



RAPI DEY EM OV EM ENT RAPID EYE MOVEMENT...

FORMED THIS YEAR BY MR JON ELLIS AND DANIEL A GOOD FRIEND, RATHER THAN DO A STRAIGHT INTERVIEW I ASKED DANIEAL WHO PLAYS GUITAR AND SINGS TO ERITE AN ARTICLE/OR WHATEVER HE LIKED.

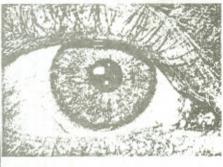
THE DISCOVERY IN 1953 OF RAPID EYE MOVEMENT, A WORD COINED TO DESCRIBE A DEEP DREAM STATE, LENT NEW UNDERSTANDING TO THE STUDY OF SLEEP. IT IS SUCH A NECESSARU PHENOMENA THAT DEPRIVATION OFR.E.M SLEEP CAN HAVE DRAMATIC EFFECTS.

IT WAS DURING SUCH EXPERIMENTATION THAT THE MOVEMENT WAS SPONTANEOUSLY FORMED IN THE MINDS OF TWO PEOPLE. ALTHOUGHT THEY HAD SIMULTANEOUSLY VOLUNTEERED TO UNDERGO R.E.M SLEEP DEPRIVATION TESTS, THEY DID NOT MEET.INFACT THE CO INCIDENCE OF THEIR MUTUAL PARTICIPATION IN THE 1964 EXPERIMENTS DID NOT COME TO LIGHT UNTIL CONSIDERABLY LATER WHEN JON READ AN ARTICLE BY DANIEL IN A MEDKCAL JOURNAL DESCRIBING HIS EXPERIENCES IN THE STRANGE STATE OF MIND HE HAD UNDERGONE WHILST UNDER OBSERVATION IN THE 64 TESTS. THE GIST OF THE ARTICLE WAS THE DES-CRITION OF A HALF WAKING DREAM IN WHICH DANIEL SAW HIMSELF OF A HALF AMPHIBIAN DOCTOR, . FOR SOME REASON HE HAD SEVERAL PATIENTS TIED WITH SEA WEED TO SLABS OF LIVING ROCK, THE FIRST WAS A GIRL WHO WAS ALSO GAGED WITH ELECTRICAL WIRE, SHE WAS STRUGGLEING BUT HELPLESS.HE TREATMENT NECCECITATED DANILE INSERTING A LONG KNITTING NEEDLE INTO THE JUGULAR VEIN IN HER THROAT.AS THE NEEDLE WENT UP ALONG THE SIDE OF HER FACE ,UNDER THE SKIN, HER HEAD WAS FORCED OVER TO ONE SIDE, THE NEEDLE, CLEARLY VISIBLE AS A LONG RIDGE IN HER FACE, WAS THEN LINKED TO AN ELECTRICAL CHARGEWHICH WHEN APPLIED HAD THE EFFECT OF ENLARGING THE TONGUE FORCING IT TO PROTRUDE UDERE THE WIRE HOLDING HER MOUTH OPEN. HE TREN RUBBED SOME GLUTENOUS SUBSTACE OVER HER ABDOMEN AND LEGS.IT SEEMS AT THIS POINT THAT A WILD MAN SWAM AT GREAT SPEED AND FEROCITY TOWARDS THE SCENE, THE SIGHT OF THIS MAN WAS DESCRIBED AT LENGHT, IT WAS OF COURSE JON ENTERING NOT ONLY A PARALELL, BUT LINKED FANTASY. JON THEN STARTED TO LICK THE SUBSTANCE FROM THE GIRLS THIGHS WHILST DANIEL WALKED AWAY TO A NEAEBY SUPERMARKET. THE GIRL ON THE TILL WAS ALSO THE GIRL ON THE ROCK, SHE IT LATER TRANSPIRED WAS DOMINIQUE, WHO IN YET ANOTHER STARTLING CHAIN OF CIRCUMSTANCES, LIVED IN THE FLAT ABOVE JONS FRIEND AND LATER DRUMMER JOHN MACKEY . WHILST HAVING A DISCUSION AT MACKEYS FLAT THE CEILING GAVE WAY AND DOMINIQUE FELL HURTLING HER KNEE ON THE TOP OF THE TELEVISION, RENDERING IT FOREVER MORE INOPERATIVE, BUT FREEZING ON THE SCREEN THE IMAGE OF TWO OTHER GIRLS, ONE WAS DECEASE BUT THE OTHER WAS ANOTHER FUTURE MEMBER OF RAPID EYE MOVEMENT. KATIE JOINED AT A LATER STAGE WHEN SHE WAS DISCOVERED BY PERRI HIDING FROM WILD DOGS IN PERRI'S SUITCASE. RICHARS AND ALAN AFETR BEING LINKED TO THE BROKEN TTV WERE INTRODUCED TO RABID EYE MOVEMENT. THUS RAPID EYE MOVEMENT BECAME A REALITY AND THE WAKING DAY WILL SLOWLY FADE AWAY ALTOGETHER.....

