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treatment. This should be available under the N.H.S., but is usually only obtainable in private practice.

There are over 200 Members of Parliament demanding better opportunities for patients to receive homoeopathic treatment within the N.H.S. because they believe that there is room for both approaches to the treatment of the sick, i.e. homoeopathic and allopathic treatment.

If you wish for homoeopathic facilities to be made available for you in your locality, then write to your M.P. urging him to bring your request to the attention of the Secretary of State for Health, and asking him to sign the motion on Homoeopathic medicine standing on the Order Paper of the House of Commons in my name.

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Pop, punk and religion

Sir,—I feel that I must reply to the letter of Albert Jinks (*Post*, August 17) in which he says: "It is, to me, a distressing feature of the times, that the public tends to make cult figures of people who are of no particular value to the community."

I am aged 19, not a "punk-rocker" or "long-haired hippie" and I think that I represent the views of many of the middle class youth of today, in that I do pay money, to see what Mr. Jinks calls "unbalanced youngsters" at concerts and

to buy their records. Mr. Jinks why do I, myself, and countless other people of my generation do this? The simple answer is one of enjoyment.

This is also the reason why I also listen to, and buy records of Bach, Vivaldi, Led Zeppelin, Bob Marley and the Wallers and Pink Floyd. Anyone who knows anything of music can see the enormous differences among the above. I even like some of the punk-rock groups (such as **the Clash** or Tom Robinson) which I think are bearing the brunt of the attack by Mr. Jinks.

I feel Mr. Jinks is being very narrow minded in his argument. Simply because he does not understand why people get enormous pleasure and enjoyment out of things that he finds objectionable or unexciting is no reason to denounce it, or sink into the depths of despair. I think he is placing too much emphasis on the "Cult figure"; so many are forgotten over the years and how many make a lasting impression on society?

I would like to end this letter with one thought. Does Mr. Jinks intend to use religious faith, to get society "back on its feet"? in the form of the many different religious beliefs.

Perhaps he would like to consider the many injustices committed by the Church over the centuries; for example — the Spanish Inquisition, oppression of the Catholics in Ireland and of the French Huguenots and the Protestant/Catholic clash in Northern Ireland,

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or the recent Christian/Muslim clashes in Beirut. Perhaps he would like to tell me which of the three, music, news-reading or religion, has created the greatest injustices in society?

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Distant battles

Sir. — Lord Catto (*Post*, August 15) talks about Britain's continued freedom as a result of the war. But what about the millions who lost their freedom as a result of it? I refer to the peoples now behind the Iron Curtain.

Britain went to war on behalf of Poland and then, cynically, betrayed that country, thanks to the dirty deals made by Churchill and Roosevelt with Stalin at Yalta. There are now more people under totalitarianism than in Hitler's time. Britain and America have a lot to answer for, for bringing about this state of affairs.

I find Lord Catto's statement about Britain's freedom rather selfish, seeing that half the people lost their freedom as a result of British and American policy in the Second World war, which was a disaster for the cause of freedom and democracy.

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