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Red, Hot & New

Now that Beatles albums are legal in the U.S.S.R., Western rock fans will soon be able to buy the first commercial recording by four of the Soviet Union's hottest underground bands—Kino, Aquarium, Alisa and Strange Games. Tapes of their music, disguised as blank cassettes, were smuggled out of the country by Los Angeles singer Joanna Stingray

and offered to several U.S. recording companies. Big Time Records bought them and next month will release 10,000 copies of an album of songs from the tapes entitled "Red Wave: Four Underground Bands from the U.S.S.R." The



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Rock from Russia: Album cover

Soviet groups will receive no money from the record sales—just the satisfaction that their music, until now mostly passed around the Soviet Union on home-dubbed cassettes, is finally being heard in the West.

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