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Bomb Factory No.3 Distribution 100 - Ed. Scott T. Free: Give Me Your Money Pleas

Well the once-a-year-get-artificially-happy festival season is upon us again. The Consumer hype war rages on as I find myself plunking away on the old typewriter box. Yes this is Bomb Factory 3. coming at you at it's vitriolic best. This part is usually called Editor's Notes but I don't adhere to rigid structures. You might have read in BF 2 where I said response to BF has been okay. Well the response I got from other 'zines I exchanged with was okay, but the others are as of yet non-existent. When I say others that means the freebies I gave away at record stores. Well

this may discourage me a little, but I ain't giving up. Actually with the millions of dollars I've made I plan to retire soon. At least I get the

satisfaction of meeting and writing to a lot of people. What have you done today? To continue I am printing a letter by a person who I deeply respect.

Dear Scott: Bomb Factory is really coming along. I like your attitude except for the Jam comment (See BF 2) which I think is far from true. To say their lyrics are too"inoffensive" to change peoples' minds is false on 2 accounts. (The Jam sang about a very important phenomenom that a lot of people related to-YOUTH it's a big issue) 1) you imply that lyrics should be offensive if they wish to be powerful. Wrong! The most beautiful. willing words can really bring someone to a new frame of mind. Depends on the person, and the song and 2) that lyrics should change peoples' minds. What punk is so irritatingly repetitive in is its pretentions about thinking, it has something terribly important to say that people are too afraid to see. I don't think a group should aim to change minds, but just make its contributions to mental awareness. Well. I guess it's all a matter of opinion.

Signed:

An alleged woman of the alleged world

Dear Alleged:

Thank for responding. Yes it is a matter of opinion, and I respect yours and everyone elses'. Basically "Wealth is a Ghetto" is an attack on big record companies, "non-participant music" and the idea that wealth makes you happy. You are right on both accounts about the lyrics. As for singing about youth-great I'm in favor of it. But there is a difference between singing about it and actually doing something for it. As for groups aiming to change minds-this is not a prerequisite for me but I tend to prefer lyrics that come right out and say something.

So to expand somewhat I would like to quote somebody, see if you can guess who it is. "Well there has to be a youth explosion/A re-creation For something we can command "Can you or I command Polydor Records?Or CBS for that matter. The youth culture does not need big biz ripping us off for ten dollars an album and even more for a gig. The youth culture

does not need old business men in grey suits to promote our angles. Especially if you are going to sing about youth. I am aware that Paul Weller has his own record label-Jamming. This is a step in the right direction. But both the Clash and the Jam would earn my respect (even now) if they put out their music on their own labels, or even a small (truly) independent label.

Hold on-the fun is just beginning!
Hi Scott:

I enjoyed your fanzine, but have a few questions on the cover story "Wealth Is A Ghetto". First of all, I know it isn't my imagination, people are going on this 'THE CLASH HAVE SOLD OUT SHIT' . Why??? The Clash haven't done anything wrong, quite contrary they are doing everything right. just look at the money they are making. That's what really burns my ass, if they make money they can't be punks. Give me a fucking break! Sure their 1yrics aren't as angry as in '77, but this isn't fucking '77 anymore so just grow up a little bit. Everyone's entitled to change-doesn't mean they've 'soldout'. THERE HAS TO BE CHANGE. If the latter statement was not true there would be no point to the alternative movement that we are a part of. I don't mean to get mad and bitch at you, but you are at the other end of this letter. The Clash deserve the money they are getting. After all they went through hell when the British wave took off and they were just starting off. I'm sure if any hardcore band, for instance Black Flag'don't throw all their money away. That really isn't what I wanted to say. Really the Clash are just going about things a different way. The kids play their music and as the parents pass their rooms they say"Thank god she/he isn't listening to that repulsive 'Punk Rock' but the kids still listen to the lyrics. The same thing now pertains to the defunct Jam. I know they never claimed to be punks, but a lot of punks really enjoy them, their lyrics are so strong. This is my theory. A.M. or any commercial station puts the Jam on now the kids who never listen to a song like 'Smithers Jones' and think wow what a fucking bummer after all that he gets fired. Their parents don't know what is seeping through the radio-thereby reaching more kids, opening more eyes to the twisted and bullshit people that take power over us. I hope you understand what I

> Signed: Skippi

Dear Skippi:

just wrote.

