

## LONG PLAYS XXXX

THE ORIGINAL MODERN LOVERS (MOHAWK LP) --- Now for a gushing review..... Out of nowhere... and here it is.... the original Kim Fowley demo tapes from 1972! Some day 25 years from now (if there's any justice in this world) there will be music classes in which this LP will be required listening. I could go on about how Jonathan Richman & the Modern Lovers were the most important/influential American band of the 70's, how only the Velvets ... well you get the message. Would it be too pretentious (probably!) to say that if it weren't for this band there would never have been a Richard Hell, Television. Feelies, Joy Division, etc? Enough history cause all this is trivial compared to the music contained within, which is as vital today as the day it was recorded. Genuis (that misused word!) is not a conscious thing and is something that occurs in short spurts of creativity. Lou Reed HAD IT, Elvis HAD IT, Ian Curtis HAD IT, and so did Jonathan Richman. See the picture... now GET IT! (BOZ)

ORCHESTRAL MANUEVERS "ARCHITECTURE & MORALITY" (DINDISC) --- Beautiful music... listen to it when you're alone and lying in bed in the wee hours just wondering. It's better than their second LP. I like it but then I'm a prat anyway. (Craig Snyder)

BAUHAUS "MASK" (BEGGARS BANQUET) --- "In the Flat Field", Bauhaus first LP although initially sriking was more an exercise in style, a dark metallic drone of the interesting variety that was short on emotion and lacked any truly memorable songs. "Mask" is an improvement. Without compromising their bleak image their newer material is more recognizible, not quite as harsh, and they're all the better for it. "The Passion of Lovers" and "Kick in the Eye" (both previously available as singles) while still "disturbing", display their better sense of tunefulness. Although the initial rush of "In the Flat Field" is gone, I'll be listening to "Mask" more often. (BOZ)

EYED SPY "LIVE" (ROIR cassette)/ EYED SPY (FETISH LP) Lydia Lunch's band from 1980. If you've secretly craved for Lydia, like I have but were turned off by the screeching of "No New York" or the beatnick plunk of "Queen of Siam" then 8 Eyed Spy could be what you've been looking for. It's jungle music of the non-ant variety; a disarray of surf guitars, funk noise, boiling rhythms, and LYDIA, enticing and coaxing us. It's about sex and hey ... doesn't that mean rock n' roll? The cassette is probably the best bet performance wise, however the LP does give us a glimpse of what they sounded like recorded "properly" in the studio. OK .... now how bout a kiss Lydia?

SUICIDE "HALF ALIVE" (ROIR cassette)
--- If you loved Suicide's first
LP but were put off by the polished
noise of their second, then this
tape is for you. The material
included dates back to 1975, real
terrifying grating synth noise/music
featuring a version of "Sister Ray."
In fact if the "White Light" period
Velvets used synthisizers instead of
guitars they would have sounded
something like this. (BOZ)

RED ROCKERS "CONDITION RED" (415 LP)

--- You gotta give them credit, they
have a great name and the slogans
("White Law", "Guns of Revolution")
to match. Unfortunetly, this comes
off as an American version of "Give
Em' Enough Rope", never one of my
favorite Clash albums. Oh what the
heck... Long Live G.O.R.!! (Guitar
Oriented Rock) (BOZ)

ZOUNDS "THE CURSE OF ZOUNDS" (ROUGH TRADE LP) --- As soon as I heard the rhythms of "War" off the first Zounds EP I fell in love with them. But then I read the lyrics and they are great! It was a long time till their second single. Zounds sounded more refined, maybe even more pop (only in comparaison to the first single), and there was no lyric sheet. I was a hit worried. Then there was an LP. Great, now I can finally hear more of them. The LP comes with lyrics and the Zounds I was always so proud of. Nine important songs (one of them is actually three). The profound cover art is by Cliff Harper; an anarchist, illustrator, and anarchist illustrator. Buy it, read it, and listen to it. The singles aren't on the LP and are very much a part of Zounds. Buy those too, if you can. (Craig Snyder)

