

Interviews: CHUMBAWAMBA, TOXIC SHOCK, D&V. Articles: u.s.a.f molesworth, sexism, n.ireland.nigeria PLUS: YEAH YEAH NOH! THE MEMBRANES! DCL! THE LEDGEND! POETRY! REVIEWS!

# The Naive Return of a(not so) Feeble Effort.

Many moons ago in a dark and distant land two fanzine editors - Garry(A Feeble Effort zeen) and Steve(Return of the Naive) stumbled into each other in a drunken stupour, as they stumbled along the wasteland drinking a mixture of cider and pils a gap broke in the clouds and a stunning light shone through, an angel floated to the ground and seed "Behold yonder star. if thouest followest thatest starest (they talk like that angels ya know!) thoust will be led to a world more beautiful that words won't sufficest"... the two wordy people starred at the star trying to get it into focus, then in unison replied "Fuck Off". The angel eyed them wearily and said "suitest yer fucking selfest" and disappeared in a wisp of cider fumes. He was never seen again until 12months later when Garry spotted him in a shop window in Telford with an xmas tree stuck up him bum, "just desserts thought garry, just desserts". Later when the hangovers cleared the two dwelt on this apperition and decided their future moves- seeing as they hadn't had an ego boost for some time they broached the subject of fanzines and decided to create the monster your reading now. Garry made several efforts - none of them feeble to get naive old steve to get his finger out, what his finger was in we'd rather not discuss at this point in time, but after months of trying to pin him down garry finally successeded and they got down to work. The result of this clash of ego's you are now beholdest (fuckin angel!) of. If you get half as much pleasure out of reading it as we did out of doing it it should be a success. we'd like you to respond, its difficult throwing all these words/thoughts/ideas into a big vacum and whether you love or hate vagabond tell us why. Our respective addresses are at the bottom og the page. If you really hate it for whatever reasons why not have a go at Boing one yourself ..... anyway thanks for your attention, hope vagabonds to your liking, take care ......

AND YES WE MUST REMAIN THE WILD HEARTED OUTSIDERS

After nearly 18 months "hard work"!!!? VAGABOND

precise, readable, to the point, entertaining and joyous

is near completion, and its a satisfying feeling to see the end result in all its glory! Although its supposed to be a joint effort steve musy take a lot of the credit/blame for vagus(latin!) typing, layout etc.

But i do think our conglomeration is a nice mix .. ... steve's likeing for 'personal articles' and less bands and me(garry) still clinging to bands for my main ingrediants. I know the music scene (for want of a better word) is neck deep in shit, but hhere are good bands still around, you just have to dig a bit deeper to find the occassional nuggets of quality and distinction (big flame, D.C.L, and the pogues being 3). Though the real reason for me sticking to bands is that basically i write crap articles... i know what i want to say inside but it comes out arse over tip , this applies to coversations as well, i'd love to contribute positivly to the former and latter but i know i'd get



Friggin Hell! Where do i start, Garry's intro id so short, and i've got so much to say. So long since Seturn of the Naive, so long since Garry approached me with the 'Vagabond' idea. I've changed so much, so much has happened, i've got so much to tell you, but, alas, no space to do it. Three million reasons i've not done a zeen for so long...won't tell you them all '48' the community shop/workshop is the main reason i helped set it up and run it, its taken a lot of time an energy but i'll tell you about that another time. R.OT.N. finnished cos there was no bands i particularly wanted to feature, those whose ideals i did/do agree with are mainly amarcho bands who play boring 'punk not daring to step out of the mould, and those who i like musically are sometimes unidealogi cally sound. And thats still the problem, take New Model Army they go and sign to EMI! huge investers in the war machine releases antiwar songs. Mind you I must mention the REdskins too probably one of if not, the finest live band around at the momment - say them 5 times in a month before xmas and everyone a brill gig, and they may be in the SWP but at least they were out there slogging it round the country to raise money for the miners - how many anarchists/anarcho bands could say that? I can't miss the chance to mention the miners strike-probably the greatest political event in my lifetime so far.. of course i don't agree with the violence - on any side but the miners have shown that 'ordinary' people can work in a co-operative way together can organise themselves and can run their own lives with responsibility. They've made the government show their true colours not tory blue as they'd like you too believe but red, blood red, the blood of the cracked skulls at orgreave, the blood of those who died protecting their lives, the blood of those killed/maimed and injured because they stood up for their rights against big sister, for a time there they rejected their materialist values that they8d inherited from our 'buy buy buy' society. The blood of the women who've stood in the front line and escaped their traditional roles, lets hope they are never forced or/and never allow themselves to return . They've learn't a lot and 18ve learnt a lot, they've learnt more than going to a million 'political band gigs could ever tell them cos when it comes right down tom it the music isn't a threat. They may have gone back to work but its far from over just wait and see there8s lots more to come. FANZINES - god bless em! bot a lot seems to be changing zeen wise, personally i find very few good one Imust mention Attack on Bazg, again its ideals are exactly aligned to mine but its the freshest zeen around, its positivly alive. For me music zeens don't do much now, i'm more into people' thoughts/ideas/views..i don't give a shit when a band were formed ... who does ? I think the bands in VAGABOND are trying to do ! something different something alternative - not alternative from the 'pop' world but really different, if anyone still believes 'punk' is a threat their living in the dream of '77 which to coin a phrase is dead! Well i'd better try to finnsh now, i've said far too much. Just a quick mention for my compilation tape THEMES FROM HARRY THE SPIDERS COMING OUTPARTY ... buy it! This'll probably be the last zeen of this sort i'm involved in - mind you you never know ! Future projects will probably be more on thoughts/ideas and the such like with a band or two as well .... hopwfully it won't take as long to do the next thing as it has to do this As is said earlier i de sincerly hope VAGABOND brings you some pleasure, i like it. There's many more things i want to comment on, tell you about, this is the edited intro, the other is tree(or even ) three pages long. If it takes me a while to reply to your letter don't panic I'll get round to it ebentually. ALMOST FINALLY ... thanks, love and respect to all those who've contributed to VAGABOND, the bands, the artists, the writers, the people i've nicked stuff off etc.

a rambling mess, too long grey, dull, boring, political

stuff....



i'll remain frustarted and silent(ho ho-in joke)

Anyway enough of this self indulgent

shite. THIS IS VAGABOND! It might be

the first of many, it might be the WALS BUNGALOW

last of one, who knows, only time will

tell. Whichever it is i enjoyed doing

it, therefore read it, love it, hate it

i don't care - i like it and thats what STEVE W

matters (to me). But feedback of any

kind critical or sycophancy would be

much appreciated. Finally, thanks to steve, the oldest fanzine writer in the

world -twas fun, hope we can do it

again sometime ... NOW READ ON



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HOFF WE'RE NOT WALKING IN CIACLES.

Writing about the Nigerian music scene can be sometimes tricky because new'acts' break out all the time - its getting to be a problem to keep track of them. Matters are not helped by the fact that many of the critics can't seem to differenttiate between the different musical shades, thus one is treated to the comical situation of a critic referring to KOOL AND THE GANG as an R'N'B act and ONE WaY as ROCK group.

One major feature of the Nigerian scene is that its mainly made up of pop acts..or pseudo pop acts if you prefer cos most can't honestly be said to be playing the genuine stuff. Another is that its made up of solo acts, the group concept just isn't popular here. Also the underground scene as is known in the uk ispractically dead here. He caused a stir some years back when he married 28 girls in one swoop, his "queens" as he calls them. Then came hard times when nothing was heard from him. Now he is back telling us most of his queens have deserted him and he want more. He sings and performs in the most popular 'language' of Nigeria....'Pidgin English', although he is a music graduate of Trinity College Dublin, Ireland. Recently he was sentenced to 5 years imprisinment for allegendly trafficking in foreign exchange. Chances are his band 'the EGYPT '80 may break up before he completes his stint in prison.

Both ONYEKA ONWENDU and DORA IFUDU are female singers with one LP each to their

Among critics here its generally agreed that the present scene got its impetus in 1980 when an undergrad law student KRIS OKOTIE came out with a debut LP titled "I Need Someone" which garnered rave reviews from the critics and enough radio airplay and sales to justify the enthusiasm put ) into it. There followed a rash of copy cats, JIDE OBI, FELIX LEBARTY etc. What made these LP's popular was that it was purely composed by amateurs.

Unfortunatley that couldn't be said for their subsequent vinyl efforts. Despite hitting the big time in therms of making money from record sales....the subsequent LP's were flops in the artistic sense. KRIS came out with a 2nd LP that did fairly well and a 3rd that sucks that evokes the Jacksons without the pulling power(hype power ? ed.).Last heard of,KRIS said he is now a born again Christian who has turned his back on pop music.

Right now the scene is populated with lots of groups/solo acts...but most of them aren't woth mentioning cos they are trash. Amongst the trash though stands some gems. These are guys and gals doing the real stuff----real pop music with a touch of maturity. Examples FELA ANIKULAPO KUTI, ONYEKA ONWENU, DORA IFUDU, CHRISTY ESSIEN, BONGOS IKWUE, CAROL BRIDI and TERA KOTA. credits. Ms Onwendu made her debut in 1981 with "Endless Life" and she also starred recntly in the NTA/BBC TV produced documentary "A squandering of rishes" a caustic look at how Nigeria dissipated her oil wealth through incompetence wastage and sheer greed and curruption.

CHRISTY ESSIEN.... "The Lady of Songs" is generallly regarded as the leading female voice in Nigerian pop music. She sings both in English and some other Nigerian languages. Last year she came out with an LP "Ever Liked My Person" an LP whose perfomance won her prizes at the Neewollah music festival, Kansas City, USA and the Seoul international song festival, S.Korea.

BONGOS IKWUE is a singer from the middle belt of Nigeria. His last major vinyl effort "Atomic Bomb" was successful.He is also the composer of the sound track to a very popular TV series here called "Cock Crow at Dawn".

Finally two new faces for '84 CAROL BRIDI and TERA KOTA. Ms Bridi sings pop tith a gospel tinge. Her debut album"One Family" is about jesus christ and is onn the OTTO label.

TERA KOTA(aka GBOYEGA FEMI) says his name is spelt T-E-R-A K-O-T-A and not T-E-R-R -A C-O-TeT-A "Cos there is no c in the African vocabulary" plays reggae music with a roots edge. His debut album "LAMENTATIONS FOR SODOM" was the subject of favourable reviews when it came out in April '84, beating the likes of Princes 'purple Rain' and the Jacksons'Victory' abbums to make it to the No 1 position in the Lagos Charts.

FELA ANIKULAPO-KUTI is the originator and leading exponent of Afo-Beat music and a maverick amongst Nigerian musicians, he is the only Nigerian musician to have banned the radio stations over here from playing . his music - over non payment of royalties.

FELA's music is protest music with his anger directed at just about every group that disagrees with his non-conformist views. Views he preaches to legions of dedicated fans everyday at his home/entertainment centre"The African Shrine".

Just about everybody has come under fire

from the scatning lyrics of his songs: The Law Enforcement Agencies("Zambie") The I.T.T. Corperation("International Theif Theif) Beauty conscious girls("Yellow Fever") and naive country boys going to the big city for the first time("J.J.D.-Johnny Just Drop") LAMENTATIONS is a dirge for a sodom which just happens to be Nigeria under the civilian dictatorship of Alhaji Shehu Shagari. The city called Sodom is a place where "The rich man gets richer and the poor man gets pooper".

