

Lenny Bruce was a legend before he died. In recent years we have witnessed several "productions" on the theme of Lenny's life: there has been a Broadway show, a movie and many books. This recording features THE material that made Lenny a legend . . the material that he'll be remembered for. This is the story of Lenny. September 29, 1961: **BUSTED FOR POSSESSION** OF NARCOTICS, Philadelphia. October 4, 1961: BUSTED FOR OBSCENITY, Jazz Workshop, San Francisco. September, 1962: BANNED'IN AUSTRALIA. October 6, 1962: BUSTED FOR POSSESSION OF NARCOTICS, Los Angeles. October 24, 1962: BUSTED FOR OBSCENITY, Troubador Theatre, Hollywood. December, 1962: BUSTED FOR OBSCENITY, Gate of Horn, Chicago. January, 1963: BUSTED FOR POSSESSION OF NARCOTICS, Los Angeles. April, 1963: BARRED FROM ENTERING ENGLAND, London. April. 1964: BUSTED FOR OBSCENITY, Cafe Au Go-Go, New York City. October, 1965: DECLARED A LEGALLY BANKRUPT PAUPER, San Francisco. August 3, 1966; DEAD, Los Angeles.

TO COME HUBERT'S MUSEUM THE PERVERSE ACT TITS AND ASS

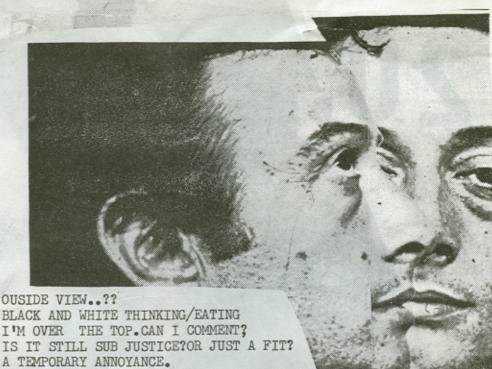
A PRETTY BIZARRE SHOW BLAH BLAH BLAH DIRTY TOILET WOULD YOU SELL OUT YOUR COUNTRY? A WHITE WHITE WOMAN AND A BLACK BLACK WOMAN The selections are BMI

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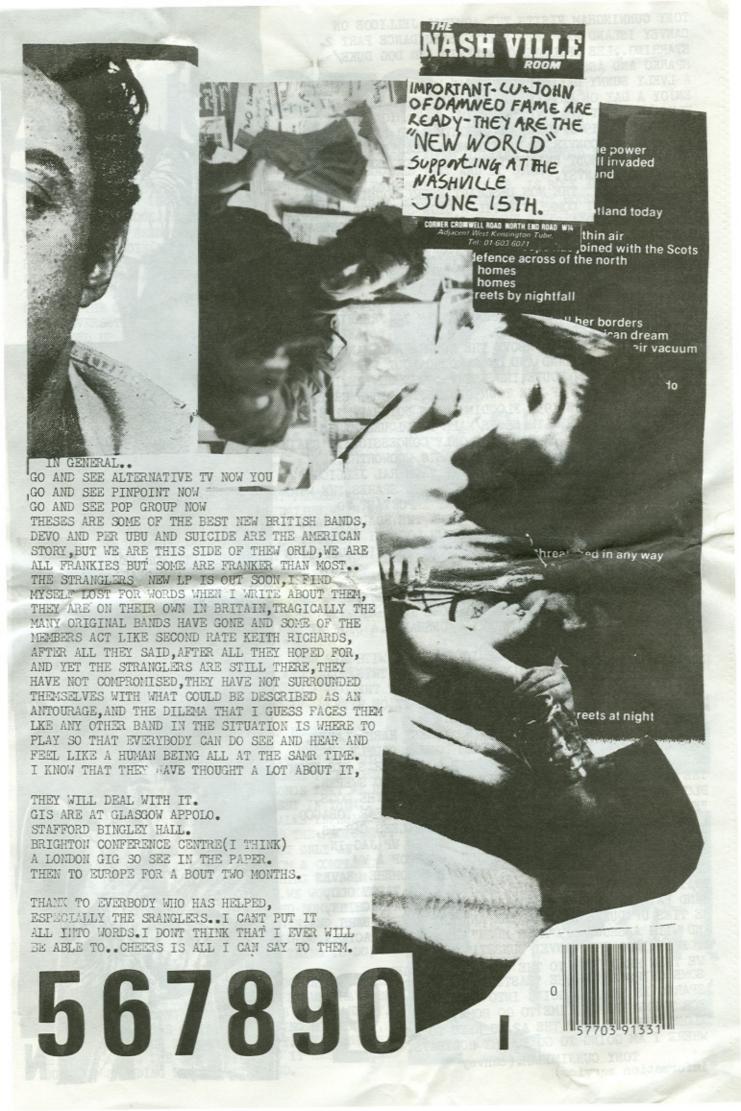
BLACK AND WHITE THINKING EATING I'M OVER THE TOP. CAN I COMMENT? IS IT STILL SUB JUSTICE?OR JUST A FIT? A TEMPORARY ANNOYANCE. WHO KNOWS? NOT ME I AM JUST A TYPEWRITER. STELL I'D LIKE TO KNOW. T MOON.

OK THEN I'LL LEAVE IT AT THAT , SUFFICE TO SAY THAT THIS WAS NEARLY THE LAST ONE. FUCK THAT LETS GET ON WITH STRANGLED SIX. "BLACK AND WHITE" WILL BE SOON OUT AND IS PROBABLY OUT AT THE TIME OF Side One READING. WELL THE WHOLE THING THAT WAS ONCE DESCRIBED I JUST DO IT AND THAT'S ALL BY CHARACTERS LIKE MYSELF, P JAC, MARK PERRY IN SG AS A "SCENE" IS NOW NO LONGER A SCENE IT IS MORE LIKE A PATHETIC GROUPING OF CHARITY ACTS FOR NEW FACES. THE EXCITMENT IS GONE. THE BEATLES ARE DEAD! COMPLETELY EXPOSED GOOD RIDANCE. THE PRESS TRYED LIMPLEY TO RAISE A NEW Side Two MOPE WITH PUNTERS LIKE THE PLEASERS AND THEIR ILK, MEANWHILE AT STRANGLED WE PUKED UP INTO PLASTIC BEAG BAGS. ARE YOU KIDDIING, WHO ARE THESE JOKES.

