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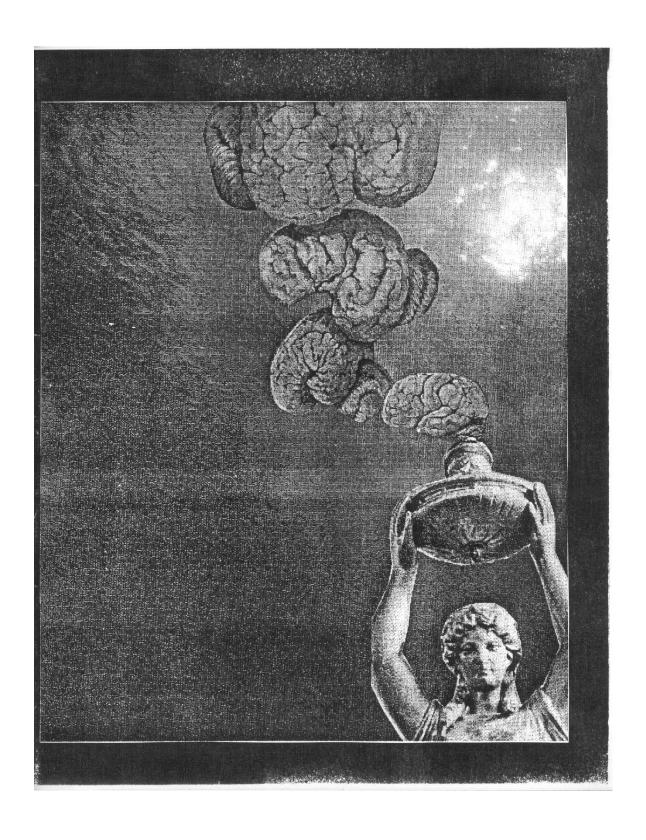
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# A STATEMENT REGARDING OVO MAY 1988

#### ORIGINS

- While the first issue of OVO was being assembled I saw the word in a magazine. It seemed to fit.
- 2. In some languages OVO means egg.
- 3. There are two other magazines named **OVO**. One is a Canadian journal of photography and the other is an international publication for beginners in Esperanto.
- 4. OVO is a continuation of a communication project that began in 1979.

#### PURPOSES

- 1. To explore the possibilities of anti-copyright information.
- 2. To provide a forum for my work.
- 3. To draw attention to other people's projects.

#### USES

- Reproduction, translation, adaption, and alteration of OVO is permitted and encouraged, with or without mentioning the source or contacting OVO.
- Colored pencils and crayons add quite a bit to photocopied graphics.
   Use OVO to experiment.
- 3. Audio and Video issues of OVO should be broadcast and mixed in with your projects.
- Computer programs and applications from OVO may be adapted freely to any use.

#### AVAILABILITY

- 1. There is no schedule for publication. New issues and creations are released when there is a proper amount of money, time, and material. There will be at least one issue each year this project continues.
- OVO is always free to prisoners of the state and of psychiatric hospitals.
- OVO is potentially avaliable in exchange for something you have made.
- 4. OVO is also potentially avaliable for cash or money orders made out to Trevor, large amounts of unused US postage stamps or IRCs.
- Write for details on the avaliability of non-print issues of OVO.
   This includes audio and video cassettes as well as computer programs and applications.

#### REVIEWING OVO

- 1. When OVO has been reviewed or advertised it has drawn many responses but most of those who wrote only wrote once. As a long-term project OVO prefers long-term participants over those with only a passing interest. Sending copies to the idle curious reduces the already limited number of copies left that can be sent to those who could make use of OVO.
- Reviews and advertisements for OVO have also brought in large numbers of fanzine collectors attempting to trade their product for OVO. Many more have asked for OVO than deserve it; OVO is not for nodding fans or collectors.
- For these reasons do not review OVO.
- 4. However, reproduction of OVO is encouraged and this can include our contact address. The ideal means of getting OVO to all those who would use it outside of samizdat circulation would be personal recommendations leading to direct contact between OVO and others.
- 5. If it is worthy, OVO may be documented. This differs from being reviewed. To document OVO requires a recognition of its place in history, having a past and a future as well as a present state of being. To review OVO removes its history and makes it less of an on going experimental project, more of an object to be consumed.
- 6. Publishers and authors who write for obscure or hard-to-reach audiences (such as prisoners) may review OVO, as it is less likely that the people they write for would hear about it from a word of mouth campaign. Likewise, OVO is interested in communication with those whose voice is usually unheard or whose projects and beliefs are outside of the norm.

