

What is a zine?

# Questions

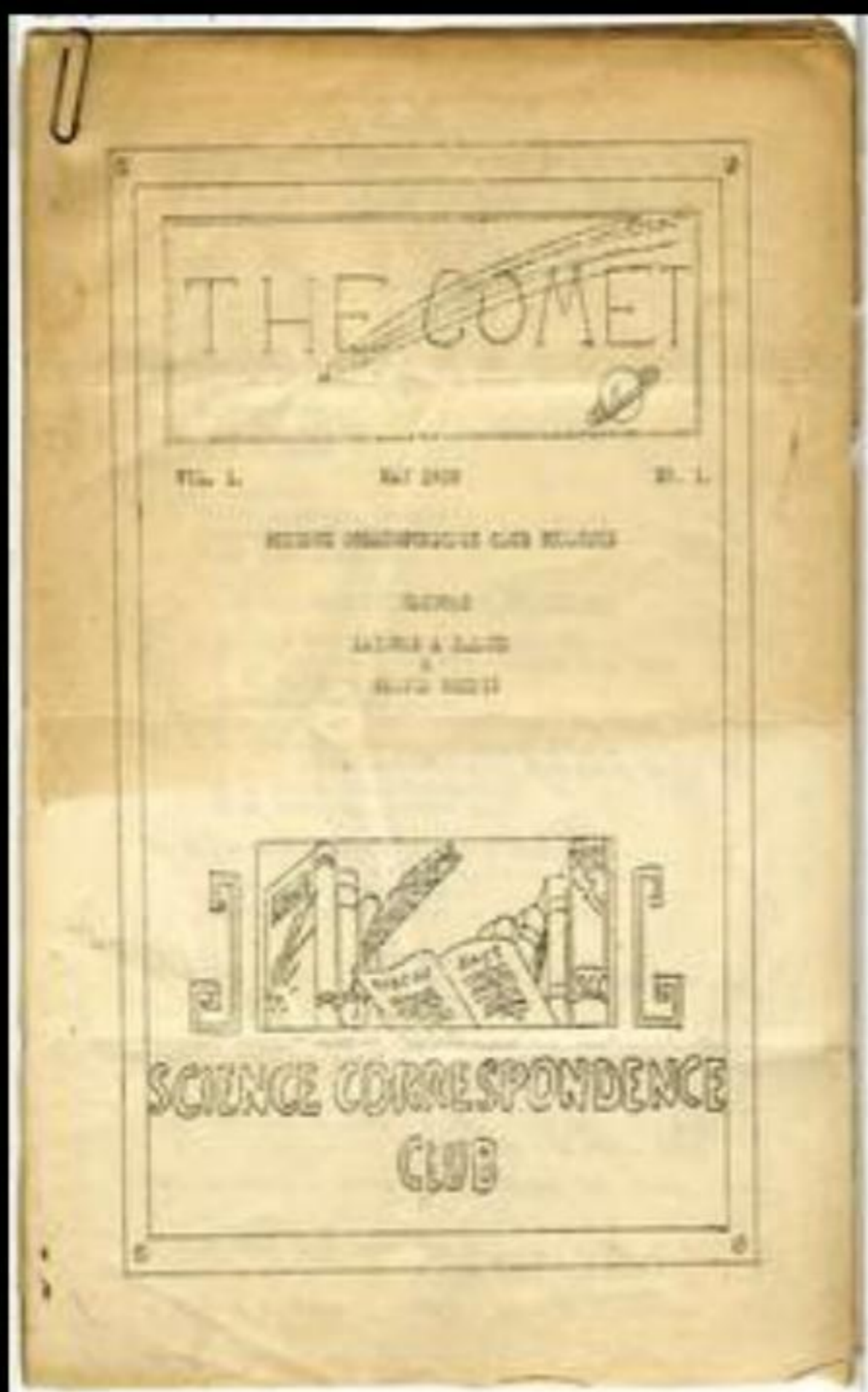
- What's going on with these zines?
- Who is the audience?
- Who are the creators?
- How are they made?
- What kinds of subject/content do you see?
- Etc...

