



WHO'S IN CONTROL?

This interview was done via the post office, with Jack speaking for the band! Check out their 12", See the review from last FOE!

FOE Background mumbo-jumbo-ages, when the band started and why?

DES. Jack (18)-screams, yells, and political statements. Andy (17) bass. Dave (15) guitars, Erik (19) drums. We got together in July of 1985 cuz we were tired of the local bands and wanted to hear some new music with intelligent ideas.

FOE Tell us about the recordings, their availability, # pressed, anything you feel is important.

DES. Well, we only pressed 500 of our ep and they are available through the P.O. Box for \$4 ppd. "Who's in Control" is a self produced, self financed mini lp which we sell for cost, only \$3 plus \$1 for postage. Anyone who makes a profit on the HC scene should get out of it.

FOE Why did you name the band Desecration? What are your feelings about God and Satan and their respective religions?

DES. We named the band Desecration simply because we couldn't think of anything else. I realized it seems a bit assanine but we use the term "Desecrate" to unfold or show the true nature of certain topics (war, society etc...) We are not anti God but do not support organized religion simply because they lead to war and are against unity! I went to church with my girlfriend and laughed my head off. They preach peace and

solidarity but only amongst themselves! That makes me sick! Unity can only be amongst all or none - Lets make it all!

FOE When you say "No thanx" to "Metal Militia" on your lyric sheet, what are you referring to and y?
DES. The "metal militia" is a group of individuals from AZ that go around creating violence, harrasing old people, children and "posers" (Notice the goutation marks) They are the ultimate stereotype of ignorance and apathy. They constantly harrass us and even wrote a song about us. A band called Pedafile from here wrote a song called "Hippie Holocaust" that says how we only believe in peace cuz we are wimps and we should get out of the country if we're not willing to fight. So, no thanx guys!

FOE Your lyrics and Desecrations goal "is to inform the public about certain issues to which we feel important" I would like to know what your feelings are about bands whose music is good, like Slayer or Samhain but who's lyrics are directed towards "Death and destruction", and nothing that would lead to a positive influence on anyone.

DES. I don't think anyone who listens to bands like that should take them seriously. Unfortunately some do. I for one love the Misfits, Samhain etc... Dumb lyrics are fine-but its when they become offensive, sexist or racist that I refuse to purchase or support. For example I like Slayers music but I wouldn't see them play live.

FOE Do you think informing people is good enough?

DES. No! But its a start. Some people aren't aware of whats going on in this world of ours. The 1st step in change is realization-then action!

FOE You seem to be a "peace" band, but on a majority of your material there are skulls and references to "death and destruction". Do you



think this is the best way to approach this subject to get your points across? Why not have a picture or drawing of people having a good time or people from the Soviet Union shaking hands with the US. What I'm trying to say is why stress all this negative stuff, why not stress what good could come out of peace?

DES. Well, it may not be the best way to get our point across-but it works. A lot of bands use negative image to get a point across- Discharge, Final Conflict, Conflict just to name a few. We do have plenty of positive messages in our songs, like "peace can be found", "Man and women must unite, were all equal can't you see" (quotes from Blind with Ignorance and Crimes of Society) I totally understand your point Frank, and you are right to a point! Its just the route we chose I guess. Show the negatives to improve then to be positive. We are a peace band and we want harmony throughout!

FOE I saw a flyer you put out on famine and another directed toward neonazis. Do you think you've influenced anyone and how many did you distribute? Have you done any other flyers stressing your ideas?

DES. Yes I think the flyers definitely help! I copied 300 neonazi flyers so far. I pass them out at gigs, send them to pen pals and encourage people to make copies of them. One skin head actually came up to me (he was a neonazi) and said, y'know your right. All this nazi bullshit has got to go. You're right we are the same! We're human beings! I always stress my beliefs on stage as well. The famine flyer was lyrics to one of our songs. I make flyers for them once in a while cuz not all of our songs are released.

FOE Do you think you have control over your life? What parts and to what extent?

DES. Yes I feel I have much control over my life. I am a straight edge, pacifist, with intelligent ideas and I care for people. I'm standing up for what I believe in and won't stop-I don't care if I get beat up I don't care if people call me hippie fag or peace punk asshole.

FOE Are you in any organized group associated with peace etc...

DES. Yes! We now have an organization called the AZ peace core. It consists of members of local bands and others who would like to see some changes around here & the world.

FOE What would you like to see change in the hardcore scene?
DES. I would like to see the scene more united and no more apathy. People still seem to condemn the attitudes that they themselves possess. There are no "posers" people are people. If a new kid shows up at a show lets greet hem not spit at him. Intelligence and care is the key! Understanding, Non-violence, Intelligence, Tolerance, Yes!

FOE Do you plan to tour?

DES. Hopefully someday!

FOE What are some of your unrecorded songs about?
DES. "Crimes of Society"- The unfair treatment of minorities and how it must be changed. "In a Childs Eyes" We should have synpathy for the oppressed not apathy. "Power Playground"- our newest (12-5-86) about nuclear disarmament.

FOE Last comments...

DES. Please write to us at P.O. BOX 195 MESA, AZ 85201 for info on demo, ep shirts etc... We are a peace band and encourage mail. We also would like people to send in their photos for our new collage (you to Frank!)

Thanx Frank and FOE for all the help!

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