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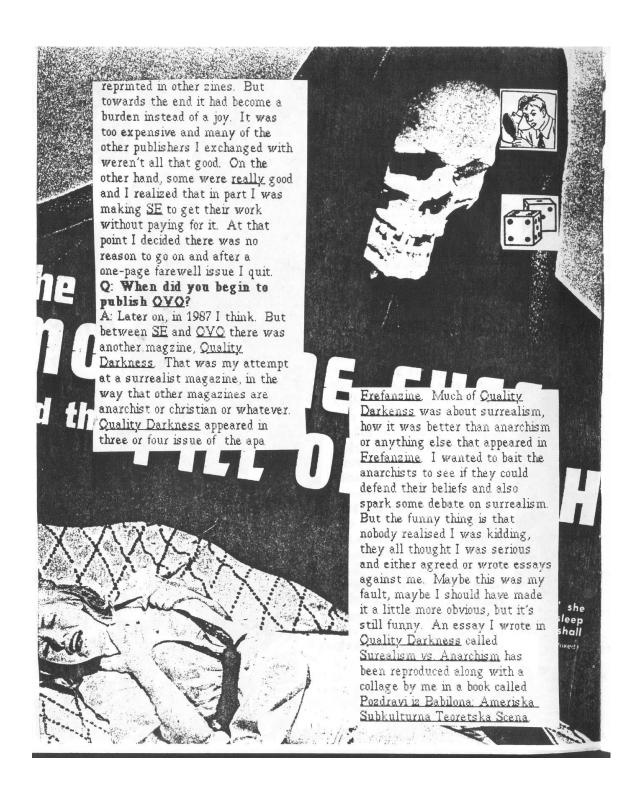




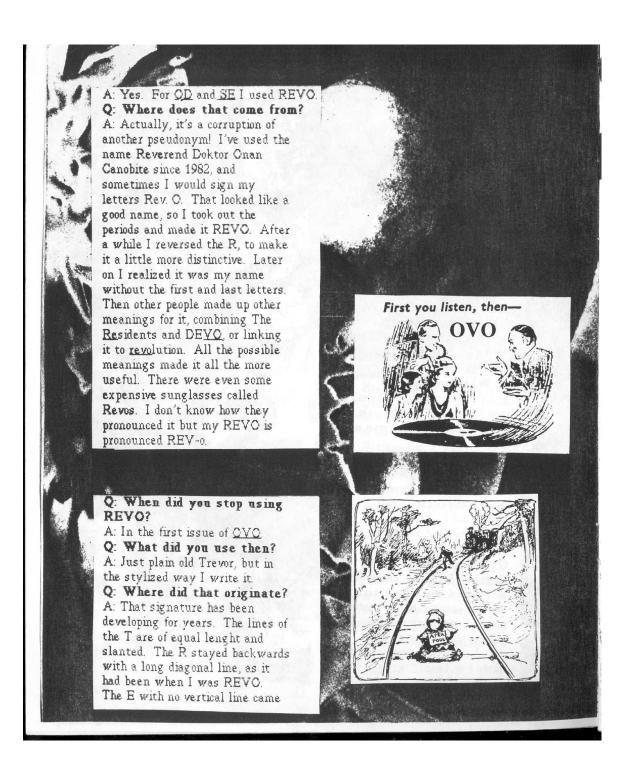
Kiss the picture and you will see the man and woman kiss each other.













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"I'll peel the potatoes," I offered. She

