

Too Many Cooks make a good mix

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Too Many Cooks made their Toronto club debut at the Horseshoe Tavern on Monday. A Montreal-based band (although the core duo are natives of Sherbrooke in the Eastern Townships), the Cooks proved to be a hard rocking, very energetic quintet with an edge.

Led by vocalist Richard D' (D'Anjou), the group features Dan Georgesco on guitar and keyboards, Paul Tougas on guitar, Jean Francois Lemieux on bass, and Benoit Clement on drums. Apparently five is just the right number for the broth, because the sound was tight and tense, quite the opposite of their debut album, Too Many Cooks, on their own label, Main Street.

The album could have been made by another group, the music is so different. The songs on the album have a definite pop flavor, nothing too arresting or original. Live, however, the songs verged on speed metal, rough and hard, giving the listener a whole different impression of the group. It is rare to hear a band with such a split personality on record and stage.

On stage, singer Richard D' jumped around, drank lots of

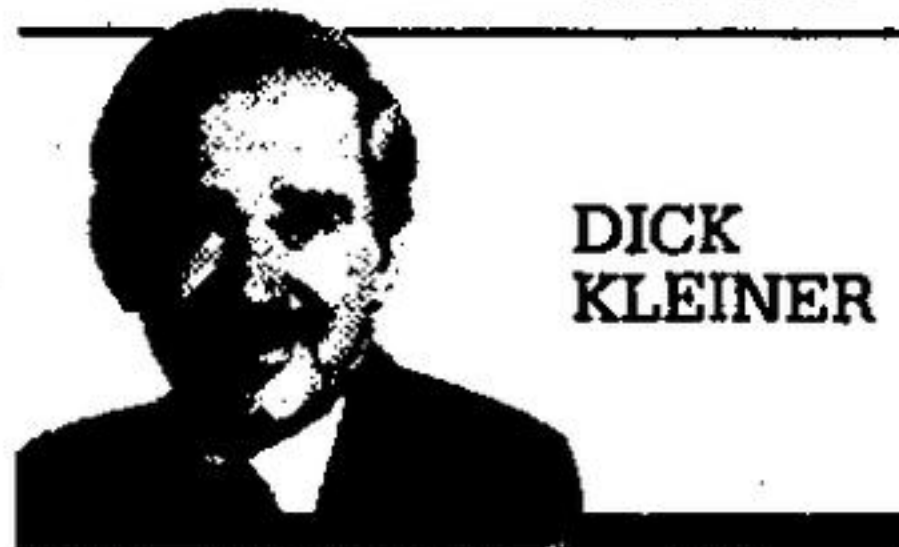
water, then spit most of it out on the members of the band. The rest of the troupe did not seem to mind in the least, and the guitarists played off each other and D' and Georgesco are the only members of the band to appear on the album - the rest are 'hired guns'. Judging by the way they performed as an ensemble, these guys should definitely stick together.

Outstanding numbers were Rita, a Beatles tinged tune with the promise of a top forty hit; I Refuse to Die, typical of the tough sound not found on the record (nor is the song). Don't Take Me Away, which is on the album but sounds a lot better live, and some extremely pretty ballads like Where Have You Been. Unlike the usual hard rock bands slow songs, the Cook's ballads had texture and depth, with some truly lovely riffs.

The founding members met in a kitchen and used to jam there. There is also a bootleg record of a Rolling Stones song called Too Many Cooks; hence the name. The group toured with British pop star Samantha Fox last year, garnering their first national exposure. If they keep up the live sound, they should have no trouble gaining national recognition in the next couple of years.

Is Sophia Loren related to Mussolini?

ASK DICK KLEINER



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Q. I recently read that Sophia Loren is a blood relation to Mussolini. Is this true? I came away with the feeling that she was his daughter, or his sister's or brother's daughter. — E.G., Almond, N.Y.

A. No, Sophia Loren isn't a blood relative of the Italian dictator. But there is a family connection. Sophia's sister was, for a time, married to one of Mussolini's sons. In fact, they had two children. The couple subsequently divorced, and she is now married to a doctor.

Q. What happened to the TV series "UNSUB"? It starred David Soul and it only aired for a few episodes in the spring of '89. — N.B., Reading, Pa.

A. It was a bomb. Like most bombs, it went off.

Q. Could you please settle a question for me. Was the movie "Gone With the Wind" ever made in black and white? I say that 39 years ago I saw it and it wasn't in color. — G.R., Rock Hill, S.C.

A. Over the years, I guess I've answered this question more than any other. "Gone With the Wind" was always in color. If you saw it in black and white 39 years ago, it must have

been in one of your black-and-white dreams.

Q. I noticed where Tyrone Power Jr. had a part in "Cheers." I did not know there was a Tyrone Power Jr. I thought Senior only had a daughter. — C.B., Amarillo, Texas.

A. Tyrone Power Jr. was born after his father died. He has had small parts in both of the "Cocoon" movies.

Q. A friend of mine and myself have a serious bet going. She says Patrick Swayze is the son of John Wayne. I think she's crazy. — S.W., Fairmont, W.Va.

questioner asked, "Is that your first name or your last name?" MacGyver answered, "Yes."

Q. What has become of Sabu, who used to star in South Sea Island-type movies of the '40s? — P.W., Erie, Pa.

A. Sabu, "the Elephant Boy," died in 1963.

Q. Help me with a year-old argument I am having with my know-it-all brother. If you know the real name of Engelbert Humperdinck, print it so know-it-all can read it. — N.M., Coquille, Ore.

A. Everybody should know it by now — Engelbert is really Arnold Dorsey.



Sophia Loren Patrick Wayne

A. She may not be crazy, exactly, but stay away from her when there's a full moon. No, John Wayne had a son named Patrick (who acted in a few of his father's films) — but he's Patrick Wayne, not Swayze.

Q. My son says that the character's name on "MacGyver" is his first name. I told him it was his last name. Does he have a first name? — R.H., Dixon, Ill.

A. On one episode, he was asked his name and said, "MacGyver." His

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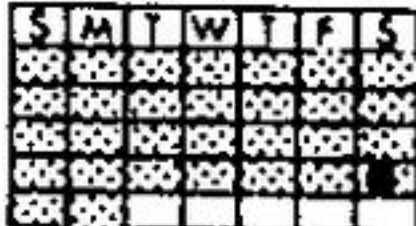
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Bounty mutiny in 1789

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April 28, 1990

Today is the 118th day of 1990 and the 40th day of spring.



TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1789, the crew of the English ship H.M.S. Bounty staged a mutiny against Capt. Bligh.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: James Monroe (1758-1831), U.S. president; Robert Anderson (1917-), writer; James A. Baker III (1930-), secretary of state; Carolyn Jones (1932-), actress; Jack Nicholson (1937-), actor; Ann-Margaret (1941-), actress; Marcia Strassman (1948-), actress; Jay Leno (1950-), comedian.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The mission of the playwright ... is to look in his heart and write..." — Robert Anderson

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (April 25) and first quarter (May 1).



ON AN AVERAGE DAY: 16 new tanning salons are listed in the Yellow Pages.

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