Thank a lot for responding, I understand. BUT firstly I must point out that in no place in "Wealth" did I say that the Clash soldout. On the contrary the Clash aren't doing everything right. Their first mistake was with signing with CBS. If they are making lots of money then they are hypocrites. "Just look at the money they are making"?No I'd rather not. Are the Rolling Stones doing everything right? Did you know that Topper (Clash drummer) was/is a junkie? The Clash played the C.N.E. for 20 bucks a ticket-not much difference than the Rolling Stones. That's part of what 77 was about. Not paying 20 dollars to see three heads on a stage.

See what I mean by "Sixties Stones replaced by Eighties Clash". If retaining 77 values means being immature-"I'd rather stay a child/And keep my self respect/If being an adult/Means being like you" . (Dead Kennedys: Life Sentence) As far as change goes there is still a lot more to be changed. Despite the effort in '77 there is still the hero-worship aspect to be destroyed. This not only includes musicians but actors/actresses too. Just because someone might be able to do something better than you does not mean that you can't do the same thing. Not much has changed from '77-except that now it's worse. As for getting mad and bitching at me I don't mind. At least you made the effort to communicate with me. Communication is a two way art. Your opinion is valid and "is wasted if it's only owned by you" (YOUTH YOUTH YOUTH: Apathy). As for 'Black Flag' you picked the wrong one there. In case you didn't know 'Black Flag' puts out their own records on their own record label-SST. (Send away for their catalogue-address is on the back of their album'Damaged')That means they have to pay for studio time, vinyl, cover etc. This requires a bit of money. They also put on showslike 4 bands for 5 dollars and 6 for 9 dollars.

They also put out records by the Minutemen, Saccharine Trust, Meat Puppet s, Wurm and Overkill-with another 5 releases planned. So if you consider this throwing money away. Besides producing and touring very small towns they keep their record prices way below that of CBS or Polydor. What has the Clash done? Well they have produced a bit and they also offered their triple album'S and anista' for the price of a single CBS record (9.98). To do this they couldn't make any royalties on the first 100,000 copies (I Think) thus the Clash goes broke and has to do anything for money. All this could be avoided if they had their own label. As for parental approval that's a pretty poor excuse for making apolitical music. Your A.M. theory is just playing by their rules. They have control of the airwaves and they make the rules. What person in their right mind would listen to A.M. radio? I get sick if I happen to be in the same room as my parents when they turn on the mind control. I believe the key lines in 'Smithers Jones' were "It's time to relax, now you worked your arse off/But the only one smilin' is the sun tanned boss/Work and work and work till you die/There's plenty more fish in the sea to fry". Not just the fact that he gets fired. What are your chances of hearing 'Smither-Jones or 'Little Boy Soldiers (which I mentioned in #2) on A.M. radio? Or even 'Hate And War' and 'Career Opportunities' for that matter. So I hope this answers your questions and now you can comprehend my I-

ogic. To help clarify my position and to give you a sample of Outta Control, I am reprinting an article that appeared first in Outta Control Issue 31 September 82.

You'll notice that in Number 1 (If you were lucky enough to get one) that I gave thank to Alternative Tentacles, Dischord and SST Records. These are independent labels that prove there is an alternative to CBS and the rest. Excuse me for not putting in Crass Records, Spiderlegs and of course one of the originals—Rough Trade.