MEANWHILE WE HAVE THE BRIGHTER SIDE AS GROUPS LIKE THE POP GROUP, PINPOINT (REMEMBER THAT NAME BUZZCOCKS (STILL) TANZDA YOUTH (SOON) ... EMERGES....STRANGLED IS 100% FOR THESE WILD AND WONDERFUL YOUTHS FOR GODS SAKE DON'T BECOME ONE OF THESE WEEKEND HIPPIES/PUNKS. WHO LIVE IN A SORT Design: Eupsychian Works OF VOID A K TEL LAND OF EXPRESSING THEMSELVES.GO GO GO MY POPEY EYED FRIENDSAND DISCOVER SOMETHING FOR YOURSELF. I LOOK AT MY CALENDER AND YEAGH 1978 4 55th Street, New York, N.Y. 10019 WAS PRECEDED BY77 I DID LIVE THEN. BUT THE TV STILL STINKS. HAKF THE "NEW" BANDS IN LONDON STINK AND SO TO ALL OF THE WEEKEND PUNKS WHO RUN AROUND THE STRE STREETS OF LONDON EVERY NIGHT AFTER THEY HAVE LEFT THE BANK. THE RUN ARDUND NOT LIKE RATS. A PROUD NOBLE REBEL IS THE RAT, A MILATRY RODENT THAT OUTRAGES. NO THE CHARACTERS IN THESES UNIFORMS ON AND OF STAGE ARE MICE AT THE LOCAL PET SHOP. IN SHORT JOHN LYDUN WAS A RAT ... HIS ANCESTORS ARE MICE.

THOSE RATS THE STRANGLERS REMAIN IMMUNE TO THE POISONS LAID DOWN. BLACK AND WHITE IS STUNNING .. I SHALL SAY MORE LATER . THE BAND HAVE REMAINED ANGRY AND WITH OBJECTIVES. WHILST SO MANY OTHERS HAVE FALLEN BY THE WAYSIDE HOPEFULLY WHO HAVE FALLEN WILL RISE IN A NEW MUTATION .. A SUPER RAT ... RATTUS NORVEGICUS!!

BANDS TO SEE ATV ... POP GROUP .. PINPOINT . MORE LATER.... TONY MOON



TONY CUNNINGHAM VISITS THE ADMIRAL JELLICOE ON CANVEY ISLAND AND GETS SPIITUAL GUIDANCE PART 2. STARRING..LEE BRILEAUX/LEW LEWIS AND DOG DUKE/SPARKO AND ASSORTED HOODS/CROONIES.

A LVELY SUNNY DAY, NOT THE IDEAL WEATHER TO REALLY ENJOY A DAY ON CANVEY BUT MY SOUL NEEDS REFRESHING, PLUS THE FACT THAT MY TRAVELING COMPANION LIVES IN THE FANTASY 1967 WORLD OF BRIGHTON AND DESPERATLY NEEDS TO BE CONVERTED TO THE MORE REALISTIC WAYS OF BRITAINS MOST UNIQUE ISLAND..LADIES AND GENTS I GIVE YOU CANVEY.

THE NON DESCRIPT ESSEX COUNTRY SIDE FLYSBY WITHOUT COMMENT UNTIL A SIGN SUGGESTS "CANVEY ISLAND AI30"SOON WE DRIVE ONTO THEE ROUNDABOUT TAKE THE THIRD ON THE LEFT AND AT LAST WE ARE ON "CANVEY WAY". THE COUNTRYSIDE CHANGES ALMOST IMMEDIATLY INTO ROUGH TUNDRA, STRECHING OUT TO THE OIL REFINERIES DOWN BY THE JETTY.

FACT: DUE TO LARGE TANKS OF LIQUID METHANE GAS STORED ON THE ISLAND THE GROUND AROUND THEM IS FREEZING AT A RATE OF SIX FEET EACH YEAR.

CANVEY WAY STRETCHES ABOVE THE TUNDRA AND MARCHLAND, WE ARE ON THE ISLAND AND ON A ROUNDABOUT THAT READS, RED ROUTE, YELLOW ROUTE, IND, ESTATE, TOWN CENTRE. I DRIVE IN THE DIRECTION OF THE TOWN CENTRE. THE TOWN CENTRE, REBUILT AFTER THE 1952 FLOODING DOES NOT HAVE THE FOLLOWING SHOPS: HEALTH SHOPS/MALE BOUTIQUES/MARKS &SPENCER/BHS/C&A.. IN FACT THE ONLY CONCESSION TO CHAIN STORES IS THE MORE FUNDAMENTAL/BASIC WOOWORTHS.

WE HEAD FOR THE "ADMIRAL JELLICOE",
PASSING ON ROUTE: CANVEY AUTO SALES AND SPARES, THE WIMP
WIMPEY BAR AND THE BOOKIES, ALLVERY IMPORTANT TO
THE CANVEY WAY OF LIFE, FURTHER DOWN THE ROAD WE PASS
THE "CANVEY CLUB" OR AS IT IS KNOWN LOCALLY TINROOF,
THIS WAS THE SCENE FOR THE COVER OF "SNEAKIN SUSPICION
RENAMED FOR THE NIGHT "THE ALIBI CLUB"

INTO THE PUBLIC BAR OF THE JELLI JELLICOE. THE COVER STORY OF "BE SEEING YOU" HUNCHED OVER A PINT, A TABLE FULL OF DOMINOES IN THE CORNER IS LEE BRILLAUX. SMOKING NEAVILY/UNSHAVEN. A SIGN AT THE BAR SAYS "NO CREDIT"

SOON LEW LEWIS TROTS IN WITH HIS MONGREL DOG "DUKE" WHO ALMOST IMMEDIATLY TRYS TO FUCK ANOTHER DOG IN THE BAR, LEE SHOUTS AT THE DOG ENCOURAGINLY, BUT DUKE HAS BEEN TRYING IT ON WITH ANOTHER DOG! BETTER LUCK NEXT TIME.

BRITAINS FINEST HARP PLAYER,
HAS NO BAND AT THE MOMENT HE HAS DONE A COUPLE OF
SESIONS OF LATE, THE ONLY CONTRACT THAT HE HAS IS FROM
THE LOCAL COUNCIL...LEW IS CURRENTLY A ROAD SWEPER.
BLOWING HARP HERE AND THERE.WE TALK ABOUT THE DOGS,
"FIGS" GAFF..LEE IS TRYING TO FLOG SOME CHEAP TOBACCO,
LAST ORDERS PLEASE.OUTSIDE I ASK WHERE LEES CAR IS,
HDPEING TO SEE THE MOST BATTERED SOUPED UP JAG IN
THE COUNTRY..NO LEE IS THE PROUD OWNER OF A VW
CARAVANETTE, HOWEVER HE DOES NOT DRIVE HOMEHE LEAVES
THAT TO A MATE, INSTEAD LEE EMERGES ON A TATTY OLD,
HAND PAINTED PUSH BIKE, LEW TOO HAS SUCH A MACHINE,
HE TIES UP DUKES LEAD TO THE ANCIENT HANDLE BARS,
AND WITH A SHOUT OF "MUSH MUSH" THE TWO CHARACTERS
RIDE OF INTO THE CANVEY SUNSET!

WE THEN HEAD DOWN TO THE SEA FRONT TO GET SOME CHIPS ALONG THE "EASTERN ESPLANADE" SPARKO IS SPOTTED GOING INTO THE POOL HALI FOR A FEW FRAMES.TIME TO GO HOME, BACK ALONG THE WAY...UP THE A2.NO NEED TO ASK WHERE I AM GOING TO GO FOR MY HOLIDAYS.

