

MAXIMUMROCKNROLL \$2

NCID - LP

This rocks like a muthafuckka! Fuck the hype. Fifteen raging tracks melodic punk with not a wet spot in the bunch. Great playing. Great songs. Great production. You're stupid if you missed the 7". Don't miss it. Best thing out of the East Bay in ages. Awesome. (LH)
Epitaph Records, 6201 Sunset Blvd. #111, Hollywood, CA 90028)

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SOUND VIEWS

RANCID

Rancid (Epitaph): YES! Not a trace of grunge here, just straight-up, sneering, punk-as-fuck rock'n'roll, featuring two members of the legendary Operation Ivy! 16 fast, lo-tech, hard, fun and bouncy songs about youth rebellion and alienation, drinking, modern life, the "scene" and good old fashioned rage makes for what might just be a perfect debut. Highly recommended! [CS]
(6201 Sunset Boulevard, Suite 111, Hollywood, CA 90028)
-Burke Gee

id - "Rancid" (Lookout, 11374, Berkeley 94701) e-song 7" e.p., no less. Who-said punk rock is dead obviously hasn't been listening to the records. Check out Rancid's arters. They've got everything it takes to be a great punk killer songs, catchy melodies, speedy head-bobbin' rhythms driven by fuzz-drenched guitars and disaffected, angry, raucous vocals. Arrangements that take the action movin' straight to the point, just like the title to one of their tunes, "Battering Ram." This makes me want to bounce off the walls skull first. Rancid: going back to the good name punk deserves.



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RANCID - *Rancid* - Epitaph

RANCID - what an evocative name. Rancid, also, putrid, nasty, repugnant, rank, nauseating, vile, offensive, maggoty, repulsive, soured, rotting, noxious, tainted, etc. But this release doesn't seem to fit any of these, it seems simply, honest. I could bore you with band stories (like other mags, meow!), but hey, all bands have stories, all people have stories, why don't you get this release & make your own stories. Anyway, the punk/noisecore stamp of the music speaks for itself - pure, screaming, vomiting bedlam! Formerly of lots of bands, used to be on this company, blah, blah, fuck it, now, they're RANCID. Special attention to attitude & ideas, cool, especially on: "Unwritten Rules"; "Holiday Sunrise"; "Injury"; "Get Out Of My Way"; "Another Night"; "Animosity"; "Rejected"; "Union Blood"; "Rats In The Hallway"; "Hyena", hell, they're all cool. So if ya really like punk or just say you do, check this one out. Can't describe the cover art, don't have any (advance copy, sigh, the trials & tribulations of being a mediahound!). Oh, listen, they're bitching about "the bastards in power". Delicious. A distracting gurgle in time. They should have a song called "most before"...get it? Best...before...yeah...

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