# Traditionally, zines are:

- Non-commercial
- Non-professional
- Self-published
- Associated with counter-culture
- Small circulation
- Handmade, DIY, or collage aesthetic
- Use both text and image – either original or found/appropriated
- Variety of subjects
- Made by a single person or a group
- Traditionally photocopied as a means of distribution – also mimeographed, risographed, or printed via computer

# A Brief History of Zines





Raymond Palmer  
*The Comet*  
May 1930

[http://zinewiki.com/The\\_Comet](http://zinewiki.com/The_Comet)



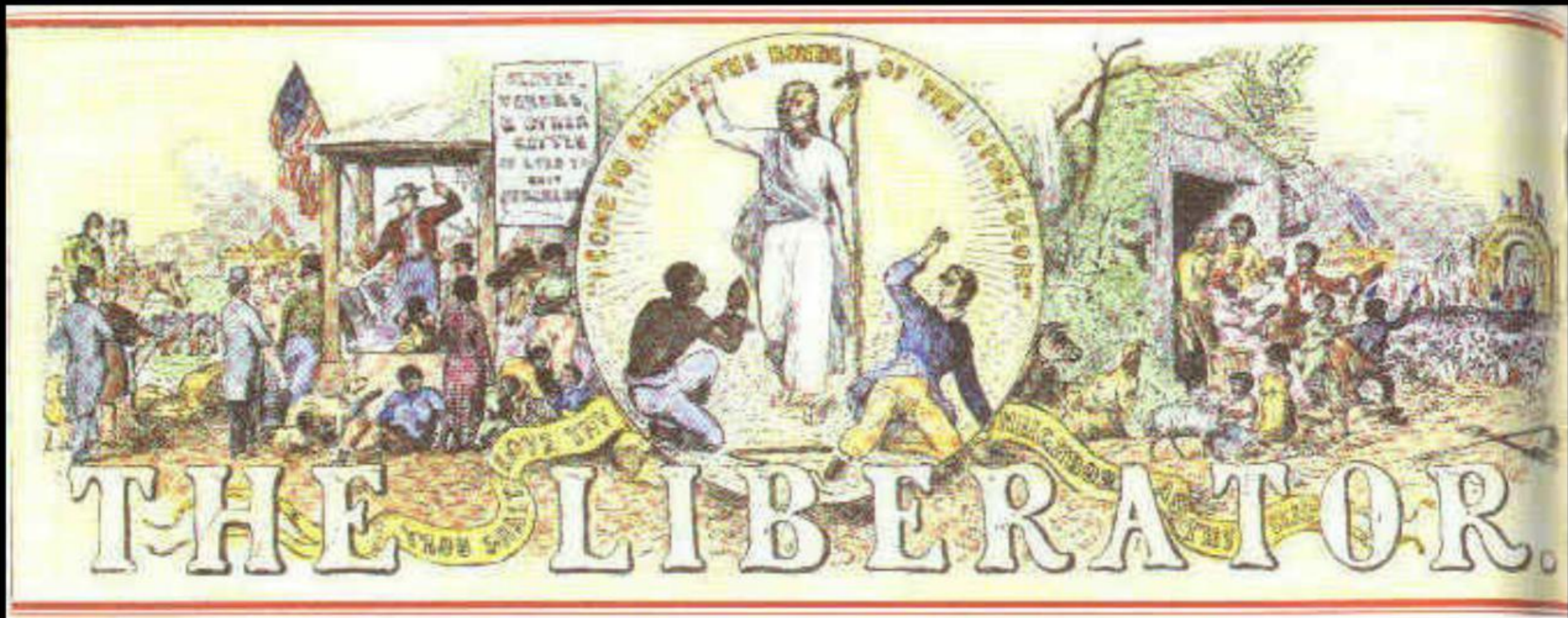
Raymond Palmer and Walter Dennis  
*The Comet*  
May-June 1940

<https://zinefestpt.wordpress.com/2015/08/10/zine-and-do-it/>

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Martin Luther  
Ninety-Five Theses  
1517



