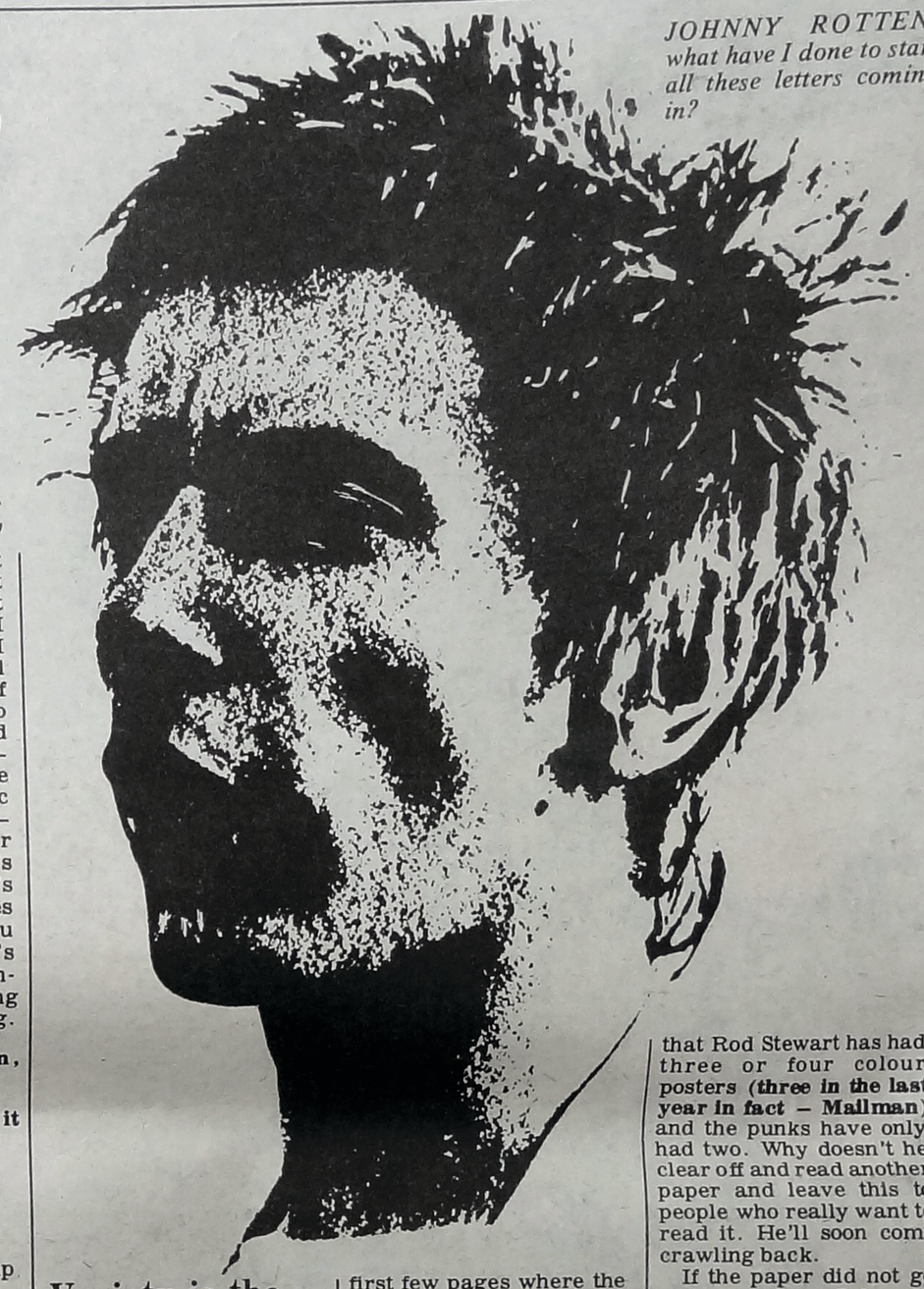


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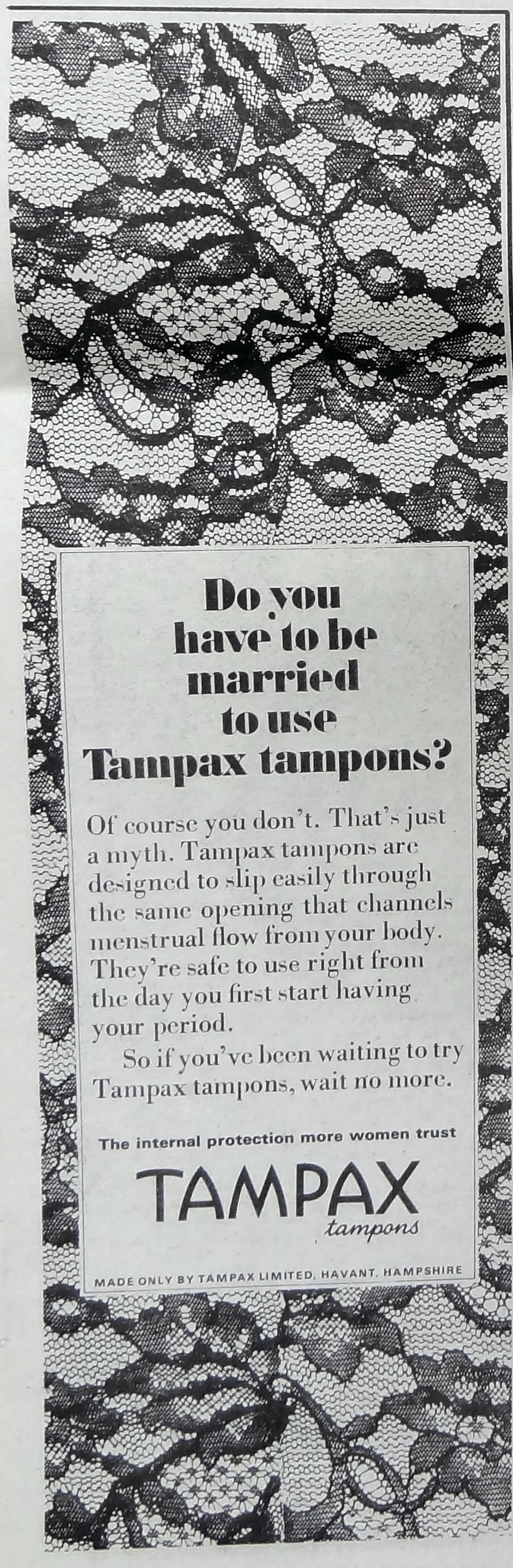
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PUNK—IT'S A REAL KILLER

Some say yes, some say no, but the letters roll in



JOHNNY ROTTEN: what have I done to start all these letters coming in?



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AFTER READING that letter in Mailman last week, sent in by that cretin Chris Tomlin I would just like to say I think punk rock is a real killer!! It expresses itself quite openly, no crap about how wonderful and romantic the world is — just pure facts. I think the Sex Pistols, the Jam etc should not be slagged — but worshipped for speaking openly. Here's one RM reader who's willing to buy two copies of the mag weekly (so you won't lose that imbecile's money). And congratulations on producing the world's greatest mag. Keep it up kids.
A fan from Kenton, Newcastle Upon Tyne.

●How about making it eight copies?

Do you understand?

THEY CAN smash up their telephone boxes,
You can't break the Heartbreakers
Or laugh off the Ramones.
Sex Pistols are banging
Rod are having a Damned good clash
with plenty of Jam on it.
Household names are the essence.
Who can Strangle that.
Jimmy Kerr, Springboig, Glasgow.

●Or indeed understand it?

Variety is the spice of life

IN THE two and a half years I have been getting RM I have never been angered so much. How dare that unmentionable creature (Chris Tomlin) have the nerve to complain about this paper.