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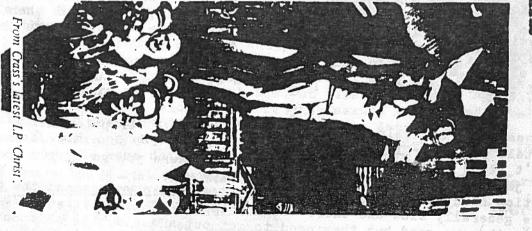
their records into more and more shops. And thanks to alternative distributors such as Rough Trade, they are able to get their own cover. In other words, complete control over what they are doing records are an independent label...they record, get the record pressed, and design CRASS are No. 18 in the LP charts. Not so long ago this was unthinkable. Crass

wise the chic hip capitalists like Branson and the Virgin label...just another ripport ever, think of it as a small link in the chain of someone elses repression. And the weapons manufacture. So next time you buy a record from Decca. ACA national record companies who in turn invest their profits in South Africa or in no matter how many trendies he has on his books. labels, unlike the Gramaphone shop or Smyths whose stocks come from multi-In Belfast, shops like Good Vibrations have always sold records on independent 20 473

system....it was public demand which forced the Gramaphone shop to stock Crass's record outlets find it uncomfortable to sell a product which actually challenges the independent labels, local records never given a chance. Only if local bands get word of mouth, not on some old DJ's playlist. Of course the radio stations and the ads on Downtown. Independent records rely on the value of the music, and the records backed and hyped by the big companies, the same people who pay for ioned in the newspapers, never seen on the T.V.. Downtown rarely play records on 'Christ the Album'they sold out in two days! recognised' in Britain, do the local radio stations give it air time. They only play Despite their popularity, Crass records are never played on the radio, never ment

a better short-term deal. The Undertones and the Defects are also guilty of this, but in Derry for use by local groups......the first local band to put something back! the Undertones may well have wised up, and are at least building a recording studio know what you are doing, and persevere, you don't have to sell out like the local Rough Trade label, ditched them when Chrysalis came along and offered them just to get the attention of the big record companies. For such is life. But if you There is a temptation for new bands to bring out records on their own label after getting into the charts with their first LP on the independent

put out on an EP on the Crass label bands Just Destiny (Sat) and Stalag 17(Sun)...part of the event will be recorded and resurrected A-Centre....Sat. and Sun. 11th.and 12th. September., along with local Crass, Annie Anxiety (a real poet), and Dirt will be playing in the temporarily



Well I didn't see Bad Brains, but here's 2 reviews from 2 people who did: Saturday night, November 27th, I went to see the Bad Brains in Ottawa

(where I live..) at the Riverside Hotel: alias the Wave Club. I arrived late because l'd seen the warm-up band before, a new romantic clone of Simple Minds called Gash. I dislike them enormously, not because of the mu-

sic they play(cuz some of it's alright-to dance to etc.)but because the people are so pretentious and trendy. Anyway, they played longer than the Bad Brains themselves it turned out. After seeing the B.B. in concert I've come to the conclusion that they are really Zion Train in disguise and that they use the name B.B. to a-

ttract people who want to hear hardcore. I heard that in Toronto they played half reggae and half hardcore but here in Ottawa they played mostly reggae. It's not that I have anything against reggae, but these guys try to preach Jah almighty to us and then won't play anymore when they find out that we don't worship "him". There's also the fact that what M.-D.C. said about the B.B. is true: They are sexist, racist and predjudiced. They called M.D.C. "blood-clot faggots" for living with a homosexual, and then sing Such hypocritical lyrics as "all people should be treated

equally". An incident that happened after the gig here is a prime example. A friend of mine spent an hour and a half looking for drugs for the members of B.B., at their request naturally. He offered one of them a joint and said "here take a toke" and the B.B. jerk said "don't tell me what to do honky!" and pushed him away. My friend, by the way, is huge and at least a foot taller than the guy from B.B., so he said 'fine' and left with \$80 of the B.B. and their drugs. He was ready to beat the shit out of them

Well, I may still their music, but the members of B.B. are money-grubbing Jah-preaching, hypocritical, prejudiced assholes. Like you said in Bomb F-

if they came for it. (tsk tsk-Ed.)

actory, this band is totally overrated. I wasted \$7 on about 25 minutes of shit. Four or five hardcore songs, lots of reggae, and a break when the B.B. decided not to play anymore because "this crowd doesn't have the right spirit". So to all the skinheads of Ottawa who still like their music and don't care if they're hypocrites and prejudiced etc-Fuck off and open your eves!!!!

