

THIS WEEK'S CHARTS

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Cliff Richard simultaneously tops the singles and albums charts this week — only the third time he has achieved this feat in 30 years as a recording artist. Cliff previously scored the double in 1962, when his identically titled single and album 'The Young Ones' won the popular vote, and again in 1963, when 'Summer Holiday' topped both listings. This week, Cliff's single 'Mistletoe And Wine' continues at number one for a third week, whilst his 10-years-old-hits retrospective 'The Private Collection' prizes 'Now That's What I Call Music 13' off the top of the chart.

Despite earlier indications that it might have a rough time fighting off the challenge of **Ky**, and **Jason's** single 'Especially For You', 'Mistletoe And Wine' actually increased its lead at the top of the chart very significantly. And for the third week in a row it shattered the 1988 sales record, adding another 170,000 sales during the week to bring its total to over half a million. It now looks very likely to wrest the title of best-selling single of 1988 from **Yazz And The Plastic Population's** 'The Only Way Is Up'. It is similarly likely that Cliff will hang on to the number one spot next week, making 'Mistletoe And Wine' his very first Christmas number one. No seasonal song, having reached number one, has ever been toppled from its perch before Christmas.

Unlike 'Mistletoe And Wine', 'The Private Collection' has no chance of opposing the year-end listings, but it is the best-selling compilation of tracks by an individual artist this year. It sold over 200,000 copies last week, to bring its total to an impressive 620,000 in just 42 days to overtake the previous incumbent, **Dire Straits'** 'Money For Nothing', to which we will return later.

'The Private Collection' is Cliff's sixth number one album. Only a handful of artists have had more, the **Beatles** topped 12 times, the **Rolling Stones** had

nine number ones, and **Abba, Led Zeppelin** and **Rod Stewart** have each placed seven albums on the chart summit.

● **Dire Straits'** 'Brothers In Arms' dipped out of the chart last week for the first time. The album, Britain's all-time number one with over 3,250,000 copies sold, had enjoyed an uninterrupted chart residency since it debuted at number one on 25 May 1985, a period of 186 weeks.

In total, 14 albums have lengthier chart careers than 'Brothers In Arms', but only five have had more consecutive appearances in the chart. They are:

Simon & Garfunkel's 'Greatest Hits', which made 195 successive appearances between 1972 and 1976; the same duo's 'Bridge Over Troubled Water', which rode the chart continuously for 243 weeks between 1972 and 1976; the original soundtrack of 'South Pacific', an ever-present for 286 weeks from the album chart's inception in 1958 to 1964; **Meat Loaf's** 'Bat Out Of Hell', 327 weeks without a break between 1978 and the original soundtrack of 'The Sound Of Music', a chart-rider for 381 weeks in a row from 1965. For much of that time, the chart was only a top 20 or top 30, though it did become a top 50 towards the end of the album's chart life, with as many as 77 albums ranked in one week in 1970, a year when for some reason, the album chart was of variable length. Remarkably, once 'The Sound Of Music' dropped out of the chart it stayed out, save for a single week at number 98 in 1982, following a TV screening of the film.

The demise of 'Brothers In Arms' is undoubtedly due in no small part to the release of the **Dire Straits** compilation 'Money For Nothing' which, as intimated above, has sold over 600,000 copies. 'Money For Nothing' includes several prime cuts originally released on 'Brothers In Arms'. Nevertheless, the latter-named album re-enters the chart this week at number 93.

NEWS EXTRA BROWN BANGED UP

Soul Godfather, **James Brown**, has been jailed for six years following a car crash across two American states.

A jury in Aiken, South Carolina, convicted him of assault and failing to stop a hearing that Brown had been seen brandishing a shotgun before clambering into station wagon and driving off at 100 mph across Georgia and South Carolina. He only stopped when a policeman shot out his tyres.

Brown has had a number of brushes with the police recently and sentencing Judge Herbert Long said: "Regardless of the good you've done or how big you no-one is above the law."

MORRISSEY LIVE AND KICKIN

Morrissey makes his first live appearance for two years this week when he plays a off date at Wolverhampton Civic Hall on December 22. He'll be joined by his mates from the **Smiths**, **Andy Rourke**, **Craig Gannon** and **Mike Joyce**, and the concert will be filmed.

As a sterling Christmas gesture the concert will be free, but to get in you need to wear a **Morrissey** or **Smiths** T-shirt.

SERIOUS INDEED

Serious Records, the dance compilation label has gone bust. The company has been on shaky financial ground for several months owing creditors thousands of pounds now it's been put into liquidation.