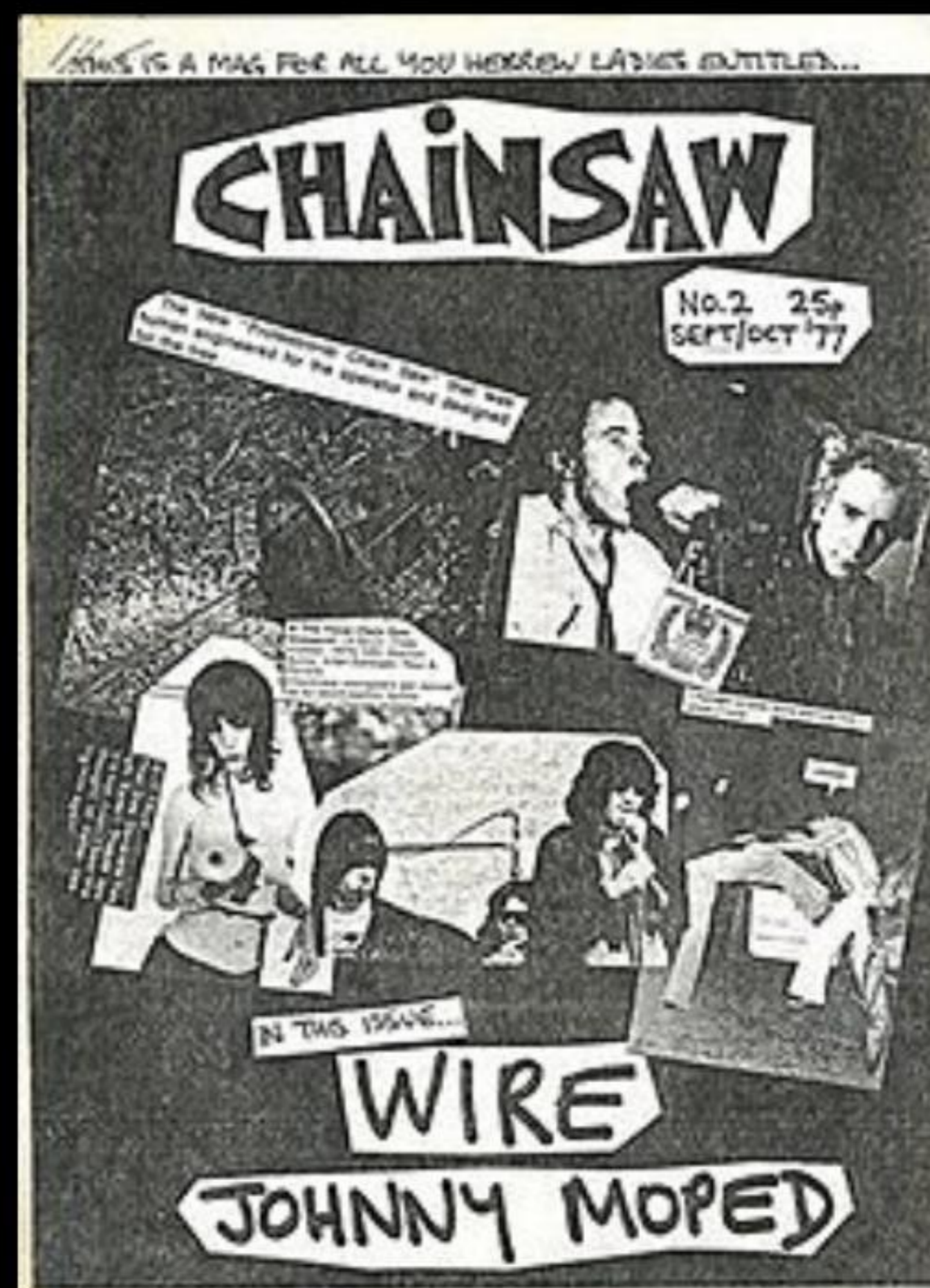
William Lloyd Garrison  
*The Liberator*  
1831-65

***“I do not wish to think, or speak, or write, with moderation....I am in earnest. I will not equivocate—I will not excuse—I will not retreat a single inch—AND I WILL BE HEARD.”***