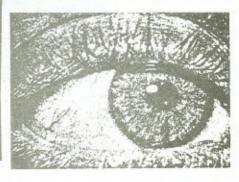


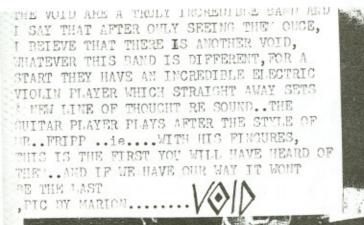












TC: What about the name, "Void"? IN : It appeared in 1977, we went through various names, then when they opened the Vottex it was originally called the Void, and we liked the name because you can't pin it down to one thing, it hasn't got deep meaning. The original band was a 4piece, then I joined with 2 of a band called Xerox.

TC: What are the ideas behind the band? LN: What I said about the name answers that, we're an observational unit rather than a mouthpiece. We think you should give people the facts and let them decide. Your culnion might not be right, but when you're in a band people tend to believe you. It's very hard to live up to ideals in the music business, in the end you conform or break down.

TC: What would you do?

LN: You've got to work within it and chip away at it.

TC: What do you mean by The System?

LN: The music business, it's very insular. It's not wrong, it's like capitalism. It survives because of itself.

TC: But do you want to get involved in it? LN: Only so that we could reach a bigger audience.

TC: Don't you think you're taking the easy way out, not saying, 'This is wrong'.

LN: I wasn't attacking it, but it has gone

hack to how it used to be.

CM: It is wrong. Bands like The Clash have gone back on their word. The press say that Gong of Four are the next thing but they're only after the same as The Clash, it's the same with every band, the reason for doing it is to get out of working normally. Why should I get up at 6.30? IN: Like I said, everyone conforms to the system.

CM: Of course they do.

TC: Would you like to form an alternative?

LN: There isn't one.

TC: What about Mark Perry, he's still doing free gigs.

CM: He's got the right idea, but what's he living on? Is he reaching a large audience?



now do your opinions at ording you've done?

CM: The reason we did the demo tape was to get gigs.

IN: We might be getting on an album of groups from Essex, me and Stuart come from Essex. Then there'd be a tour.

TC: So you're in favour of continuing this cycle ...

LN: Re're not in favour of it but there's m no way out I'm not anti-capitalist.

CM: The music business works like ordinary life, and being in a band is the easiest way out of routine. It's better than working.

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LN: I've got different ideas cos I'm a trained musician, Colin isn't.

TC: Where do the ideas for the songs come from? LN: There are lots of influences-no, that's the wrong word, when you say that you get called a rip-off. S: The first thing you think when you see or hear about a band is, Who are they like?It doesn't matter what your tastes are, it matters if you produce something which is good and your own. MG: I write concept songs- one song, "Dame in Tight Tights", I started humming at work so I ran to the loo and locked myself in for half an hour. CM: I get a lot of inspiration from a box because you're alone, or in the bath. Have you seen that the other Void are supporting the Damned? they're a rip-off of us. TC: It seems that you're a quite deep thinking band ... do you think this helps or means that you can only get very intense in yourselves? LN: No, you have to think about what you do. You can't entertain someone if you've not thought about it. CM: But there's lots of bands who just churn out music. LN: We've rejected a lot of our songs because we thought they were tripe. TC: How, then do you feel about more basic bands, I could cite the Lurkers. LN: If they genuinely mean what they're doing then that's fine. However basic or bad it may sound I don't think anyone has the right to criticise it until they've really listened to it.

TC: Who did the producing of this tape? CM: Some guy with lots of differrent names, his real name is Michael Abbott. He had a lot to do with the first Clash album.

MG: Gary Lucas, the house engineer, did a lot of it but bringing along someone else helped, because he geed the other bloke up.

CM: To play places like the Marquee they want a tape or you have to be with an arency

MG: They even want photos, it's like it

was a couple of years ago.

LN: In 1977 we literally just phoned up the Vortex and they gave us a gig with the Banshees and the Ants. You couldn't do that now.

TC: What will you do in the future when you record?

LA: We just won't make certain mistakes. S: That tape was more or less a live recording. We didn't have the time or the experience to do it any other way. TC: What sort of gigs do you likeplaying? CM: Any gigs.

S: We're trying for one at the 101 club. LN: We now know that we a pub band, it's alright at the KINGS HEAD *A LIVELY PUB IN DEPTFORD-FUN LITY.

but in most pubs its hopeless. We're too radical for pubs. TC: So you think it's important that the band isn't background noise. LN: Yes, for us, but not for all bands. If people come to the pub to chat or play pool they don't get drawn towards the music, they get irritated by it, so you get a very blank response. TC: It is a positive response if you stop them playing pool of whatever. LN: Yeah, if they stop playing and listen that's fine but they get more hostile and ignore you even more. Then in the end the publican says, Fuck this! Like at the Windsor Castle, we got turned out half w-ay through the set. You can't blame him. So we've learnt not to play pubs unless we know the people there and know what the place is like. If you go to a place where the people have paid to see and hear music you know you'll get a response. TC: Would you like to play out of town? CM: Out of London you get a much better response.