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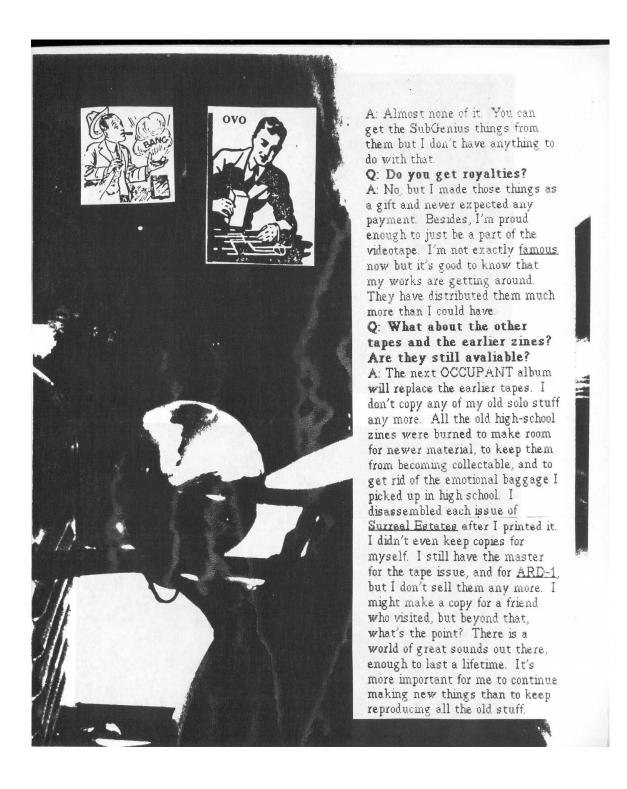
Q: So you're against random collages.

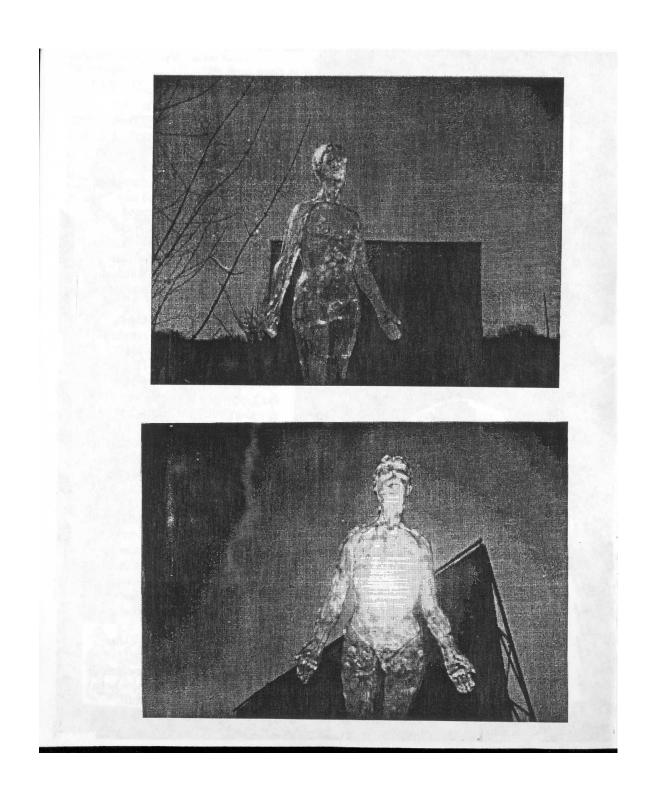
A: I think randomly assembled collages are boring. Most dada collages are just plain dull, no matter how revolutionary they may have been in the past. Even a little thought, or following an idea that develops as it's being made, makes them much more interesting. You can't make a found object.

Q: What tapes have you made?

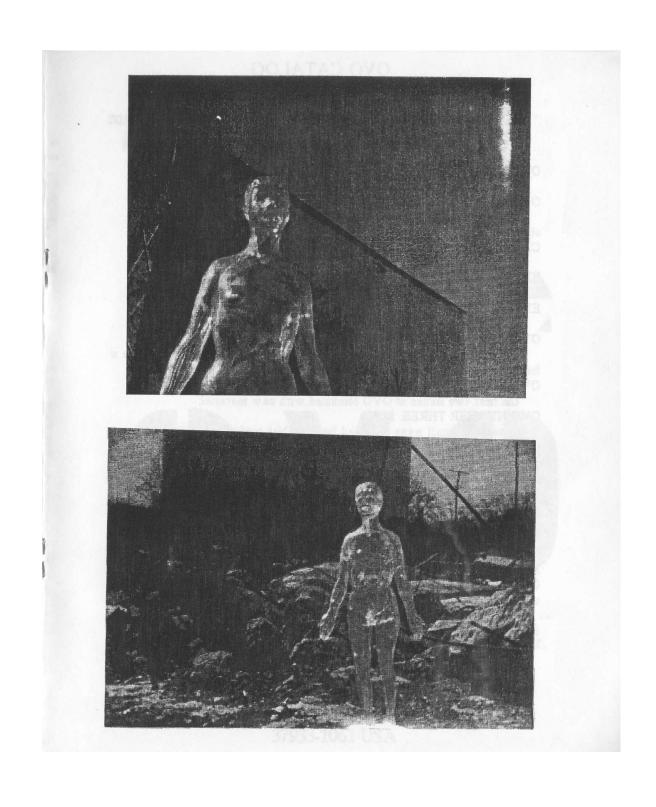
A: First there was ARD-1, then Surreal Estates #5. Then my band OCCUPANT put out a seven-song tape called Occupant Graveyard The next year we made The OCCUPANT Novelty Tape, which had twenty or so songs on it. Between the two came a secret tape, The Cover Tape After The Novelty Tape came another secret tape, OCCUPANT Sampler 1987 Despite all the mistakes and the poor recording and duplication I think all of those tapes have good ideas that still show through. even after all this time. The next release by OCCUPANT will be world class, unbelieveably good. I'm also on a couple tapes from The SubGenius Foundation under the name Dr. Onan's Wotan Band, including their videotape ARISE! which also has some animation by me in it. Q: How much of all this is still avaliable?