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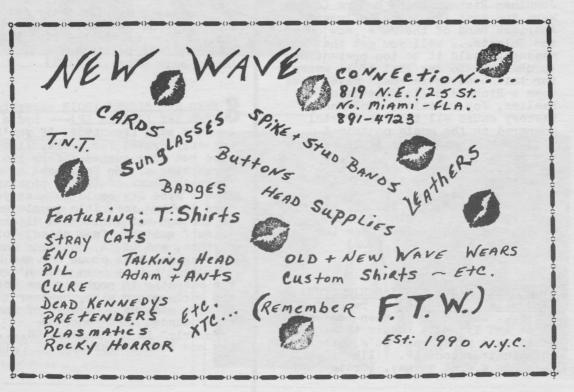
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NEW ORDER "MOVEMENT" (FACTORY) ---A textural music which, at it's depths allows one to explore and experience a complex of human emotions. What New Order does best is approach their music with simple, honest "tones". They certainly have modified their sound since their earlier incarnation as J.D., their new singer is less bold, the guitars are less prominentthese changes in the sound work with their changes in concept. Though the music is still dark, there are shadowplays workingsuggestive, illusive. All the songs are very good, each song lending itself to the next and the production quality is excellent as well. Don't be deceived by their subtle and unassuming sound. It is the sound of a movement in consciousness. Ferhaps, the most beautiful album of the year- a must. (Adam Klein)

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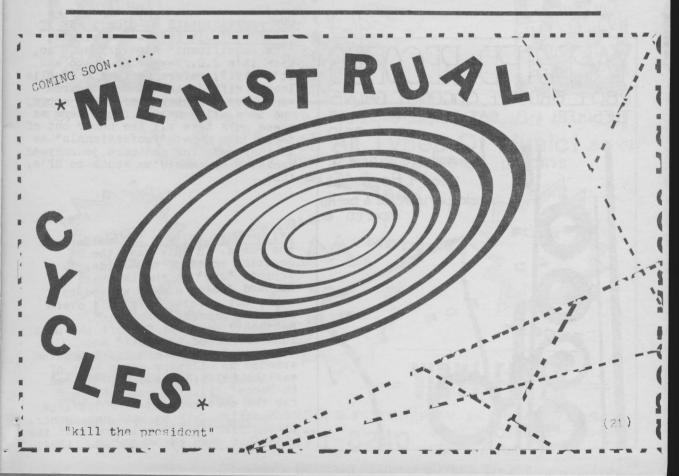
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NEW JOHN DOLLY .. TILDILLO VITTEUD (ROIR cassette) --- If ROIR didn't leave you with your tongue hanging out after 8 Eyed Spy and Suicide then they've got another one for you, the N.Y. Dolls' studio demos from 1972. Besides the obvious historical importance of the tape. their are musical rewards and insights as well. Notice how slow the songs are performed- much slower than what we've become accustomed to. Rather than detracting from the "enjoyment" level it only helps prove how excellent their material really was. The metal overkill is also less evident, especially when compared to both Rundgren's and Shadow Morton's production. In this "original" incarnation we get to see how David Jo used Jagger's nuances and ultimatly (at least for awhile) did him one better. There's much more to discuss but it's better to find out for yourself. A must for any Doll's fan. (BOZ)



## ·♦ in stereo ••

THROBBING GRISTLE "FUNERAL IN BERLIN" (ZENSOR LP) ---"Funeral in Berlin" is an album which is, once again, both compositionally inventive and demanding. This is a quieter LP for Throbbing with a most compelling, skeletal approach to urbanization and E.S.P. The band has a wonderful capacity for defining "things" through a process of negation. You must open your veins to this Gristle. and take nutrition for survibal before pleasure. "Stained by Dead Horses" and "Raudive Bunker Experiment" immediatly stand out. But all the material on this album is good and life giving. Worth the effort. (Adam Klein)

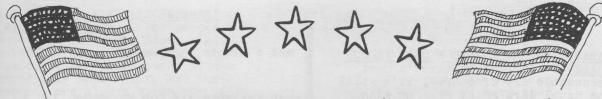
SLITS "RETURN OF THE GIANT SLITS" (CBS LP) --- The Slits used to be special, alot of fun, and perhaps unintentionally innocent. I'm not so sure anymore. "Return" is an uneven LP. sure it has it's moments but it's two best songs, "Earthbeat" and "Animal Space" were previously available. In fact, "Animal Space" is at least a year old. Maybe they are trying too hard to be difficult. If I had to choose I'll take the simple pleasures of "Cut". The complex song structures here seem forced and awkward unlike the last Raincoats LP, a more satisfying effort at this type of thing. If you're on a limited budget I'd recommend the 12" of "Earthbeat" instead. (BOZ)