Last weekend I actually went to see the B.B. with Zeroption and YYY.L. et me tell you after listening to their tape and a 4 song E.P. I really couldn't stand them. But what the hell(that's where you go if you don't praise jah-Ed.) I went anyway, so here it is;

Zeroption need some work-lyrics were impossible to understand, the songs were generally slow and there was no stage action. YYY (that's Youth Youth Youth) were good, but they need to get out and play the shit out of Ontario and Quebec now. (easier said than done-Ed.) Maybe even release another cassette(their first one was one of the best ever!) or a record. Nowfor the B.B.... Sorry For This Irresponsible, unexcusable slappy journalistic error. It was a really good concert, lots of energy in the hardcore, and really good reggae too. No screaching vocals either which was one of the things that turned me off their tape. They didn't preach none of their "jah" bullshit either, that would have really spoiled it. They did one encore,

but had to be coaxed for 2-3 minutes of chanting/screaming into the mics. After more of this and stage thumping they played a second encore too. Oh, the crowd was fantastic too. No fighting or excessive "viciousness" on the dance floor either.

See-those reviews were written by persons other than me, so if you would like to contribute-feel free.

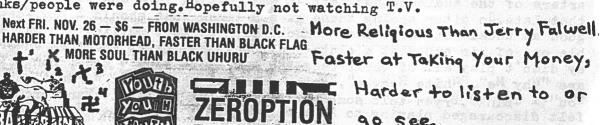
Well I got to see a gig as well-so there! (omit this line.) Saturday, December 4th was the night for Zeroption, Young Lions and Dischords from Montreal. Plus an unscheduled group called Endgames. \$4 for 4 ba-

nds-that's okay by me.

Endgames played first with some very melodic, mellower music. The bass 1ines were really good, but the singer looked bored and they didn't grab me by the bazzo oops sorry. But by looking at their playlist it looks like they have highly-educated lyrics. Ie "Election Night", "Psychology Major". Next up were Zeroption (from Oakville) who had improved a lot since the first time I saw them with the Effigies. They played fast and loud, with my only complaint being that you/I couldn't hear the vocals that well. But with songs like "Police State" they seem to have good lyrics. Those demi-gods the Young Lions played next starting/finishing off with

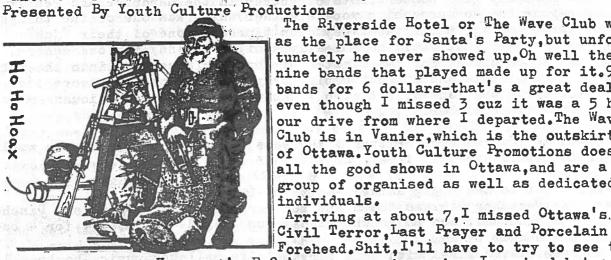
"Summertime Blues". Apparently they must have played the night before and never got to finish that song off. Despite my request they didn't play "A ce Of Spades" or any Motorhead that I was familiar with (which isn't much) They played one song, a slower reggae style, which is on their cassette. I don't have one so I can't tell you the name. But the rest of the songs were about 5 minutes each and kind of boring in places. But the Lions still have the energy and could really crank it out, but this wasn't one of their best gigs. Dischords came on and preceded to make the evening disappointing. They played mostly unoriginal English oi songs and their original songs were undistinguishable from those that they copy. Needless to say

the band members were all skinheads. But personally Garry Bushell's sterectype working class violence glorifying sexist rip off of rebellion rock and roll does nothing for me, except maybe depress me. A small turn-out on a saturday night made me wonder what the rest of the punks/people were doing. Hopefully not watching T.V.



