

Frank P.O.E. conducted this interview with Josh of Rest in Pieces in early Jan. of 1986 through the mail. If you missed this band when they opened for the DK's here in the L.V. last year I want you to do 2 things. First kick yourself, then go get their 7" before they're all gone! On with the interview.....

FOE When was Rest in Pieces formed and is the current line up the original?

RIP Me (Josh) and Albert started playing together 3 years ago but Rest in Pieces didn't start until a year ago. We went through about 15 different guitar players and about 10 singers until we got to the line up now, which is different from that on the record. Our singer on the record, Rob, isn't with us anymore but he still does our artwork.

FOE Were any of you in other bands?

RIP Yes, Albert played drums in End Product from N.Y. for a while. They have a couple of songs on the Conn. compilation on Incas. That's not out yet. I played in Voltron from western Mass. for a while. We played a couple of shows around Mass.

FOE You just released a 7", is it the first time R.I.P. has ever recorded?

RIP Yes, besides bullshit recordings of practices.

FOE How'd you like the experience of recording?

RIP It was a lot of fun and a lot of work. But we're all looking forward to doing it again.



FOE How'd you get on Incas records?

RIP It wasn't too difficult we just asked them. But they haven't done too much for us. We're looking for a new label.

FOE How are sales and responses to the record so far? how many were printed?

RIP The record is doing pretty well. We have about 250 left out of 1000. Distributors bought a lot and the rest we sold through the mail or at shows.

FOE Are you satisfied with the record?

RIP The record is a pretty good idea of what we sound like. But since then we've gotten a lot of new songs. We really want to get another record out soon. Especially since Arsan is singing lead vocals now full time.

FOE Do you plan to tour and play out much?

RIP We've been playing out as much as possible lately. But we're always looking for more. We'd really like to do an east coast tour, maybe during the spring or summer.

FOE On your 7" you have a song called "Jesus" and it seems to blame Jesus for a lot of problems today. Is this the point you're trying to make or is it how people do things in the name of Jesus and religion?

RIP That's what it is. It's not about Jesus himself but more about what people have turned him into. Some people use religion as an excuse or a reason for doing (or not doing) something. That's pretty dumb.

It's just annoying to see some people with such ignorance and blind faith. The funny thing is that sometimes "Jesus" is interpreted as satanic. It's not that at all, its just atheistic.

FOE When you played with the Dead Kennedys in the Lehigh Valley you played a lot of songs, what else do you write about?

RIP We have a couple of anti religion songs, songs about hanging out, media manipulation, being yourself. I wrote a song about abortion. Its not pro or anti but its anti anti. If you can understand that.

FOE Which do you like better on a 7" record, the small holes in the center or the big ones?



RIP Definitely the small ones!
Don't you hate getting a 45 and not having an adapter? That sux!
FOE If you found \$500 in your mail box what would you do with it?

Josh Buy lots of beer!

Albert Buy lots of beer too!

Arman. I'd buy a speaker, put on a show, buy a couple boxes of chocolate chip cookies and a new distortion box and no beer!

FOE How can people contact RIP?

RIP Just write us! We still have some records left and t-shirts. And stickers are free if you just ask!

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