Mark Perry  
*Sniffin' Glue*  
June 1977

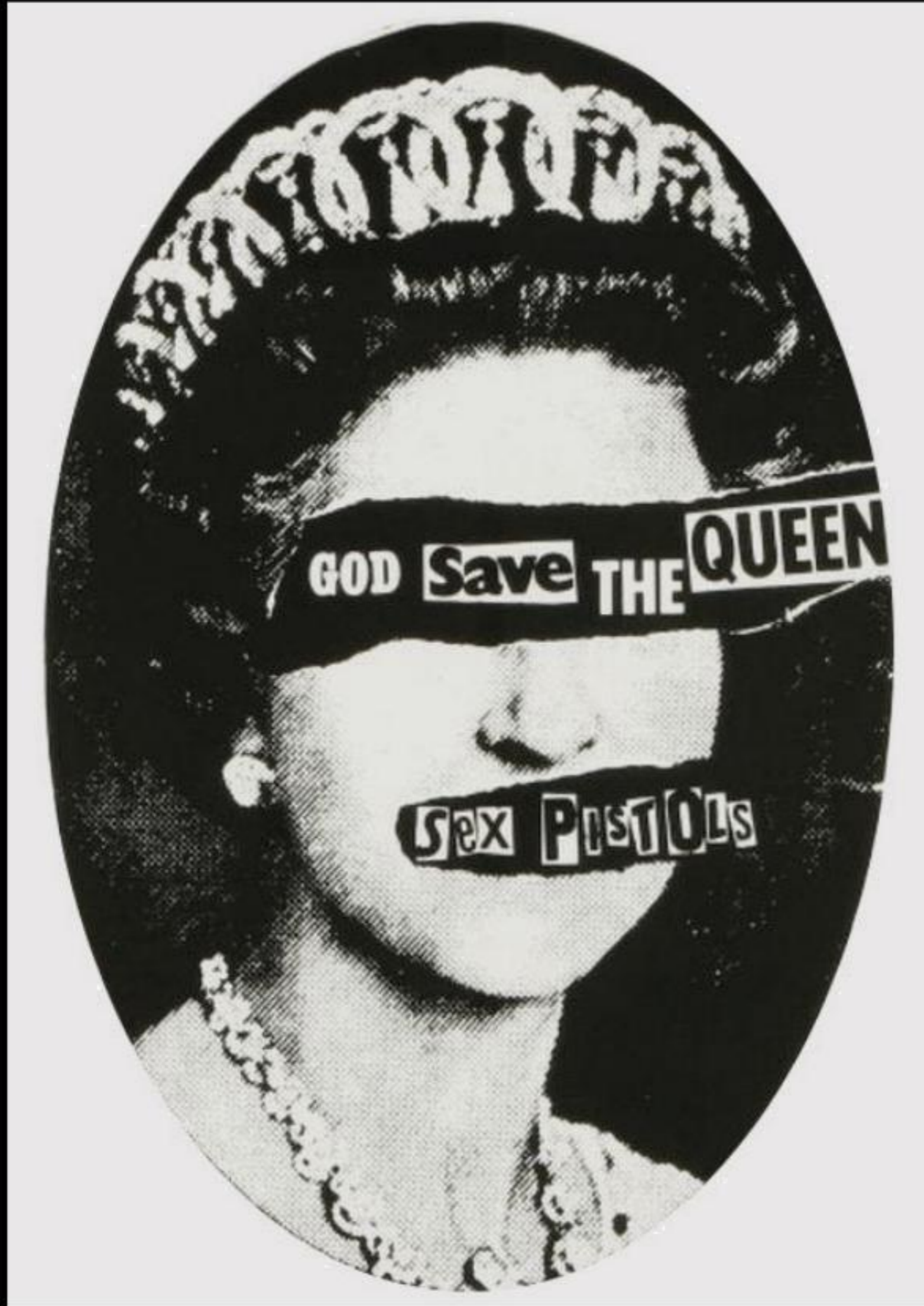
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Charlie Chainsaw  
*Chainsaw*  
September/October 1977

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chainsaw\\_\(punk\\_zine\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chainsaw_(punk_zine))