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Santa's Hardcore Christmas Party Saturday December II Riverside Hotel



The Riverside Hotel or The Wave Club was the place for Santa's Party but unfortunately he never showed up. Oh well the nine bands that played made up for it.9 bands for 6 dollars-that's a great deal. even though I missed 3 cuz it was a 5 hour drive from where I departed. The Wave Club is in Vanier, which is the outskirts of Ottawa. Youth Culture Promotions does all the good shows in Ottawa, and are a group of organised as well as dedicated individuals.

Arriving at about 7, I missed Ottawa's.

Forehead. Shit. I'll have to try to see them in the future. Hamilton's E.O.A. were on stage when I arrived, but silly me socialized and I only managed to hear them. What I heard sounded good, but apparently they had some technical difficulties. E.O.A. handed out a 2-sided paper with anti-war/vivisaction messages. The band also puts

out a fanzine called Subversive Action. Next time they are playing I'll have to catch them. The next band was Outbreak from Quebec City. When they started playing it wasn't very loud, and the vocals were not very distinguishable. But what I heard I liked, it was all original and kind of sounded like Discharge. Well Dischords was on next and I was not really looking forward to them, but they played a lot better than they did in Toronto. I thought they sounded tighter and faster. Their set still consisted of mostly oi covers and a few originals but they had almost everybody on

their feet. People were also stage jumping (not big enough for diving) and the band allowed the crowd "to be stars for 5 minutes" by letting them on stage to dance, sing etc. As soon as this band gets away from their English working class infatuation then they might be a really good band. Ottawa's Raw Sewage came on and I generally liked what I heard. Great female vocals, really fast music but after a while they lost some spotanaeity. I would still go see this band again though. Zeroption came on and played well but not as tight as when I seen them in Toronto. By now I am getting familiar with their music, but those vocals are still hard to understand. Last but not least were Youth Youth Pouth. By this time three quarters of the audience had left. It was getting late and buses didn't run that late. So after seeing these guys 5 times what should I say. They were good as usual (not as good as London) but Rob kept pulling his guitar cable out of his amp. What a clutz! Their set was pretty short, no encore. They didn't play all of their cassette but there were 4 newer songs. They are "Why Me", "White Reggae", "Union Jackass" and "Don't Wanna Fight For You"(I Think). Bryan told some corny jokes but the whole band probably felt discouraged playing to 20 people. I don't blame them-I would too.

Reviews

Just some words about Charred Remains ...

Charred Remains is a 60 minute cassette with songs by 16 groups. The first side starts off with Void's"Condensed Flesh" (different version than the split album) and war hero" which are good fast tracks. Husker Du only does one song."Bricklayer" which is some noisy thrash-I like it. Right after that 5.0.5.1. does "Too Late" which reminds me a lot of the Adolescents. Rebel Truth offer 4 tracks including a different version of "All I Know" (which was on Max R'N'R Western Front) plus "Dreams Of A Boy". "In The Red" and "Reagan Youth" (there is also a band in N.Y. by that nam e). The first three all move along and easy to listen to. "Reagan Youth" is slow but very rhythmic. Next up is Personality Crisis which is my favorite. Not just because they are fellow Canadians, but because they play great tunes. "Wonder What They're Thinking" is really good. "Waiting" and "Shotgun" are just as good. I can't wait to hear more from this group. Sin 34 have 2 songs here-"Runaway" and "Not No Fun". Both tracks are not that impressive. Violent Apathy (also on the Process of Elimination e.p.) have 3 songs here-all of which are better than track on the e.p. Songs are "Real World", "Hunger Strike" and "Hypocrite". Fellow Canadians Dogs Of