TONY CUNNINGHAM. (canvey imformation service)



## SQUEEZE IN LEAT A POLIT THE LANG DEPTHORD TO PERSON.

SQUEEZE...WE HAVE BEEN WRITING ABOUT SQUEEZE OF THE LAST FEW ISSUES AND NOW AN INTERVIEW HOUTH GLEN TILBROOK..FIRST THOUGH A BIT ON WHAT THEY HAVE BEEN UP TO OF LATE..THEY DID A TOUR WITH EDDIE AND THE HOT RODS, AND RELEASED AN LP..AND A SINGLE...THE SINGLE HAS SINCE DONE WELL AND THE BAND HAVE APPEARED ON

THE TV....

GLEN IS THE GUITARIST ... VOCALIST.

THE CONVERSATION TOOK PLACE IN A BLACKHEATH PUB AND ENDED UP IN A BLACHEATH SNACK BAR OVER TEA AN AND CHEESE ON TOAST ..IS'NT LIFE A WHEEZ.. OPENING TALK IS ABOUT AMERICAN MUSIG ...THE BAND ARE GOING THERE IN A COUPLE OF MONTHS.... TM..YOU MUST BE PLEASED THAT YOUR SINGLE IS DOING SO WELL..

GLEN..YEEES...I AM VERY PLEASED, IN FACT I AM SURPRISED THAT IT IS DOING AS WELL AS IT IS, BECAUSE WE RELEASED IT SIX WEEKS AGO AND THEN IT SUDDENLY STARTED TO MOVE INTO THE CHARTS, WE DID TOTP'S AND IT SOLD SOME MORE.

TM..IT IS AMAZING HOW POWERFUL THAT PROGRAMMEIS. GLEN..YEAGH..IT IS A LUDICROUS SITUATION, WHEN WE RELEASED "PACET OF THREE" ON DEPTFORD FUN CITY REC REDORDS...WHICH WAS 'NT AS MUCH A COMMERCIAL PROPOSITION AS THE NEW SINGLE..BUT I THINK THAT IT COULDHAVE DONE AS WELL IF IT HAD BEEN GIVEN THE AIRPLAY AND TV COVERAGE.

TM.. "TAKE ME" WAS ALSO THE ONLY, OR ONE OF TWO TRACKS ON THE LP THAT SQUEEZE PRODUCED ON THEIR

GLEN..YEAGH WE ALSO DID "BANG BANG"
TM..WHAT I WANTED TO KNOW WAS,LIKE JOHN CALE
PRODUCED THE LP..HOW MUCH CONTROL AND INFLUENCE
DID HE HAVE OVER THE BAND,LIKE I MEAN THAT
GREAT TRACK"DONE IT ALL"WAS NOT ON THE LP,WHY
WAS THAT?

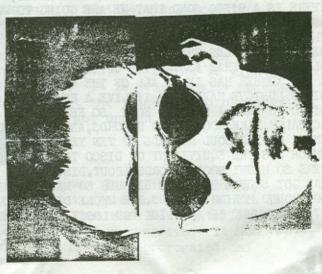
GLEN..THAT NUMBER WAS'NT ON THE LP BECAUSE WE GOT BORED WITH PLAYING IT ... AND IF YOUARE BORED PLAYING A SONG THERE IS NO WAY THAT YOU ARE GOING TO PUT ANY FIRE INTO IT WHEN IT COMES TO RECORDIN RECORDIG IT.LIKE THERE ARE SOME SONGS THAT WE USD USED TO DO, BUT WE HAVE LOST INTEREST IN THEM .. THE ENTHUSIASM HAS GONE.ON JOHN CALES INFLUENCE, AS FAR AS THE BAND IS CONCERNED AS THE PRODUCER .. THE IDEA OF A PRODUCER IS TO BE NOT ONLY AN OUTSIDE EAR, BUT AN OUTSIDE EAR FROM A COMPLETLY OPPOSITE DIRECTION, WHICH IS SOMETHING THAT IN I THINK THAT JOHN CALE IS DOING ... WE WOULD HAVE ROWS IN THE STUDIO ABOUT THINGS AND SOMETIMES WE WOULD WIN AND SOMETIMES HE WOULD WIN, AND THAT IS WHAT I THINK THAT A PRODUCER SHOULD DO, ... TM. . THAT WAS QUITE AN ADVENTUROUS THING TO DO, PARTICULARLY ON YOUR FIRST LP .. ?

GLEN..WELL THATS WHAT WE WANT TO DO, WE HAVE BEEN IN THE STUDIOS BEFORE WITH PRODUCERS WHO HAVE BE BEEN THINKING ALONG THE SAME LINES AS US AND IT.. THE END RESULT HAS COME OIT SOUNDING SONTRIVED, THERE IS NOT MUCH ENTHUSIASM IN IT..EVERYONE IS THINKING ALONG THE SAME LINES AND IT HAS ALL ENDD ENDED UP SOUNDING BLAND IN THE END.

TM..WHAT ABOUT JULIANS DEPTFORD EP?YOU AND HE PRODUCED THAT AND IT SOUNDS GREAT... GLEN..WELL JULIANS EP IS ROCK AND ROLL OR ROCKA BILLYAND THAT SORT OF MOOD IS EASY FOR US TO CATCH BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN PLAYING IT FOR QUITE A FEW YEARS...







AND I THINKTHAT WE HAVE GOT A FEEL FOR IT .. AND IT WAS EASY TO DO, THEREWAS PRACTICALLY NO PRODUCING TO DO. EXCEPT ... LIKE WHEN WE WENT INTO THE STUDIO WE JUST PUT THE MICROPHONES AROUND THE ROOM TO CAPTURE THE SOUND OF THE STUDIO...THE FEEL OF THE ROOM AND A LOT OF ROCK AND ROLL RECORDS THESE DAYS LACK THAT SORT OF ATMOSPHERE.

TM .. HOW DID THE LAST TOUR GO WITH EDDIE AND THE HOT RODS?

GLEN..IT WAS A GREAT TOUR..WE HAD JUST RE RELEASED OUR LP AND WHEN YOU HAVE JUST PUT OUT A NEW LP YOU DONT WANT TO GO OUT AND TOUR WITH THE WRONG BAND I THOUGHT THAT EDDIE AND THE HOT RODS WERE A GREAT BAND TO SUPPORT BECAUSE THEYARE BRACKETED WITHIN THE "NEW WAVE"BUT NO WAY COULD THEY BE DESCRIBED BY ANY ONE AS APUNK BAND .. AND THE ACHIEVE A SORT OF CROSS OVER AUDINCE. . WHICH I THINK IS THE SORT OF AUDIENCE THAT WE PLAY TO .. EVERY NIGHT BUT MAYBE TWO WE GOT AN ENCORE WHICH WAS GREAT TM .. IN A RECENT INTERVIEW YOU SAID THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO SIT IN A LOCAL PUB ROUND HERE IN EIGHT YEARS OR SO AND STILL FEEL GOOD ABO T THE BAND ... TO STILL BE LOCAL ASWELL AS HAVING SUCESS .. I THOUGHT THAT THAT WAS A GOOD WAY OF PUTTING IT ... GLEN. RIGHT. I AGREE LIKE WHEN YOU START DOING

THINGS LIKE TOTP'S YOU FIND THAT PEOPLE WHO YO YOU VAGUELY KNOW . THEIR ATTITUDE TOWARDS YOU

SEEMS TO CHANGE ..

