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TIRED OF WAKING UP FIRED

DIODES DUMPED

The Diodes, who came to life two years ago in the basement of the Ontario College Of Art in Toronto, played their Farewell (To Canada) concert in that same cellar on the night of January 26. Two weeks prior to this swan-song, Epic Records Of Canada, who signed the quartet to an exclusive recording contract in August 1977 and released their two singles and album, dropped The Diodes because, according to the company's director of artistic development (?) Joe Owens, "The band has not lived up to its potential in terms of the market we'd originally envisioned for it in this country".

Those on The Diodes' side of the fence insist that Epic was totally inept at promoting and marketing Diodes discs, and the poor sales which resulted were Epic's fault, not the band's. The Diodes also claim that their latest release, last summer's "Tired Of Waking Up Tired" single, received favourable critical and sales reaction in both England and California. Nevertheless, Epic recently scotched a proposed American West Coast tour which could have nicely capitalized on "Tired Of"'s

success there because, again according to Owens, CBS Records Of America, Epic's parent company, did not deem The Diodes' album suitable for Stateside release.

However, the band are, despite break-up rumors Diodes insiders report are being generated solely to help clear the band from its contracts with Epic and their Canadian management firm Franklin House, currently preparing to relocate in London, determined not to let their British acclaim pass unexploited. Negotiations are now underway between the quartet and CBS of England who may possibly issue in the U.K. the second Diodes LP, completed many months ago but also judged by Epic to be unsuitable for North American release.

Cruelly left high and dry in the Diodes Vs. Epic conflict is the band's long-time champion and publicist Ralph "Bomp-de-Bomp" Alfonzo, who told PIG last week, "My last name is spelled A-L-P-H-O-N-S-O. Please make a note of it and spell it right in the future. In case you've been wondering why I haven't been too co-operative, that's why. If you can't even spell my name

right, it's obvious you can't do a lot of other things right either. I don't like the nasty things you print about me, especially since they're not true and you get it second-hand from Steven "Mr.Gossip" Davey. In the future, practice good journalism and check things out before printing dumb things. Just because THE PIG PAPER's a fanzine is no excuse. And what's even harder to believe is you're writing me letters saying what a great guy I am! Fuck Off! I've been putting out fanzines since 1970. I don't have to prove anything anymore. You still got to prove your credibility".

THE MUSIC DIED 20 YEARS AGO

MASON CITY, IOWA FEB.3 1959 (AP) - Three rock'n'roll singers whose records and appearances have stirred millions of teen agers were killed early today in a plane crash near here. The four-place chartered craft carrying the trio and their pilot crashed within minutes after taking off in light snow from the Mason City airport. The victims were Buddy Holly, 22 years old, of Lubbock, Texas; Ritchie Valens, 17, of Los Angeles; J.P. (Big Bopper) Richardson, 24, of Beaumont, Texas; and Roger Peterson, 21, of nearby Clear Lake, Iowa, the pilot. The troupe with which the singers had appeared had played before about 1,100 teenagers and their parents at the surf ballroom in Clear Lake last night. The Beachcraft Bonanza, chartered from the Dwyer Flying Service here, was to take the three singers to Fargo, North Dakota in advance of the troupe's engagement there tonight. The others went by chartered bus.

AT LAST

Better Late Than Never seems to be the style regarding TEENAGE HEAD, the Hamilton, Ontario quartet who have consistently fallen behind their newwave contenders during the past two years. Recording being no exception; but at last, Frankie, Gord, Steve and Nick are about to bless us with their long-awaited debut LP.

The album, to be titled (after much discussion) "Teenage Head", has a mid-February release date on Epic Records Of Canada, according to the band's mentor Paul "Kash" Kobak of Teen Agency fame. It will contain ten selections, all T.Head-authored, including their Summer '78 near-hit single "Picture My Face" b/w "Tearin Me Apart" plus such time-tested stage faves as "Top Down" and "Lucy Potatoe".

Kobak, who prayfully does not foresee a Diodes Relationship between his four-some and Epic, hopes to secure British release for both "Teenage Head" and the single which will be issued in its wake (most likely a cover of the Beach Boys classic "Be True To Your School").

And then what? Kash quickly snapped "A British tour by June or July. Then riches and fame".

Better late than never....

BOMB'S AWAY!

What began several years ago as P.J. IMPORTS, a mild-mannered record distribution business based in the Toronto suburb of Mississauga (coincidentally, also the Home Of PIG) has today very much expanded, and given birth to a proud off-shoot: BOMB RECORDS, one of Canada's newest and grooviest rock'n'roll factories.