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THE PROFESSIONALS "I DIDN'T SEE IT COMING" (VIRGIN LP) --- The single, "The Magnificent" was very much so, with it's J.D./New Order intro and it's sly(?) reference to the "Public Image" riff Jones and Cook heard somewhere. It starts off this album, and it's all downhill from there as these guys take all the humor out of their joke name: "Professionals" as another name for mediocre journeyman hacks. They should ve stuck to EP's. (Cz)

SKIDS "JOY" (VIRGIN LF) --- Back to the roots. In this case the Scottish roots of the Skids. I suppose "Joy" is the LP that Richard Jobson always wanted to make, but unfortunetly he's overindulged himself. "Waltzin" Matilda"? Come on! The off the wall funk of "Blood and Soil" and "Brothers" is more in line with the speeded up military march beat of earlier Skids ("Charades". "Scared to Dance" LP). The rest of "Joy" for the most part however consists of Scottish folk ballads and chants. Listen Rich, don't you know that the kids just want to D-A-N-C-E. (BOZ)



VARIOUS ARTISTS "LET THEM EAT JELLYBEANS" (ALTERNATIVE TENTACLES)
--- A couragous project. "LTEJ" is a compilation LP (compiled by Jello Biafra) consisting of 17 (count em) different American bands. More tracks than K-Tel. It's being aimed at that other market i.e. BRITISH in an attempt to familiarize them with what's happening on our shores. The packaging is excellent and includes a fold out poster with photos, lyrics, discographies, and short bios of the bands. There's basically two sides here; a hardcore and an experimental/miscellanous side. Freedom of choice and something for everyone. Also included is an impressive list of current American bands (yes! South Florida is represented) that is truly mind-boggling. As for the music need I tell you there's plenty to be discovered? I'm sure everyone will have their own favorites. My personal picks: Flipper, Bad Brains, Really Red, Offs, 1/2 Japanese... Along with the upcoming Florida compilation if you buy any compilation LP this year (BOZ) get "LTEJ .



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CABARET VOLTAIRE "RED MECCA" (ROUGH TRADE) --- Cabaret Voltaire's most accessible LP. Of course, it's still the usual dark noisy mess we either love or hate but the tunes here (and I use that word loosely) come closer to resembling real melodies than anything they've done before. Good art damage stuff for teenagers. (BOZ)

THE HUMAN SWITCHBOARD "WHO"S LANDING IN MY HANGAR?" (FAULTY PRODUCTS LP) --- A difficult LP to review, but I'll try. The Human Switchboard go from exuberant outbursts of joy to desperate dark pleas. There's a swirling farfisia and a clanging jerky guitar plus the vocals of Robert and Myrna. Robert is from the Lou Reed school of street vocalists while Myrna has one of those pretty innocent voices that you "trust". There's a quiet emotional explosion that lies undermeath all their material i.e. it's a tense affair. Unfortunetly this LP is probably destined for instant "backshelf" status in even the "coolest" of record shops. If you're willing to take the "chance", "Who's Landing in My Hangar" is well worth looking for. (BOZ)

## SINGLES XXXX

FIRE ENGINES "BIG GOLD DREAM"

(POP AURAL 12" EP) --- "Big Gold

Dream" is new from the Fire Engines.

More vocals this time and alot less
guitar. They are playing "together"
for a change (well... sort of) but
need not worry cause their jagged
beat funk is set on the same
collision course as before.

Twisted "nasty" vocals that grow
on you... "suck it sideways". YEAH!

(BOZ)

not a single, not an LP....

DEAD KENNEDYS "IN GOD WE TRUST. INC." (STATIK 12" EP) --- Notice how The Dead Kennedys get faster with each new release. "In God We Trust" is their best yet, it's more representative of their live sound. It captures that feeling (unique to American hardcore?) that this isn't possible, it's too tense and fast, it's gotta lose control, it can't go on like this. Can it? Of course it does and that's only part of the success story. Punk is also about the message. Unlike the politics of some other bands, the Kennedys have class. They shove their message down your throat too but at least they have a sense of humor. So besides being a great noisey thrash band they are also a great comedy team. Who knows? The Dead Kennedys could be the first hardcore band to host The Tonight Show. Now heres Jello! (BOZ)

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ORANGE JUICE "L.O.V.E... love"
(POSTCARD via POLYDOR 12" EP)--"L.O.V.E." is the Al Green song,
a rather unlikley choice, but I
won't complain cause I believe
them. Edwyn's voice croons and cracks
in all the right places while the
quasi Memphis horns add punch and
the Beatlesque (yes them!) harmonies
soften. Real emotional stuff.
"Intuition Told Me" has that more
typical OJ sound and is just as
deserving of A side status. If
you've lost hope this will change
your mind. Pop with substance. (BOZ)