If he's read past the first few pages where the new wave bands were featured he would see this is the only music paper that offers a variety of different appeals in music; soul, punk, disco, reggae, rock an roll and sometimes even MoR. Name any music of current popularity and it will probably be featured in RM.

If he reads back at old copies of RM he will see that Rod Stewart has had three or four colour *posters* **(three in the last year in fact — Mailman)** and the punks have only had two. Why doesn't he clear off and read another paper and leave this to people who really want to read it. He'll soon come crawling back.

If the paper did not go with the times, I for one would not read it. Where the paper loses old men, it gains more young readers which I'm sure the editor would prefer to have.
John Galligan, Westerham, Kent.

●We love ya.

It's what you want

I'M WRITING this in reply to Chris Tomlin who asks: "What's the bloody idea of having these so called new wave bands featured in this paper every week?" I'll tell him what the idea is — it's what the buying public want. Record Mirror has never been in better form and it caters for all tastes in music. And another thing, I don't suppose RM gives a damn whether people like CT of Swadlincote buys their paper or not. Thanks for the smashing interview last week with the Sex Pistols.
Claire, Aberporth, Dyfed.

Play the B side

INSTEAD OF banning the Sex Pistols' 'God Save The Queen', on radio, why not play the B side instead? Like when they played 'Go Buddy Go' by the Stranglers instead of 'Peaches'. What's the point in having a record chart if they can't stick to it. This record is the best selling single this year, so why ignore it?