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### OVO CATALOG May 1988

All prices include postage. Outside the US add \$1.00, overseas add \$2.00.

Postal or International Money Orders to Trevor prefered.

OVO CASSETTE ENGINE: \$6.00

tape, booklet, posters, postcards, stickers. features color cover.

OVO CASSETTE ENGINE PRISONER EDITION: free/\$3,00

same as above minus stickers and tape. free to prisoners, \$3.00 to all others

CASSETTE ENGINE POSTER: \$1.00

the cover to OVO Cassette Engine in poster form.

EXTRA STICKERS: \$1.00

two sets of stickers from OVO Cassette Engine.

EXTRA POSTCARDS: \$1.00

sixteen more postcards like those in OVO Cassette Engine. OVO CASSETTE ENGINE SPECIAL EDITION: \$50.00/\$100.00

a direct-from-the-master dub of OVO Cassette Engine. The first price is for cassette form, the second for reel to reel.

OVO BOOK ONE: \$2.00

the first two issues of OVO combined with new material.

OVO NUMBER THREE: \$1.00

unusually small issue designed for anarchist conference in Knoxville November 1987.

OTHER OVO PROJECTS (both planned and ongoing. Write for details.)

OVO DISK: a collection of text and graphic files as well as programs and applications for the Commodore 64. Very different from all previous disk magazines.

OVO VIDEO: short subjects and video wallpaper in the VCR format. Abundant piracy as well.

OVO CONTACT SOURCE: recommended addresses and locations for unusual, useful information.

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two stencils. use different colors, lay one on the other.

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### THE BOOK OF EPSO

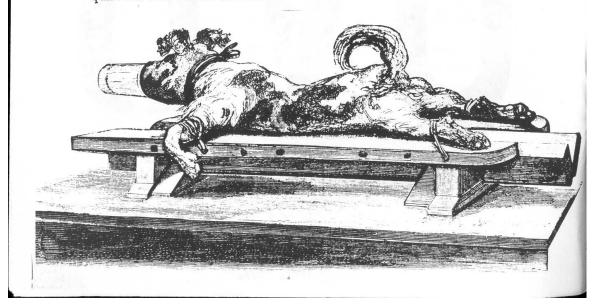
When I was twelve years old (1979) I and my friend Scott made up Epso. Epso had its own set of jokes, its own special hand signals, an original accent, and we tried to convert our friends to Epso (although we couldn't really explain it). It was sort of an artistic movement but we didn't know that.

One day I decided to make a book in the Epso style. I got a couple of sheets of typing paper and an old Sears catalog, scissors and glue and a pen. I cut out pictures from the catalog, glued them to the paper, and drew backgrounds and funny captions beneith them. One page had a vacuum cleaner on an alien planetscape labled "ROBOT." There were about four other pages, including a cover with THE BCCK OF EPSO writen on it. I stapled it together and it was done.