LAMENTATIONS lyrics may be heavy but the music is sheer danceable. He even sings it with a passab, a caribbean accent. Unlike most Nigerian acts, Tera can sing and perform his songs on stage, a factor which may have accounted for him winning two prizes at the 1984 Neewollah music festival.

Thats a look at the scene here in Nigeria, its not conclusive cos i only mentioned the groups that took my fancy. Will the scene here get worse in 1985.Only time will tell

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RIGHT THEN, THE TOXIC SHOCK INTERNIEW, SOME OF THIS WAS DONE 'FACE TO FACE' AT A GIG AT SHEFF. POLY with the poison girls ages ago - , MIND YOU I'VE LEFT MOST OF THAT OUT LOS ITS SO OLD THE REST WAS DONE BY POST. I NOW KNOW T.S. A LITTLE BETTOR THAN I DID AT THE TIME THIS INTERVIEW TOOK PLACE, THE FIRST TIME I SAW THEM THEY WERE SO STRONG I WAS DEAD NERVOUS, WONDERING WHAT THE FUCK AM I GOING TO ASK'EM, WHAT THEY WERE (ARE)SINGING ASOUT SEEMED VERY DISTANT TO ME AS A MALE. HOWENER, I WENT

Steve..."Your songs seem very personal, very 'female personall even', i must admit i felt threat--ened and even alienated- do you think this puts people off ?"

Toxic Shock...." I don't think so because men come up after our gigs and say "I don't understat then start talking to us which is good - they talk about things they wouldn't talk about otherwise, you mention the word 'threatened' I can remember after one gig this man came up and said" you made me feel guilty about being a man" and i thought on no thats awful, but then i thought maybe we need to start feeling guilty, threatened and become responsible - that means all of us, women and men. Its like when i turned vegat Heff bullied me into it in a very aggressive way, but it worked because i was shutting my eyes to it and she made me think about it.

Steve.... "Yeah, but bullying people into something often makes them reject it doesn't it ?"

- Toxic Shock...The way i see it is that there's lots of bands singing about war and animals and at times they seem very safe issues, thats what our 'System System' song is about war is 'over there' you can say I m anti-war and join CND its quite an in thing to do, right animal lib, I'm gonna be a vegatarian, these things are all good but they're removed from personal life, like what your like in your friendships, relationships, and how you have sex and all that sort of thing, and we think its about time people started talking about those sorts of issues.
- Steve..." All i had to go on before the gig was that you were pacifists, anarchists and vegans, yet you seem to avoid the usual cliche's its the persoanl things i remember"
- Toxic Shock .. "well the fact that we're vegans and pacifists is a way of life, its just part of us we take for granted"

#### Steve ..... "You seem to connect with a lot of causes"

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Toxic Shock .... " I think all the causes connect up, but its just a question of where they originate from, like you can't just be anti-war and pro animal lik, all these things start deeper than that. War starts with you and me having a row and not being able to sort it out, or not being able to work out our jealousys and problems, thats the men--tality that starts wars, its going on in the sex shops, its the fact that its not safe for me to walk the streets alone at night- thats where war starts as far as I'm concerned, so i have to make it a priority, its like Al said the vegan/pacifism thing is a way of life, but where all those issues start is our relationships and sexual relationships with each other, thats why we make what were doing personal, a lot of people will say were anti war and attack it from the top saying if you abolish war everything will be alright, but it wont cos there'll still be people who go home and get battered by their husbands, we attack it from underneath, so if everyone was equal in the way they treated each other on a personal level there'd be no possibility of EN war because they could never treat another human being or any other living creature as less important than themselves.

Steve... "Do you think then that its safe to attack war from the top?"

Toxic Shock "Yes in peace time, if you were a conscientious objector in war it would mean a lot more because you'd go to prison or be made to dig graves. Its funny because for us two it started in the opposite way to what we've been talking about, we started by being anti-war joining CND, then you start thinking about animals- vegatarian, a bit more extreme- vegan, and all the time your awareness is growing sexism/feminism etc and gradually with us its taken complete proninence, its almost as if we started attack--ing things from the top and its gone a complete circle and how were down to the

people around us .

Steve...."Do you not think the never ending circle thing can become did heartening...boycotting products, absatianing from certain foods, certain clothes not to wear, i seem to find out about something new every week, do you think there's an end to it ?

Toxic Shock "No,i don't think there is,i can't see one, we don't claim to be terribly sussed out like'we've done anti war'/we've done veganism' there's a hell of a lot of things

we're still having to confront but you've got to keep going, everyone's got to do as much as they personally can as far as what actions they take, what products they boycott etc, you've got to do as much as you personally can.

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Steve....But do you think its possible to draw a lineand say love gone as far as i can, it seems that once your involved your awareness is so far developed that its imposible to stop" Toxic Shock...I don't think you can say "Thats it I've done it" and wait for the rest to catch up- you have to keep, looking- we're all still looking, I'm very aware that we are a privilidged people, we live in 'peace time' (though the band point out that 'peacetime' is not accurate with the things going on in Northern Ireland and the such like but we haven't got conscription, were allowed to do all sorts of things like be vegans we're lucky that we can choose the products we eat without having to worry about starving. Its a constant struggle to be 'idealogically sound' and i don't think you can be, and i don' mean you should stop, i think you just need to get it into perspect

Steve.... "Are you at all worried about getting boxed in with the Poison Girls, do you think doing the big brother cabaret was a safe bet ?

TOXIC SHOCK..."No, because i think what we do and the way we do it is not safe, we've not really thought about getting labelled because we haven't been going that long, we went to see the Poison Girls, wrote 3 songs, said can we play with you, they said yes, we wrote a set and got on this tour, we havent done much apart from this tour to date, i think we'll be classed as 'political stuff with women in' cos there's so few people doing it, so its unavoidable that there'll be an association - there's so few bands actually talking about really intimate politics.

ancy some dige You may have heard at a very rare disease called 'taxic shock four may have heard of a very rare disease called toxic shock syndrome, which can occur amongst menstruating women using tompons. This is caused by a bacteria, not by tompon usage. action? THESE are thetwomain of people were complained when here of the see your doctor in the se aNTI-JBORTION ORGANIZATIONS in the uke 7 Parade IRELAND Leamington Spa Warwickshire Steve .... "At the Sheffield gig a lot of people were complaining about having to be signed in -did you get a lot of complaints, is there nothing bands can do about it?" 0926 21587

Toxic Shock ... "we did get complaints, basically all you can do about it is put various conditie in the contract to try and ensure that type of thing doesn't happen. But sometimes you get to the venue and find that its been ignored. The ultimate weapon you have is to refuse to play, i think thats what the Au Fairs once did in Sheffield. The problem is that these polys atc often have licencing laws which prohibit them letting non students in (so they say' at least the signing in thing means this rule is gotten found to some extent. We've been running up and down stairs at Sheffield giving people our stage passes so they could get in for nothing, its a problem your got to work with if your going to play that sort of venue. On the BBC tour We've tried to play as many different sorts of places as possible..pubs, nightclubs, squats, benefits as well as polys and uni's.

steve .... "On one of your handouts you say 'I'M paralysed with fear when i see what we're up against' then later 'I'm making sure I'm happy now' do you find it difficult to keep happy when there's so much fear, hatred and aggression around ?" Toxic Shock ... "Yeah it seems absured, Miners blockading motorways, everywhere unrest as the

government closes in tighter, another women raped up the road last night, two thirds of the worlds population starving and I8m walking around with a spring in my step

and grinning. The end of the quote you used is "I'm making sure I8m happy, but I'm certainly not content, I'm not depressed, I'm furious and I won t fight their battle I think fear and depression are very powerful weapons 1 1 24 and they're used to paralyse us into inactivity. I try to laugh at myself to stay sane in a mad world. [vetried to write an anti-war poem a while ago and it came out simply as my love for life and the beauty of a beach in Devon, I try to turn my anger what into love and laughter to use it to keep fighting whats wrong.

Steve .... "What role if any do you see men having in the womens/feminist movement?" Toxic Shock "The role of men in the womens movement is that its men, or more specifically,

'male' attitudes which are the problem we're fighting. I don't think men can be feminists, neither do i think it is womens responsibility to change men. I think most men are very emotionally dependant on women for the feminine values their conditioning has denied them- love, caring, physical affection, gentleness etc. I thisk KWN LHERE ... men have got to start finding these values within themsekves, learning to love other men the way women are able to love and support each other. I think men can support womens autonomy - mens groups organising creche's etc, but the whole point of having a womens/feminist movement is so that women can find their own strengths and concentrate on their specific problems/joys as women, living as we do in a woman hating society which constantly degrades us and treats us as second class citizens

Contraction of the second states Steve....Its now years since the start of 'punk' do you think its acheived anything ? Y'RE SUCKINK Toxic Shock .. (Heff) For me personally it was an escape route from the boyfriend/girlfriend TTING GREYE tor disco cattle market, and thats about it. I used to feel affection when i saw spikey in tops in the street- now i feel nothing, its just another fashion/cult. Where it . s spills over into movements for change such as Rock against Racism, 'exism/ @ punk etc then maybe it becomes something more. Basically i think punk as a cult acheived was to prolong the life of the dying record companies as they scrambled acheived was to protong the file of the way people got ripped off by them this was rous TECHNIC fir come promoted the growth of the independent record labels and i think that was positive. Steve.... "Would you gig with a band who didn't have the same political or @political views as yourselves in the hope you could get your message across to their audiance.

Toxic Shock ..... We'll play anywhere we think we can get away with it. But we don't play to 'get a message acress' we play for the hell of it, to enjoy ourselves, to capture an audiance and entertain them, maybe smash a few stereotypes. The message is a take it or leave it one - all we're trying to do is ask a Few .. questions. Also i think there are different levels of putting across a message. Just by being two women, by being proffesional and entertaining NE without succumbing to the usual ways women are permitted to be entertaining i think were putting over a message.

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.Obviously the majority of the british public wouldn't readily support an anarchist Steve.... revolution, is it not better to work through socialism towards anarchism, at least that way there'd be a broader basis for support ?

Toxic Shock ... I am not very good at thinking in terms of political theory ... "an anarchist

revolution" what does this mean ? if you mean working to change things that are wrong then i think that every time i dareto laugh in the face of the ugly city and find some beauty in life I'm working towards a state of anarchy. I think people who want change should work in whatever ways they can. I think a lot o No. M Anarchists try to predend that class isn't an issue (is this cos there mainly middle class-steve) -that were all the same instantly, well i think class is imported -rtant, it is a division which exists. On the other hand some socialists try and glorify "working class' values and i can't see much sense in that either from what I've seen/felt of the narrowness of such values. think part of my unease at your question is that i'm very wary of such labels as anarchist and socialist they're tired, meaningless labels. I know people who call themselves socialists. who are lovely, intelligent friends, i know anarchists who i wouldn't want anything to do with. Surely its the ideas and ideals behind the label which are important and as individuals we should work in whatever way feels right towards change.

Steve...."Some poeople feel that the 'womens'movement' has become very sectarian and far from advancing towards equality 'femanists' are becoming even furthur removed in society, what are your views on this(if you can understand what I'm getting at) ?"