TM .. YOU MEAN IN YOUR SOCIAL LIFE? GLEN. YEAGH .. YOU FIND IT DIFFICULT TO GET ON WITH THOSE SORT OF PEOPLE BECAUSE THEY ARE AWARE THAT YOU HAVE BEEN ON THE TV AND THEY THINK. THAT YOU HAVE AUTOMATICALLY CHANGED.. WHICH IS REALLY ANNOYING .. IT IS REALLY GREAT THAT WE ARE IN A BAND TAND THAT PEOPLE WANT TO BUY OUR RECORDS. BUT THAT IS NOTHING TO GET BIG HEADED ABOUT .. ITIS LIKE A GUY WHO HAS BUILT ATABLE AND SOMEONE BUYS IT IN A SHOP .. HE HAS MADE THAT TABLE WELL, AND THAT IS IT, I DONT SEE ANY GLAMOUR ASSOCIATED WITH IT. TM. . HAVE YOU RECORDED ANY NEW THINGS OF LATE? GLEN. WELL WE DID A LIVE GIG AT THE ALBANY .. (A LOCAL GIG IN DEPTFORD) WHICH WE RECORDED AND WE MIGHT USE ONE OF THE TRACKS AS A B SIDE IT OUT ON FUN CITY. OF OUR NEXT SINGLE.. "BANG BANG"THE GIG WAS ALS TM. ARE THERE ANY PLANS FOR MORE PROJECTS LIKE THAT? WE ARE GOING TO WORK ON ... A FEW NEW IDEAS,

TM, YOU DID A DISCO NUMBER ON THE LP"WILD SEWERAGE TICKLES BRAZIL"

GLEN. YEAGH THAT IS THE TIP OF THE ICE BERG. A NEW NUMBER HAS IN IT ALL OF THE CLICHES OF DISCO MUSICWE HAVE DONE IT LIVE A FEW TIMES. DISCO IS SUCH A MISUSED FORM SO FEW PEOPLE ACTUALLY MAKE GOOD DISCO RECORDS, AND WHEN YOU THINK OF THE SOUL RECORDS OF TEN YEARS AGO, WHICH WAS THE EQUIVILENT OF DISCO THEN, THERE HAS GOT SUCH A BAD NAME BECAUSE SO MANY ROBOT TONY MOON PRODUCTIONS
GO AROUND MAKING RECORDS. THE WHOLE DISCO THING AT THE MONENT IS SO SLICK YOU LOOSE ALL THE FE



BUT WHEN YOU BUT IT INTO THE HANDS OF IDIOTS LIKE US IT IS GREAT YOU CAN GET A REAL FEEL GOING ESPECIALLY WITH A LIVE AUDIENCE..IT IS IDEAL MUSIC TO DANCE TO.. WAIT TILL YOU SEE US AGAIN. TM..WHAT ABOUT JULIANS SINGLE, HOW DID THAT EMFRGE? GLEN. WELL WE HAD SOME SPARE STUDIO TIME OFFERD SO WE WENT DOWN AND BASHED OUT SOME TRACKS IN ABOUT TWO DAYS, A&MDIDONT WANT TO PUT IT OUT TO BATTLE WITH OUR SINGLE SO WE THOUGHT THAT WE WOULD PUT

GLEN. WELL THERE MIGHT BE OTHER PROJECTS BUT NOTON THERE IS A DISCO SONG THAT WE ARE GOING TO WOFTHAT I THINK THAT SQUEEZE WILL BE ON MOVING AROUND SUCH A REGULAR BASIS AS SQUEEZE WILL BE. THE THING IS A LOT. LIKE WE HAVE DONE THIS LP NOW. THERE ARE ARESS THAT WE WANT TO EXPLORE LIKE THE DISCO, ASWELL AS OTHER THEMES, LIKE I DON'T THINK THAT THERE WILL BE ANOTHER TRACK LIKE SAY"SEX MASTER" THAT SORT OF TEMPO.

WOW GLENTHAT. WAS REALLY FAB. . . KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR SQUEEZE I RECKON THAT THEY WILL HAVE A FEW SURPRISES MUSICALLY TO OFFER AS THE YEAR GOES ON AND THEY WRITE NEWER NUMBERS.JULIANS SINGLE IS OUT NOW ON DEPTFORD FUN CITY ONE OF THE BEST THINGS RELEASED SO FAR THIS WERE SO MANNY BOOD RECORDS ABOUT. DISCO TODAY YEAR BY ANYBODY. SO GET SMART AND GET A SQUEEZE.



The Stranglers third album is called 'Black and White'. We decided to call it this because we felt that this was the best way to represent the extremes before us and it symbolizes the attitudes and behaviour that are presently required. Pretentious? Well, the National Front are marching in the streets and so are the Socialist Workers Party. Bader Meinhof kill for marx and Europe swings increasingly to the right (to the U.S.) while at the same time the cynics and trendies have increasingly espoused the other obvious alternative. This is an identity crisis and Europe is the loser. You couldn't get more Black and White. There's even talk of some of the 'Liberated' musicians conventioning in Cuba. East is East and West is West and poor little Europe is in the middle.



After World War One, Poland was created not so much to fulfill the demands of the local ethnic group but primarily as what has become known as the buffer state. After World War Two, two completely different kinds of buffer state were created. The Russians set up theirs and maintained them by fear, deprivation and inconsistent ideology based on historical materialism, perverted into state capitalism. This was Eastern Europe. The Americans on the other hand maintain theirs by relying on avarice, material reward, over indulgence and fear of material regression. This was Western Europe. Of course, since Britain is that much further from the front/dividing line and because Britain was not so much in immediate need of repair than others, a drastic facelift was not considered so necessary. The U.S. economic policy won over the British - Marshall K.O'd Keynes, Germany and Japan were refurbished the American way and thats where the identity crisis started developing. Or rather others decided to exploit our fears and weaknesses.



The left has exploited the inherent weaknesses of the American imperialism, colonial system of Europe, and the right has exploited the paranoia enduced by those who fear the loss of whatever privileges our American-maintained "democracy" has meant to have given us. All in all, we in Europe have been fodder for the ambitions of those outside or those within who look outside for their frames of reference.

Marxism and Americanism cannot possibly function as everlasting supports of the spirit. They are nothing more than arbitrary systems, ideologies based on archaic empiricisms. The foundation or support of European spirit must be discovered from Europe - the Europe of today. After all, Marx and Adam Smith did not write from the sterility that is the U.S.A. or Eastern Europe of now. We have been fed red herrings for too long. The system outside Europe are reactionary. The individual, the workers are the losers. Vive l'artisanat! Vive la co-operation! G.N.P of Europe is greater than U.S or U.S.S.R. Militarily we are potentially equal. It is dramatically necessary for us to start thinking of the domestic revolution and not the bitching and continual devisiveness of reactionary outdated ideologies. Have we got enough time?