This tough little up-start label, mockingly named in tribute to its inspiration, Stiff, is the brainchild of exiled Englishman Flying Phil Lubman. Its dual purpose since its inception eight short months ago has been not only to release domestically recordings previously available in Canada only as P.J. imports, but record the wealth of predominately Toronto newwave talent that has yet to be recognized (let alone distributed) worldwide.

Bomb's first two releases dating back to Summer 1978 are examples of this something old/something new policy: The albums are Bomb #104.5: "SHAPES OF THINGS", a collection of vintage selections by THE YARDBIRDS available previously on the English label Charly, and the debut release by fellow Britains-in-exile "THE BATTERED WIVES". Both LPs were enthusiastically received here in Canada, and the Wives record is now grabbing international

raves. Last fall saw long-time Canadian ex-Wacker and ex-Dude BOB SEGARINI become Bomb's second local signing, and his titilizing "GOTTA HAVE POP" album resulted. And when Toronto's prized new wave venue The Horseshoe Tavern held its punk-studded goodbye bash last December, Bomb was there recording the proceedings. This month, THE EVERGLADES, THE SECRETS, THE MODS, CARDBOARD BRAINS, THE UGLY, DRASTIC MEASURES, and THE SCENICS will be featured on the audio document of that farewell, to be entitled, after the concert itself, "THE LAST POGO".

Also due in the coming weeks from Bomb, according to their under-assistant promo man (and ex-DJ: see PIG PAPER #8) Dave Daddy Cool Booth, is a 45 by TRUE CONFESSIONS, in which former members of The Curse croon The Shangri-La's immoral "Give Him A Great Big Kiss", a limited-edition "SEGARINI ON THE RADIO" album, and from the re-issue department, a half dozen LPs of European progressive rock and, in the first fruits of Bomb's merger with Greg Shaw's Bomp label, "THE BEST OF BOMP" album, with cuts by a clump of acts featuring IGGY POP, 20/20, and the lovely FLAMIN GROOVIES.

"Basically, we're still building a catalog", explains Booth. "And I can assure you that lots of rock's coming".

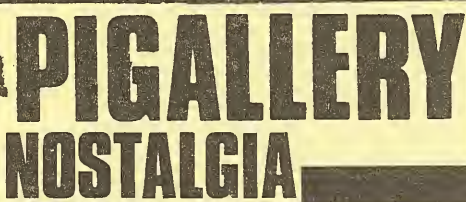
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PIG's TORONTO DISCOGRAPHY Part II
Wanna Get To Know Ya Better/Starlight/I Want
*Nov. 77..EP..BOB SEGARINI...YOU TO STAY/I'M NOT YOUR FOOL..(PS) ..A&M AM-452
PICTURE MY FACE/
Jun. 78..45..TEENAGE HEAD...TEARIN ME APART... (PS).....Epic E4-8273
Aug. 78..LP..BATTERED WIVES...BATTERED WIVES... (PS).....Bomb 7028
Sep. 78..EP..THE VILETONES...LOOK BACK IN ANGER..(PS).....Razor REP-0001
WHEN THE LIGHTS ARE OUT/
Oct. 78..45..BOB SEGARINI...DRESSED IN THE DARK.....Bomb B-5015
STRAINED IN THE LANEWAY/
Oct. 78..45..THE UGLY.....TO HAVE SOME FUN..(PS).....Explosion ER-101
Oct. 78..45..BATTERED WIVES...UGANDA STOMP/GIDDY..(PS).....Bomb B-5016
Nov. 78..LP..BOB SEGARINI...GOTTA HAVE POP..(PS).....Bomb 7027
Nov. 78..45..THE MODS.....STEP OUT TONIGHT/YOU USE ME..(PS).....Mods MOD-001
NR: Item preceded by * is no longer available. Titles followed by (PS)
Indicate they were originally issued in picture sleeve. COMMENTS: Everyone
is putting out records in Toronto (note the mini-Xmas Rush '78 chronicled in
the list above!); subsequently, the novelty (and most often quality) is dim-
inishing in general. Toronto's most visible acts have been picked up by the
WeCan'tIgnoreITMuchLonger major labels (well, their Canadian subsidiaries),
and what results is watered-down mush on the whole. The Ugly's surprisingly
scorching 45 is the sole item of the above which captures the vibrancy and
fun of "home-made" rock'n'roll. No Toronto newwave recordings have been offi-
cially released outside of Canada, though negotiations are now underway
which should release in Britain the forthcoming Diodes and Teenage Head LPs.
The top independent Toronto labels (the late Dishes' Regular label and, of
course, PIG Records) have set up quite effective worldwide self-distribution
schemes nonetheless, and are at the moment negotiating for foreign licensing
deals. ON THE BOARDS: Albums by The B-Girls as well as the aforementioned
Diodes and Teenage Head LPs; Singles on their way from Simply Saucer, The
Forgotten Rebels, and True Confessions. Demo-tapes are under construction
right now by The Loved Ones and The Verbs (who, coincidentally, will join
forces at Toronto's longest-lasting newwave lounge The Beverley Tavern on
June 28, 29, and 30 for PIG's gala "Brian Jones Has Been Dead For Ten Years"
punkstravaganza. Will Mick or Keith dare to show up?)