Toxic Shock ... This is a very hard question to answer, the womens liberation movement is subject to attack and ridicule from every direction in the mass media, as women we are presented with such a stifling image of what we ought to be, an image that iseverywhere, an image, that we come up against every day of our lives, its hardly surrizing that the women who reject the stereotype are driven underground, to rely , ore and more for their love and support on each other and being suspicios and mis-trustful of anyone who doesn't git in the mould of being the right type of femenist. The love and strength of women has shown me a different way of living and i am hesitant at being at all critical of any aspects of femenism, it so easily gets distorted into the usual anti-feminist crap. But i do think the womens liberation movement in this country is neither attractive or accessible to most women - it consistes almost exclusivly of white, middle class, single women usually aged between 20 - 30. I've been to 29 meetings where i've felt the 22 are talking a different language to me, i can't understand what they're on about. We(Al & Heff) have had a lot of shit from 'proper feminists' who have been very patronizing or just down--right snotty and offensive because of the way we look and what we do. But despite all this i think the ideas, visions, ways of working, living and loving that have evolved out of the feminist and womens liberations movement offer more scope for real lasting change than any other political movement. The problem is making these ideas more accessable to people.

> WELL THERE YOU HAVE IT. THE TOXIC SHOCK INTERVIEN, MOST OF IT IS DEAD OLD BUT THERE YOU GO. I'D LIKE TO THANK BOTH AL AND HEFF FOR TAKING THE TIME TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS, THE POSTAL QUESTIONS WERE ANSWERED BY HEFF. LIVE TOSSIC SHOCK ARE ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE



BANDS I'VE SEEN, AND THEY'RE GETTING BETTER, I'VE NOW SEEN 'EM UMPTEEN TIMES AND THEY'RE STILL AS EFFECTIVE. THEY ARE ALSO ONE OF THE FEW BANDS WHO MANAGED TO MAKE ME QUESTION MY SEXISM. DON'T YET THE I MPRESSION THAT T.S. ARE DEPRESSED, CLICHED BORING ANARCHO'S, THEY ARE WARM, FRIENDLY, HAPPY, HONEST PEOPLE WHO ARE AWARE OF THE SHIT AROWD US. THEIR DEBIST 12" EP "A DUBIOUS DEAL" IS OUT NOW ON VINDALOO RECORDS AND WELL WORTH GETTING. THEY ALSO HAD A LIVE TAPE AUAILABLE BUT I DON'T KNOW WHETHER IT STILL IS SO YOU'LL HAVE TO WRITE FOR DETAILS. ALSO LOOK OUT FOR THEM PLAYING GIGS NOAR YOU (QUAINT OLD FASHIONED SAMING THAT!).





Yeah Yeah Noh (hereinafter refered to as  $J_J(X)$  were formed simultaneously in the minds of Jez Prins and Derek Hammond on 25th September 1978 at approximately 2.30 in the afternoon.

The pair had bunked off school to go shoplifting in Woolworths; somehow they felt they might rid themselves of sixteen years of middle class upbringing in ten minutes before the magistrates and six months worth of Saturdays at a 'Short Sharp Shock' centre on the outskirts of Birmingham. However, as it turned out, this was not the afternoon that the glorious unfastening of the shackles was to take place because, as they rounded the corner into the high street, a friend of Derek's mother was spotted, so they hastily ducked out of sight and ran all the way home.

It was some forty minutes later that they found themselves, Jez on bongoes (souvenir of Portugal) and Derek on kazoo, playing the first ever version of 'Cottage Industry' into the condensor microphone on a portable cassette recorder. So pleased were they with the result that they formed  $\sqrt{X}$  on the spot and the tape became the first release on their own 'Vaguely Anal' label (V.A. 001, virtually priceless these days). The first setback for the band came soon after, just as Mr and Mrs Hammond finished their tea in fact, an enthusiastic young Derek proudly played the tape for their benefit only to be quizzed on his afternoon activities, they had been spotced by Mrs Arbuthnot, and he was sent to bed before 'The Sweeney'.

Time passes quickly and it was some fifteen releases and four years later that Derek found himself working behind the counter at the legendary Max's, hang out for everyone hip in the Midlands, when in walked John Grayland. Under his arm he had the entire repertoire of Gerry and the Pacemakers and everything released on E.M.I. between 1969 and 1972, he placed them on a table and announced that he'd travelled all the way from Crewe to find people who could make music equivalent to this. It was love at first sight, Jez was out on his ear!

Immediately they decided they needed to find a permanent line up so they went out talent spotting, they found Adrian Crossan playing with existentialist duo 'Peter Bounds and Dave Springer'. There were six of them but reality was definitely passe as far as they were concerned. The band was terrible but Ade's blonde good looks stood out, Derek and John bundled him into a fast car and took him back to their anarcho-syndicalist squat where they forced him to give up the harpsichord in favour of the bass.

Not long after this Derek's "Grabbed a Kebab one Workers Playtime" became the catchphrase for a nation, 'Bias-Binding', a ditty ripped off from the chorus of Abba's 'Mama Mia' had been adopted by a whole generation, the neo-Grampchians, as an anthem; reflecting on their diet and pastimes, their attitude to life ("putting the fun back into being pretentious") and above all their absolute rejection of the amoral values of the post-modernists. It was due to this overnight fame that the trio came into contact with Sue Dorey. A top society hostess, she invited them to a party in her penthouse suite in the fashionable Belgrave quarter of Leicester and was most impressed by an impromptu rendition of "Prick Up Your Ears", a tribute to Joe Orton, on milk bottles and elastic bands. The way she tapped out the rhythm on a kettle and a pressure cooker with a pair of wooden spoons added a new dimension to the song and gave rise to many possibilities. Her place in the band was clinched by the way she smashed up her own furniture in time to 'Spike Milligans Tape Recorder', a hit song of the time for popular folk trio The Membranes.

As a foursome, //X went from strength to strength, Bias Binding' was quickly followed by 'Cottage Industry' and then 'Beware the Weakling Lines' into the homes and hearts of the countrys pop obsessed youth. Where will they go from here? Some say they have plans to stay in the Himalaya's and practise transcendental meditation, some say they are planning to move to California and others suggest they will stay in the Midlands and start up a co-operative record company and a hostel for the young unemployed. All we can be sure about is that whatever they do they will continue to produce gloriously unpredictable pop tunes and will continue to fascinate and excite fans and detractors alike.

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# VAGABØNDS MUNCY CORNER

#### BAKED BEAN ROAST

16oz Tin of Baked Beans 4oz Breadcrumbs/non suet stuffing mix

8oz Soya Cheese(see across)

2 teaspoons Mixed Herbs

- 1 Small Onion(finely chopped)
- 1. Mash breadcrumbs with beans and leave to stand for 10mins or so.
- 2. Fry onions, mix with breadcrumbs, beans and herbs.
- 3. Pack into greased loaf or sandwich tin
- 4. Brush top with oil
- 5.Bake on top shelf of oven for 1 hour (350oF/gas mark 4)

Its ready to eat when it feels firm and shrinks f om the side of the tin. YUM YUM

Nice with roast spubs, cabbage and hot tomato sause(see recipe)-

#### sissiiii 23 SOYA CHEESE

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Equal amounts of Granose Marg & Soya Flour Yeast Extract to taste.

\* Melt Marg, add soya flour & yeast Extract Pack into container in Fridge until set Keeps for ages.

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1. Fry onions & toms.

2. Warm up creamed toms & herbs.

3. chuck 1 in with 2 and serve.

# BY JAYNE untitled

de net cry fer me because i will not dry your tears i will not listen to your sordid lies and i den't want to knew your fears 1 warned you of what would happen to him who wants it all with no concern for human values you were always destined to fall you can't kick people in the teeth

and expect them to pat your back

if you think you can get away with your lies there's something you seriously lack i remember you when you were down and out i offered and you took my hand but when it was me who needed a friend you pushed my face in the sand se are you suprized that i turn away oblivious to your cries but what do you really expect from me after your dishonesty and lies

Take my hand little bey Let me take you to A land where you will be at peace Te de as yeu want te de No rules will i lay down for you No macho stance i'll preach







CHUMBAWAMBA ... ARE & BAND FROM LEEDS, IF YOU'VE NOT ALREADY HAD THE CHANCE TO SEE THEM LIVE DO SO AT THE NEXT POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY, USING A MIXTURE OF NUSIC - THEATRICS THEY'VE FOUND A POWERFUL WAY OF PUTTING ACROSS THEIR MESSAGE. THEY'VE ALSO RELEASED SONE DEAD GOOD TAPES, AND THERE'S PLANS FOR A RECORD DEAL OF SOME SORT (EMI PROBABLY!) GARRY AND STEVE TRAVEL NORTH AND GET FOOD, DRINK LAND A LOT OF WORDS ON TAPE ... HERE'S SOME OF'EM.

your beliefs are quite wide, vegans, pacifists etc, do you put any of these first, or are US they important as a whole ?

Then if you just concentrate on one issue people don't realise that they're all interelated, its all part and parcel of the same thing ".... "we try to give coverage to each one, like there's lets of bands that stick to one isn't there?, and i suppose we sing more about the obvious one's like war and stuff" ... "yeah but .. ""no i dont think we do" ... "ithink what happened was we went through a phase about a year age when we wrote about, sort of vivisection, eating meat and being anti-war, , but now we write eh, , . the songs we write new are more to do with ... . "their more specific issues arem't they ..... yeah like the things that lie behind being anti-war, and vivisection, you know, the things that are behind these issues, not just the issues the "es, its like questioning other aspects of the issues ive related to

so you don't . c at the other things from one perspective if you like, like you look at US vivisection from a pacifist angle and other things, or is it all part of the same thing ? ..... suppose it all part of the same belief, like a belief in what we're doing"..... .... "take a big company like BP, i don't hate BP just for one reason, there's leads of reasons - apart from the fact they're a big company anyway, their involved in uranium mining and at the same time they have vivisection laborotories, and thats like one way all the things link up..its the fact the people making money from one thing are also making money from lots of other things as well" ..... " and its not just that its the morality, the morality that allows these things to exist is the same .... "

More cars hamburgers sex baseball boots, plus token knowledge of the real world. Which sells records to make money for CBS to make parts for CRUISE MISSILES. Checcui dille Chicago, 13 Clash, the 144

would you gig with a band who didn't have the same beliefs as yourselves ? .... "probably" ... "we have done" ... "quite often" .... "but we'd draw the line somewhere" "oh yeah" ..... " but we look at each gig on its own"



This planet is dying & Rock n Roll is helping to kill it. Either we BOOGIE ON DOWN TO OUR DEATHSorwekick it for good, & create something DIFFERENT.



what about the redskins?

.... "redskins?" ... "ive not really heard anything by them" ... "see it depends on how the gigs organised, who's playing, how its billed, how much it costs and stuff like that"... it doesn't mean we wouldn't play with anyone who doesn't think the same as we do ... " "i suppose if it were on our terms we'd play with anyone wouldn't we? .. " "YEAH (resounding agreement)" "we do think very carefully about it, we wouldn't say -yeak we'll, do a gig with so and so" ... ... "oh yeah, we wouldn't play just any gig" ... "we are fairly choosy about gigs, and we're getting choosy about the terms we play on and i don't mean money wise cos basically we do it for expenses but things like .. the building and if theres age restrictions and things like that"

de you think your at the stage were your playing to the same audiance all the time ?

