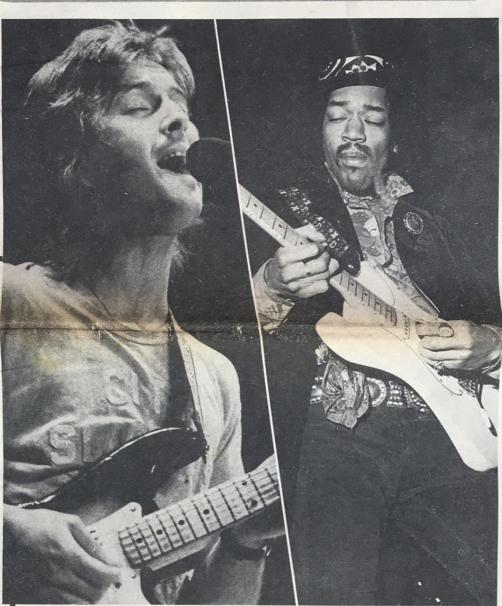
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CLAPTON OR HENDRIX Who's been voted No 1 guitarist?

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STEVENS (right) pictured on stage at Montreu x, Switzerland recently with his two supporting musicians ALUN DAVIES guitar and LARRY STEEL bass (centre).

CAT A U.S. **SUPERSTAR**

CARR'S



Neil Schon: there was he would out blow Clapton

INTRODUCES



Fantastic offers from America

in November the reaction was very encouraging. Especially so at the Fillmore, for as you know it had a reputation of having a very serious and critical audience. But the reception I received was fantastic.

"I must admit that I was a bit apprehensive, because it's so soft coming on with just a couple of acoustic guitars."

So from here-on-in, it's going to be flag-waving — superlatives and the unrold pressures of success. But Cat insists that he's not about to spread himself thin, even

says ROY CARR

"My songs have been a reflection of what I've gone through, for lyrically I'm still assessing my life and forever finding out what I'm about."

One can probe the personality of Cat Stevens, but not too deeply. Perhaps your most personal questions won't be answered directly, but you can discover them in his songs. There's a lot going on beneath his tangle of black hair.

A new album is imminent. "It's going to be quite different from the other two," said he.

"It will be a reflection of what I'm going through now ... acceptance ... I'm happy and you'll see that the music has become much more rhythmic."

In recent months Steve has extended his music to incorporate the cinema. Having supplied the soundtrack score for the Jane Asher movie "Deep End," he is about to undertake a similar venture for the forthcoming Hai Ashby production "Haroid & Maude" And the continuation of the similar venture for his film "The Landlord."

This is an extension of his talent that Steven enjoys and one which he hopes to get actively involved in. "I like writing for films. It's like a very nice media, working in film. "Visual things can mix very well with music, in fact I'd like to use an idea of mine where I can utilise and do vision and music, but as yet nothing is definite."

So the Cat came back, more happier and mature than when he was first manipulated to meet the requirements of how other people thought he should be. Today, Cat is his own man and a talented one at that. He summed it in worts that displayed a most welcome level-

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The Push and Pull at PJ's Rufus Thomas

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NEW SIDEMEN



THINGS REALLY DO GO BETTER WITH

the only name that appears on his birth certificate—but the rest of Santana often call him "North Beach Joe" because for over ten years he fronted the Escovedo Brothers, a Latin big band which played at such plush 'Frisco niteries as the Copacabana.

Coke is a slick looking Montarey born Mexican. The kind who used to portray the sharp Latin lover in those early 'sixties South-of-the-border Hollywood tearleights. Dare I say Desi Arnez In black Border Hollywood tearleights. Dare I say Desi Arnez In black But and Santana and Santan

reputation is without equal. He demands and expects only the best from his musicians. From experience, Coke related, "When he's holding auditions, he makes you play cold . . if you can't keep up, it's 'Next one, please'. "When I played with Tito it



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Black Rock

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