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FROM CALIFORNIA THE NERVES

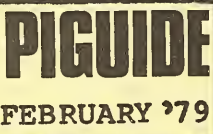


FROM TORONTO THE DIODES



8:30 pm MAY 27-28 \$3.00
GRAND OPENING! The CRASH AND BURN PUNK CONCERT SERIES
 15 DUNCAN ST. (CEAC BUILDING) BEHIND ROYAL ALEX THEATRE

From deep within the fabled PIG Archives, we've unearthed this relic from the Spring of '77: back when safety pins were still in (cheeks and noses mostly) and Glen Matlock was still a Pistol. It's the flyer which was pasted all over Toronto in the dead of night advertising that the basement of the Ontario Liberal Party headquarters had mysteriously (and briefly) become Canada's CBGBs: the aptly-christened Crash'n'Burn club. For its grand kick-off bill, the CB imported The Nerves from the sunny south (who just happened to be in the neighbourhood - but, alas, where are they now?) and, fresh from the local art college, The Original Diodes (from L. to R.: John Korvette, now in Johnny's G-Rays; John Catto, before he discovered hair bleach; Paul Robinson, still pretending to be in Ian And The Zodiacs; Ian Mackay, before he learned bass; and John Hamilton, before he joined The Secrets). Ahh, those were the days, right? Remember how we danced all summer? Unfortunately, with fall came the eviction notice and, well, there hasn't been a bonafide Toronto punk club since. Tough tooshie, isn't it?



AT THE CLUBS:

THE EDGE (Church & Gerrard, Toronto)
1st - Nash The Slash
2 - 5 - Rough Trade
6 & 7 - The Only Ones
8th - ERW
9 & 10 - Ralph McTell
11th - BB Gabor & Instaband
12 - 14 - Dead Fingers Talk
15 - 17 - Richard Lloyd Group
19 & 20 - Chelsea
coming: Ultravox, Police, John Cale

THE BEVERLEY (240 Queen St.W., Toronto)
All I keep getting when I call the
Bev's booking agent is a dumb pre-
recorded message; no info. However, I
presume the usuals (Everglades and/or
Biffs and the other art-rockers) will
be playing here in February. For
specifics, call The Beverley your-
selves at 598-2434

THE CHEETAH CLUB has gone bankrupt.
Plans to have Bomb Records buy it and
re-open the club as THE BOMB BAY were
foiled due to lack of cash.

THE TURNING POINT (Bloor St.W., Toronto)
Whatever happened to Johnny
Garbagecan?

ON THE ROAD:

TEENAGE HEAD -
Cedar Lounge (London, Ont.) 7th-10th
Duffy's (Hamilton) 12th-14th
BlackHawk (Richmond Hill) 15th-17th
Rose & Thistle (Dundas) 23rd & 24th

THE MODS -
Dexter's (Welland) 1st, 2nd, & 3rd
Duffy's (Hamilton) 15th-17th
with THE FORGOTTEN REBELS
Cedar Lounge (London, Ont.)

THE SECRETS are also touring in Feb.

THE ROTTER'S (Ottawa)
1st,2nd,3rd - The Existors
8th,9th,10th - Cardboard Brains
16th & 17th - Johnny & The G-Rays

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*TITS "Daddy Is My Pusher"
b/w "Glad Elvis Is Dead"
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"I Am" (Keef hates it!)
*GOD'S HEART ATTACK "Aint
No Hooker" b/w "A Doll"
*FILTH "Don't Hide Your
Hate" b/w "Sex" and
"Nothing For Me" (EP.)
*HELMETTES "Don't Care
What People Say" b/w/wk2
Fanzines \$s1 postage inc.
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PIG PAPER. #'s 9,10,11
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*BIG STAR of Buffalo, N.Y.
#'s 2,3 (Where's Bernie)
*NEW YORK ROCKER \$12 (on
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