**THE AMERICAN heavy** metal brigade are preparing for a British assault in the spring with RUSH, TED NUGENT and AEROSMITH leading the charge.

**Rush will be touring Britain** in April, playing more than 15 dates in ten cities around **England and Scotland. Dates** are still being confirmed, but it's expected that they will be released within the next couple of weeks. The band have been touring America extensively since the release of their last album, 'Hemispheres', last November.

Nugent and Aerosmith are reported to be planning a joint tour of Britain and Europe. Although no specific period has been set, it's believed that late spring or early summer is the likeliest time. Nugent's new album, 'Weekend Warriors', is his best seller in America vet and he's already postponed a planned British Tour to concentrate on playing America.

Aerosmith are off the road writing new material for a studio album following the release of a live double album, 'Official Bootleg', last month.





**RUSH** have now finalised the dates for their British tour in April, first news of which was announced last week. The band will be bringing over their full American touring show with its spectacular light show and back projection. They'll be playing a two-hour set at each gig.

The tour, which is promoted by Straight Music, opens with two nights at Newcastle City Hall on April 23 and 24 and continues at Glasgow Apollo 25/26, Edinburgh Odeon 28, Manchester Apollo 29/30, Liverpool Empire May 1/2, London Hammersmith Odeon 4/5/6, Coventry Theatre 9, Birmingham Odeon 10/11, Southampton Gaumont 13, Bristol Colston Hall 14/15.

Tickets for all venues are £3.50, £3.00 and £2.50 and go on sale everywhere on February 23 except for Hammersmith which opens this weekend and Bristol which doesn't open until March 12.