

**Siouxsie's  
 a punk  
 shocker**

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**2-week  
 TV ban  
 on Bill  
 Grundy**

TELEVISION chiefs last night slapped a ban on presenter Bill Grundy for his handling of the Sex Pistols interview. He is suspended for two weeks. With the suspension order came a withering blast from Thames TV director of programmes Jeremy

By MIRROR REPORTER  
 Isaacs. He described the Sex Pistols affair as "a gross error of judgment caused by inexcusably sloppy journalism."  
 The Sex Pistols are leaders of the "punk rock" pop cult. They hurled four-letter words at Grundy during an interview on Thames TV's tea-time programme Today on Wednesday. The filthy language brought a

flood of complaints by viewers—and an inquiry by the TV company yesterday.  
 Grundy, one of television's most experienced interviewers, spent two-and-a-half hours with senior Thames executives.  
 Also questioned were Today studio producer Mike Housego and Tom Steel, who became executive producer about a month ago.  
 Last night Thames repeated a public apology for the obscene language.



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**Pistols  
 are sent  
 packing**

BRITAIN'S notorious new punk rock group, the Sex Pistols, were sent packing yesterday. Their foul-mouthed performance on TV backfired on them with a vengeance. For the publicity they had counted on to promote sales of their new record led instead to its rejection. Angry women workers at EMI Records, the

company which has sponsored the Sex Pistols to the tune of £40,000, refused to handle orders for the disc, Anarchy in the U.K.  
 And as the fury grew, the group's planned concert tour was hit by a spate of cancellations. Bookings in a de for Bournemouth, Preston, Lancaster and Newcastle were scrubbed by anxious organisers. A spokesman

for Rank Leisure Services, who had arranged the Bournemouth show, said: "It is not the type of presentation with which we wish to be associated."  
 Preston entertainments chief Mike Smith said: "If anything like the TV programme happened here parents would be up in arms."  
 Lancaster Students' Union president Maggie

Gallagher said they had cancelled the show because the movement was "sexist."  
 Meanwhile, at the BMT factory at Hayes, Middlesex, one woman claimed that key workers on two shifts had refused to handle the disc.  
 Three thousand records which should have been sent out had been marked "out of stock," she said.

BRACE yourself... Siouxsie Sue is on the warpath. The 17-year-old singer put on her warpaint yesterday and got all steamed up in defence of her idols, the Sex Pistols.  
 Siouxsie Sue, who sings for a punk rock group called the Banshees, appeared with the Pistols in the Grundy TV interview.  
 She praised their use of four-letter words—"because they are the first group that has got around to saying or doing anything worthwhile."

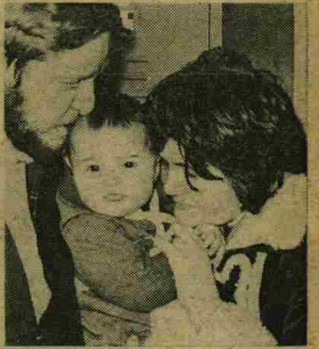
"I knew all those words when I was in kindergarten, and they are harmless."  
 Siouxsie Sue said she had drunk too much "fire water" before the interview. She and the Sex Pistols had spent an hour in the Thames hospital room before the Today programme went on the air.  
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**Night of the Nasties—See Centre Pages**

**Baby-snatch  
 alert in the  
 town of fear**

By WILLIAM DANIELS  
 POLICE launched a big search operation last night for a girl baby snatcher.  
 The hunt follows two baby kidnapping incidents in twenty-four hours... in the same street.  
 Mothers were warned last night not to leave their babies unattended even for a few moments.  
 The warning came after a three-hour nightmare ended for 27-year-old Mrs. Susan Darby. Her eleven-month-old daughter Tina was snatched as she lay sleeping in her push-chair outside a neighbour's house in Windmill Road, Smethwick, near Birmingham yesterday.  
 Later Tina was found abandoned—unharmful and still sleeping—on waste ground a mile and a half from her home.  
 Twenty-four hours earlier, a

mother struggled with a blonde girl who was attempting to snatch her baby from its pram in Windmill Road.  
 The girl, aged between eighteen and nineteen with shoulder-length hair, shouted: "I want your baby," as she fought with the mother.  
 Witnesses said she was wearing a purple check coat with a fur collar.  
 At Smethwick police station last night mother of three Susan Darby wept with relief as she was reunited with Tina.  
 She said: "The last three hours have been dreadful. I just hope to God it doesn't happen to anyone else."  
 Detective Superintendent Bill Lewis, who is leading the search, said: "Obviously the woman involved needs some assistance. We are anxious to receive any information about her."



SAFE: Tina with her parents.