S: People are less inhibited. LN: London audiences are blase. CM: When we played in Margate, first I thought, Fucking hell! We're gonna get murdered! Because it was like a timewarp, It was all dog collars and safety pins, but we got a really good reaction.

TC = Strangled Interviewer

LN = Lou Naschiro (violin/vocals) CM = Colin Meech (vocals) S = Sepal (guitar) MG = Mark Goodbum (bass) Drums = Robert Thompson.

This following passage may be completely wrong as at was meant to be a short and cursory examination of sexism, but my investigations were abruptly halted when I found that sexist and sexism weren't even contained in the Oxford dictionary. I must draw from this, that certain trendy writers have been writing well constructed arguments basing their case on the capacious use of two words; sexism and sexist. Could it maybe suggested that it is a little elitist to use words that Joe Public won't find in his local library and I am extremely sure that my enlightened friends wouldn't like the slur of elitest being cast on them, but then again maybe they take life a little too seriously which I think can be illustrated by the following lines given by Lucy in the NME 24/3/79:

"There was a girl at the conference who said she was once nearly into disco, but now she has out-grown it and looks back on it with horror. Maybe because of all the sexism in disco. People do dance to it, but they are also lapping up all this

sexist rubbish."

I don't know if Lucy thinks it is a good thing for people to dance together but if you are one of that persuasion, who do you dance to? Green, Marvin Gaye, Donna Summer or the Mekons, Gang of Four or some other 'avant garde' band (no sarcasm). Well I think most people would choose the soul regords not to the detrement of the new bands, but because the body responds more readily to a fixed rhythm such as soul, RnB, blues. These music forms are all black so Lucy and her pals have 'outgrown' all this, dear dear we are treading on elitist territory. If by say in that singing about sex and connected relationships by the males is sexist urges then nearly all modern music is heavily sexist (its great writing about a word that isn't in a dictionary) and most ancient but in another article you will praise the earthiness of the old blues singers but nearly all the lyrics are what Lucy and her pals will be forced to howl and scream. Lucy what about this one? -

"Treat them rough and make them love it." - The Ravens. New York 1946. These sexism writers it would appear are just out to set themselves up as our moral dictators, as I am sure you will have to agree with me that we live in a male dominated society which appears on visible evidence to be working reasonably well but one



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could maybe suggest that these ideals being professed by sexism journalists are so that they can climb up the ladder of success as a great majority of the female population has no intention of pursuing such radical policies and so they are taking advantage of the lethargy in the society. Another aspect is what does Lucy and her evangilising band of angels do to get their rocks off? Listen to 'in' music read 'in' books and write 'in' articles, or are they asexual? May be by making such an outcry as they do they will only allienate themselves further from the unfortunates who like disco, but we must stake into account what Lucys friend mentioned; that people who like disco havn't grown up, and so we must draw the conclusion you wouldn't understand their high powered ideals, how tolerant of

I gather that sexism on a broad level means being discriminated against because of ones sex. This is obviously wrong and with the help of recent government legislation a lot has been done to eradicate this obviously wrong state of affairs, but the sympathy of Joe Public will dwindle with people who keep on moaning about what on the face of it appears to be trivia.

I suspect that I shall run the gauntlet of being called a neo-fascist, a reactionary even, but surely one there not more basic liberty being abused such as the Agee and Hosenball cases, the sus charge, police abuses during arrests and subsequent detention without any efforts being made to safeguard your privileges.

"Some day I'm gomma slap your face."



ASYOU MAY OR MAY NOT BE AWARE THE STRANGLERS HAVE MOST RECENTLY BEEN PLAYING TO PUNTERS IN JAPAN AND AUSTRALIA..WHILST OVER THERE THEY STARTED TO PLAY SOME OF THEIR INCREDIBLE NEW SONGS THAT WILL BE RECORDED IN A FEW MONTHS TIME TO FORM APART OF THE NEXT LP.AT THE TIME OF WRITING NO ENGLISH TOUR WAS IN THE AIR BUT AN OPEN AIR GIG IN SCOTLAND WAS BEING CONSIDERE FOR THE 26th MAY..AT LOCH LOMOND..SO KEEP YOUR EYES POPENN...LATER IS AN INTERVIEW WITH JJ RE HIS EURO THEME..BUT FIRST MR.CORNWELL..

TM..WHAT WAS JAPAN LIKE...????
HC..AT FIRST I NOTICED HOW VERY WARM IT WAS..
IT WAS ABOUT EIGHTY...AND ALSO I NOTICED HOW
VERY SMALL THE PEOPLE ARE THERE.IT WAS SOMETHIN

SOMETHING THAT I WAS'NT PREPARED FOR. PEOPLE TE PEOPLE TELL YOU ABOUT IT BUT YOU DON'T REALLY SEE IT UNTIL YOU ARE SAY IN A CROWD AND YOU CAN

SEE OVER EVERYONES HEADS!