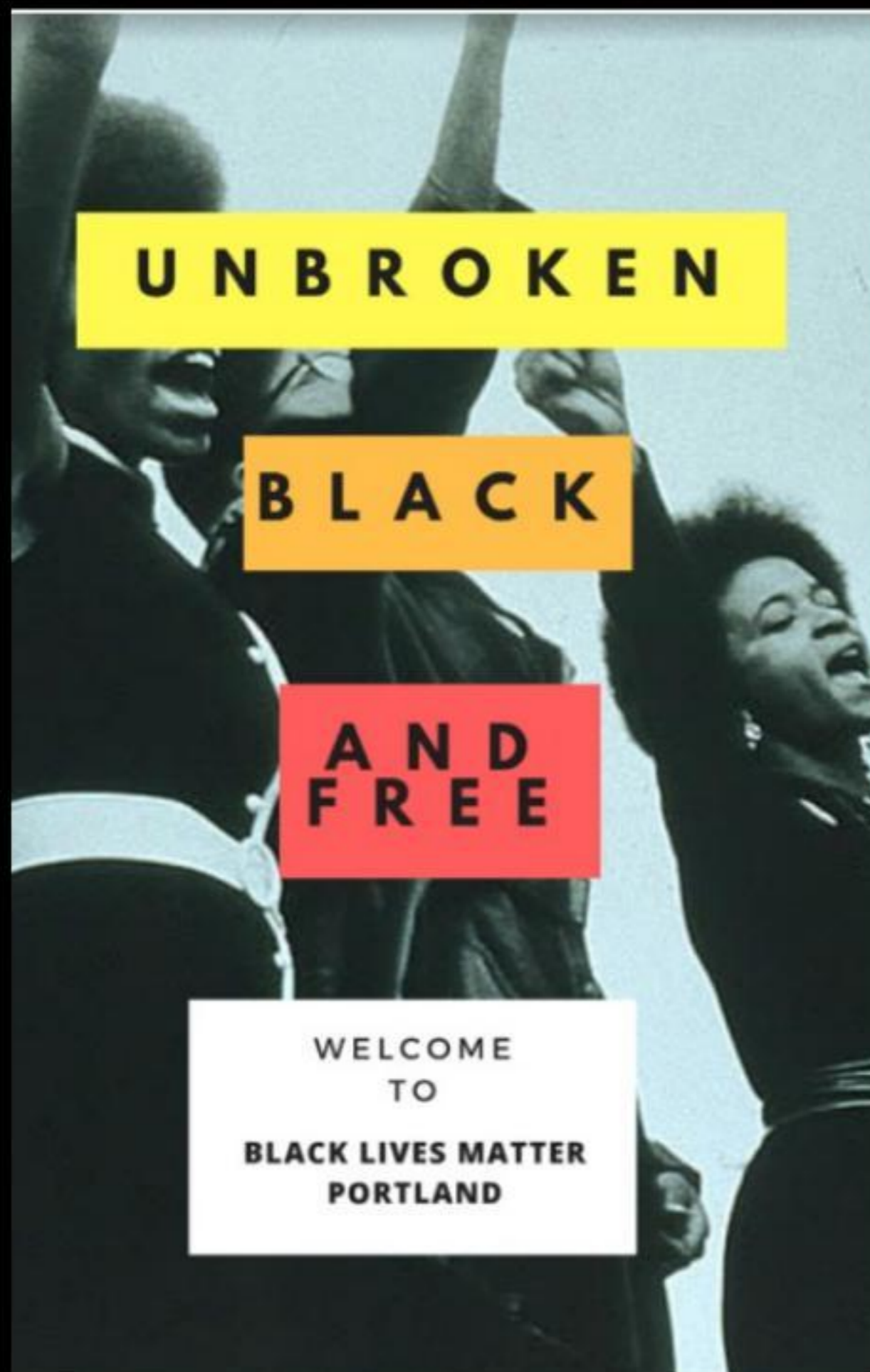




Jamie Ried  
*God Save the Queen*  
1977



Left to right: a) Kathleen Hanna, Billy Karren, Tobi Vail, Kathi Wilcox. Bikini Kill: Girl Power, no. 2. 1991. Photocopy; cover by Hanna; b) Kathleen Hanna, Billy Karren, Tobi Vail, Kathi Wilcox. Bikini Kill: A Color and Activity Book, no. 1. 1991. Photocopy; cover by Hanna; c) Molly Neuman, Allison Wolfe. Girl Germs, no. 5. c. 1993–94. Photocopy



Black Lives Matter (BLM), Portland  
*Unbroken Black and Free*  
2017



Alex Creep  
*Nancy: A Queer Zine 1*  
2011

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THE BOLLOCKS**

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AND COMMUNITY THROUGH MATERIALITY.