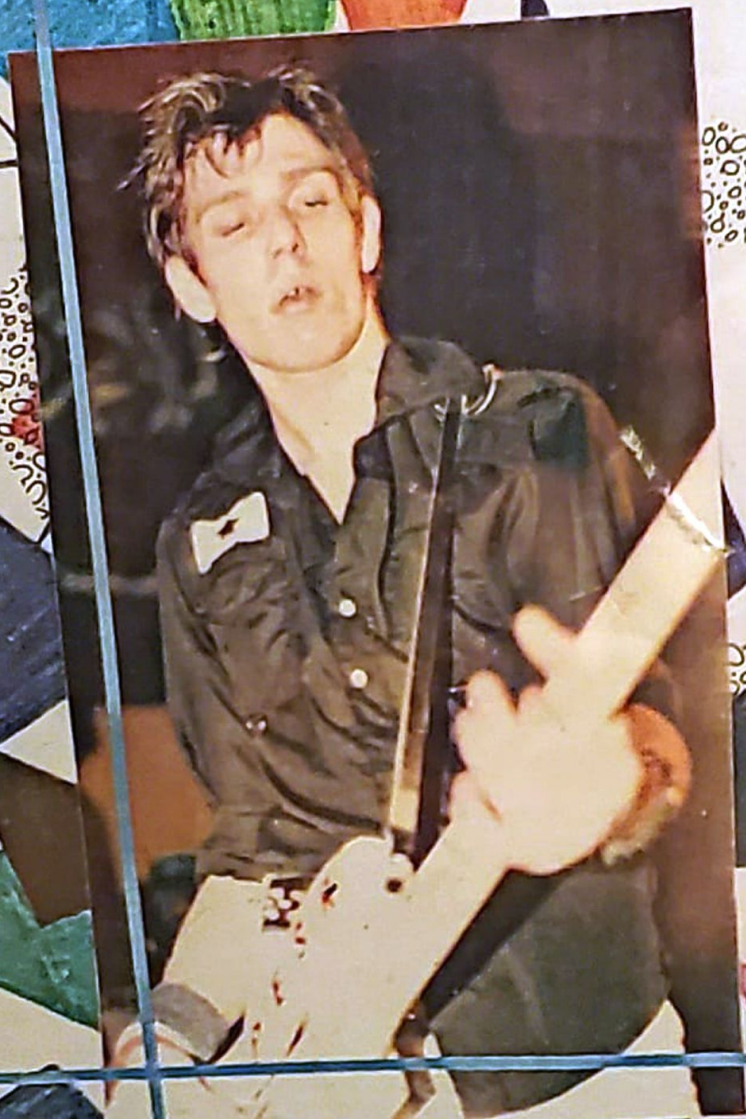


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THE CLASH

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After scalping a ticket to the sold out show, the Dishrags came on first. A local all girl band who did a funny version of "London's Burning". BoDiddley was next. Then it was Clash time.

They ran through a thunderous non-stop set of blistering rock, spunkuated by beer cans etc. Starting off with "Jail Guitar Doors", from there an astonishing version of Bobby Fuller's "I fought the Law" then three songs off the new album, "Drug Stabbing Time", "CheapSkate", and "Safe European home". From there came "Clash City Rocker" with a breath catching version of "White-man in Hamersmith" but giving it the reggae-push it needed. On to four more songs from the new album, the cover of "Police and thieves", an unreleased "Capital Radio". After this song Joe Strummer picks up one of the many beer cans from the stage floor and says, "Vancouver, you think your'e pretty funny with this, lets see some wine bottles." While Mick Jones starts driving into "Janie Jones", and doesn't stop till the end of "Garage land". To end the set with a harmonising "Julies and the Drug quad". There first encore was, whi- "White Riot", then the song We deserve, "I'm so Bored With th U.S.A." The second encore was the violent song "Cheat".



Before we knew it, we were outside pondering when till we were handed the address of a party where the Clash might show up. It was about an hour and a half of standing around waiting in a shoulder to shoulder little house. Then they all squeezed their way in, Joe Strummer and Mick Jones come into the kitchen where I am standing, and this little conversation takes place.



- Me- I see that bombardment they gave you really pissed you off?
Joe- Ah they feel it's the thing to do.
Me- They still treat you like that over in England?
Joe- No they have a little respect for us now.
Me- What's your'e favorite place to play over there now?
Joe- Northern England.
Me- What's wrong with London?
Joe- It's gotten pretty boring.
Me- So you were over in Jamaica last fall?
Joe- It was last summer.
Me- What's your favorite reggae band?
Joe- "Toots".
Me- are you driving from city to city?
Joe- Yeah.



- Me- Are you planning on stopping anywhere on your way down to S.F.?
Joe- In Seattle to see Jimi Hendrix' grave.
(Mick Jones standing close by turns and says, "You know it's the tourist thing to do."
Me- What city are you looking most forward to playing?
Joe- S.F.
Me- You look like you hurt your finger pretty bad?
Joe- Me aim was off.