TM..IS THERE ANYTHING THAT COULD BE DESCRIBED

AS BEING A SCENE...GOOD BANDS ETC?
HC..THERE IS A SMALL SORT OF SCENE BUT THEY ARE
ALL PRETTY WELL OF., THEY CAN HAVE A SCENE IN
MUCH THE SAME WAY THAT SOMEWHERE LIKE CALIFORN

CALIFORNIA CAN HAVE A NEW WAVE SCENE...MOST OF THEM SEEM TO BE ONE OFF EVENTSSO I DON'T KNOW HO HOW MUCH THEY CAN GET INTO IT..THEY HAVE GOT A WEIRD POLITICAL SITUATION LIKE US BUT IN A DIFFERENT WAY, BECAUSE THEY ARE SUFFERING FROM ANIDENTITY CRISIS BECAUSE THE AMERICANS ARE

THERE! THATS ANOTHER THING THAT HITS YOU AT FIRST, THE FACT THAT THE AMEICANS HAVE BEEN THER FOR SOMETHING LIKE FIFTEEN YEARS..AND THEY HAVE REALLY MADE THEIR MARK..LIKE THEY HAVE A TV

STATION IN ENGLISH FOR FOREIGNERS..AND ALL THE ANNOUNCERS ARE REALLY WESTERN IN APPEARANCE.THE HAVE GONE OUT TO PICK THE MOST WESTERN LOKING

PEOPLE TO MAKE YOU FEEL AT HOME, AND THEY ARE
ALL SPEAKING ENGLISH....BUT INFACT THEY ARE

SPEAKING AMERICANIT WAS LIKE A COMPLETE COPY OF AN AMERICAN TV STATION.

BE THE CASE ..

TM..ONE OF THE THINGS THAT YOU HEAR A LOT
ABOUT IS THE OPINION THAT THE REASON WHY ALOT
OF ENGLISH NEW WAVE BANDS FAILED TO ACHIEVE
AN IMMEDIATE REACTION FROM THE PEOPLE IN AMERIC
AMERICA WAS THET BECAUSE THEIR SOCIAL BACKGROUND
IS SO DIFFERENT THET COULN'T RLETE TO WHAT THE
WORDS MEANT...YET IN JAPAN THAT DOES'NT SEEMTO

HC..WELL I WAS'NT SURE WHAT THEY WERE SINGING ABOUT, BUT I SAW TWO BANDS, THEY WERE VERY ENERGETIC AND THEY DID THEIR OWN SONGS, A LOT OF THE BANDS OVER THERE JUST PLAY OTHER PEOPLES SONGS. THE TWO THAT WE SAW WERE...LIZARD AND S_KEN.THEY WERESINGING CONTEMPORARY SONGS THAT THEY HAD WRITTEN THEMSELVES AND IT WAS REALLY PROMISING, THE KIDS LOVED IT..THEY JUST HAD TO SAY.."LOCK AND LODL!" AND EVERYBODY WAS ON THEIR FEET!

TM..AS APART OF YOU R OWN SET THE STRANGLERS

PLAYED SOME NEW SONGS? HC..RIGHT, WE DID"DEAD LOS ANGELES" (which by the by was first played at the famous Finchley boys gig a couple of years ago in a very different fo

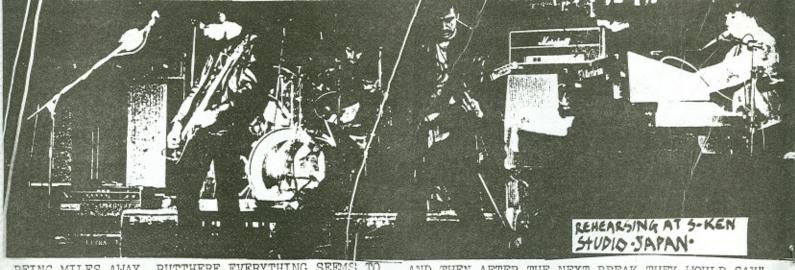


...AND "GENETICS"9sung by dave) AND THEY WENT DOWN VERY WELL.WE GOT "DEAD L.A" ON A FILM DONE WHEN WE WERE REHEARSING. TM..DO YOU THINK THAT THEY UNDERSTOOD WHAT YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT IN YOUR SONGS? HC..WELL IF YOU SEE THE INSIDE OF THE JAPANES

HC..WELL IF YOU SEE THE INSIDE OF THE JAPANESE LIVE LP THEY HAVE A LYRIC SHEET..SOME OF THE THINGS ON IT ARE VERY FUNNY BECAUSE THEY HAVE HEARD IT, NOT UNDERSTOOD IT AND SO PUT THE FIRST THING. THAT SOUNDS LIKE IT INSTEAD; SOME OF THE LINES HAVE BEEN TOTALLY MISSED, LIKE AT THE END OF FIVE MINUTES THEY HAVE PUT SOMETHING ABOUT A MAN WHOSE TROUSERS ARE FALLING DOWN!! AND LIKE ON THE LIVE LP THEY TRANSLATES THE TALKING INBETWEEN SONGS AND INSTEAD OF THE WORD "WANKER"THEY HAVE GOT ON IT H"HAS ANYBODY SEEN SIR WINKER?....WHERE IS HE?"..THEY HAVE INVENTE

THIS GUY CALLED SIR WINKER!
TM..AS A VISITOR WHAT DID YOU LIKE ABOUT JAPAN
MOST?