War play some very tracks. One in all-Parents". Misguided nds just as good of the N.Y. Thrash from N.Y.A.O.F. or off the first side is one of the more he tape. Side 2 has with "pain" and "Hacks-if you want

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(another compila tion album on Nimrod/Aff irmation Records, made possible by Indiana's Zero Boys. The album itself features Toxic Reasons, Slammies, Battered Youth, Delinquents, Zero Boys, Articles Of Faith, Repellents, Learned Helplessness, The F.U.'s, The Pattern and die Kreuzen. It's a really good album but I don't have the room to review it). Double o does the end which is fast/raw/rough. Articles Of Faith do some more tracks—"Ghost In The House", "Poison In My Sweat", "Articles Of Faith" and "Belfast". What else can Isay about a.o.f. except that they play good, original music. Distinct Tradition do "Psychedelic" and "Vast Realms. Sounds like stuff from the 60's by name and musically. No objections on my part, I like the change. Toxic Reasons are next with "Somebody Help Me" which is good with some good lyrics too. UXB finish off with "El Salvador Stomp" which is hardcore based on a rock and roll melody. Sounds good but the lyrics are pretty indistinguishable.

So for 6 bucks you get a really good tape with 16 groups on it. Sound quality is good in almost every place some vocals are subdued, some of the music isn't as loud as in other places and the tape itself is a TDK.

Apparently it is no longer available, so if yoursee it-get it!

Can you smell the bullshit? Bullshit Detector is a double album set on Cress Records and it costs as much as some single albums. I'm not going talk about every song, as 39 individual accounts would take up too much space. To quote the inside notes; "A lot of bands on this album may not fit the facile image of what the music press tells us what punk's about-their idea that punk is a mindless variety of speeded up HM (all balls & no brain is the limitation they place on it- in reality punk is an attitude of mind, a form of protest against an unjust and uncaring society-punk is concerned with ideas, not 1ast weeks throwaway fashion."The music itself varies and there is poetry as well. The sound quality is not great in some places-because all the material was sent to Cress Records as is. No effort was made to "clean it up " in the studio. All but two of the tracks come from the U.K. Their is one track from South Africa and also San Francisco. U.S.A. Actually this is the second of its kind. Bullshit Detector I was a single lp and recieved no attention. As these albums are not commercial, they too will recieve no attention. B ut for those people who listen to music for ideas and enjoy hearing realistic views on our society/world , they will most likely appreciate it. The idea that you are useless and have no way to be heard is dispelled here. People like you and me faced with society's bullshit are speaking out. Even if they can only make a bedroom recording it's better than doing nothing. People who think music is about superstars, stadium concerts and top ten hits are only fooling themselves. Let's face it-heroes can only let you down. There is a lot of pontential on this album and some of the songs/poems are very very good. To give some names-Omega Tribe (they do a very good song called "Nature Wonder). The Suspects (do a reggae-style song called "Random Relations Pt. 2" which features John Cooper Clarke-like vocals), No Label (who do "Let's Get It Right" which is a good song with some very honest and open-minded lyrics). B offo (who update the Clash's "Garageland" with some more appropriate lyrics. The solitary guitar and rhythm maker make for some amusing musical accompaniment)"A. Gardener's Song" by A. Gardener is poem with some good anti-militarist lyrics, 1984's "Break Up" is reminiscent of the Gang Of Four and is enjoyable in it's brevity. Toxic Ephex whose song "Police Brutality" sounds more "punk" than the Exploited will be. To finish off the second side and my description there is Naked with Mid 1930s (Pre war Germany which warns of the dangers of FASCISM.

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-Heart-The Central Organ of the Anarchist Party of Canada (Groucho Marxist) Number 3Box 67 Stn. H, Toronto, Ont. M4C 5H7-No subscriptions or donations as of yet but they will print your articles and poems. Quite a funny, yet

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Due to the number I'm keeping it brief.... ANOK