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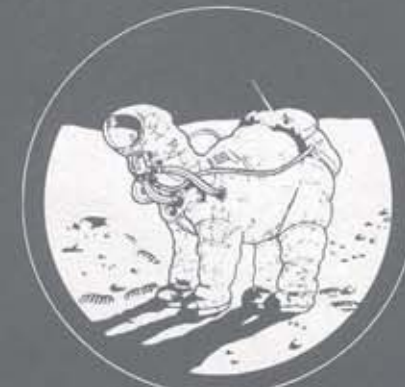
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- 29 BRIGHTON Dome
- 30 BOURNEMOUTH Winter Gardens
- 31 GUILDFORD Civic Hall

April

- 2 LIVERPOOL Empire

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- 3 EDINBURGH Usher Hall
- 4 GLASGOW Apollo
- 5 SHEFFIELD City Hall
- 8 NEWCASTLE City Hall
- 9 MANCHESTER Free Trade Hall
- 10 LEICESTER De Montford Hall
- 11 BIRMINGHAM Odeon
- 12 IPSWICH Gaumont

April 14 LONDON
Hammersmith Odeon

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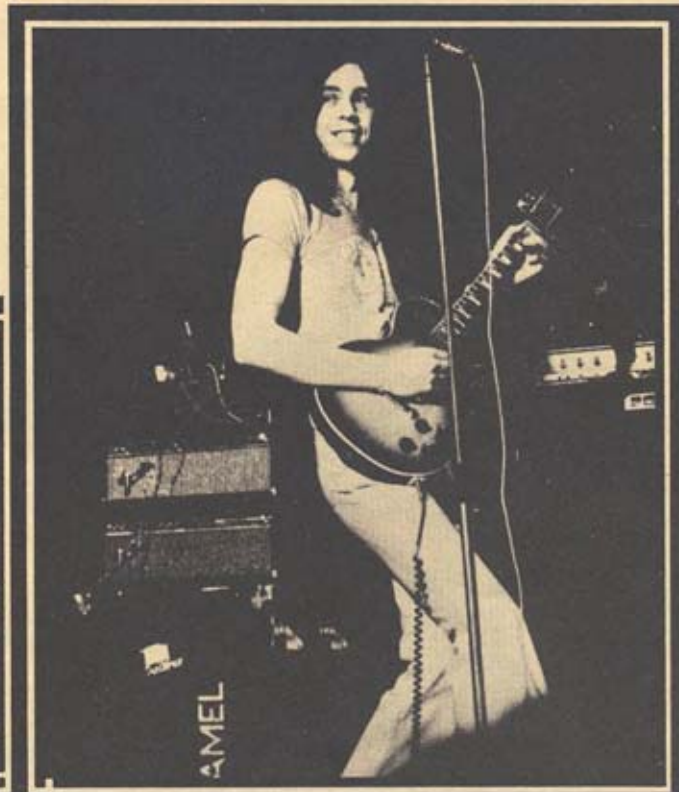
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1975 was the year that firmly established Camel as one of the country's brightest and most original bands. Their brilliant "Snow Goose" album which remained in the charts for over 3 months put them in a World class category. This was further endorsed when they were voted "Brightest Hope" in the Melody Maker readers poll and on October 17th they performed in front of 6,000 people at London's Royal Albert Hall accompanied by the London Symphony Orchestra with conductor David Bedford.

On March 26th Camel release their forth album 'Moon Madness' to coincide with a major concert tour of Britain.

Camel's present status in the Rock World has not been achieved overnight. Formed in 1972 by drummer Doug Ferguson, guitarist Andy Latimer and bassist Andy Ward, Camel were later joined by Peter Barden on keyboards, prior to the release of their first album, 'Camel'. Although musically perfect, that album was plagued with technical difficulties, and it wasn't until the release of 'Mirage' that they started to receive the critical acclaim they deserved, with the album featuring in the U.S. charts for 3 months.

Then came 'Snow Goose', a highly ambitious concept album inspired by Paul Gallico's famous short story. The project was from the start a risk, that took a year from conception to completion. However, any fears of the albums possible failure were allayed when the album went straight into the charts at No. 19 and remained there for four months.

Although 'Moon Madness' is not a concept

album it is as ambitious as its predecessor and for the band it is an even greater achievement and by far their best album. It took less time to record than the 'Goose' which was partially due to Camel being responsible, for the first time, for the production. Andy Latimer explained why they decided to be involved with producing.

"After three albums, it seemed natural to do everything ourselves, we're very pleased with it. We received a lot of help from Rhett Davies, our engineer, who co-produced it." There are seven tracks on the album, three of which are instrumental. Pete and Andy Latimer have co-written everything apart from one track which was a band effort.

'Moon Madness' contains a distinctive sound which is perculiar to Camel, as Pete says, "We have achieved a definite musical direction. We've happily reached the stage where it's identifiably us." The new album is certainly more commercial than the 'Goose', but this is merely a musical progression rather than an attempt to reach greater audiences, as Camel have already proved that non-commercial music does sell.

The original idea of the album had been to write 4 pieces that depicted each member of the band and in a way it is still the basis of the album, However, as Pete and Andy ended up writing 7 tracks they abandoned the idea.

The band will be presenting a new stage show that will include numbers from 'Moon Madness' and from their previous albums. The tour opens at the Portsmouth Guildhall on March 25th, the first date of 17, finishing at Hammersmith Odeon on April 14.

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