I took The Book Of Epso to school (8th grade, Cedar Bluff Middle School) the next day to show to Scott and the others. They all thought it was strange but they liked it. Somebody asked for a copy of it, and when I asked what they ment they said they wanted me to photocopy it for them. I told them I

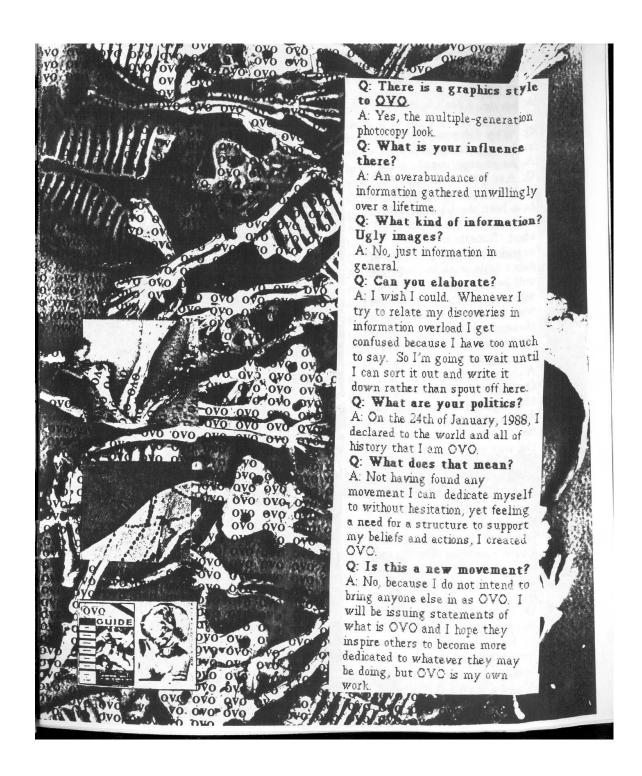
would, and then realized I could make copies for everybody.

But then my English teacher, Mr. Everidge, came into the room and told us all to sit down. He asked what we were looking at and took The Book Of Epso from me, making me go to my seat. I was proud of it, so I watched to see what he would have to say about it. He flipped through it, snorted a couple times, then wadded it up and stuck it deep into the trash can next to his desk. "You're sick, Trevor. Did you know that?" he said, then told us to be quiet and read for half an hour.