HC..WELL I DID'NT FEEL LIKE A WOG THERE, IT IS THIFIRST COUNTRY THAT I HAVE BEEN TO THAT SPEAKS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE WHERE I DID'NT FEEL LIKE A WOG..THEY MAKE YOU FEEL AT HOME..THEIR COMMUNICATION SET UP WITH THE REST OF THE WORLD IS IMPRESSIVE ALSOYOU DONT FEEL THAT YOU ARE MILE AWAY, LIKE HERE IN ENGLAND YOU THINK OF JAPAN AS



BEING MILES AWAY .. BUTTHERE EVERYTHING SEEMS TO BE NEARER BECAUSE THEY ARE IN COMMUNICATION .. I THINK THAT INTTHE FUTURE JAPAN COULD BECOME THE MOST IMPORTAN CITY IN THE WORLD BECAUSE OF THAT REASON, IT IS SO INTERNATIONAL. TM..HEARING ABOUT JAPAN..IT MUST HAVE BEEN A COMPLETE REVERSAL OF SITUATIONS AS THE TOUR

MOVED TO AUSTRALIA?

STATE OFQUEENSLAND?

HC. . AUSTRALIA WAS VERY ROUGH AND READY, THEY WERE ALL TRYING TO SPEAK ENGLISH, IT IS VERY LIKE AMERICA, A YOUNG AMERICA, LIKE IN A HUNDRED YEARS IT WILL BE AS FUCKE DUP AS AMERICA, IT IS STILL IT'S RUDIMENTRY STAGES, , ROUGH AND READY. THERE IS A LOT OF MONEY OVER THERE EVERYONE SEEMS TO BE PRETTY COMFORTABLE, THEY CAN AFFORD TO BUY A LOT OF SMACK, WHICH IS A SIGN OF AFFLUENCS, IN A LOT OF PLACES I FELT LIKE I WAS IN AMEIRICA LIKE THEY HAVE GOT A BIG STRETCH OF LAND CALLED SURFERS PARADISE AND IT IS FULL OF PIG BEACH BOYS IN BERYUDA SHORTS WITH SURF BOARDS OVER THEIR SHOULD SHOULDERS AND THEY ARE ALL PRETTY STONED. TM. . WHAT WAS THE CAUSE OF ALL THE TROUBLE THAT WE READ APOUT OVER HERE? HAD'NT IT SOMETHING TO DO WITH YOUR ORJECTION TO THE GOVENER IN THE

HC .. WELL WE MADEA POINT WHENEVER WE COULD THAT WE WERINTINTO HIS METHOD OF GOVERNING ... IN QUEENSLAND IT IS ILLEGAL TO DEMONSTRATE AGAINST ANYTHING .. AND IF YOU DEFOSTRATE ABOUT THAT POINT THEY WILL ARREST YOU ON THE SPOT .. THERE IS A MON ENFORCED CUR FEW AT NIGHT IT IS VERY STRANGE, IT IS LIKE EVERYBODY HAS LEFT, WE MENTIONED OUR ORJECTIONS TO HIS IDEAS AT EVERY POSSIBLE OPPURTUNITY, AND WE FOUND THAT BECAUSE OF THIS THE INTERVINS THAT WE DID WERE NOT AIRED, LIKE ON TV THEY WOULD SAY .. "WELL AFTER THE NEXT COMERCIAL BREAK WE HAVE THE STRANGLERS."



AND THEN AFTER THE NEXT BREAK THEY WOULD SAY" "WELL WE'RE SORRY BUT WE HAV'NT GOT TIME FOR THE STRANGLERS ETODAY IT WILL BE ON TOMORROW" AND THEN THE NEXT DAY IT WAS 'NT SHOWN . I HEARD AN INTERESTING STORY, THERE WAS THIS RADIO GUY WHO WAS ALSO AGAINST THIS GOVERNER CALLED PETERSON BY THE WAY ... THIS RADIOGUY USED TO BROADCAST A LOT AGAINST PETERSON AND HE HAD TO LEAVE AUSTRALIA IN FEAR OF HIS LIFE AS A RESULT .. TM..IT SOUNDS LIKE THE SORT OF THING THAT YOU HEAD HAPPENS IN SOME OF THE SOUTHERN STATES OF AMERICA. WITH TOWNS BEING RULED BY GOVERNERS .. HC. YEAGH IT IS A VERY OPPRESIVE ATMOSPHERRE, LIKE

