



By KOOP HEILBRON

An Interview With Terry Knight Of The Grand Funk Railroad

A news item from the Toronto Telegram: The manager of Grand Funk Railroad, Terry Knight, is claiming that there is an "establishment freeze" on his group which, oddly enough, is one of the most popular on concert tours.

Knight claims that his offers to allow the group to play free concerts for U.S. troops in Europe have been turned down by the Pentagon.

But what really bothered Knight, was that at a recent press conference scheduled to present background for the group's up-coming appearance at Shea Stadium, only six out of the 150 invited showed up.

I wonder if he ever considered that no one really likes Grand Funk?

Question: Do You Like Grand Funk? Why?

"Well, I'll tell ya. They got style."

"I don't know. They're not good musicians. They got a nice sound. It's really crappy when you take it apart musically, but uh, you know..."

"I think they're a pretty good combo..."

"Cause I do. 'Cause I like 'em. Their music, I like it when I'm stoned."

"Well if you've ever seen them live, I mean it's just so loud and really exciting. I mean they just keep getting better and better. I got all their albums. And that Mark Farner, the things he can do with his guitar. Wow. I don't care if people put him down, 'cuz he's so damn mean."

"I just like 'em. I dunno. They're good when you're stoned."

"I just like 'em. The music's OK. And they got a good beat."

"I don't know. I like Black Sabbath, y'know."

"I don't know. I like Led Zeppelin. I like all kinds of music. I blast down the house with it."

"I like 'em sometimes, and sometimes, I don't."

"I really like them. Like they're heavy, man."

"Because I think they're good, and they got a lot of talent."

"I like them. They're really heavy."

"Wow man, like there's never been nuthin' like the Funk. They're fantastic man, better than Led Zeppelin. Man, the music they play is better than anyone. They even do better than the Stones. Man, are they great?"

"Well, they're kinda far out, man."

"Doesn't everybody like the Funk?"

Question: Where have you been and where are you going?

Mark Farner: Gosh, I don't know, we just play, and it's swell.

Mel Schacher . . . Julie, Julie who?

Don Brewer: What's a groupie?

Terry Knight: Tell him I'm not in the office.

Says Mark Farner: "In my lyrics, I try to use a universal language. I don't write so complicated. . . . and I don't like to use big long words and symbols. I'd go on stage naked if I could. I'd go everywhere naked. I love the freedom I feel on stage 'cause I can do anything I want to. I get off doing it. That's when I really get off. Like in Texas, after two encores, I was so stoned when I got off stage, that I couldn't even walk, and that's where I want to be. That's the kind of stoned I love and want to be all the time. Yeh, like where we come from, it's a very industrial town, a lot of greasers, a lot of factories, a lot to put up with, but something to really protest in our music. There were a lot of fights. I protest against people who are down on me because of my hair. I really got beat up bad by some people at this motorcycle race. I was the only one there with long hair, I mean no one else even had sideburns, and they got me because of my hair, and kicked me, kicked my ribs in, my face. The ambulance had to take me away, it was a really terrifying experience. I thought I was going to die. "That inspired me to write certain songs."

Notice, dear reader, I have up to now, not commented my own opinion. And I won't, either, Jack.

I see where Bill Graham, owner of the Fillmore East and West, has decided to close them both down, because, as he says, of the increasing amount of greed in the music business. Now, that's some laugh. It's the same guy who said he didn't get enough money for promoting the Rolling Stones tour in the States. Now he's going into dealing exclusively with companies, and big business. To make more money, I suppose.

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Thunder Bay Meeting Studied Residences For Mentally Retarded

More than 350 delegates attended the 18th annual conference of the Ontario Association for the Mentally Retarded from May 12 to 15 in Thunder Bay.

Attending from York Central Association for the Mentally Retarded were Mrs. Marie Lovie, and Joseph Dwyer as delegates. Other York Central Association members attended special sessions on community residences and recreation programming, commencing Thursday evening and continuing until Friday evening. These were: President Doug Hinchcliffe, Past President Dr. Arnold Arai, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mingay of Markham and Mr. and Mrs. Doug Allen. Mr. Mingay is chairman of the York Central Residence Board of Administration and Mr. Allen represents Allen, Brown & Sherriff, architects for the local residence program.

Hosts for the conference were the Lakehead Association for the Mentally Retarded.

For three days delegates from 117 local associations throughout Ontario discussed the many problems still facing the three percent of our population who are mentally retarded. Special guests and speakers included: Deputy Director Fred Krause of the President's Committee on Mental Retardation in Washington, D.C. and Director Dr. John Zarfas, Mental Retardation Services Branch, Ontario Department of Health. It is Dr. Zarfas' office which is responsible for the operation of the Ontario Hospital Schools for the Retarded.

Krause, the keynote speaker, opened the conference Thursday by noting that, "now, after so long a time of being thought helpless, hopeless human accidents we know that the retarded can be helped, can become, in many cases, contributing citizens."

Among the issues discussed at the conference were improved workshops and residences for adult retarded, better services for the whole family and recreation programs for all ages of retarded people. As outgoing Ontario President Doris Nobes de Burgh of London stated, "We realize our services need to be enlarged and improved, and this is the responsibility of the local and regional groups working in co-operation with the provincial body."

At the association's annual meeting a new board of directors was elected. New provincial president is Angus Robertson of Willowdale. Vice-presidents are: Mrs. D. M. Scott, London; Don Nisbet, Wardsville and Stan Kurisko, Sault Ste. Marie. Treasurer is Frank Dunn of Brantford.

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