The third way is not the middle way. Grey is the middle way The blinding apathy, lethargy to all the machinations that have led Europe to its present path. There is a new extremism, a new philosophy. There are murmurings from much more intelligable and articulate quarters than mine. The new cause is far more subversive. It has yet no form other than the spirit of discontent within the shit being propogated and inacted to us and for us till now.

HUGH CORNWELL IN CHICAGO/halfway thru the first stranglers us tour....

tm..you dont seem to like it over here very much, you dont go out and about during the day? HUGH .. NOT DURING THE DAY REALLY NO. THE STREETS OF AMERICA I FIND VERY DEPRESSING AND I THINK THAT IF I HAD TOO MUCH OF IT I WOULD'NT BE ABLE TO DO THE TOUR.

TM. WHAT IS IT THAT IS DEPRESSING TO YOU? HUGH .. IT IS JUST THE WHOLE AMERICAN DREAM TYPE PHILOSOPHY/PSYCHOLOGY THAT I SEE OUTSIDE THE DOOR. AND I KNOW THAT IT IS A PRODUCT BASICALLY OF EUROPEAN IDEALISIM AND IMPERIALISM, AMERICA IS LIKE THE BASTARD SON OF EUROPR REALLY. TM .. SO YOU WOULD RATHER STAY INSIDE THE HOTEL? HUGH. YEAGH. AND THEN I CAN LIVE INSIDE MY VACUM. TM .. DONT YOU THINK THAT THAT IS WRONG IN A WAY? HUGH..WELL I AM ONLY HUMAN, AND IT IS THE MOST EFFICENT WAY THAT I CAN PLAY WELL IN AMERICAAND I THINK THAT IF I HAD ANY MORE CONTACT WITH THAT VACUM OUT THERE I DON'T THINK THAT I COULD HANDLE

TM .. REALLY ... I MEAN DO YOU ACT IN THE SAME WAY WHEN YOU ARE ON THE CONTINENT IN EIROPE? HUGH..WELL WE HAVENT BEEN ON THE CONTINENT THAT MUCH WE HAVE BEEN MAINLY TO AMSTERDAM WE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN OUT AND ABOUT .. SO IT IS NOT REALLY LIKE EUROPE.WE FEEL LIKE WE ARE EUROPEANS..HERE WE FEEL NOT SO MUCH THAT WE ARE ON ANOTHER CONTINENT MORE THAT WE ARE ON A DIFFERENT PLANET. THE ONLY WAY THAT I CAN GET A CONTACT IS PERFORMER IN A BAND THEN I CAN RELATE TO THE KIDS MORE, I CAN HANDLE IT.

TM..JEAN DOES'NT SEEM TO BE ENJOYING"the american experiance"

HUGH .. NO .. HE IS READTING TO IT LIKE I DID WHEN I FIRST CAME HERE. THIS TIME I AM NOT LETTING IT GET ME DOWN.LAST SUMMER I LET IT GET ME DOWN. PARTLY BECAUSE I WAS HERE BY MY SELF, THIS TIME I AM WITH THE BAND AND FRIENDS AND I AM ABLE TO LAUGH A BIT MORE THAN I DID BFORE.

TM .. THE THING THAT I STILL CAN'T QUITE GRASP IS TH THE FACT THAT YOU DONT REALLY WANT TO JUST GO DOWN

AND CHECK OUT SOME SHOPS OR SOMETHING? HUGH..BECAUSE IT JUST DEPRESSES ME, I WENT OUT IN NEW YORK AND IT BORED ME TO TEARS, THE AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE ,I WOULD RATHER BE IN BED CATCHING UP ON

SOME SLEEP ..

TM..WHAT IS THE AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE? HUGH .. WELLAS I SAID I THINK THAT AMERICA IS THE BASTARD SON OF EUROPE IN THE SENSE THAT ALL THE IDEALIST DEMOCRACY SEEKING COLONIZERS CAME HERE, THEY WERE OBVIOUSLY VERY AMBITIOUSPEOPLE, SO YOU HAVE THIS BASICGROUND COMING FROM EOROPEAN ROOTS, AND WHAT HAS EMERGED IS A CULTURE THAT IS VERY ADVENTUROUS, VERY FORWARD LOOKING AND VERY NAIVE, BUT IN THE END IT HAS FAILED THE EUROPEAN ADVETUR ADVENTURERS WERE TRYING TO ESCAPE FROM THEMSELVES AND YOU CAN'T ESCAPE AND WAHT THEYHAVE ENDED UP WIT WITH IS A COMPLETE FUCK UP IN MY EYES, FOR THE BEEF BENEFIT OF GETTING MORE AND MORE EXPERIENCE THEY HAVE SACRIFICED HISTORY FOR EXPERIENCE, THEY HAVE BEEN THROUGH SO MANY UPS AND DOWNS IN THE LAST TWO HUNDRED YEARS, WHERE AS EUROPE HAD MANY MANY



HISTORY, IT IS IT ALL AROUNI T.M. . HOW DOES HUGH...HUGE YOU CAN LEAN TM. DO YOU TH FEEL THE SAME HUGH. . WELL DA BECAUSE HE IS HE IS INTERES THE NUMBERS. TM. . AND THOSE MOST .... HUGH .. WELL I THE TOP A BIT EVERY THING O GADGET TO WIP YOUR ELECTRIC YOU CAN DO MOI

MORE YEARS

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THEY ARE MOVI

GIGS ... TM.. HAVE 1 GETTING INTO WELL? HUGH. WELL PRI EXPECT FROM PI THEY ARE RECORDS. . PEOPL TM .. YOU ARE LO EUROPE, I GATHE SONGS .. EVEN NE

SAVE TIME!

WHITE"? HUGH. WE HAVE BE GETTING TOG HAVE ALL BEEN TM .. YOU ARE TO YEAR. DO YOU T IN THE SAMR WA HUGH. PROBALY THE MORE USED IF YOU STAYED WOULD THINK TH

BLACK AND WHIT HUGH ... IT REP OPPOSITES. TM. DO YOU MEA HUGH. MUSICALL TWO DIFFERENT TM. . THE ACTUAL FROM ONE OF THI HUGH. YEAGH. GH IS IT TRUE WHAT NIGHT BLACK ANI PARTICULAR BIT PAPERS CAN TURN LIES. IT IS A V IT IS MEANT TO OBVIOUS. TM..IT SEEMS TO THAT YOU HAVE A WORE YEARS TO EXPERINCE THESE THINGS. THEY UP EXPERIENCETO THE DETRIMENT OF HISTORY, I ARE MOVING SO FAST THAT THERE IS NO FORY, IT IS LIKE A CONSTANT NOW. AND I SEE ALL AROUND ME AND IT DEPRESSES ME.

..HOW DOES IT MANEFEST ITSELF TO YOU?

H...HUGE CARS THAT ARE REALLY PAPER THIN, CAN LEAN ON THEM AND DENT THEM.

DO YOU THINK THAT THE OTHERS IN THE BAND

THE SAME?
..WELL DAVE GETS OF ON AMERICA MORE,
USE FE IS INTERESTED IN THE TECHNOLOGY.
IS INTERESTED IN THE GADGETRY OF IT ALL.,
NUMBERS.

