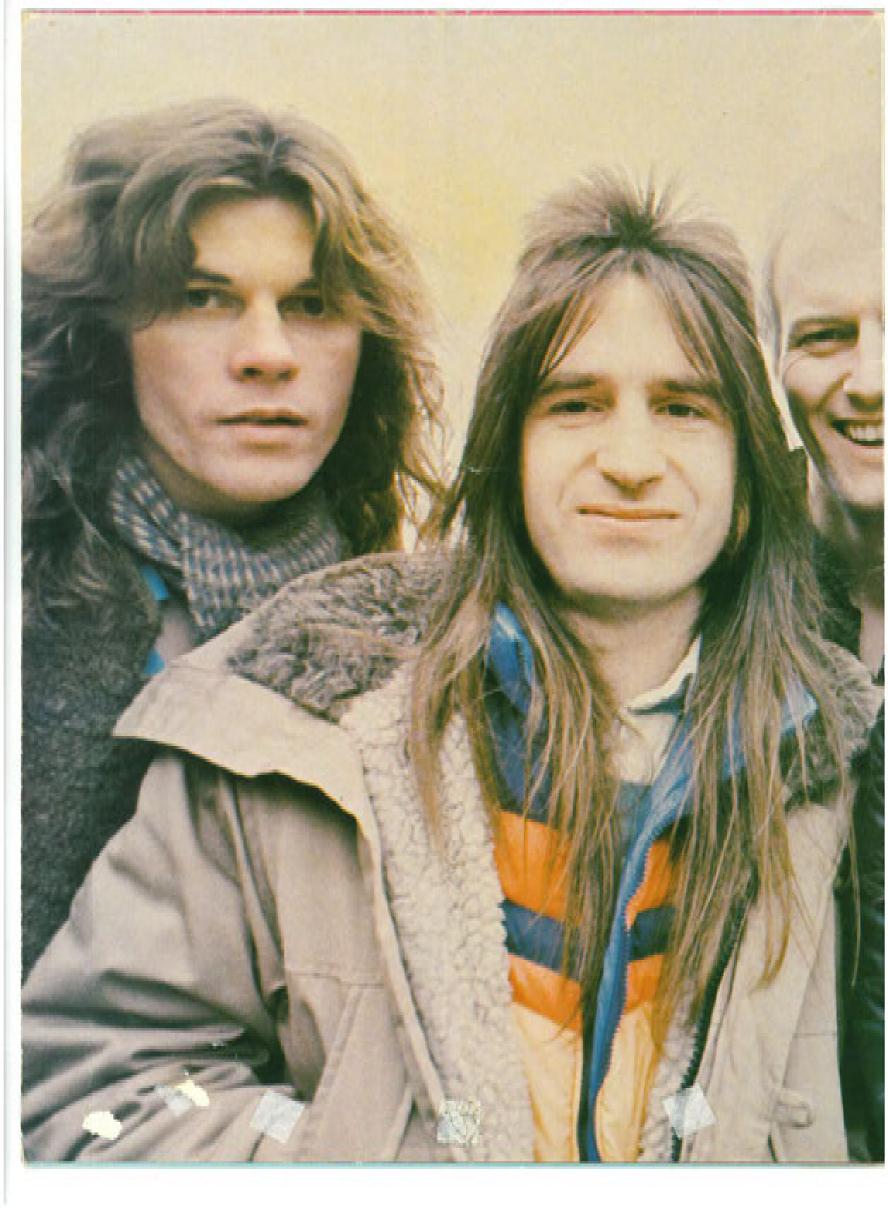


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Critics of Uriah Heep had a field day a couple of months ago when it was announced that long standing keyboard player Ken Hensley had left the band.

Assuming, as most people did, that Ken was the so called "Band leader" the general impression was that after ten and a half years and numerous personnel changes, Uriah Heep as a unit would cease to function. Nothing could be further from the truth. Uriah Heep is healthier and better than ever; concentrating on its initial concept of being a good time Rock 'n Roll band.

It's always difficult to explain why people leave bands. It's usually taken for granted that there has been an almighty row which led to the split. It's important to state that in this case exactly the opposite occurred. Ken Hensley felt the need to progress his solo interests while the band members wanted to return to Heep's roots—which, during the past couple of years the Band has veered rather too far away from. Therefore a totally amicable split took place in the best interests of both parties.

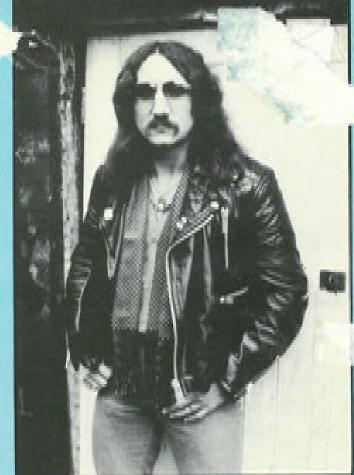
So here is the new Uriah Heep complete with new keyboard player Gregg Dechert. Although relatively unknown in the UK, Dechert has a considerable track record in his native Canada, where he played with 'Nasty Habits', 'HDB' (Hagopian Dechert Band), 'Sweet Blindness', and most recently 'Pulsar', along with Heep vocalist John Sloman.