WE MET THE CLUB OWNERS AT THE PLACES WHERE THESE CHAOTIS RIOTOUS SCENES TOOK PLACE, I THOUGHT THAT THEY WOULD VERY ANGRY AT WHAT WE'D DONE BUTTHEY HAD NOTHING BUT SMILES WHICHI THOUGHT WAS VERY STRANGE, IT COULD JUST BE THAT THIS GUY, PETERSON HAS GOT PEOPLE WHO APPEAR TO BE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY, BUT IN FACT THEY ARE WORKING FOR HIM, AND THEY REPORT BACK TO HIM ALL OF THE TIME. IN FACT WHILE WE WERE THERE , THERE WAS A DEMO, AND A LOTOF PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED AND A POLICE MAN SAW SOMEONE THAT HE KNEW BEING ARRESTED, AND HE WENT UP AND INTERVEENEDAND HE MANAGED TO GET THIS GIRL THAT HE KNEW RELEASED AND OUT OF THE AREA, AFTER THAT HE RESIGNED FROM THE FORCE, SINCE THAT TIME THIS GUY, ACCORDING TOMTHINGS THAT I HEARD IN QUEENSLAND HAS BEEN INFULTRATING VARIOUS CIVIL RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS IN BRISBANE, LIKE HE IS A PLANT TO FIND OUT MORE IMPORMATION.

TM...EARLIER TO ME YOU MENTIONED A GUY WHO DOES A REALLY GOOD FANZINE?

HC..YEAGH..PETER MILLER, HE HAS MADE THREE OR FOU FANZINES ALL OF WHICH HAVE SOLD OUT, HE IS VERY INTERESTED IN RUNNING A STRANGLED IN AUSTRALIA, (pete miller, strangled australia, c/o festival records brisbane queensland....) TM..WHAT ABOUT YOUR OWN SOLO ACTIVITIES?

HC..WELL I'M INTENDING TO CALL MY RECORD, NOSFERATU, WHICH IS ALSO THE TITLE OF A SILENT FILM THAT WAS MADE IN11922 .. IT WAS THE FIRST VAMPIRE MOVIE EVER MADE AND I PICKED IT BECAUSE IT IS THE MOST IMPRESSIVE FILM THAT I HAVE EVER SEEN, IT IS THE BESTFILM THAT I HAVE EVER SEEN, AND THE MOOD OF THE FILM IS THE MOOD THAT I WANT TO CREATE ON THE LP..SORT OF BLACK COMEDY, QUITE MENACING....

TM. . ARE YOU THINKING OF PLAYING ANY SOLO DATES IN THE WAY THAT JJ IS?



this is the mad est interview the monsieur has ever done i reckon and here it is..... TM. . WHO IS EURO MAN THEN?

JJ..HE IS ME ,HE IS YOU..

TM..WHY?

JJ. BECAUSE WE COME FROM EUROPE.

TM..YEAGH BUT.....

JJ..SHE ,HE ,IT ,MZZZZZZ! TM..WHEN YOU SAY "EURO MAN COMETH WHAT DO

YOU MEAN?

JJ.. THE ADVENT OF THE RECOGNIZABLEEUROPEAN, THE ADVENT OF SOMEONE WHO IS AWARE, IT IS MOREMENTAL THAN PHYSICAL OR CULTURAL BECAUSE THERE ARE LOTS OF SEPERATE CULTURES IN EUROPE THAT SHOULD BE MAINTAINED .. THE FACTIS THAT WE SHOULD START THINKING IN TERMS OF EUROPE, WE SHOULD START THINKING IN LARGER PERMS, LIKE THE FRENCH ARE'NT OUR ENEMIES, THE GERMANS AR'NT OUR ENEMIIES ...

TM..DO YOU THINK THEN THAT WE DO LOOK ON EACH OTHER

AS ENEMIES THEM?

JJ..A LOT OF THE TIME, THATS WHY THERE IS ANIMOSITY, THE EXTREMISTS OBJECT TO THE IDE OF A UNITED EUROPE, THE FACT IS THET THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT IS THE MOST REVOLUTIONARY PARLIAMENT EVER DEVISED BY MAN IT IS THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL PARLIAMENT EVER, AND IF THE EXTREME LEFT OR RIGHT DON'T LIKE IT, IT CERTAINLY CANT BE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD..IT IS A VERY RADICAL THING 50 PERHAPSTHERE SHOULD BE A NEW ATTITUDEN NOT JUST LEFT AND RIGHTTM

CM..DO YOU MEAN, LIKE PEOPLE SHOULD RETAIN THEIR IDENTITY BUT THERE SHOULD BE A MUCH GREATER CO OPERATION BETWEEN THE VARIOS COUNTRIES?LIKE FOR INSTANCE THE ANGLO-FRENCH CONCORDE?

IJ .. YES .. I WOULD AGREE WITH THAT EVEN THOUGH CONCORDE

VAS NOBBLED BY THE AMERICANS ..

FM. . WHAT OTHER PROJECTS COULD YOU CITE?