The DJs should play what we want, not what they want, after all it's the people who buy the records. We can't see what all the fuss is about. Any other time no-one takes any notice of the Queen, but just because it's the Jubilee they all change. If they don't like the record, they can switch off.

Punk rock is here to stay so why not enjoy it? Keep putting it in your paper.
Irene And Roger, Kings Norton, Birmingham.

Just ordinary people

THANK YOU for the interview with the Sex Pistols (RM June 11th). It simply confirmed my opinion of them as ordinary people who are trying to make relevant comments about society, but who have tripped over their secondary school education on the way.

Let me first state I like music as diverse as the Ramones to the Supremes and keep an open mind about all music. However, I feel that someone should tell the Sex Pistols to belt up or think before they speak.

Sure, I think the Pistols do have many relevant social comments but the sooner they start arguing about them intelligently and leaving the Queen out of their criticisms, the better it'll be (because like it or not, the Queen is still more popular than Jonny Rotten). Then they'll find the youth of Britain is behind them.
***An intelligent Punk* Loyalist, Watford.**

●Didn't know there was such a species — come back in a year when I've worked it out.

This is our turn

TO ALL the moaners, leave RM alone. Punk is good, the words mean something. RM is the best when it comes to crazes. You've had Abba, the Rollers, Bowie and T. Rex. Now it's our turn.
Mark Redding, Newbury, Berks.

A surprise on the tube

FIRST OF all let me say I'm not a punk rocker, nor a punk hater, but I thought the interview with the Sex Pistols was very funny and agreeable at the same time. Also I thought you gave Chris Tomlin a great lecture about his biased letter. Lastly I'd like to thank the person, who three years ago left a copy of Record Mirror on a tube train from Caledonian Road station, I've bought every one since.
Trev, of Whitney fame, London.

●As it's so near the office, it was probably one of the staff (drunk again!)

First cut is the deepest

I AM writing in admiration of the way you skilfully handled the letters from Chris Tomlin and someone called Samantha. I thought such sharp wit had died out with the black death. You're not a relation of Malcolm Muggeridge by any chance are you? With such a command of hyperbole, satire and sarcasm it's a wonder you get anyone writing to

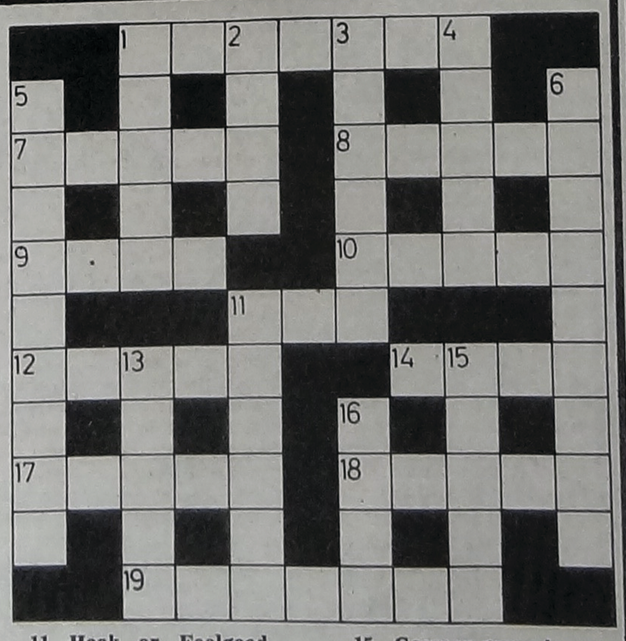
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ACROSS

1 Judas and his family are churchmen (7).
7 A month with Nino Tempo's partner (5)
8 Zappa can be quite outspoken. (5)
9 This is a record! (4)
10 "I'm A ———" (Beatles) (5)
11 What a difference one makes (3)
12 Capital entertainment. (5)
14 Clifford T. is in hospital. (4)
17 It happens in the Seventies. (5)
18 Jane or Peter? (5)
19 Real man needed for Miss Shaw. (7)

DOWN

1 City where some singers spend "7" (5)
2 Capri, for example. (4)
3 How he's killing me with his song. (6)
4 A partner for Crofts. (5)
5 Dory tears round to see Mungo Jerry man. (3,6)
6 Captain Rock group. (9)



11 Hook or Feelgood, perhaps. (6)
13 One from the Steve Miller book? (5)
15 German group in car wash racket. (5)
16 Alice Cooper has it with whiskey. (4)

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

ACROSS: 4 Harper, 6 Sail, 7 Ano-n, 8 Bonnet, 9 There, 10 Clock, 13 Dancer, 15 Wall, 16 Mama, 17 Marian.

DOWN: 1 Hannah, 2 Proby, 3 Pine, 5 Punk Rocka, 6 Sunflower, 11 Climax, 12 Tramp, 14 Adam.