

NEGAZIONE



I sent this interview off to Italy, and Roberto so kindly completed it and sent it back to me! Here in the states you can get a hold of 2 of NEGAZIONE records, an lp on Mordam records, and soon a 7" on New Beginning....

FOE What does NEGAZIONE mean in English? Why did you choose that as the name of the band? **FOE** How did you get involved with Mordam?

NEG. Well, NEGAZIONE means denial, refuse. **NEG.** Well, we just decided to release our lp with De Konkurrent, the label from the EMMA people, people that helped us a lot and so we just saw it as our way to refuse things. Its our way to write song and lyrics and be a band and we wanted to be against, even if only with a musical band. Now after time, I see a band is a lot of things, not only a certain song, but you can really say your pt. and spread your view if you want.

FOE Why are you so against the "sterile life" and the "quiet life", in reference to your song "Noi"? **NEG.** You have to come for even some days in Torino, the city we live, and you'll know why.

Although Torino is quite a dead city, "Noi" was in the "Tutti Pazzi" ep in which we talked about a lot on people living in cities, crazy people, false attitude and so on, and this happens in every city I think. You can read our song "Niente" (Nothing) on the Lp on Mordam records, originally from "Tutti Pazzi" ep, to have an idea.

FOE Could you give a history of EMMA and your involvement with it. **NEG.** We were supposed to come this spring in May/June, but we won't come. We got only one problem but it is a very important one. Zazzo our singer is doing the civil service, that lasts 20 months instead of 12, and you don't have two months free to go to the US, so... He will be out in Feb. 88 but its also pos. he'll be out before because he's trying to act like mad, sick or else to let them give him a kick out of the place. We don't know, sooner or later we'll come. This time Bessie of New Beginning and Chuck Meehan, were ready to start set up everything for us, people that we really would like to thank!

NEG. First of all, EMMA doesn't exist anymore now, but the same people is in another place bigger and better, called Van Hall in which they go on with the activities started in EMMA. Then you have to note we're talking about squatted houses, and about a city, Amsterdam, very active on this point, with a lot of good people. In EMMA and now in Van Hall, there was two places for gigs, a bar a restaurant and a recording studio. Well anyway, we started to know people in Adam when first we played there in Jan. 85 and just some months later we were again in EMMA, in the studio, recording with DOLT, a really great producer, together with being a big guitar player, and producing our second ep "Condannati" that is now going to be pressed in the next few months in the U.S. by New Beg. Well from that experience we went back many times, not only to play or record but also to meet great friends we love there.

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FOE Do you have any worries about coming here?

NEG. Personally I worry about making a tour and having everything go good, good places, nice people, good atmosphere and so on. Then its also not so important about the gigs because at the least the thing we really want is to know new people and new friends, have fun, know new situations, new scenes. Violence at shows, big shows is a thing I worry about, the most because I see a lot of stupidity in it. So I think I would prefer a lot smaller but better shows with all the people enjoying themselves and not going to have something broken.

FOE Has anyone in your band ever been in the US and how do you see the hardcore scene here? Both positively and negatively.

NEG. Marco, he was in the US last summer for 2 months.

He saw a lot of places and at the end his point was quite this. There's a real lot of people in the scene in America, most of it is really young, but more important, most of it do nothing for the scene. They only buy records and go to shows. If they're expensive, both records and shows, they don't care because, and thats another point, theres a bit more money in the US. Other negative things are a lot of so called Punk bands that better had to be called punk rockers that act like assholes (because they are) play in really big places with high ticket prices, big bouncers and so on. Well, all this stuff is not for us-- The positive side is that everywhere there's some good people and somewhere theres really great people. Marco met some of this so...

Another good thing is the fact of touring and how easy bands can play, compared with Europe. Although this had to be thought with the business that is in it, I think its good when a band can express itself in more places as possible.

FOE Do you think you could change anything with your band, and have you changed anything since the beginning of the band?

NEG. I think we can't change anything but ourselves. For us its a big story, beginning Neg. We spent a lot of time together and still do & will, we are best friends. We could move away from here and go live somewhere else, all together. I think its not a little story, this one. For the rest, I think maybe helped out a lot to realize and start doing things for all the people who believed in what we did and in which way we did things, is helping other people have the excitement to move on, just

not stay on the home and watch TV.

FOE Do you think hardcore has become a religion, in the sense that it has its own morals and laws?

NEG. Well, sometimes the people don't think enough and just say "Well we're a punk band so we've to talk about war, bombs, soldiers

and so on and we have to dress that way."

And then it depends if you are into this kind of punk you talk this way, and dress that way and if you're in that other kind you have to talk about that and dress like that. Well what I think is that punk is what you want. And its a way to express what you be heard by punk bands.

really have in your mind, not what used to be heard by punk bands.

you'd like to say... FOE Anything else you'd like to thank some people who NEG. We would like to thank some people like helped us and who are friends of us like Bessie, Chuck, and Ruth. Also all the people who wrote us and that gave us attention. We hope to come to you sooner or later. We hope to come to you well, take care Til then, stay well, ROBERTO FOR NEGAZIONE



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