(washing machine heise again causes hearing difficulties on the tape) .... i dont think we've got a fixed audiance really, its just people who happen to live in that town, or people who come to see the band we're supporting or playing with ".... " a lot of the places we play are sorta backwater places all over the country"..."i don't think many people have started to come to see us rather than just come to the gig" ... see our gigs are usually in aplaces you don't expect gigs aren't they?"..."like windsford" "and slough" .... "most people just think were a reggae band with the name being chumbawamba" ... "see its like if we do a gig somewhere say for animal aid we get all the people from that town who're into that coming so its like that really"

but is that not a bit pointless? well i know its not but ..? ...."is it pointless"

#### yeah, if the audiance is already of that persuasion

.... "no, because they come along and they may be into animal aid and stuff like that but might not have though about some of the other things we sing about" "...its like we were saying earlier about people concentrating on just one issue" ... "we find a lot of that" .... ... " so if they come along and listen maybe it'll get em interested in other issue" "quite a few people we know from being into animal rights, hunt sabs etc have got into other issues just by being made aware ... " "cos people like us have ingluenced them"



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you put forward a solid bank of ideas, ideals and views on stage and through your booklets 've met few people who CARE as much etc do your individual ideals differ much? you know how far you take things, or violence to Mick Jones, apart from the rest of The Clash. Stranded fans are allowed. ..... theres friendly debates a lot on this sort of thing, obviously with so many people shit to sleep on the group's hotel room together were not all going to think the same .... " " but we agree more or less, a lot more than most other groups of people i think, its just that some of us would take some things floor, The month furthur than others"...." i think cos we are reasonable people we can .... "(much laughter at why not? They paid mean eating - and this comment from the others') "well we are!, all reasonable people i mean ... even if your ideas are diffferent if you can talk things out together then you generally end up with some happy for medium"... "well, were all vegans, were all pacifists, and i suppose wereall, ,, anarchists i suppose, and we're all femanists" ... "but we don't all agree an everything, like, eh,1 cant think" of an example now,,,like some of us eat honey and some of us don't" (laughter again). you use a lot of theatrics in your set have you ever thought of taking it a stage furthuer say doing something completity theatrical, or perhap you already have? NDS doesnt "... there has been a time when we've done things that're more-theatrical, but it didn't work as well, we find it easier to hold it taogether with the music" .... "using a balance between the two things (music d theatre) is something a lot of people haven't been exposed too ... a let of people expect it to be music or expect it to be theatre, but to use them both, at the same time, ithink it exposes a lot of people to a new idea ... "... "but i think that something that Pacifism was just theatre wouldn't be half as accessable .. i dont think ,, people would ,, , "..... "but we have considered doing it latly to for a complete change, just formone gig or something!" yould you like .. i was thinking more of trying to get the message acress to a theathere, more a theatre audiance. "oh i see what you mean ..." ement ar oppossed to doing theatre to a punk audiance But I wouldn't be on the road "yeah .. "(lots of pensive mmmmmm's come through here) .. "it'd be like trying to break into a completly different circuit ..... " "i think thats a bit dangerous cos i feel you get ... twanging my guitar if .. theatre audiances are totally different to rock audiances, theres anly a certain class it weren't for the fact that of people that go to the theatre ... "(the conversation is interrrup -- --- by our next question - or rather me butting in) there's really a lot of money or posies will be out a



well i wasn't meaning theatre as in 'big theatre', half the reason i asked that is we once did a piece of theatre and performed it to yts schemes and general studies groups it the local tech, and we just got in touch with the teachers and said we've got a performance would you like to bring a group ... and that worked dead well vos it was all like people on schemes and students and the stuff was sorta anti-war, sexism stc ..... i think thats a goood idea".....its something we might do in the future-i'd like to i don't know about the others"..."i think we might well do that"..."but, no, we haven't got any imeediate plans to do that"..... but somehow as we do it now its mainly theatre with bits of music in to illustrate, but it takes a lot more nerve to do complete theatre

in an interview in dream silhoultes fanzine you said that the 'softer' animal rights groups like the rspca de an important jeb, you know, just as much as the a.l.f., changing that around do you think that applies to the softer political bands like the jam, style council and frankie goes to hollywood etc ?

"... now thats taking it a bit far"... "those bands are full of contradictions".... "that really is changing it around !"... "the money they accept goes backinto the arms race, so i mean that makes it unaceptable from the start ... you can't put out anti?war songs if your putting the money back into the arms trade, or war, or militarism, like you know the rspca aren't doing "that sort of thing"... "well, the buay have shares in BP or summati..."... " yeah i think were igonna change what we said before .. " " yeah, cos actually i don't support the rspca as much as i do the alf"..."cos, even though the rspea are saving lives they may actually kill more than they save "..."i still think what the rspca is still valid in what they do" (all agree). ..... ' i think we can make more of a point slagging frankie than the buay"... "definatly, because a lot of people think that like the jam etc are the untimate social clatement band there the reality is that there full of contrao. Itions". B.P.

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in one of your songs you say"pity the killed, pity more the killer" do you not think thats the hardest thing to do, the killers as well as the killed ? especially when one considers peoples attitudes to workers at stop the city for instance or the police, or battery hen farmers ... "we only included it in that song for a while, we missed it out, i think its important though" ... "its definatly worth saying" ... " its like anti-vivisection group in this area have started doing things like having the demo's outside the houses of the, sort of, bosses, the vivisectors..." "and what they're doing is taking effergies of them and burning them outside the house, and daubing the houses"... "and they do it in front of the families"... "and at times its as if they want to get at him and, kill him" ... "we're not into that" ... "i think thats awful"... "we know a band who're gonna cracify 'ronald macdonald/ in their set, apparantlty its 8ft by 4ft this effergy ... ('the coversation deterioates into laughter) "... thats why T laughing i do get some kind of sick pleasure from that ... " and they've got tomato. . but, its like just a joke"..."but what he's doing isn't a joke"..."but i think that t' mispalced,,,concern.. " "anger" ... "thats why i think that lines important, even thow its really hard to say pity someone who's beating you up or something i think that .... "its like when you see policemen bashing the hell out of miners your first tho are 'what a bastard', but then ... " "ultimatly you've got to pity him, its a lot easier in retrospect though"..."i think its dead hard" ... "i didn't want to put pity more the killers i thought it should be pity also the killers" ... "well i think its important"

a lot of the 'new anarchist movement' (for want of a better word) seems to be falling into the old drugs culture thing waht are your views on this ?

"... are views are rather different on this one(glances round room)".... "well before we start on this one none of us are big drug takers, we don't have drugs in the house, some of us smoke sometimes, we all drink sometimes, we've even made some wine but none of us have got an habitual \_habit...."

de you think the negative drugs thing could see off the positive side of the anarchist movement

."YEAH ! (all agree) ... i think it is doing. i found out the other day shout . .... a mental institution after taking three tabs of acid, and prior to that he'd been involved

in a lot of activities in leeds squatting a nd the like, the sad thing is that the people who lived with him we re like-supposed to be caring people yet they let him do it" ..... "i find it really upsetting when you see a situation that could be really good and constructive and its spoilt because people are more interested in taking dope or whatever" ".. i think one of the reasons this house works so well is that there's not loads of drugs".. "we don't have tome for all that anyway we're always so busy we don't have time to stop and go to the pub or whatever"... " and we don't need to go to the pub to mix socially stop and go to the pub or whatever"..." and we don't need to go to the pub to mix socially because there's so many of us in the house - we don't need to go out and find entertainment, we can just go and see someone in their room or whatever"...." i think its ok for people to 50 use these things in moderation but when you need it to boost and bolster your life there ----- be something missing. . . "

#### would you send your children to school ?

... " its difficult to say but I think yeah i would" ... "i think no- i wouldn't" ... "we've had a friend staying this last week and she doesn't want to send her shild to school but she's no choice really cos its so hard to do at home" ... "i haven't really thought about it enought but i think maybe there's a balance, say sending em to school till they were a certain age or whatever".. I must admit i'd like to teach them at home, i don't like school, i don't like the way they teach people to grow up, and the things they instill into you but on the other hand if you've got a child who doesn't go to school it'd be so alienated from other kid-· it'd be a real shock when it met em"



if they went to school would you bring em up vegan as well ? "Its difficult this one, we've sorta talked about it, its like imposing your views on them, i think they would be vegatarian or vegan to a large extent because they'd eat what we eat .. "

#### not if they were at school though ?

i think it depends on which school they went to, like vegatariansim is becoming a real big thing with young people, like boffo's sister in her class there s 4 vegies, i think a child would probably be a vegatarian at school and vegan at home, obviously kids hate to be go somewhere and be different at that age so it'd be up to them to make a desicion as well .... "

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#### are they old enough to make that desision ?

... "will no ... " "on the other hand we've got some friends who're vegatarian and their daughter came home from school and said we had a great dinner at school today, we had sausages. i've never had them before' and its like you cant say to a kid thats wrong because if you've never done something its gonna make you want to do it ... "i think the biggest mistake you can make is to make them into something you want them to be, its probably best to show them by example-then give them a choice ... ".. " i think its important that they meet other children and do things with other dhildren even thought they would be different - i don't think you can expect them to understand like, everyone else in society is like this but your not gonna be ... "i don t think you can be sure how your children are going to turn out, you can just hope fot thebest" ... " i think to a certain extent if their going to school you'd have to de-school them when they came home, go through everything they've done and if there's anything you think is wrong tell why you think its wrong - it isn't enough just to tell em its wrong" ... its like creating a balance - i think that if i, or maybe others here had had a balance at home it would've enabled us to see things more clearly .... "

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i don't know whether you do, but if you kept animals .. " yeah we do keep animals .. "

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#### well if they died naturally would you eat them ?

"WHAT !...haha (the whole room erupts into laughter) ... when i said yeah we keep animals i meant the dog!!

i mean other animals

... "no i don't think we could bring ourselves to, it'd be like eating daz ! " .. "they're our friends as well" ... " we were talking the other day about what we'd do if we kept a hen that we'd liberated and if anyone in this house wanted to eat the eggs i wouldn't see anything wrong in that .... " but we'd probably give em to derek (the dog) .. (the concenus is that none of them could bring themselvesto eat flesh -) ... "someone who lives in this house and has been a vegi for years went somewhere and some people put meat in his food without telling him, and when they did tell him he just threw up, he couldn't help it, and he never thought it'd effect him like that .... ".... "i had a dream the other night that i'd eaten meat" /

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and star of several finger-poppin' films & thick as two short planks note: his appearance coincides with the spread of incides With the Spread of Incides Begrebel, raise some heck

do you think something like the 'dirty fingers' booklet can have an adverse effect - like people read it and think oh no not more things to boycott ('dirty fingers' is a booklet produced by the chumba's about the activities of big companies) .. yeah, cos i got a letter yesterday that said - i found dirty fingers really depressing reading or something and it went on to say 'how can you expect me to stop eating cross and blackwell and heinz soups when there s nothing else'er something like that, and 'why haven't you gone about mentioning things that're safe and cheap' .. well i think in a lot of cases its up to people to find out for themselves... the situation we're is we managed to find a lot of alternatives .. " ".. though i suppose we have it easier cos we live together and all that"

but if you've found those alternatives is it not important to tell people what is safe? .... "well there is a section in it that tells people about alternatives, but it varies from time to time anyway, and more importantly it varies a lot from town to town, like we go to about 3 places for our food, in leeds" ... " you cant really offer alternatives, well you can but our alternative is cooking it ourselves .. " "we could ve put loads of things in like vegan recipies and that i suppose" "..... but to do like, a toatal thing it'd have to be like a really big book ... like it could be better, its depressing but it was just meant to tell people what is bad" ... "if it we're really big it could be better but i think it ach-everything thats mentioned, i mean there's things that we, ... we've got a ford van and ford are involvedin the arms trade, but its up to people to make their own decisions on how far "hey take it.. they know the facts and they can decide for themselves"...... ... a lot of people see m to think we're trying to guilt trip them because their using some

of these products, and its not like that, we're just: trying to tell people this is what these companies do"...."its like going back to the interrelating issues thing again, you pick up a product and it looks se inncocent but there's this chain behind it, thats what we're doing CONFISIONT THEM WITH PEACE pointing out that chain .... "



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do you think your at the stage where chumbawamba have achieved as much as they. can as a band ?