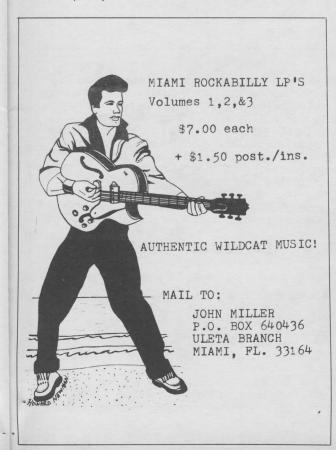
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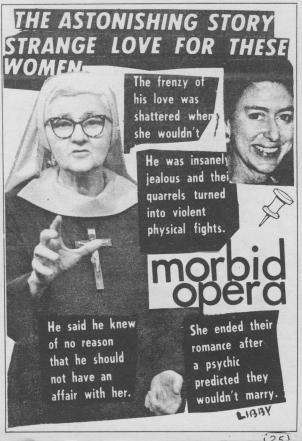
THE CURE "CHARLOTTE SOMETIMES" (FICTION 12" EP) --- For people who need time to think. Slow, almost painfully so, detached, and introspective. The Cure aren't always immediatly satisfying, but their records are always worth the extra effort. Like most of the material from "Faith". "Charlotte Sometimes" is a moody dirge, perhaps a little lighter than usual since this is a single. Also included is "Splintered In Her Head", a gloomy instrumental and "Faith", which was recorded live. Highly recommended. (BOZ)

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RAZOR PENGUINS "PARIS"/"INDIFFERENCE" (MOMENT 7") --- Nice art sleeve. Bleak abrasive sounds. "Paris" is my favorite - good nervous guitar. I'm not going to name drop but it does sound like you know who. I can't help it I'm a sucker for this sound and this is at least done well. Really! Write to 1585 N. High St., Columbus, Ohio 43201. R.E.M. "RADIO FREE EUROPE"/"SITT-ING STILL"(HIB-TONE 7") --- Jinglejangle guitar, husky, echoed lead vocals, and melodic bass lines over punchy, straightforward drumming make up the sound here- and there may indeed be more "sound" here than great material. But it's an addictive "sound" and comforting to know that not everyone from the Atlanta/ Athens scene feels compelled to be kooky and oh-so-clever. (Cz)

RICHARD LLOYD "GET OFF OF MY CLOUD"/ "CONNECTION" (ICE WATER 7") --- I don't know why Lloyd felt he had to dig up two Stones songs for this single after "Alchemy" proved he was a pretty decent songwriter; but the music speaks for itself and here, he plays all of it- ahh, the wonders of overdubbing. And if nothing else, these are real vehicles for his guitar playing, and the other half of Television's double edged attack is as sharp as ever.





THE JAM "ABSOLUTE BEGINEERS"/"TALES FROM THE RIVERBANK" (POLYDOR 7") ---Weller takes off on another tangentthis time, 60's soul with a horn section and everything, but still sounding definetly British and distinctively JAM-ish. The horns come off more like the Beatles than Motown in this band's wall of sound. The B side is dark, moody, and positively psychedelic. Their best single since "Going Underground". (Note: American Polydor has released this, their last single, and "Liza Radley", "Start"'s B side in the form of a 12" EP. Gee, just in time for Christmas .... Mom?)

THE DAMNED "FRIDAY 13th EP" (NEMS 7")
--- Five years later and the Damned
are still as charming as ever. Of
course their aural assault has been
toned down which may disturb some
fans, but there's enough catchy hooks
and melodies on "Friday 13th" that

even their most critical followers should be pleased. Highlight of the package is "Citadel", a Stones cover from their psychedelic period. Great fun! (BOZ)

THE TEARDROP EXPLODES "COLORS FLY AWAY"/"WINDOW SHOPPING FOR A NEW CROWN OF THORNS" (MERCURY 7")--A strong comeback after the below par, "Passionate Friend". "Colours Fly Away" is bouncy with a real dreamlike melody. Add to that a trippy organ, some pretty harmonies, the "Forever Changes" horns and in another year we could all be lost in space. "Window Shopping" is the other version of the dream. It starts off like an old Nico record and gets more eerie from there. It's almost against my judgment to like this, but it seems more stupid to fight it. (BOZ)

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