

# What YOU say about those Punk shockers

THE Punk Rock craze and what happened when Bill Grundy interviewed the Sex Pistols group on Thames TV's "Today" programme, brought a huge postbag from readers. Here is a selection . . .

THE most baffling feature of Bill Grundy's interview with the Sex Pistols is how they managed to get on TV in the first place.

Those who suspended Grundy should have suspended themselves. — Dennis McNulty, Atherton, Lancashire.

HAVING brought this unpleasant cult to the attention of the public, you—and the rest of the media—will now be doing a far greater service by letting it disappear and die. — M. Pemberton, Colchester Essex.

## Tickets

YEARS ago the Press — including the Mirror — were using the same sort of phrases about the Rolling Stones as they now use about Punk. Your Pop Club recently offered tickets for

Stones' concerts. I look forward to obtaining tickets for the Sex Pistols' 1986 Earl's Court concerts through the Mirror. — Peter Reynolds, Birmingham.

I FEEL sorry for the Sex Pistols. They have lost all rights to human

dignity — and, in my opinion, so has Bill Grundy. — Mrs. J. D. Dunn, Gillingham Kent.

## Obscene

MALCOLM McLAREN, manager of the Sex Pistols, makes the sweeping statement that the group were only using everyday language and expressing the mood of their generation.

I have rarely heard such obscene language, yet I mix daily with hundreds of young people. — Gill Brisco, Sheffield

IF TEENAGERS feel they want a bit of recognition and this is the only way, why shouldn't they dress as they like?

It seems the only time papers publish anything about teenagers is when crazes like this are "exposed". — Ms Norlet Price, Burgess Hill, Sussex.

# We're not degenerate

AS Punk Rockers we were disgusted at the way you portrayed us in Thursday's Mirror.

At school we are studying for "A" and "O" levels. At night we become followers of Punk. Yet you

portray us as some sort of illiterate juvenile delinquents.

What we want is not violence but to get rid of conventional things. We need to be different. We don't want to be like the rest, on factory production lines or doing nine-to-five jobs.

We are not degenerate, or from broken homes. — Two Angry Punk Rockers, London, N7.

## GRUNDY DID US A SERVICE

BILL GRUNDY did a public service to parents by demonstrating on a "family" programme the sort of dangers their children might face by following this cult. — D. Carter, London, SE.

## Disgusted

I AM disgusted at the way Bill Grundy has been treated. He deserves an apology. Instead of suspending him, his bosses should do something about the comedians who come out with filthy jokes on TV. — Mrs. F. Wallworth, Stockport Cheshire.

We are scarcely concerned with the poverty and starvation that make life a misery for more than half the human race, yet we can be roused to indignant fury by the public use of what are really harmless four-letter words.

Be shocked, by all means, but only by things that really matter — such as suffering and deprivation which violate human dignity. — S. Hodgetts, Sheffield, Yorks.

I AM eleven years old and when I saw those people in the Mirror with safety pins through their nostrils it made me feel sick.

If I saw them I'd tell them how dangerous it is and how stupid it looks. — Julie Hynes, Mansfield, Notts.

ONE of the saddest things about it all is that a respected record company like EMI should fall over themselves to sign up the Sex Pistols.

Even their manager admits they lack musical talent. — J. Waterfield, Plymouth, Devon.

## Twisted

THE controversy over the TV appearance of the Sex Pistols is a fine example of just how twisted are our values.

WHILE holding no brief for Bill Grundy, I feel he wasn't to blame for what happened on the TV programme. To suspend him for two weeks is quite unfair. Thames TV could have taken the programme off the air. I am sure the BBC would have done so. — C. A. Waddell, London,



FLASHBACK: from the Mirror, December 2.