IJ .. AT THE MOMENT THE BRITISH ARE TRYING TO ALTER THE AGRICULTURAL POLICIES OF THE EEC, WHICH IS GOOD, A LOT OF THOSE POLICIES ARE A BIT OUT MODED, THEY EN COURAGE IN EFFICENCY, THE ENGLISH ARE GETTING MORE AND MORE SUPPORT, YOU CAN CHANGE THINGS BY NEGOITIATING RATHER CHAN BY FIGHTING.

M. WHAT PROMPTED YOU TO RECORD A SOLO LP?

J..CRABS...

M.. THAT WAS THE FIRST TRACK?

IJ. . WHEN THE STRANGLERS RECORD AN LP WE ALWAYS BOOK TORE TIME THAN WE REALLY USE, WE BOOK A WETWO WEEKS OR AN LP AND COMPLETE IT IN A WEEK .. SO I HAD A LOT OF SPARE TIME.

M. DID YOU HAVE THE EUROMAN THEME AT THE BACK OF OUR MIND ALL ALONG?

J. CERTEINLY NOT, HE JUST CAME!

M. YOU HA E ALWAYS BEEN INTERESTED IN THE SUBJECT HOUGH ..

J.. THAVE ALWAYS BEEN INTO EUROPE BECAUSE THATS WHERE 'M FROM, I DONT SEE WHY WE SHOULD HAVE CHIPS ON OUR HOULDERS BECAUSE WE ARE 'NT AMERICANS!

M..ON THAT POINT, THE STRANGLERS HAVE EFFECTIVLY ROVED THAT YOU DON CAN PLAY SOMWHERE ELSE AND BE ERY SUCCESFUL AS IN JAPAN, WITHOUT BEING OBLIGED TO LAY AMERICA ALL OF THE TIME.

J..WE ARE TRYING NOT TO PLAY AMERICA , WE ARE TRYING O SURVIVE WITHOUT AMERICA AND WE ARE SUCEEDING .. IT S GREAT . . ALL THESES ARESHOLES WHO GO OVER TO AMERICA O PLAY EVERY TWO MONTHS. . WE LAST PLAYED THERE LAST EAR%



TM..DO YOU ENVISAGE A SITUATION WHEN YOU WILL PLAY THERE ..

JJ..POSSIBLY, BUT NOT ON A REGULAR BASIS TO BREAK IT ...

TM..WAHT DID YOU THINK OF AUSTRALIA? IJ..IT IS AN ISLAND SO I HAVE BEEN TOLD, IT IS A BIG ISLAND. IT IS A WASTLAND VOID, THEY HAVE GOT A LOT OF BOREDOM AND HEROIN TM..YOU WERE PLAYING SOME NEW TRACKS OVER THERE . .

JJ..ONE IS A POSSIBLE TITLE TO OUR LP, WHICH IS ABOUT A CERTAIN KIND OF ANIMAL, WHICH WAS THE VIKING EMBLEM...THE VIKING SPIRIT SHOULD BE REJUVINATED ... TM .. WHAT IS THE VIKING SPIRIT?

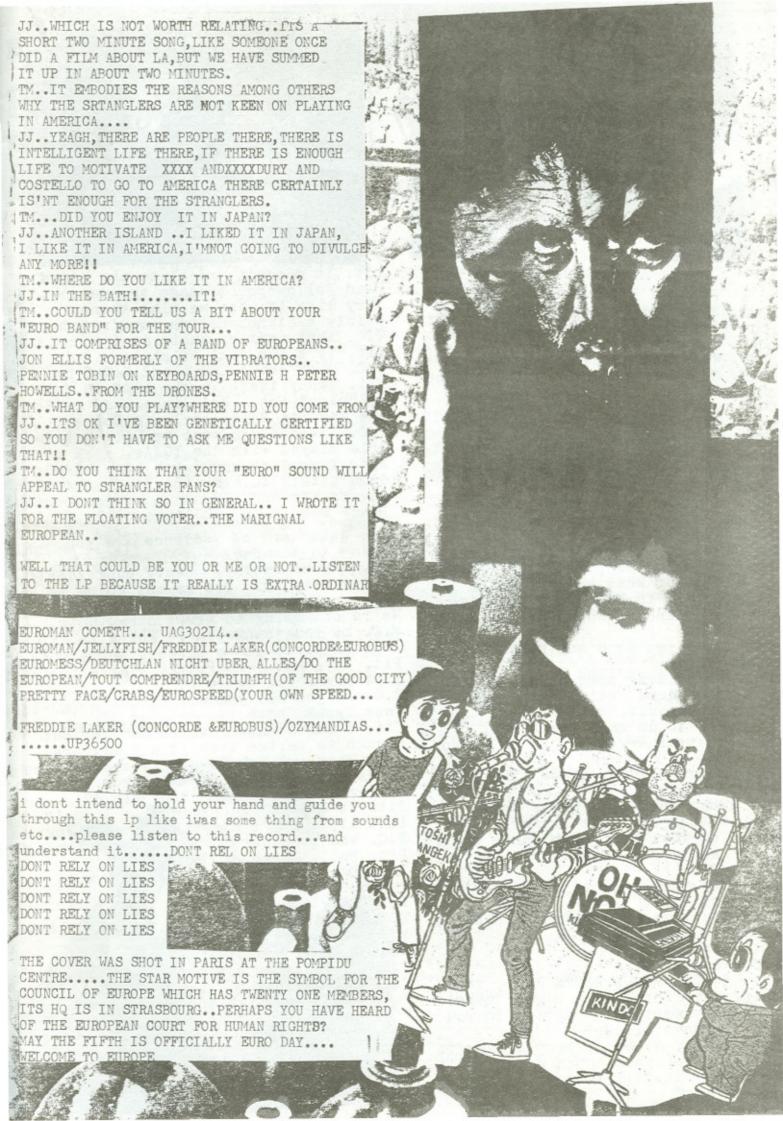
JJ..RAPING PILAGING LOOTING!!!DICOVERING NEW LANDS, PSYCHOLOGICAL LANDS!

