

## Room in the Lifeboat

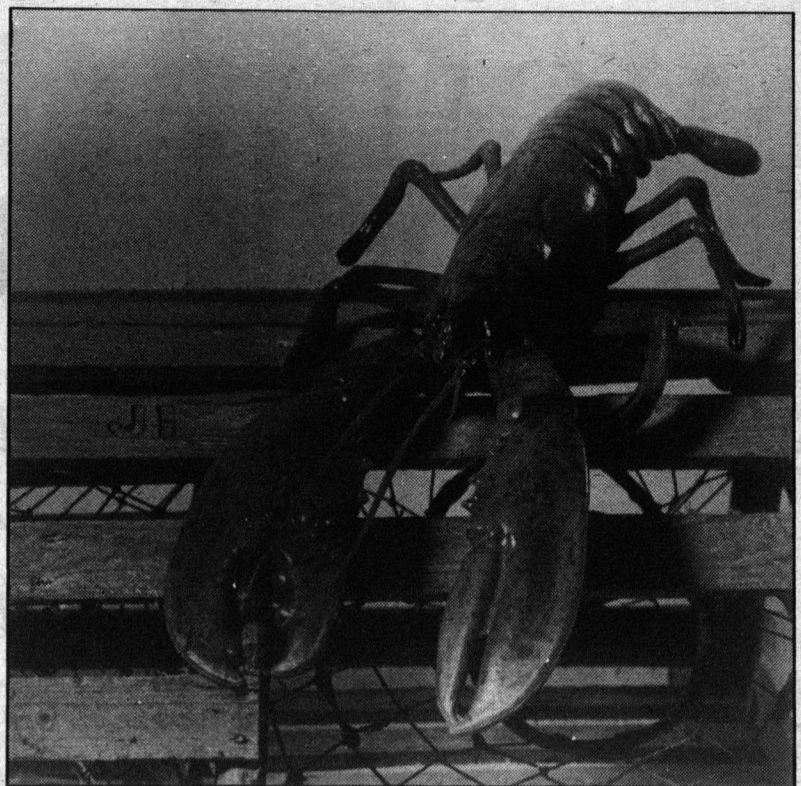
when they all turn into giant dancing lobsters, like, totally awesome."

With an album and single poised at the top of the charts "Room in the Lifeboat" are now ready for their first North American tour. They will be playing 97 cities in 105 nights (We're just gonna set the band up on a flat bed and do New York-New Jersey and San Francisco-Oakland in single shots.") and they will have their most spectacular stage show yet. Instead of a simple laser light show they will, for the first time anywhere, be using a laser that can punch a hole in six inches of concrete in under a second. As if their music wasn't exciting enough.

After the tour Black Lung will start to write the songs for their second album. He is not afraid in the least of being a one-shot

wonder, and is already looking for new worlds to explore creatively. "I think it's time that we made a political statement; it's part of an artist's responsibility to society to tell the world how things are supposed to go, isn't it? Like all this business about revolution. A lot of people don't know it but that means overthrowing the government. And you know what that means, eh? No more pogy checks. And probably no more Anne Murray on the CBC either. People gotta think about these things."

By then there will likely be a host of "Room in the Lifeboat" imitators pounding away on fiddles and singing of fish. But will they have the vitality, the spunk, or the credibility to play the new music the way it should be played? No, somehow we doubt it. So, until the next album, unless you are lucky enough to see them on tour, be content to know that you are witnessing the beginning of something special. It is like hearing Fats Domino sing "Blueberry Hill" the first time or hearing Les Paul play the first electric guitar. Make sure of your own space in "The Lifeboat."



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