AND THOSES ARE THE THINGS THAT YOU DISLIKE

..WELL I THINK THAT THEY HAVE GONE OVER TOP A BIT ,I MEAN THERE IS A GADGET FOR Y THING OVER HERE..YOU CAN EVEN GET A ET TO WIPE YOUR ARSE SO THAT YOU CAN USE ELECTRIC TOOTH BRUSH AT THE SAME TIME.. CAN DO MORE IN A SHORT SPACE OF TIME AND TIME!

HAVE YOU FELT THEAT THE KIDS HAVE BEEN ING INTO THE BAND?HAVE YOU BEEN GOING DOWN

..WELL PRETTY GOOD ASWELL AS YOU COULD EXPE CT FROM PEOPLE WITH SMALLER BRAINS. THEY ARE OK REALLY WE HAVE STARTED TO SELL RDS..PEOPLE ARE GETTING USED TO OUR NAME. YOU ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO GETTING BACK TO PE,I GATHER WILL YOU BE TRYING ANY NEW S..EVEN NEWER THANTHE ONES ON BLACK AND E"?

..WE HAVE GOT LOADS OF IDEAS THAT WE WILL TTING TOGETHER, PARTIICULARLY AFTER WE ALL BEEN HERE ...

OU ARE TO RETURN HERE LKATER ON IN THE .DO YOU THINK THAT YOU WILL REACT TO IT IE SAMR WAY?

.PROBALY NOT, THE MORE TIMES YOU COME HERE ORE USED TO IT YOU BECOME I SUPPOSE.
U STAYED IN A NUT HOUSE LONG ENOUGH YOU THINK THAT NORMAL.....

AND WHITE

...IT REPRESENTS TO DISTINCT DEFINED
ITES...

O YOU MEAN WITHIN THE BAND NOW?
.MUSICALLY YEAGH..WE SEETHAT THERE ARE
IFFERENT EXTREMES TO GO TOO.
HE ACTUAL LINE "BLACK ANS WHITE" COMES FRO
ONE OF THE SONGS ON THE LP...
.YEAGH..GREY BECOMES BLACK AND WHITE
TRUE WHAT THEY SAY?THEYTURN THE DAY INTO
BLACK AND WHITE BECOMES....."THAT
CULAR BIT IS ABOUT NEWSPAPER PRINT..THE
S CAN TURN LIES INTO TRUTH OR TRUTH INTO
.IT IS A VERY NEFARIOUS CONNECTION..BUT
MEANT TO BE, IT IS NOT MEANT TO BE

T SEEMS TO ME FROM LISTENING TO THE LP YOU HAVE ACHIEVED A NEW STYLE/SOUND PARTICULERLY WHEN YOU COMPARE IT TO RATTUS...
HUGH..WELL THAT IS GOOD, ALSO BY THE TIME WE
HAVE OUR THIRD LP OUT YOU WOULD EXPECT US TO HAVE
OUR OWN SOUND..MAYBE NOW PEOPLE WILL STOP
COMPARING US TO THE WINDOWS AND THE HINGES..THE
SEEDS ETC..

TM...LIVE AND ON THE LP THE TRACK "TOILER ON THE SEA "IS ONE OF THE MOST INTERESTING..CAN YOU SAY ANYTHING ABOUT IT?

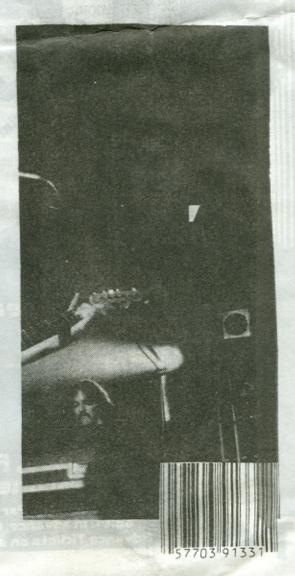
HUGH..WELL YOU HAVE TO READ THE LYRICS REALLY, IT IS A BIT PERSONAL BUT BASICALLY IT IS ABOUT TREATING A WOMAN A S A VESSELOF PLEASURE, A VESSEL IS A SHIPASWELL SO YOU GO OUT WITH A CHICK ON THE SEA AND YOU GET COMPLETLY FUCKED UP BECAUSE THE V VESSEL WAS NT SEA WORTHY...THE SHIP GOES ON THE ROCKS...

TM..ON THE SUBLECT OF LYRICS THE NEXT LP WILL HAVE THE LYRICS PRINTED WITH THE LP..WHY HAVE YOU DECIDED TO DO THAT?

HUGH..WELL I THINK THAT BECAUSE OUR LYRICS ARE NOT WRITTEN DOWN PEOPLE OFTEB DONT TAKE BUR LYRICS SERGOUSLY..MAYBE BECAUSE THEYCANT QUITE HEAR ALL OF THEM..OUR LYRICS HAVE BEEN GENERALLY PUT DOWN BY PEOPLE.

TM..WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO BE DOING AFTER THE US? HUGH..WE ARE GOING TO SCANDINAVIA FOR A FEW WEEKS THEN WE GO TO ENGLAND FOR SOME LARGE GIGS AND SOME SNEAK GIGS AND THEN WE GO TO EUROPE FOR NEARLY TWO MONTHS.





BLACK AND WHITE. KCALB DNA ETIHW. ONCE YOU GET TO KNOW PEOPLE, ANYBODY WELL YOU LOOSE OBJECTIVITY. TO A CERTAIN EXTENT. I AM NOT GOING TO REVIEW THIS LP TRACK BY TRACK, IT DESERVERS TO BE LISTENED TO AS A COMPLETE WHOLE, A RECORD OF THE STRANGLERS AS THEY ARE IN MID 1978. THE WHOLE LP TELLS SOMETHING, EACH SONG for 1 2 3 or 4 TO ME IS LINKED TO THE NEXT, ONLY AFTER LISTENING weeks off in a year or more and get my very own SLR TO THE WHOLE THING CAN YOU REALLY BEGIN TO SEE h drive (drive) WHAT I MEAN. IT IS A MOOD CAPTURED THAT DEMANDS own tank MORE THAN A SIMPLE TRACK BY TRACK BLURB. in drive (drive) my very own tank BLACK SIDE WHITE SIDE. 'u seen the bullet's high velocity CURFEW/THREATENED/DO YOU WANNA/DEATH AND NIGHT nw a man's arm off at the AND BLOOD(YUKIO) IN THE SHADOWS/ENOUGHTIME/TANK/ three NICE AND SLEAZY/OUTSIDE TOKYO/HEY! (RISE OF THE hands on one of those ROBOTS) / SWEDEN/TOILER ON THE SEA. hing to watch out for ON HEY! LORA LOGIG PLAYS SAX. (drive) my very own tank LISTENING TO TRACKS LIKE IN THE SHADOWS AND SLEAZY ON THEIR OWN IS COMPLETLY DIFFERENT TO WHEN YOU LISTEN TO THEM IN THE CONTEXT OF THI THIS LP. home they'll have THE STRANGLERS HAVE USED SO MANY NEW IDEAS AND gland! ud of SOUNDS ON THIS LP THAT MANY WILL BE SURPRISED. ive) my very own tank DONT BUY IT EXPECTING A SORT OF K TEL PRESENTATI PRESENTATION OF SINGLES, ALL NEATLY PACKAGED UP. BOLLOCKS ... YOU HAVE WORK, YOU HAVE TO THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU HAVE HEARD, READ THE LYRICS. I WILL LEAV 1 IT AT THAT I CANT ADD ANY THING. THE POP PRESS WILL PROBABLY SLAG IT, BECAUSE THATS THE NATURE ne west sea uch idea of the OF THE WHOLE STINKING BUISNESS, LISTEN TO THIS LP aiting AS A WHOLE, TRY TO UNDERSTAND THE MESSAGE. s for guidance TONY MOON. of a preacher king water intensity of real Englis ide Tokyo punk ctory proof to like to buy one es with a es with a d proof to carry on 5unday, April 9, 1978 uy one ver sell out 103 N. Park. Madeity \$3.00 in advance, \$4.00 at the door. Advance Tickets on sale at the Pipefitter