THE INTERVIEW STARTED TO GET OUT OF HAND AT THIS STAGE! SO WE REJOIN IT A FEW MOMENTS LATER ...

JJ..ONE OF OUR SONGS IS CALLED "GENETICS" IT IS ABOUT SELECTIVE BREEDDING ... TM .. WHAT ELSE IS ON THE LP .. ?

JJ..WE'VE GOT "DEAD LA" ABOUT THE LA SYNDROME.

TM..WHICH IS ...?





that was the night Sidney died. T.C. Would you like to play any places out of town? Pit. Yeah. I'd like to tour. Mole would

like to play places like the Chipinham. T.C. For our Jackie readers, what dort of food do you like Mark?

Mark. I don't eat much actually, when I do I don't remember because I'm pissed. T.C. Thats a great answer Mark. What about you Steve?

Steve. Fish Fingers.

T.C. What about all these small club bands of a couple of years ago. The Buzzcocks are the biggest.

Pit. They've worked hard to get where they are today, but after the first few singles it all went to pot really.

P.C. How do they maintain their credibiles.

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ity?

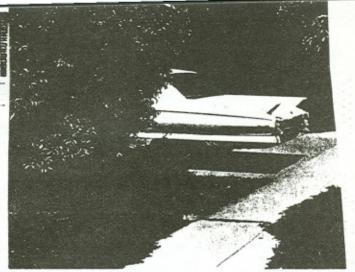
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Pit. Yeah. I'd like to tour. Mole would like to play places like the Chipinham. T.C. For our Jaskie readers, what dort

of food do you like Mark?

Mark. I don't eat much actually, when I do I don't remember because I'm pissed. T.C. Thats a great answer Mark.

about you Steve?

Steve. Fish Fingers.

T.C. What about all these small club bands of a couple of years ago.

Buzzcocks are the biggest.

Pit. They've worked hard to get where they are today, but after the first few singles it all went to pot really.

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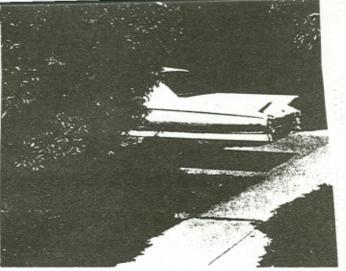
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"THE LAST TV PROGRAMME"
"LANDSCAPE WORKERS"
AGAIN YOU MAY NEVER HAVE HEARD OF THEM, IF YOU WANT TO BOOK THEM PHONE BRISTOLx774433....do something for once in your life.

J.J., who although born in Notting Hill is of French parentage, has an incredible surplus of energy. It was with this, and a combination of nowhere to sleep and nothing to do for a couple of hours, that eventually led to his solo album 'EUROMAN COMETH'. Whilst hanging around the studio one night he started working on 'Crabs' and within days the outline of an album began to take shape.

Subject matter of 'E.C.' ranges from the surprisingly complimentary 'Freddie Laker' to 'Deutschland Nicht Über Alles' which is sung entirely in German and even includes a disco cut titled 'Do the European'. There is a strong European theme running through 'EUROMAN COMETH', this stems from J.J.B's belief in Europeanisation as an alternative to Eastern or Western influences. He believes that a strong Europe would provide an escape route from the seemingly inevitable American/Russian cultural/economic domination. JEAN JACQUES has a degree in economics, consequently, most of his theories are pretty well researched.

JEAN JACQUES BURNEL does all the vocals on 'EUROMAN COMETH' and plays a number of other instruments including guitar, keyboards and drums. Also featured on the record are, one time inspiration behind the Damned and Tanz Der Youth, Brian James on guitar and ex-Chelsea drummer Carey Fortune. The live line-up, which will make it's U.K. debut with a major April tour culminating in a show at London's Drury Lane Theatre, will feature Drone Peter Howells on drums, plus Vibrator John Ellis on guitar, Lew Lewis on harp and Penny Tobin on keyboards. After this the band are aptly set to tour, Europe.

'EUROMAN COMETH' is challenging music from a challenging man for a challenging situation. Although not directly aligned to Kraftwerk, Can, New Music or any other act, it is most definitely European in influence. Continental no less, maybe the first record of its kind. . . do the continental.



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