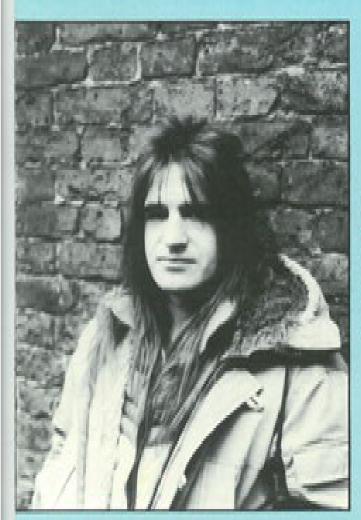
Says Heep founder-member and guitarist Mick Box on Gregg's addition: 'Things couldn't have worked out better. When Ken left, John Sloman recommended Gregg, and after two weeks' trying to track him down, he flew over for an audition. Right from the start things worked out perfectly on both musical and personal levels. He has added a new dimension and freshness to the band — which we all needed — and aside from being a fantastic keyboard player and songwriter, he also fits in on the vocal front which means we won't lose the Heep multi-vocal trademark'.

Uriah Heep – John Sloman (vocals), Mick Box (guitars), Trevor Bolder (bass), Chris Slade (drums) and Gregg Dechert (keyboards) – now makes its live debut on an extensive UK tour. Concentrating on smaller venues and areas of the UK in which the band has never previously played, the tour serves as a breaking-in period to get the new unit together prior to recording a new studio album in December for February 1981 release.

As a taster to the new album and indeed the new Uriah Heep, a single 'Think It Over' is set for immediate release. The title sums up the band's commitment and dedication. After ten years on the road and sales nudging 30 million worldwide, Heep has 'thought it over' and can now confidently look forward to the next ten years.

4 × Marshall 4 × 12 Cebs 2 × Burman Amplifiers Roland Rack containing: – Pitch/Voltage Synth Stereo Flanger Stereo Phaser Washburn Eagle Guitars Velvet Hammer Guitar Washburn Acoustic Guitar





## TREVOR BOLDER

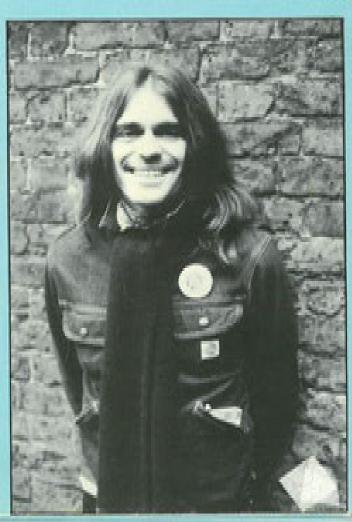
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2 × Custom made 2×15 Cabs
Rack containing:— Klark Technik 11 band stereo graphic EQ
2 × Crown DC300A Amplifiers
Pre-amp rack containing:— 2 × Alembic stereo pre-amplifiers
1 × Stereo flanger

Kramer guitars



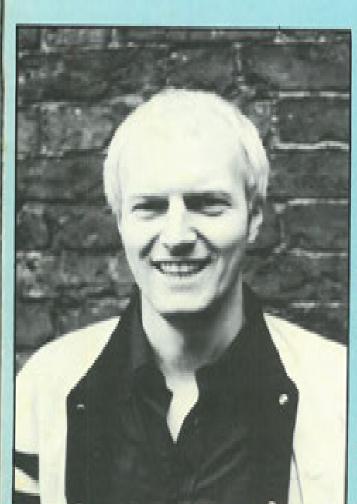
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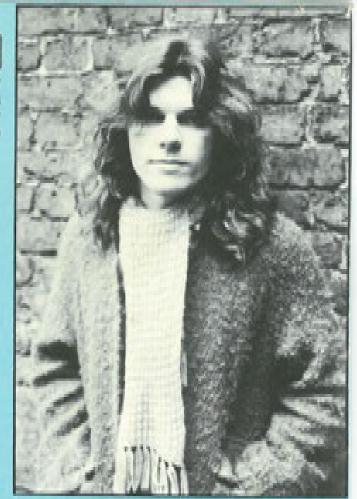
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## JOHN SLOMAN

1 × Marshall Amplifier 1 × Custom cabinet containing 4×12 ATC speakers Washburn Explorer guitar Shure Microphone





## **CHRIS SLADE**

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Proporting of our forthcoming album.

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## URIAH HEEP - A HISTORY

1969

Mick Box and David Byron formed Spice.

1970

Signed by Manager, Gerry Bron, changed name to Uriah Heep, recruited Ken Hensley, released "Very 'Eavy Very 'Umble" (Cat. No. BRNA 142) with bassist Paul Newton and drummers Alex Napier and Nigel Olsson.

1971

Release of "Salisbury" (BRNA 152) and "Look At Yourself" (BRNA 169) Paul Newton replaced by Mark Clark who in turn was replaced by Gary Thain. Drummer Keith Baker joined to be replaced by Iain Clark who was replaced by Lee Kerslake.

1972

Release of "Demons and Wizards" (BRNA 193) and "Magician's Birthday" (BRNA 213).

1973

Release of "Uriah Heep Live" (BRSP 1) and "Sweet Freedom" (BRNA 245).

1974

Release of "Wonderworld" (BRON 280).

1975

Release of "Return to Fantasy" (BRNA 335) and "Best of Uriah Heep" (BRON 375). Gary Thain replaced by ex Roxy Music/King Crimson bassist John Wetton.

1976

Release of "High & Mighty" (BRNA 384), followed by sacking of David Byron and departure of John Wetton, Bassist Trevor Bolder and vocalist John Lawton joined.

1977

Release of "Firefly" (BRNA 483) and "Innocent Victim" (BRON 504).

1978

Release of "Fallen Angel" (BRNA 512).

1979

John Lawton and Lee Kerslake sacked to be replaced by vocalist John Sloman and drummer Chris Slade.

1980

Release of "Conquest" (BRON 524).

Ken Hensley replaced by Gregg Dechert, resulting in the definitive Uriah Heep:-

Trevor Bolder Mick Box Gregg Dechert Chris Slade John S

(Bass) (Guitars) (Keyboards) (Drums) (Vocals)



