SAVE THE WALES

rt is DAVID WALES middle name and he has the passport (Australian) to prove it; the 23 year old funster is currently employed on a glabal mission to preach the "zenpop" gospel of Guru Adrian. Readers of Countdown (a high circulation Oz pop magazine) will already be acquainted with the 322-year-old guru with the body of a seven-year-old whose monthly Fun Page illustrated by Wales, is chocka-block with 'Adrianisms'; to wit "every situation is a potentially fun situation" and "Guru Adrian says: the best cause in the world is the 'be' cause because anyone who simply can enjoy 'being' has found the secret of eternal youth." In fact, Guru Adrian is now so popular that he receives up to ten fan letters a day and has even been quoted in church. Wales, a former Billy Idol impersonator and the presenter of several Australian TV youth progs (he used to review comics from his own cartoon cut-out set and recently turned down an MTV job because they wanted him to grow his hair and "be more normal") claims to have met the junior deity bushwalking through a Sydney suburb one day. Patently, Wales, who flunked art at school but studied SFX makeup at college, is not short of lunatic ideas, nor does he lack energy and a talent for selfpromotion. As belits an artist whose spiritual idals. Guru Adrian aside, are Pee Wee Herman, the Banana Splits and Oz comic Graham Bond's surreal character 'Auntie Jack' (a moustachiaed lady in a blue dress and boxing glove whom the infant Wales wrote to every week) Wales likes to have fun Billing himself as "the most proffessional man in the world" (sic), other Wcles pranks have included Mr Nice Guy, a unique mail order flattery service in which Wales would send compliments at five dollars a throw and stickering the whole of Sydney with various surrealisms, 'Hey, there's a big dog on your face' being but one. Wales however should not be underestimated. An extremely gifted and prolific artist he fills notebook after notebook with sly observances, poetry and a graphic style reminiscent of Ian Pollock and Tom Phillips, He's also been keeping a cheerful journal of his trans-global adventures which beg to be published. In fact, shortly before leaving, Wales invested 30 dollars in a hypnotherapist in order to improve his powers of concentration. She couldn't get Wales to concentrate sufficiently to be hypnotised EVP

