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"I'm So Floored with the USA": a story

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Some time around 1983 or 1984, I got recruited by... someone, but I refused. In 1983, I think... whenever "Combat Rock" came out...



The RCP-USA was marching around outside the box office where people waited for tickets, singing "I'm So Bored with the USA."

I used to talk to the RCP-USA people, and one heavy set woman in tiger striped Spandex in particular, quite a bit. I'd argue. I'd argue that yes, we needed socialism...

(The recruiting thing? I can tell you in a few words. She asked if I'd be at X concert (not by X), and I said I would...

So, as I said, the RCP-USA was active all of a sudden in the early 1980's. The Spartacist Youth League was running around...

Worse yet, the Nazis liked to find the Communists, and kismet had a way of putting the two groups on alternating street corners for demonstrations...

I was twenty-one, I suppose, and I should have known better. After all, I was a punk, and we were supposed to be more cynical than anyone...

The Clash were going to play the Fox Theater in Atlanta, and the RCP was marching around, and the local Nazis showed up chanting over them...

In Ohio, only a few weeks earlier, some Nazis met some Communists, pulled a revolver, and shot one dead...

The Clash put on a fantastic show. It was one of the better concerts I've seen. The entire band had charisma...

Meanwhile, back in the entrance, everybody's friend K-t W-d and his gang of skinheads began to push at the circle of RCP chanters...

Now, Atlanta under Maynard Jackson was fairly peaceful. The economy was booming, we were told, and the Fox Theater is in a moderately alright neighborhood...

Fifteen squad cars came onto West Peachtree Street just as the crowd let out. As they arrived, they saw 2,500 disorganized people...

This, folks, is how the great cop riot of 1983 or 1984 or whenever it was became a riot. The eight skinheads and twelve Revolutionary Communist Party people...

I was backstage, meeting the band. I came out the side door of the Fox, looked at the front, saw the riot underway...

The lesson came the next morning. The newspapers the next day covered... nothing. Really.

A small paragraph appeared saying that there had been a disturbance. When the lawsuits started against the false imprisonment...

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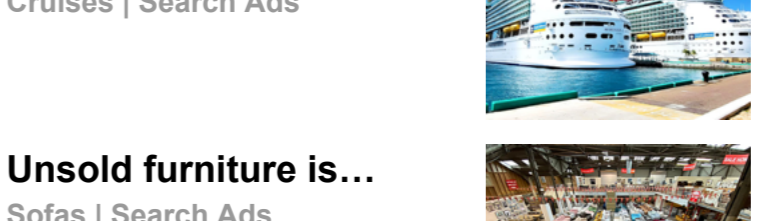


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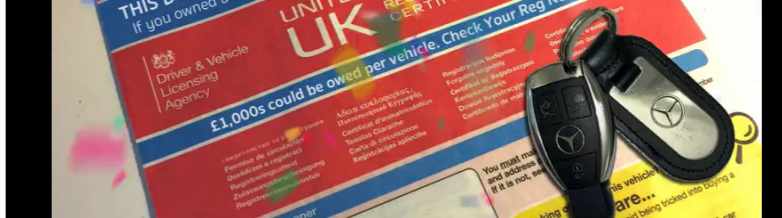
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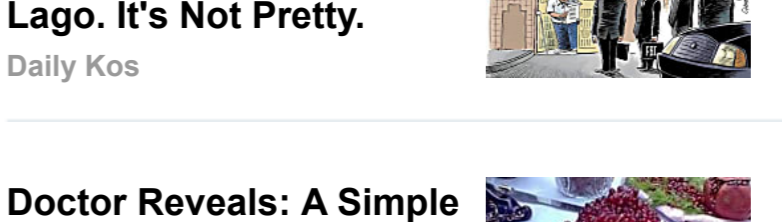
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Yankee dollar talks To the dictators of the world In fact it's giving orders And they can't afford to miss a word.

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Sandinista was my favorite Of course I already said I was in the nervous-jerky side of punk, so it would be...

Dang, but we need them again. We had an embarrassment of riches at the time. Sandanista and Solid Gold were out at the same time.

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ActivistGuy The Geogre AUTHOR Jul 04, 2011 at 07:29:20 PM

When it came to Go4 I was biggest on Entertainment. Loved "Essence Rare" and "Guns Before Butter"...

BTW, the most poorly done "online lyrics" you'll ever find are for "Outside the Trains", the online lyrics reduce that very cogent song to garbled nonsense.

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A History of the 20th Century Capital It Falls Us Now.

Actually, even with Go4, they weren't exactly... subtle. At the time, it was so eye opening, though! "At Home He Feels Like a Tourist," and I remember going...

It looks obvious now, but only because of then. (On the other hand, the guitar on "To Hell with Poverty" is a thing that will set a rich man's arse on fire.)

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Stay Free For some reason Stay Free came to my mind after read your diary.

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Great song from the tumel one Mick Jones could make you think you were hearing Beatles, but then you'd realize that the lyrics were working class and genuinely red.

I have never really been able to reconcile myself with the fact that I was allowed the privilege of class knowledge without the potential of meaningful class action.

[Later, I saw "A Hard Day's Night," and there is that scene where George gets taken in by a designer who is doing the equivalent of what The Geogre was doing in 1982.]

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Do not turn, I hate to see/ Do not turn, I hate to see/ What happened to the wife of lot

From 'Lose This Skin' on Sandanista.

To me it's the essence of revolution.

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The Geogre AUTHOR mookins Jul 05, 2011 at 02:28:43 AM

And Hazel O'Connor's (?) Voice It's the only voice for it. For the essence, though, I'll take the children singing "Career Opportunities" and then saying, "I'm finished now. I'm tired of singing."

That's quite a statement.

Career opportunity's the one that never knocks. Every job they offer you's to keep you off the docks.

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