## ine Stranglers

MARQUEE

"WE'D LIKE TO mourn the death of the Marquee. This place is dead. The regulars have grown into the wallpaper, the Marquee don't know what's going on today. Wait till we've finished, then smash the place up."

Hugh Cornwall, guitar player with the Stranglers, looks old even by my standards, yet whenever he opens mouth he spews forth kindergarten nihilist polemics, the sort of immature garbage you can smile at when lisped by babes like Rat Scabies or Barrie Masters . . . but from a recycling Doors grown-up

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licks, well, it's just sad.

And when he's doing it onstage at the Marquee, striving desperately to join the Pistols in getting banned from playing there — when it's the Marquee what launched unquestionably the most successful of all punk affiliated bands (that's still what the Hot Rods are) — it's plain stupid.

Despite their verbal idiocy, which seems also to run through their songs, the Stranglers are pretty certain to be huge. The fact is that they are a terrific band.

Every member is a strong player: Jet Black (strangely enough, the central motif of one of their best songs, "Down In The Sewer", reminds me of Jet Harris/Tony Meehan kitsch trumental cinemascope) is and energetic, but he can

hat Mo Tucker metronome required; Jean Jacques hel may be a lousy singer, some of his bass work—ticularly on a rather childish education tirade embelwith discipline fantasies "School Man"— is ative enough to act as

we Greenfield enacts his Manzarek duties with blomb, his astute use of piano and organ both as colour, as lead and as play-off against the guitar a joy to hear, and he throws in an okay Dracula type vocal on "You're Not Real"; while Cornwell is fine as a singer and breaks up his Velveteen riffing with lovely flowing Robby Krieger leads.

On just hearing them live, their words leave something to be desired. "London Lady", for instance, appears to be a regressively sexist rock'n'roll put-down, while "Bitchin'," a rant against everything in general and "posers" in particular, ill befits a mob of would-be 1966 L.A. hoodlums.

But the music, which fuses the Velvets with the Doors, and the songs, which are dynamically structured with a sophistication quite alien to the minimalist bands who are the only comparable phenomenon to the Stranglers around these days, have a drive and a flair that is quite intoxicating. "Go Buddy Go" is a hit.

The boring thing is that their conformist "rebel" image will require them to smash up the dressing room when they appear on Top Of The Pops.

BABYLON IN BROCKLEY. TONY CUNNINGHAM.

AS REGGAE ISNBECOMING MORE AND MORE ACCEPTED, ON ITS OWN TERMS RATHER THAN ON THE TERMS OF PONCY/HIP TALKING STUDENTS WE THOUGHT THAT IT WAS TIME TO SORT OUT SOME OF THE FACTS FROM THE FANTASY, WHERE BETTER TO GO THEM THAN TO THE LOCAL REGGAE SHOP ... RAYS RECORD SHOP IS IN BROCKLEY, NEAR LEWISHAM, PEOPLE COME TO RAYS TO CHAT AS MUCH AS TO BUY AND HEAR THE LATEST PRE RELEASES .. SO LISTEN.

I STARTED OF BY ASKING RAY ABOUT BOB MARLEY, HOW WAS HE REGARDED BY FELLOW RASTAS, PARTICULARY AS HE HAD NOW BECOME IN MY EYES JAMAICAS ANSWER TO MICK JAGGER. NO ... ROY SAID THAT A LOT OF BOBS WORK WAS PRESSURE WORK FOR THERECORD COMPANY WHO DEMAND SO MANY TRACKS TO BE RELEASED EACH YEAR...HE WAS STILL A REAL RASTA, RAY WOULD ONLY BEGIN TO HAVE DOUBTS WHEN THE DAY CAME THAT BOB CUT OF HIS DREAD LOCKS, ALSO THE FACT THET BOB HAD POPULARISED REGGAE AND THAT HE IS MAKING MONEY FOR OTHER BLACK PEOPLE IN JAMAICA WAS EMPHASISED.

THE CONVERSATION MOVED ON TO THE QUESTION OF WHETHER A LOT OF PEOPLE AS WE HAVE SUGGESTED GET INTO SOME REGGAE FOR ITS CREDIBILITY VALUE ETC. POSIBLY .. ALTHOUGH THE PUNKS FOR WANT OF A BETTER WORD WHO GOT INTO IT WERE GENUINE IN THEIR LOVE OF THE MUSIC, AND THERE WERE SIMILARITIES BETWEEN THE PUNKS AND RASTAS IN THE SENSED THAT BOTH WERE FRINGE MOVEMENTS REGAREDED BY NOST PEOPLE WITH A CERTAIN DEGREE OF SUSPICION, A COMMON BOND. DID THEY FEEL THAT A RASTA

COULD LIVE AT EASE IN SOUTH LONDON?YES BUT AT THE SAME TIME YOU GET TURNED AWAY FROM JOBS, AND OF COURSE THE LOCAL CUNTSABULERY GIVE THEIR FAIR SHARE OF HASSLES. DO THEY FEEL AT HOME HERE THOUGH? ELIJAH REPLIED THAT PHYSICALY HE WAS BUT SPIRITUALY HE WAS IN AFRICA.

ME BACK A BIT, AT LEAST THEY CAME UP FRONT AND SAID WHAT THEY HAD TO SAY, RATHER THAN THE TYPES THAT ARE UNHEARD OF ON ANY ROLLING STONES LP. WHO GO AROUND AND SAY THINGS BEHIND PEOPLES BACK ON BASS IS MR DAVE ALLEN, WHO SINGS ALONG WITH ABOUT IT. LENNY BRUCE USED TO DO A SKIT ABOUT THAT WHOLE SCENETHOW TO RELAX YOUR COLOURED . FRIENDS AT PARTIES"GET IT?.

AS I LEFT THE SHOP RAY CALLET AFTER ME ONE LAST QUESTION FROM HIM ... "HEY DO PUNKS BELIEVE IN GOD?"