However, **Serious** boss **Mahesh Bajaj** says that he'll continue to work in the music business and he's planning to work with the **PRT** label on a series of dance albums.

● Just short of claiming a place in the top 40 this week is **John Lennon's** maxi-single 'Imagine/Jealous Guy/Happy Xmas (War Is Over)'. 'Imagine' has had two previous cracks at the chart, and 'Jealous Guy' one, but 'Happy Xmas (War Is Over)' boasts no fewer than five previous periods of chart activity.

To commemorate the release of these three classic tracks on a single piece of vinyl, we're giving away 10 copies of the record, each wrapped in a very chic, high quality 'John Lennon — Imagine' T-shirt, courtesy of EMI. For your chance to win one of these very limited and highly desirable collectors' items, all you have to do is correctly answer the following questions.

- 1 John Lennon changed his middle name to Ono by deed poll. What was it before?
- 2 'Cold Turkey' was Lennon's seasonal

offering in 1969. Its lyrics concerned the period after Christmas when every meal seems to comprise almost entirely of turkey leftovers. True or false?

3 Which John Lennon solo hit has been recorded by over 100 artists, including **Petula Clark**, **Randy Crawford**, **Diana Ross** and **Nana Mouskouri**, 1 name but four women with an 'A' in their Christian names and an 'R' in their surnames?

Send your answers to Lennon Competition, Record Mirror, Greater London House, Hampstead Road, London NW1 7QZ.

● No **Form** next week, so no Chartfile either. We'll be back on January 7 with the latest chart news, and on January 14 we'll have our exclusive survey of the selling acts of 1988. Don't miss it! P.S Happy Christmas.

TWELVE INCH

TW LW

1	1	GOOD LIFE Inner City	10 Records
2	2	CRACKERS INTERNATIONAL Erasure	Mute
3	3	ESPECIALLY FOR YOU Kylie Minogue & Jason Donovan	PWL
4	4	MISTLETOE AND WINE Cliff Richard	EMI
5	5	FINE TIME New Order	Factory
6	10	BUFFALO STANCE Neneh Cherry	Circa
7	7	ANGEL OF HARLEM U2	Island
8	6	STAKKER HUMANOID Humanoid	Westside
9	13	SMOOTH CRIMINAL Michael Jackson	Epic
10	8	SAY A LITTLE PRAYER Bomb The Bass Featuring Maureen	Rhythm King
11	9	TAKE ME TO YOUR HEART Rick Astley	RCA
12	12	JACK TO THE SOUND OF THE UNDERGROUND Hithouse	Supreme
13	11	CAT AMONG THE PIGEONS/SILENT NIGHT Bros	CBS
14	15	DOWNTOWN '88 Petula Clark	PRT
15	16	TWO HEARTS Phil Collins	Virgin
16	14	NEED YOU TONIGHT INXS	Mercury
17	—	BURNING BRIDGES (ON AND OFF AND ON AGAIN) Status Quo	Vertigo
18	19	LOCO IN ACAPULCO Four Tops	Arista
19	18	LEFT TO MY OWN DEVICES Pet Shop Boys	Parlophone
20	—	9 A.M. (THE COMFORT ZONE) London Beat	Anxious

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COMPACT DISC

TW LW

1	1	PRIVATE COLLECTION Cliff Richard	EMI
2	2	GREATEST HITS Fleetwood Mac	Warner Brothers
3	3	MONEY FOR NOTHING Dire Straits	Vertigo
4	4	PREMIERE COLLECTION — ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER Various Artists	Really Useful
5	5	THE ULTIMATE COLLECTION Bryan Ferry/Roxy Music	EG
6	7	NEW LIGHT THROUGH OLD WINDOWS Chris Rea	WEA
7	8	THE GREATEST HITS COLLECTION Bananarama	London
8	10	INTROSPECTIVE Pet Shop Boys	Parlophone
9	6	GREATEST HITS Human League	Virgin
10	11	RATTLE AND HUM U2	Island
11	9	NOW THAT'S WHAT I CALL MUSIC 13 Various	EMI/Virgin/Polygram
12	16	KICK INXS	Mercury
13	13	TRAVELING WILBURYS Traveling Wilburys	Warner/Wilbury
14	19	THE LEGENDARY ROY ORBISON Roy Orbison	Telstar
15	—	BAD Michael Jackson	Epic
16	18	FLYING COLOURS Chris De Burgh	A&M
17	17	BUSTER Original Soundtrack	Virgin
18	15	THE HITS ALBUM Various	CBS/WEA/BMG
19	14	HOLD ME IN YOUR ARMS Rick Astley	RCA
20	—	THE INNOCENTS Erasure	Mute