"... NO(-all)"...." i think we've hardly begun"..." i think were only just becoming aware of just how much effect we're having ... "chumba's is more than a band and it works because it works us living together,

did you have any set aims for chumbawamba(the band) when you started ?

... "well not really, we did want to get over to people" ... "I think they (the aims) might have changed" .. "one of the aims was to communicate with people" .. "in a lot of ways we've done far more than we expected to, like we know so may people in different places who're into what we are, like we never did before .. "where not really anywhere near the mark .. " ... "it depends on what you mean by the mark"

well just when you think chumbawamba as a band doing gigs have gone as far as they can with that limited audiance?.

". then no, cos we do different sorts of gigs and different sorts of actions that go along with it ... " at the momment when we do a gig there s lots of people there we haven't seen before, or rather who ahven't seen us before .... " i wouldn't like it if we did like a gig a year and all the same people turned up, i like doing different sorts of gigs .. ""and different things as well" ..



#### Raising Heck with chumbawamba

#### Raising Heck with chumbawamba

there seems to be a lot of talk about using 'small amounts' of violence to resist arrest what are your views on this ?

... "if someone grabbed me, i'd try to shrug him/her off and run away ..... i can condone small amounts of viclence, if someone grabbed hold of me to rape me I'd use violence without a doubt .. ".. "if i saw anne getting raped i'd use violence" .. "i know i could fight in self defence, its just a matter of self control .. "its like this thing about if your going to get arrested go limp, now personally i don t agree with that, i think if you can get away then get away .. "like if daz was getting arrested and there was just him and a policeman and he was struggling like mad to get away i'd think about going over to help him..".."i'm not into going over and hitting policemen with a big stick or out like

#### who is the chairman of the United Kingdom Company ?

(laughter all round, giggle giggle, chuckle) ... "dan, its dan, dan hunter" ... " the UKC is just another word for the system it makes it more relative, it makes the link".... "cos its all about the multinationals, its not just thatcher that runs the country, there's a lot of very rich people who influence her desisions or even tell her what to do ... ""cos she'd fall without them... (YEAH-all agree), ... "its like we got a list the other day of all these people and companies that donated money to the tory party at the last election and there's massive companies like Thorn EMI (suprize suprize), BP. ICI, Marks and Spencers .... " "well 20% of BP's shares are owned by the government"



you have various digs at tv in your 'set'(pun!) does this mean you don't watch any ? "... no we do watch some, but we don't switch on in the afternoon and watch till close--down, sometimes, but bot very often there's something worth watching ..... "often its Worth vatching to remeber just how bad it is.. ""yeah, often we get inspiration from it - like that jack charlton programme - we really reacted against that".. "its like you take out of it whats good and condem or whatever, whats bad, thats the way we recieve tv.

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so is brookside on the goodside or bad side? "... like it, its ok but i don't watch it much" ... "i think its a pile of shit"

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Chumbawamba are: dan, Low, dunst, anne, boffo, midge dazi

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we then go on to discuss the 'right not to work' the urban aid squat in leeds, tracy thorn, chipshops, and stacks of other things but as i've just started the 8th page of type i'd better stop or this vagabond thing will become 'chumbawamba news!', i'm sorry i can fit it all in. no doubt i'll have to edit even more out before the zeen(van winkle) goes to print but i hope what is left made for enjoyable reading and is a fair representation of what the band wanted to say, we both really enjoyed doing the interview and i'd like to thank the band for taking time out to talk to us and also ta for the lovely lemonade and hot bread. one of the main reason i think chumawamba are so good as a band is that there more than that motions, they're not only and that you can tell their not just going through the singing about doing things - their doing them as well. also they are simply nice people- and there's not many of them about(not in this fuckin town anyway

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RED ROSES FOR ME- THE POCUES (stiff)..christy moore on speed singing about booze instead of politics, this lp is brill, great racous drinking songs, the pogues bastar dised version of folk probably tramples All over the fine tradition of the music but what the hell it still sounds faberrroooneee.when all the press start the back lash the pogues will contin ue i hope cos they ve got a lot going for em; both vagabond eds love it,garrys fave track 'streams of whiskey' steves 'the auld triangle' .. young piss





# A SERIES OF POINTS ABOUT BELFAST

One of the hardest tasks ever set before me must be how to describe life in Belfa--st. People for far too long, have been blinkered and hidden from the facts in Northern Ireland and describing it is a we very delicate task - one which is necessary however, for if not, we will remain as the mainland see's us, never being understo -od, never being heard.

I wen't ge inte details about hew many lam -pests there are in my street or any of that - just inte describing other more important details.

You can look at Belfast in two ways-there' is good and bad. The good is divided from the bad. The bigoted are not the loving ones.the oppressors are not those seeking for happiness and peace. Of course there a are a lot of fence sitters, people without any beliefs who just live their lives merr -ily wothout interferring with anyone else -thats up to them.

Maybe I'm biased - but in my epinien it is these on the mainland who need their ideas changing -as well as these in the province Remarks like "do you have fish and chip shops" or "do you live on the Shankhill or the Falls?"(from londoners) are nothing but ignorance -of no fault of the people but of one thing; the media.(THE PEOPLE READING THIS WILL MOSTLY LIVE IN WALES SCOTLAND OR ENGLAND SO I'LL REFER TO THEM AS"YOU" IN THE FUTURE).

Part of the problem lies with the way we are brought up. I have realised how i was conditio--ned to mink then. Most people are brought up to to be good little patriets. love the Protestants/ Cathelics but hate the Cathelics/Protestants. As long as we have Ian Paicley and Gerry Adams (and people like them) it'll always be like it is new. We are told lies of hew the other people live so as to not feel any compassion towards them. And we're fed hate. A good many people will remain like that - some will join a force to exterminate the opposite religion. If you join some army here you'll not only hate the army your fighting against - you'll also hate the religion of that army (this time "you" deesn't mean people on the mainland).

Its very hard to break out of it. For me - I have broken out of it - but few will stand up and admit their hatred of segregation or that the UVF is as bad as the IRA or whatever. Most people believe that the only way tookeep 'safe is to keep their mouth shut -don't get involved. People stay in their own areas-they wouldn't move into a Republican area if they were born Protestant if they had half a mind. Saying just a little making a stand-can mean a lot of trouble here. So people just don't make a stand.

The fright of these in england, scotland and wales has hardly brought any entertainment te our shores cos most of the bands don't wa want to risk coming over. They hide this by saying they can't afford it. Sometimes its believable. If they pull out of a gig because of 'recording commitments' its a lot harder to believe... Its a known fact that there are less fights at gigs (not saying that there are none) here -but most people refise to see this. You fail to see that people are trying to work together regardless of relig -ious divide. You refuse to believe that you won t be shet if you come over here. Bands are sprouting up all over the place but unfortunaltity there are no real venues to house them. This also knocks endertainment back a let.

"There is no justification for murder - but the IRA believes in a united ireland is justification enough to kill the armed forces, and the "tommys" believe 'keeping law and order'(?-?) is justification enough to teat the cathol:(5 like shit. When these muderers realize that there there is no excuse for killing -maybe we can all live a better life.

WCare all learning to respect everyone/thing who has a right to live. Everyone/thing has a right to live - and that right should not be taken away from them. Having said all thatits been said that Ire and is a beautiful country. Its pretty grotesque in some areas -but it has a charm in others that moves poets to put pen to paper. Frankly - living anywhere else just wouldn't seem to fit. I read once a discription of what someone visiting here thought about Belfast ;"..terrible place, run dewn build--ings; a lot of barbed wire and graffiti-with rough looking people ..... " As the reply said -there must be two Gelfasts! Once there was no segregation but the current troubles brought out the patronism, the hatred which is with us at the momment. Still - i put my trust in the

ones who hate that sort of thing.

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The only picture you ever get is of West Belfast - Ardeyne, Andersenstewn, er in Derry - Begside etc.. These are Republican areas which you see because Cathelics have been discriminated against in the past getting poorer housing conditions and the like. The IRA -freedom fighters or terror--ists -have made an impact - there's not as much secial discrimination new -but was it worth the lives? The killing hasn't sto -pped has it ? Ne. Nething is worth that much. Unfortunately, there is a let of individual bigetry and hatred - a let of Protestants, think all Cathelics belong to or believe in the Ira/Inla etc.But they can't see tha that there are Cathelics who hate the Ira & Protestants who hate the UVF. I will not make a stand as to who is the worst -beca--use i think both are equally corrupt. Living in NI - immediately you'll think of us as being really tough - ready to handle everything. You'll think that we live in slums - or so you think. Feeple seem to forget all the "nice" areas - or maybe its purpeseful, well what would NI be like with -out its reputation ?

Unfortunately - it is very unlikely that we'll live our life without being involved in the troubles in some way. Whether it be hearing a bomb, seeing something blown up, hearing gunfire, seeing someone being shot, a friend/loved one being hurt, or hearing about someone getting shot in your area. I have experienced all of these except the two connected with seeing pe--ople being hurt(loved ones icluded). Of course, some people will go for the alterna--tive. The better side of NI. What i have descr--ibed is on a lot of people minds - but thank--fully plays a relatively small part of it. A good amny people try to put religion an the back of their minds. Fortunately-trouble has 'subsided to a slight extent since it re-started 15 years ago. 15 years. Wasted.Many people are begginning to see the point of it all - or rather that there IS no point. However, asny i've said, many refuse to see that there is 'another way.

The root of the problem is in the society we are forced to live in. We aren't given the 'breathing space to think -to care for our friends - that Could be across the religious divide.

Anyway, religion is sometimes forgotten when music is brought into it. Sadly-the skinheads are greatly divided - different hairstyles eve even and bitter hatred. Mods were presented with red, white and blue followed by green, white and gold shoes. Mod is traditionally british no matter what religion you are and thankfully i have yet to see segregation setting in. The punks have stayed together reasonably well as far as i'm concerned; there are fights- but not mass hatred er "anything like that. Contrary to what the vast majority of people elsewhere seem to think - as Gerry Fitt said "the ulster protestant man doesn't want a united Irealnd. The Ulster Catholic man, which is what i am, doesn't want a united Ireland". (the other week on 'counterpoints' on ulster tv -programme about topical and/or local political issues) Most people don't want'a united Irealnd - Eire has been millions of 'punks in debt for years now - and the Ulster Ulster person wan't any part of it. Doesn't wan't their right to abortion and, contracep-

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ives taken away from them:doesn t want dear prices for everything. If there was a united Ireland now, the UVF/UDA etc would take over what the IRA are doing now-which obviously solves nothing.

