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## THE PUNK ROCK HORROR SHOW

By JOHN JACKSON

THE punk rock "nasties" who shocked millions of viewers with their filthy language came out with a fresh barrage of belches and obscenities last night.

The four, 19-year-old members of the Sex Pistols group were unmoved by the criticism of their performance on Thames TV's teatime programme, Today.

They blamed it all on interviewer Bill Grundy. "He was falling about all over the place," said leather-clad Steve Jones.

And the group's manager, 29-year-old Malcolm McLaren, claimed they had been "goaded" by the interviewer.

"They were set up for all this by Grundy," said Mr. McLaren. They were goaded into saying lots of things that perhaps they did not intend to say.

"But there are no regrets. These lads were expressing the mood of most kids these days. They want a change of scene."

### Belched

I asked if they accepted the description that they were boorish, ill-mannered, foul-mouthed, dirty, obnoxious and arrogant.

"No," said drummer Paul Cook. Alongside him, Glen Matlock belched.

But they agreed that the publicity they had received could help the sale of their new single, Anarchy in the U.K.

"The kids in the street know what we are about and will put us in the charts," said the group's leader, Johnny Rotten.

Rotten, who wears two safety pins through his right ear lobe, added, with another belch:

## My boys were goaded says Sex Pistols' boss

"We do not need Rolls Royces and houses in the country. We can see all through that bulls---." Steve Jones refused to move nearer to Rotten for a photograph.

"He has got really smelly armpits," he said. The centre of Britain's notorious, new pop cult is a boutique called "Sex" in trendy King's Road, Chelsea.

Its owner, Vivienne Westwood is the girlfriend of the Sex Pistols manager Malcolm McLaren. They have lived together for ten years and have a nine-year-old son.

"There's nothing wrong with being nasty or rude," said 35-year-old Miss Westwood.

### ● DID YOU KNOW?

WHEN rock star Elvis Presley first became famous, sponsors of TV shows in America refused to have him shown below the waist because they considered his act—below the waist anyway—was obscene.



Manager McLaren

# THE NIGHT OF THE NASTIES



THE SHOCKERS: punk rockers Steve Jones (left), Paul Cook, Johnny Rotten and Glen Matlock. Their filthy language on television outraged viewers.

# YOBBS! Tough-talking Grundy hits at the punk rock kings

By STUART GREIG  
OUTSPOKEN interviewer Bill Grundy yesterday branded the Sex Pistols as "a foul mouthed bunch of yobs."

And he denied that he was drunk on the TV talk-in which ended in a stream of four-letter words.

According to one member of the pop group, 32-year-old Grundy was "falling about" during the interview. Grundy said yesterday "I am always writing about myself in Punch as if I am the world's greatest drunk."

## YUK! YUK!

HOW should a Sex Pistol be shot?—Without a bullet.  
WHICH TV character makes children squeal?—Punky and Perky.

## YUK! YUK!

WHAT do you call an ape with a safety-pin in his nose?—Punky Gibbon.  
WHICH is the dirtiest football team in the league?—Queen's Punk Rangers.  
WHAT name do you give someone who fries rotten potatoes?—A chip-punk.

"But that's just an image. I was stone-cold sober when I did the interview."  
"You can't do a job like mine unless you are as sober as a judge."  
Grundy said his aim had been "to show that these louts are a foul-mouthed bunch of yobs."  
He went on: "They managed to prove it quite well."  
"I had never heard of them before and frankly I don't want to see or hear of them again."  
"I met them briefly before the programme and I couldn't stand them."  
"I don't mind their outlandish dress—it is their behaviour that matters."  
Grundy added: "During the programme I said they appeared to be more drunk than me—but that is what is laughingly called a witticism."  
After the storm over

the interview broke on Wednesday night, Grundy phoned his family.

His wife Nicky said: "Bill is no stranger to drink or controversy. But he makes it a strict rule never to drink before or during his work."

Speaking at the family's home at Marple Bridge, Cheshire, 52-year-old Mrs. Grundy described her husband "as a great survivor" who would weather the storm.

"I'd be the last to pretend he is a fuddy-duddy angel," she said.

"Of course he drinks and swears."  
"So do the people his job mixes him with. But to Bill both come in the

## YUK! YUK!

WHICH is Britain's dirtiest railway station?—St. Pankras.  
NAME the TV show about the spy who plays it dirty.—"The Man from P.U.N.K.L.E."  
WHAT is pink, sickly and has a four-letter word all the way through it?—Punk rock.

right place and at the right time.  
"He certainly wouldn't encourage bad language and definitely not in front of children."  
"He hates swearing in his own home."  
"I don't see that Bill should take the blame."  
"The incident went on for one and a half minutes. Surely someone could have done something to stop it."  
Mrs. Grundy added: "As a matter of fact Bill hates pop music and detests rock groups."  
"He prefers opera and Third Programme stuff."  
Mrs. Grundy said her husband had told her he had nothing to feel sorry or guilty about.

"He feels he had done nothing wrong," she said.

"After all it wasn't him who was swearing."  
"Actually, I'm surprised Thames TV didn't pull the plug out on the group the moment the filthy language started."

## YUK, YUK

SEND your punk jokes to: "Punk", Daily Mirror, London EC1 PDQ.

The prize for the best jokes will be a Sex Pistol record. The worst ones will win TWO Sex Pistol records.

## MIRROR COMMENT

# Bleeps and the blame

THE faceless bosses of Thames Television must share the shame of red-faced Bill Grundy.

They deserve the rap because they knew well in advance that the Sex Pistols were likely to throw up a stream of verbal graffiti.

That's punk rock style. London Weekend Television, who pre-recorded an interview with the group, had already bleeped out four-letter words.

Yet Thames chose to let Bill Grundy do the chat with these four-letter wordsmen LIVE

Such programmes, as the Independent Broadcasting Authority should insist, belong, at best, to late-late night viewing. With bleepers.

Not tea-time, with the children and Nan around.



NICKY GRUNDY: "I won't pretend he's an angel."