PINPOINT PINPOINT PINPOINT. THIS IS A NEW BAND THEY DID THEIR SEVENTH GIG THE OTHER NIGHT AT THE NASHVILLE SUPPORTING .. AND THEY GOT A VERY WELL DESERVED ENCORE. I THINK THAT THEY ARE GREAT .. WHO ARE THEY? WELL ACTURO BASSICK FORMERLY OF THE LURKERS PLAYS IN PINPOINT, ON THE NAZI FRONT? THE REPLY TOOK HE HAS CHANGED HIS BASS FOR A GREAT GREEN GUITAR THAT HE MANAGES TO SHOUT OUT LITTLE LEAD FILLS BACKS AS SOON AS THEY HAVE LEFT THE ROOM. . THINK ACTURO IN ZA RATHER HAUNTING TONE . PAUL BELLEVILLE . PLAYS THE DRUMS ASWELL AS A SMALL NIC TYPE WEYBOARD INSTUMENT THAT IS ONE OF THE KEYS TO PINPOINT TOTALLY UNIQUE SOUND.

ACTURO SINGS AUTHORITIVLY, AND STRONGLY HE WAS SO WASTED IN THE LURKERS, AS NOW HE SINGS, PLAYS SOME GREAT GUITAR AND WRITES. THEY HAVE DONE A FEW GIGS HERE AND THERE AMD ONCE I STICK MY PENNYS WORTH IN I HOPE THAT THEY WILL GET SOME MORE REGULAR GIGS IN LONDON. THEY ARE RWADY FOR IT. UNLIKE SO MANY BANDS WHO GET SA LOAD OF TUNES CALL IT A SET AND KILL THEMSELVES OVER AN EIGHT MONTH PERIOD. NO PINPOINT IS READY, ALL OF THEIR SONGS ARE TOTALY ORIGINAL. THEY USE LITTLE CATCHES HERE AND THERE WHILST RETAINING A SPECIA SORT OF SOUND. MUMBERS HAVE TITLES LIKE "ANCHORED ANKLES" "EMOTIONAL PIGGY BACKS" AND "AUTO REPETITION". THEY DON'T COME OVER BY THE WAY IN THE SORT OF CLEVER CLEVER ART SCHOOL MOULD WHICH IS ANOTHER PLUS, YOU MIGHT EXPECT ONE THING .. YOU GET ANOTHER ALONG WITH THE POP GROUP PIMPOINT HAVE A UNIQE STYLE THAT NEEDS TO BE NURTURED UNTIL THEY ARE READY FOR WORLD DOMINATION BY THE AGE OF 25... THEY REALLY ARE THAT GOOD .... TONY MOON,

PIRATES ABOARD ..

EVER SINCE WE FIRST SAW THE PIRATES AT THEIR
SECOND GIG WITH EDDIE AND THE HOT RODS AT THE
ROUNDHOUSE WE HAVE WATCHED THEM DEVELOP AND I
IMROVE ALMOST BEYOND RECOGNITION. THE BAND IS
UNIQUE, "DONT FOLLOW THE PIRATES" IS THE MOTTO
ON THE GIG CICUIT SOMPLY BECAUSE YOU CANT..
THEY ARESO DAMN GOOD THAT YOU WOULD HAVE TO
REALLY BE SOMETHING TO BLOW THEM AWAY. THEIR NEW
LP.. "SKULL WARS" IS OUT AND THEY ARE ON TOUR
AROUND THE COUNTRY, WE HAD A FEW WORDS WITH MR.
GREEN...TM..WHAT WERE YOU DOING BEFORE THE
PIRATES GOT TOGETHER AGAIN?

MICK..WELL I WAS WORKING IN LAS VEGAS WITH ENGELBERT HUMPERDINK FOR ABOUT FIVE YEARS.IT WAS REALLY A FIVE YEAR HOLIDAY, WE HAD ALL THE TREATMENT, HOLIDAYS LIMOS AT THE AIRPORT BUT IT ALL GOT TO BE RATHER BORING AFTER FIVE YEARS, WE HAD SOME GREAT TIMES BUT ENOUGH IS ENOUGH.

TC..WHAT WAS FRANK AND JOHNNY UP TO AT THE TIME? MICK..FRANK DONE A NUMBER OF THINGS, HE WENT TO GERMANY FOR A WHILE DOING ODDS AND SODS, HE WORKED IN A STRIP JOINT FOR A WHILE AND ALSO DID A BIT OF DRUMMING WITH A BAND CALLED THE HOUSESHAKERS.JOHN WAS SELLING SECOND HAND CARS.

TM..DID YOU STILL SEE EACH OTHER SOCIALLY AT THE TIME?

MICK..WE ALWAYS KEPT IN TOUCH, AND INFACT ONE DAY PETER SKELLERN PHONED ME UP TO ASK IF I WOULD PLAY ON HIS SECOND LP, HE ALSO NEEDED A DRUMMER AND SO I CONTACTED FRANK. TC..HOW DID YOU ORIGINALY GET TO WORK WITH

JOHNNY KIDD?

MICK .. WELL THE THING WAS THAT FRANK AND JOHN AND A GEEZER CALLED JOHN PATTO, WERE AN ORIGINAL GROUP CALLED THE RED CAPS WHO USED TO BACKA GUY CALLED CUDDLY DUDLEY, THEY WERE DOING THE CIRCUIT AND I THINK THEY SUPPORTED KIDD AT A GIG AND HE SAW THEM, HE LIKED THEM, NOW A YEAR AFTER SHAKIN ALL OVER THE ORIGINAL PIRATES LEFT THEY ALL WENT TO ITAKY I THINK, WITH TOMMY STEELES BROTHER COLIN HICKS, KIDD NEEDED A BAND, HE HAD REMEMBERED THE RED CAPS AND SO HE WENT TO WHERE THEY WETE PLAYING, AND HE ASKED IF THEY WANTED TO JOIN AS THE PIRATES WHICH THEY DID AND THEY WENT OUT ON THE ROAD. NOW AFTER ABOUT THREE MONTHS, TH THE GUITARIST JOHN PATTO LEFT, HE SUFFERED FROM STOMACH ULCERS AND THREE MONTHS OF TRANSPORTS CAFE FOOD DID HIM IN ....

AT THAT POINT IN THE STORY MY TAPE BECAME JAMME JAMMED..SO I WILL CONTINUE FROM MEMORY AS IT WER WERE????

MICK JOINED THE OPIRATES AS HE HAD KNOWN FRANK AND JOHNNY SINCE THEY WERE KIDS.WE MOVED ON TO THE LATER YEARS AFTER KIDD HAD DIED IN THE FATAL CAR CRASH.AFTER LAS VEGAS MICK FORMED A BAND CALLED SHANGAI THAT PRODUCED A COUPLE OF LPS, BUT DID'NT SHAKE THE EARTH.THE BAND SPLIT. THEN ONE DAY JOHN SPENCE GIVES MICK A RING, HE AND FRANK ARE ORGANISING A PARTY AND WOULD SHANGAI LIKE TO PLAY THE GIG?YEAGH THEY WOULD BUT THEY HAVE JUST SLPIT UP, THE BEGGINGS OF THE NEW PIRATES WERE UNDERWAY.AS THEY GOT TO TOGETHER FOR A JAM FOR OLD TIMES SAKE, NO BODY 'WAS EXPECTING ANY THING