What we need is awareness. More tv programmes about why segregation is wrong and programmes on the better side of life here(if they can find a spare half hour space between all the sex and violence that is).

If you think were afraid of poking our noses out of the door for fear of being shot ..... ...THINK AGAIN 11



# FOR REAL MEN EVERYWHERE

IA.

It was so natural when it happenend that i hardly noticed it, i just went through it, i knew i felt good, warm, happy etc, but it wasn't till i thought about it after that i realized just how special it was.

There i was outside a police station at one o'clock in the morning waiting for dawn to be released, a stranger in a strange town(peterboro' strange - understatement of the year!) surrounded by lots of people i didn't know and a few i knew slightly, people i'd met at gigs, other actions etc. We'd probably spent about an hour in all together before this night, but we were there together.

And i was having a bad time of it, like everyone else i was piesed of 'cos we'd had a frustrating day at usaf alconbury, it was freezing cold and to add to this i was scared and nervous, but i, or rather we came through it, and this is the strange thing. I was there getting love, support, caring and understanding from <u>MEN</u>. Nothing strange in that you may say, you may have lots of mates...but, are they real friends, i consider myself lucky, i had real friends there, people i could trust - it means a lot that word TRUST.

I realized there were certain things that I subconsciously rely on the women in my life for..love, sympathy, understanding - emotional values i always got from, and therefore expected from, women. But now i was getting it from and hopefully giving it too men. I hardly knew there people but it didn't matter cos we'd stripped ourselves of our(societys?) expectations of us as MEN and were giving weach other real LOVE. You see, we have got it in us, we do have these emotions, we can express them and can help each other with them, but we suppress them because we're not meant to LOVE, CARE or SUPPORT other men. Its difficult for me to put into words on paper what I mean, that night was so special, its happened lots of times since cos i've managed to free myself that night, no, others managed to free me that night by giving me something, something thats more important than anything else, THEMSFLVES. They gave themselves totally, their naked love, their open selfless hearts.

I'd always thought i'd got a lot of friends until then, like i thought almost all the males i know were my friends, but i know now that they're not, they were(are) playing a game with me, a game i was a full part of, playing our expected roles, giving me (throughour relationship) what is 'expected' of males in that relationship and never anything more because we're scared of losing the false(role conscious) friendship.

It made me question my friendships and i've written this partly because that night meant a lot to me and partly because i hope this'll make you consider your friendships, not drinking friends, not a gang, not followers of a band but people concerned about each other aware of each others needs and weaknessess, and willing to help each other. Think about it, who to you turn to when your til, down, depressed, at a stress point, pissed off or worried, who do you turn to anyone?, no one? do you just laugh of the fact that your nervous or scared are you still role playing, what kind of support do you expect from the women you know ?, is it different to your expectations of your male friends.

LOVE is a pretty mighty word to use it is mis-used so much, but thats what i got that night. Love is the umberella i'd use to describe the emotional support, warmth and energy i got from those people that night, and now i can say that there are men i love, can you? or will you continue to look to women for love, understanding and sympathy.

We can all take and we can all give but as regards love from other men we are loathed to give it and embarrased to take it - and its only because we're brought up to get those values from women. But i'll tell you this, its not wrong to get these things from men, it feels so good it can't be wrong.

Maybe i've said these things wrongly, maybe i've rambelled on. Its not exactly what i wanted to say, but a token of the feeling i got. PLEASE THINK ABOUT IT. It made a difference to me as a person, maybe it'll do the same to you.

(dedicated to rich.rafjimmy, judith, phil and dawn.)

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Dear boys,

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The Ledgend! with kitten on my lap and a song in my soul, he takes to the streets like a fish without cycle-clips, beating a fridgid path down this hellish hot house we could call music. A broken string here, a broken finger there, tear your hair out via your brain cellls and you've already found yourself rooted to the spot. Is all London dead?, Don't ask me, I've seen too much and learnt too little or should that be the other way round?.

The single, yes buy the single 'Legend! destroys the blues' and if we had our way, they'd be drumed out of the land forever, alongside those scummy misiles and daily papers. Phew!, rock'n'Roll on Creation 010, a visual feast in the magazine, the poster, the T-Shirt all at LEDGEND CASTLE (Addresss above)... ...is this an advert or am i in love again? . Can you feel the passion behind current music? Yes ? Lucky you, a proud beating heart, a proud bleating heartless bunch of whinning, whimpering spineless wimpish publish, pube-ish oh god knows pass the bloody machine gun Alan i'm getting out of here before it drives me insane.

Feel the wind, feel the chill snapping at your sandals as you hurry home with daggers in your back and wanting that home fire and companionship of THE LEDGEND! live. I envy you, we're not all that privilidged. Bye, go blow up The city or sommmat, ..., DON'T SAY TOMMMOROW - DO IT TODAY!

Yours

The Big L!

PS. Send us a copy. Ta Mate. Keep Cool.

## Plant Squirter Q MEMBRANE WASTES

HELLO VAGABOND PERSON BURFELD GIRL, THANKS FOR GETTING IN TOUCH, HERE'S SOME STUFF FOR YOUR MAGAZINE, CHEW IT ALL UP AND SPIT IT OUT AGAIN. I REMEMBER THAT TELFORD GIG, WANTAGRADING GOD IT WAS A REALLY CRAP PLACE, IT TOOK US HOURS TO GET THERE AND ONLY 5 PEOPLE SEENED TO VAGUELY LIKE IT. I CANE TO THE 48' SHOP IN CHESTERFIELD, IT SEBUS LIKE A REALLY GOOD SET UP, THERE SHOULD BE MORE PLACES IN

men less, bold than i have trad this ferritory and fallen, we've even been to fuckin telford!!! we'll play almost onywhere, anytime, being live is, well, exoctic maannann chestafield had a nice a square in the centre with a market in it and a hideousley deformed church which excited a tew marks 75p from Sheffield. in thatchers popularity warms the cockles of those with brains, even london has seen looking up recently, i Even enjoyed being there Several times. thomks 1 John / membranef

reviews DANGEROUS RHYTHMS ... 50¢.

No4..another of phils prezzies for me, apart from an interview with the meatmen its pages & pages of lp, single and gig reviews..it makes for pretty interesting 

BCFC...No7...s%(1 Dollar).. one of two us zeens kindly imported for me by phil bill, between loads of ads and pics of single covers there's things on the unjust, no control agnostic front ....

BY STEVE

DIRTY FINGERS IN DIRTY PIES..another booklet by the chumba's this time its details about the dirty dodgy dealing s of companies involved in murder, exploitation and general nasties ... a everyday guide of whom to boycott.

GOD IS NO LONGER A BIG DRAW..another by lee see review of let the own inimitable fashion with brill artwork by kim for only 15p well by rich of catalyst worthing trying for.5

LOVE AND HIPPYNESS ... 35p .. anarchic writings, lyrics, leaflets, info, addressses - 1 found 1t a bit boring cos i'd read most of it at Other times-maybe you haven't.... S

addresses are lawer sown this page TOTALITARIANS RESISTANCE ...No3... 30p...no choice, chumba's, holy toy, circle x...a real diverse range of bands and tastes in the zeen- which is on the oddest sized paper i've ever seen a zeen on..he's now moving on to another project but should have some left. S 01

FUT A BRAVE FACE ON IT .. No1 .. 20p .. "aiming to children boogie) in his break the silence surrounding sexism and sexual power", . this zeen includes poems and stories about various issues and aspects of sexism ... hopefully there's more to come from all zeen editors on this topic (and that includes me) rhe first zeen that made me question my sexism ... love it, love him! 5.



### WINFAWSIWN AAUIIES IN N2 :

THE FIRST TWO SINGLES QRE OUT NOW THEY ARE 7" PHITAO7 - OI NIKKI SUDDEN + DAVE KUSWORTH "SHAME FOR THE ANGELS EP"

there are forth coming releases from the batchelor party (Jozz Rup) and Dreams wide awake G. (Sid Barrel pluy mozurt) on 7" 2 a 12" EP B J New 7th Music. All these are distributed for by quiles high thru the cartel. EVERTONE OUTTHERE. PLEASE BUY OUR RECORDS, AND BOOT, DEMOTAPES... les, these are welcome, but beware, I've got very 1. He money at the momment. - PANN HEARTS, AND BOOT, 7" PHATSEAU - AED "INFER SHIPS SINK.





D+V, two Reople, Jeffar Andy, Two Instruments -- drums VOCALS OR diarrhoea & vomitting DEPENDING WHICH' SIDE OF THE FENCE YOUR ON. ASINGLE ON CRASS RECORDS (THE NEAREST DOOR) AND A TAPE ON 96 THESS. THATS MORE OR LESS ALL WE (STENE+ GARRY) KNEW, TI'LL WE MET 'SINCEP' JEFF IN THE SHEFFIELD PEACE GARDENS. THIS D+V PIECE CONSISTS OF SOME OF THE THINGS WE TALKED ABOUT. JEFF SPEAKS!

#### FROM LITTLE ACORNS

"we've lived near each other for over 15 years, i was influenced by crass at the time, i wanted to give it that kind of approach but it didn't seem to work like that. so one night there was andy with his dram kit and me with nothing sol it just sorta happened, actually annie anxiety had a lot to do with it, i was wanting to do something positive at the time - maybe a fanzine or something and she said go ahead and do it - so we did. 'with me and andy its a 50/50 thing, there' s two idea's being channelled in and it works a lot better. its certainly not a hobby or pastime for me this d&v thing. its important to me - to us both, i think that shows in what we do. at first the aim was just to do a gig, its gone on from there, i just want to know at the end of the day that i'm still thinking about things, there's always tommorow, and there' is always something else to have a go at. "what we used to do was andy would get a rythym going and i would literally 'toast over the top of it, but we've been at it a while now and we've got into the workings it so i can write more rhythmically new." of our stuff has got to be rhythmic " just go blllahhh blahhhhh bllll drum along, some people say we'r. a drummer, thats an insult i'm no doing poetry with andy bashing aw. lot more too it than that"

#### YOU WEAR IT WELL

"like, when we started we both used to wear all the black gear and the spikey hair and all that stuff, but we just gradually stopped, we wear anything now, even purple jumpers !, but we did our first 10 or so gigs in london and at that time down there if you didn't wear all the black stuff it were like you were mentally iff or something !..its not a uniform, it never was for us...it seems that when someones is striving for an identity that identity can become a uniform and before you know it every one is walking round looking the same, and when you get to that stage there s always someone whe's gonna make money out of it..so you've get to be careful cos its the system again..."

#### ART OF REPRODUCTION

"sometimes it comes easy(writing songs), it sounds corny but its when you get the inspiration, i've been writing a let recently, sometimes i write something i think is brill and when andy see's it he thinks its pathetic !. Its like, i understand most of whats inside me. new, but its hard being able to reproduce that so that others can understand it, i could write: some really cosmic things, i've been around a bit, i've met people like that - sometimes it sounds nice to write stuff thats like, furthur

### what's he singing about?

its comical this, i once wrote a thing called mirror mirror and i thought it was really to the point, then i found out that every other fucker in the world had written a song called mirror mirror so i asked my mum for something that sounded like, abit more, remantic, ... and she speacks spannish and she said 'espeje espeje' but it deesn't really mean the same as mirror mirror - it means through the looking glass, looking at something thats real, seeing things for what they are ... .... se all that means is a pesh way of saying mirror merror (breaks into laughter) ..... .. it wasn't as corny as it sounds! i just to give not only the songs a meaning but also the titles.

what's he singing about?

(3)"these who laugh least will have the lass laugh" -from'the lions in the lead' by D&V. thats just a bit of tongue in check against certain people in society that feel that:"" lot are the losers, but i know thats just a mind game played against us to make us feel that we're the down-pressed, when at the COG of the day we are the people striving for a

better life....but we will have the last laugh.



#### A D&V CONVERTABLE

even though we still do gigs with the likes of crass the audiance isn't a converted one. there's always someone who's not sure, and you. can be sure that those who consider themselves converted aren't as converted as they think, mind you we have done some wierd fuckin gig in our time, like with a bauhaus type band im leeds that was pretty odd... away from reality, but i like to keep things so that everyone can understand them, i do compromise myself to some extent to get the message across.."

(5) 'Beware OTD' - DEV song title. its about right and left wing groups, when me and andy we're 15 & 16'che' was my here and i wanted to see what left wing groups we're about, i went to a few meetings where they bought us drinks and all that, literally trying to buy us, and, brainwash us, and they were slagging off the BM for doing all this brainwashing, yet, they we're doing exactly the same. it was just a reaction against that, it was written a long time age but its like crass say "left wing right wing its all the same" they are manipulating youth to get things done and that did anger me at the time ... so yes your right it is about these groups ... and what is O.T.D. ?.. its really bering actually, its 'of the dogs' at the time i was trying to give myself some imagination in my songs, its a bit of sillyness but i loooked on these groups as the dogs chasing after you...pretty bering eh !

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WHAT THE FUCK IS HE SINGING ABOUT ? (2).'the epsilon'

'it comes from the book brave new world, andythe epsilons are the people at the bottom end of the scale who do all the shit jobs -literally the slaves of society, and one day we'd had a talk about it at school, and its class and all that and i was walking home with this lad and he said "the epsilors are on our street" and at that time i had the idea of forming a band but nothing soli. and i thought thats get a deep political meaning to it !! and i really get into the name so we called the band that at first. me and andy we're 'the epsilons' and the songs like, just about an individual in society saying like ' you may think you've get me up against alewall but you haven't, its a personnal anthem.

#### READ ALL ABOUT IT

"yeah i used to read a lot, i went through a stage where i read a lot of other peopl -es thoughts, but i don't as much now, i try to progress my own - i don't feel the need to enquire into things as much now"



#### s21PN-d&v song title

oh this is a killer this one right, We live on a council estate but we've never made a big deal about it, or capitalized on it, like "we live in the dust !" I know people who're worse off than me and they don't make a big deal about it. We we're al ways wary about giving it the SHAM b9 "we are the screet people" i maye. I think its pathetic that people fall back on their pust. The song is about the area we live in, and SE2IPN IS MY POSTCODE !!!! boring eh... i bet you thought it was gonna be dead exicting. The next one will be SZIWX which is Andy's Postcode!....

DOWN WITH MISERABLISM '"well you eithet laugh or cry don't you ?, there s times when we're disallusioned; and times "when things aren't going how we want , but i think you've get to be positive, its like when your on stage whether you've get an audiance of 2 or 2,000 you've got to be careful what you say because there are people who just take everything someone says as true, and thereas people it effects subconciously, like i could get up on stage and say isn't this aterrible world, we're all going to get killed and all that, you know, . heavan knows i'm miserable new and all that and semeene could go away thinking thats here it is, so i always try to sound positive even if i den't feel pesitive, though mest the time i de feel pesitive ... "



6)"the new begginning" -D&V song title and demo tape title.

... welll us three here haven't always been like we are now, but we're learning to live like people should live, like when i was at school and got into all this it was like a new beggining for me as an individual, like beggining to live like a human being and not like that lot out there thats all it is really

#### A MANS BEHIND

really be contradicted cos its just my state of mind so..as regards women in the peace movement, i'm fully 100% behind what they're doing .s a man and as a pacifist, i also understand that if men had been involved in things that have been/are wemens only actions that they wouldn't have worked as well as they have done/ er as they de but i suppose yes, it could be alienating men, also i think that the 'castrate all men' thing is pretty stupid ces it shews insecruity, its like falling back on your class - falling back on your sex, but i think there's good women involved and there s good men,its the same as everything. but i may again as a man and pacifist i'm behind what they re doing ..

#### The New Beginning CONTACT: C/O CRASS RECORDS PO BOX 279 LONDON N22 STONED OUT OF OUR MINDS

i know this may sound pretty territorial but up north we seem to have more sence than that lot down there, its probably the work thing & everything else but we've got a crueller sence of reality, (the drugs thing) its a lot more decadant down there - especially with the youth, but the amount of damage its doing to the anarcho movement (cliche cliche) is worrying, the government, all governments that rule by power will use any tools they can to keep that power, drugs are one of them, they are letting certain drugs into this country now, and making them cheaper, and not allowing others to get in, its just a tool like everything else - herein is power.

#### 2 GO MAD IN PARIS!

people come up at gigs and say that was really good, can i write to you so we start writing but it usually stays at that level there deesn! seem to be much demand for person to person . interviews, but, last year when we went to Racis it all went crazy ! like, we were there for 3 days and we did one gig and the rest of the time we did loads of interviews, for live radie and things like that so if you go to paris there's probably 1000's of day interviews, its quite funny really because in one interview for 'the live radio we we're working through an interpreter and when we were answering stuff WC were pretty certain that they weren't saying . what we'd answered so it got to the point where i was saying some really silly things like. he said have you got a message for the people out there and i said' youth, people keep it togethe and he was taking it all dead serious, it was dead comical cos they'd ask us what are crass like as people and what size shoes do they tak: and that ..... wheb people write for postal interviews i think they underestimate what the are asking, like they expect me to answer 'what' your views on northern ireland' in a few lines and it fuckin hard to do, i think mainly interviews are a good medium to work in but it can vary, one s like this are ok though.

IDEALOGICAL SOUNDS

" i listen to anything really, i used to only listen to things that had like a message, a political message -but know i can listen to anything from spanish folk music to pink floyd mmmaaannn!(chuckle), mind you if i know a band are good musi--cally but they're saying shitty things or they've not got much convictions i've always said i don't like 'em, i suppose its just stubborness on my part - some people have held it against me in the past . i find it hard to relate to a band whe maybe good musically but you know in their minds - there's nothing in it at all. i do tend to tag on to people's mind

#### PACIFISM?

"yeah, we both are, we have been most of our live like most people really, where i live is pretty rough but if anyone picked on me i wouldn't stand there and say"peace and love mmmaaaannn" weall know its a matter of respect, what respect you, its a matter of defence...i did martail arts from about age 10-14 and i've done stuff since(but not so much now cos i like smoking 'and drinking!) but i learned at an early age what violence is and even before i'd ever heard of the 'anarchist' movement i knew that violence as such is not a good deal in any form.."

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#### WHAT A PERFORMANCE

well, between you, me, and this tape recorder i think everyone enjoys performing, i don't always feel confident though i can assure you of that, we've learned to play off the audiance i think how doe s this song need to be done and if the crowe is pretty tense i'll really pummel it, but if its nice and relaxed i'll be sarcastic or whatever, and hiterally have a good tame whilst doing it. i do have to feed my ego, ego can be a wonderful thing - it can also be a down fall if you become obsessed with it and get into hey man look at me' i have to see that in anyone, no matter what scale it on, i think you've get to be realistic about if

i de get a lift of it, at times it seems like i'm getting the chance to talk to people, even though at times it seems like a one way conver sation. we do have more fun performing now, it isn't that we're not taking it seriously or ... anything like that but sometimes you need to five yourself a bit of a lift, cos say your steed up there saying more or less the same thing for a few nights on the trot you can begin to get disallusioned with yourself cos you feel like your just repeating yourself, we do have fun, but i can't see us getting on the glam side !, you can't really soup up or glamorize what we do its so simple, but i do think its entertaining - a let of the things we say are pretty depressing and i think its important that people come out of our gigs thinking, and feeling happy ces that a very important emotion. a lot of people newadays seem to be getting into anarchist type bands for the wrong reasons - so they can pose on stage, its like the rock and roll thing can be used as a spearhead to get things going but a lot of people are mis-using it now, they seem to think if you get on stage and say a few right words you'll be algight, when we first started doing gigs wewwe're so into what we we're saying we didn't have time to think about pesing.

"Life is what you make of it you lay back or you get up and go. what you want and where your going ONLY YOU will EVER KNOW!"

, STATE OF THE'SONGS' well there's no actual harmonies or anything se i suppose that they're statements, but then again what we do and the way we do it is a statement in itself.but its not poetry!. ever the years we've get interthyhm, there's all serts of rhythm, not just percussion, we like the idea of trying to use rhythm but i think mest peetry is arty farty, there are seme good poets, like the street poets, but i don't get off on this ranting poetry and that, in fact i've get a storey to tell you .. recently we played leeds beirkeller and there was a guy there from the N.M.F and he came up and "oh i thought you were really good, i reckers you'd blow most of the ranters off" and he said "would you like to do something for the nme" - ces he did freelance er something, and said well i don't really know cos i've heard 'a let of things about what they do to what you say, and he went away and did a review of the gig and said we we're really shitty people & went really over the top and crucified us .. we we're thijking of non-violently kneecappiz his ha ha. its not like the NME print things you den't say but they can take things outa a context and make you look really stupid.

MPOSING RESTRICTIONS: "ne its not really restricting having just drums and vocals, the only thing thats restricted is the ego ! cos its hard to pose to what we do cos it so straightforward and sometimes when i'm doing it i fjust want to ride on the breeze maaan !. . it all lies in the imagination - no matter what it is, we try to create variations, there's a lot you can do with drumming, any kind of drumming. there s always room to add more things - we may try some on the lp but it'll probably be percussion rather than a guitar or something, but live we haven't reached the stage where we .think we need it yet. "

I SCREAM FOR FREEDOM . i think sometimes we all feel like saying fuck this for a lark and going away and sitting in the sun all day eating ice cream or something, but it never gets that far ces its net likea reality, everybedy's mind like to drift so you can reassure yourself that your not being oppressed tee much ... i never think i'll de it ces there's always semething that gets me mad, there's always semething that makes me think fuck that i'm not going to lay down and accept' that ... i always want to know (even if i'm suffering through it/ that i'm saying something, i'm making people knew that i haven't given in - the more people that think that the better.

SPOT THE JEFF?

in my cont

#### REALLY TOGETHER

andy works at the steel works(he's the epsilon the slave trade !(chuckle), but it looks like seener or later he's going to get the sack cos of all the time he has off for gigs and things, we used to hitch to all the gigs we did(and still do) but at the start it used to be a joke between the organisors and others down there cos they'd say on there's a gig, and we'd just hitch down and turn up in all sorts of weather, he's a mercenary drummer, he's played just about every kit on the curcuit. him working and me being in london a lot isn't really a problem cos we're together even when we're not together if you know what i mean!



.WD&WV.

#### MORE OF JEFF DIARRHOEA AND VOMITTING

PLEASE RELEASE ME "well, there's the single on crass, the 96 tape and the tracks on ne, ne, ne and also for the last two years a lot of people have written and said we've get a live tape of you can we release it and i always say i den't see why net, se there's probably leads of tapes knocking about ... we have always taken our time - mainly because we haven't get many sengs, but we're working on new stuff all the time new ... we've been working on the album for a long time -its gonna be like a pink fleyd album when its done !, it may feature some ethnic percussian bits, we're not sure yet ... it'll probably be on crass, cbs and decca phoned me up again this morning but i told em to shove it ! so yeah it'll be on crass. i'm always wary of telling people about what we're going to do ces they tend to biuld up expectations and when it comes out they're disappointed -not because they don't like it particularly but because they've build up to it - i'd rather tell people what we've done

#### STAND TOGETHER AS ONE

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when crass asked us if we wanted to do a singk! record we didn't think twice, they're people whe've get conviction, recently crass and anyone connected with them have got a lot of slagging, but they've always helped us, and still are, we've always respected them, as people not just as a band ... if people realized what crass are doing ALL THE TIME they wouldn't say the things they do, when you think about what crass have achieved its manneth really. we like gigging witha a unit, be it crass, flux or whatever cos its not like a rock and roll on the road thing, everyone's in it tegather, everyone's pulling their wieght, there's no leaders or whatever, its not just the gig thats constructive its the whole hing - its people working tegether.

#### THE NAME GAME

people have names for their bands that mean things, and day means a lot to us cos its a description, our attiutude towards it and how we do it is a description...it means a lot to us...thats important, it didn't sound important did it...since i left school it has been my life, things like doing this interview are all. part of it, its certainly not a pasttime or m hobby - i think what we say makes that show. at one time i got really worried that we werm: going to get a really punky image cos, like, we WELL THATS ALMOST IT FROM DHV, WE'D LIKE TO THANK JEFF + ANDY CTHOUGHTHE LATTER WAS ONLY THERE IN SPIRIT). DHV ARE DEAD GOOD LIVE ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY'RE IN A 'FUNNY' MOOD LIKE THE MANCHESK GIG ON THE FLUX TOUR LAST YEAR. BOTH THE 96 TAPE + SINGLE ON CRASS

ARE STILL AVAILABLE DECIDE FOR YOURSELVES

AND TO SUM UP .... wear, i could be Straightforward, or, i could be really cosmic .. the straightforward one is, .. day is the end result of us living so near to each other and seeing reality every day, we'we been lucky, we've had lots of breaks, a lot of. people have helped us.... but when it comes to it its the need to do a little bit more .. i neve( slag people off for it but i know from the exacence. of school that, people have been pushed into a pesition, where if they'd really been given . the chance to furthur individuality they would not be in that position, me and andy we're luck through reading things at an early age we saw that there was more in life, so what we're dong Sjust because we want to de a little bit More ....

THE HALL AND A STATE

to Nancy

MESSAGE IN YOUR HEAD

POBOX 279 DONE FOR YET!

found out that in hoppitals and that there's a term they use for disherres and vomiting, and it cracked me up for months cos its D & V

SLOT

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WHAT THE FUCK IS HE SINGING ABOUT ? (7) "instead of going out on the booze tonight why not stop in and search for yourself" (quote from 'espejo espejo) ."..that was written about 3 years ago, but i never forget why they were written, that one, its not just about those people(around us at the

time-steve) but also about people on our side of the fence cos a lot of the time people are so busy hanging around in a crowd or whatever that when it comes down to self realization its out of the window they're too busy being part of a 'crowd, thats why its important to be in touch with yourself and with society. i think

Hilliette ...

i never even spoke a word to the poor bastard....

by dave (ex passion killer)

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'Bob' works in one of those small predictable cafe's you see scattered about every town and city. He knows its not a lot but its enough topay for himself a few drinks a week in the local working mens club and the £10.00 board he pays his parents every week. Bob has had an easy life...one of those who never gets involved much,maybe the darts competition once a year. He's not into whats hip.Never has been. He's just no interest in buying 'trendy' clothes,going to disco's or even girls for that matter...."Anyway who wants to get involved with a 25 year old failure?" He often thought to himself. Not that he was bothered.....

He watches telly most of the time, but he likes walking his dog quite a lot. There's some nice countryside near his house...he likes it 'cos its....its....a thinking place. A place where he can think things out....alone. He even talks to his dog here sometimes, thats usually when he's feeling 'a bit down' though although he talks to his dog quite a lot, because he 'feels down' quite a lat really.

It was  $\frac{1}{2}$ 11 am, dinner break(at last) from clearing the tables and wiping them down. He sat in his usual corner, drinking tea and smoking. Today he was joined by another worker, a girl of about 23. They talked about one of the other workers, (well <u>she</u> quietly did - Bob just nodded occasionally and smiled.) He didn't really want to get involved too heavily although he detested Kieth, the worker she was talking about, <u>so much</u> that he was once going to swipe out at him with the mop.



# USAF MOLESWORTH a bit of info

#### THE RAINBOW VILLAGE

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Basically it was the Rainbow Village that was evicted from the base at Molesworth on that infamous night in Febuary, since then the people, buses, benders and spirit of the Village has been "on the road" (to utopia?) staying at a variety of places until they are evicted from them. It seems that there are now two different aims for the people involved inthe village, some, want to continue trying to get back to as nearas possible to Molesworth as they see the place as the most important aspect, where as others see the village itself and its alternative lifestyle as of premier importance and want to move awaya and establish the villagesomewhere where they are less likely to be under constant police harrasment. Some of the people from the village who follow the first train of thought have already made several attempts to set up camps at Molesworth but have been quickly stopped/ evicted/arrested/attacted for their efforts.At the time of writing the village was at two sites, one north of the base, one south, it isn't really worth giving locations as there's a good chance they'll have to move again before this goes to print. For more information about the village, its aims, news etc there's a very good mag called the MOLESWORTH BULLITIN which at the mommment is coming out a NOW you should secure yourself a copy.

#### THF ORIGINAL PEACE CAMP

The original peace camp is still maintaining its precence at MOlesworth and at the time of writing if still fully intact - though it must be said they are under constant threat of eviction. They've been told that if any more people go and join the camp then they will be evicted, obviously this is putting a lot of presure on the campers and when you add to the this the fact that their new neighbours(ie the base) are not exactly what one would wish for in terms of love, peace and understanding they must be under a lot a pressure. The peace camp needs your support, I am sure even written messages of support mean a lot to the people down there, and they also need money, water, food, parrafin, wood etc. you can contact







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# u.s.a.f Molesworth no more marching round in .c/

#### digging for peas !!

It is now almost a year since a first went to Molesworth. Last Easter it was and we had a great time, the base consisted of a hanger, a few buildings and a tk token security precence (one securicor chap actually), lots of sheep and lots of bea tiful countryside. We spent the days digging a V shaped plot in which we planted wheat, we talked about the base, and how hard it was to imagine it ever being operational how could they ever consider turning this into another base for the multideath corporation this government is running...it seemed so absured that they'd want to do it, after all they've got other bases they could use, one's that have at least already got fences. It seemed so distant, so remote, so unreal.....

#### Then Suddenly on the 6th Feb '85 I'm watching TV

Then Suddenly on the oup reb 'os I'm watching It anf they're there, at molesworth, bloody 1000's of them MOD, Folice, Army everybody. and they're piling it up and piling it on..piling up the barbed wire and piling on the 'it had to be done' statements. And I'm close to tears as I watch the pictures again and again. and slowly it sinks in and my saddness turns to anger, they are doing it it is real. And i kick myself for not being ready, this friggin war machine has caught us out again, we didn t think they'd do it till after easter, we would have been ready, but webre unoragnised and they're showing us how clever they are, proving that they're not playing games. They mean it.

#### Ibut then comes hope

And i realize that they've not finnished, they've only just started, they've got to build a whole base they can try, they can put it up -we'll take it down, they'll reinforce it, and we'll tear it down. They can only do what we allow them to, we need mass Non Violent Direct Action there, CND will advocate it there'll be 10000s there...then i see Bruce Kent on TV saying they'll have to rethink what they're going to do at Molesworth at Easter...rethink, easter..this sounds like a change of policy to me, why wait till easter...

So we get it together to go down there, and there's so much hope in all the despair, so many people doing things, the cnd pledge is working, people from grass roots cnd throughout the country are turning up on their day, we get into the base easily, hurrah!..the tempoary fence is in a right mess, cut, trampled.uprooted, pulled, pushed....its happening.

#### **Getting there**

The quickest way to get to Molesworth is to travel the A1 between London and Peterborough until the Huntingdon junction. Then take the A604 via Ellington, turning off at the B660 to Brington and Molesworth.

Public transport is fairly regular to Thrapston (five miles west of Molesworth turn-off on the A604) from Peterborough, Wellingborough, Kettering and Northampton. If in Huntingdon or Thrapston when bus services have ceased operating, then it's best to walk. A cautionary note: watch out for possible roadblocks. Further travel info: tel Clopton (080 15) 257. and from hope-despair. . . b'.. I go down again and again and see them putting the 'proper fence' up behind the barbed razor wire, it looks strong, they've learned their lessons from greenham no chainlink..this one is steel, bolted, rivited, planted underground...what will we do we'll neber gett through that, but later i hear, its been cut, people are still getting in .

#### STEP OUT OF LINE

We can no longer afford to, pay lip service to peace and the peace movement, we can't afford to march round in circles anymore be it at Molesworth or at Hyde Park - our marches achieve nothing except a bit of publicity, an ego boost for National CND a few more bob in their coffers, but as long as we allow those were marching against to organise are protest them we'll achieve nothing..

#### increase our demands

Molesworth offers a challange to the peace movement, they've got a lot to do to convert it into an operational base, they've put a fence up to keep us out whilst they do but we can't let them get away with it.

I've heard recently that some reginal CND are proposing mass nvda for easter at molesworth,i certainly hope so,we need to take responsibility for our lives and our actions we can stop molesworth if we have the numbers of people. Its up to us all to get involved,we can't leave it to a few national regional cnd groups and the already established peace action / NVDA groups they'll be doing it anyway.

(NB how come so many anarcho's can get it together for stop the citiesm in London but where were they all in Leeds at that Stop The City .. and how many of them have been to Moley .....? If you've never been involved in NVDA before contact your local CND group they'll probably be able to put you onto the right people in your area, if you are involved in an NVDA group but your local CND isn't doing much why not go to their next meeting and talk to them about it, set up a training day before and go as an affinity group. If you are planning on going to do actions its a good idea to go down before hand and suss out the layout of the base and the fence etc.

WE ARE THE FLOW, WE ARE THE EBB, WE ARE THE WEAKERS, WE ARE THE WEBB

But don't be fooled Easter is not the end of it, hopefully it will just be the st rt, we will need to return time and time again, we need to show them that we're not just asking for peace we're demanding it, we have two import ant factors on our side love and co operayion they've forgotten how powerful these things are but we will show them.

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Ultimately its up to us There's much more to be said,get in touch with your CND group/NVDA group/Anarchist group/ Womens GRoup,..see what they're doing atb easter and get to Molesworth,we must make it the biggest most effective action for peace ever, we must put our bodies where are words are, its time to stop talking,its time to take action.