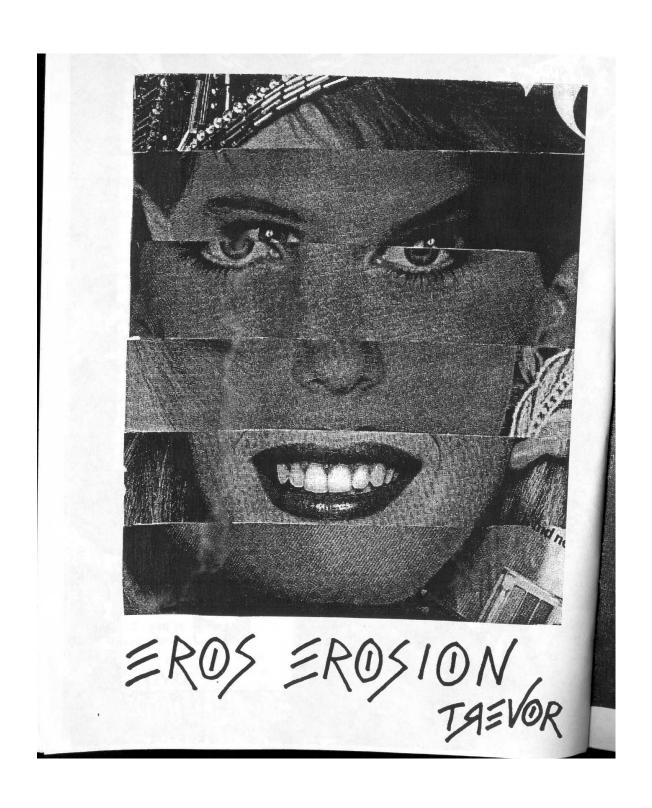




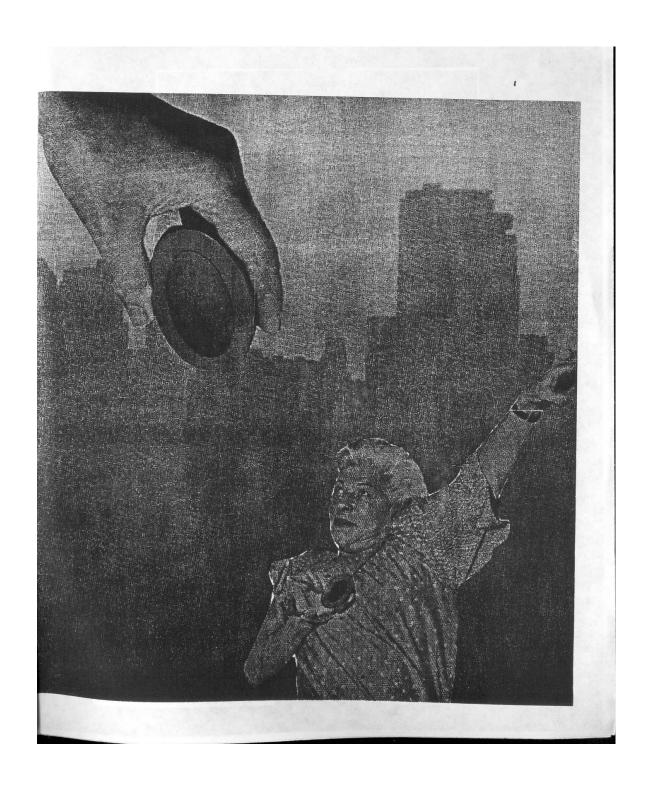




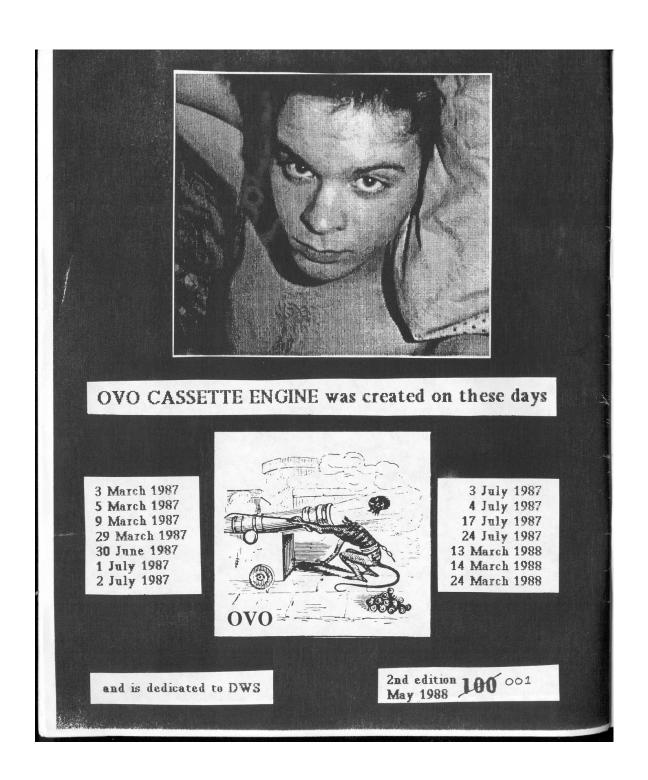
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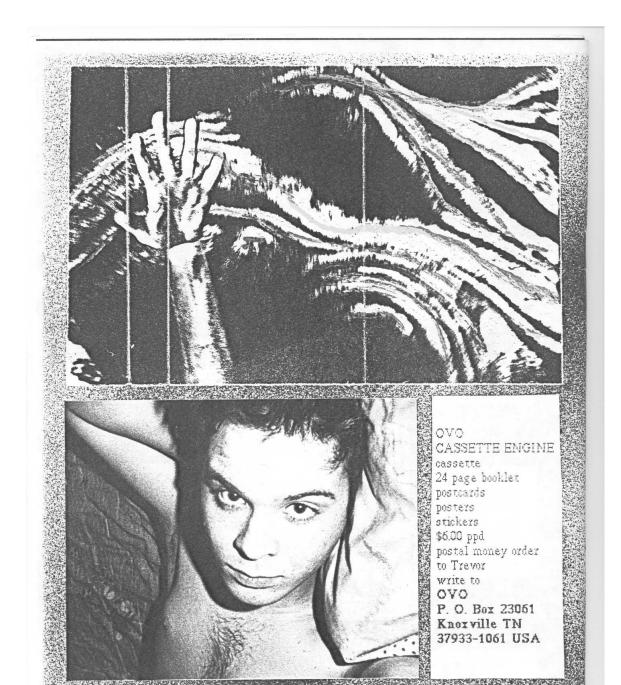
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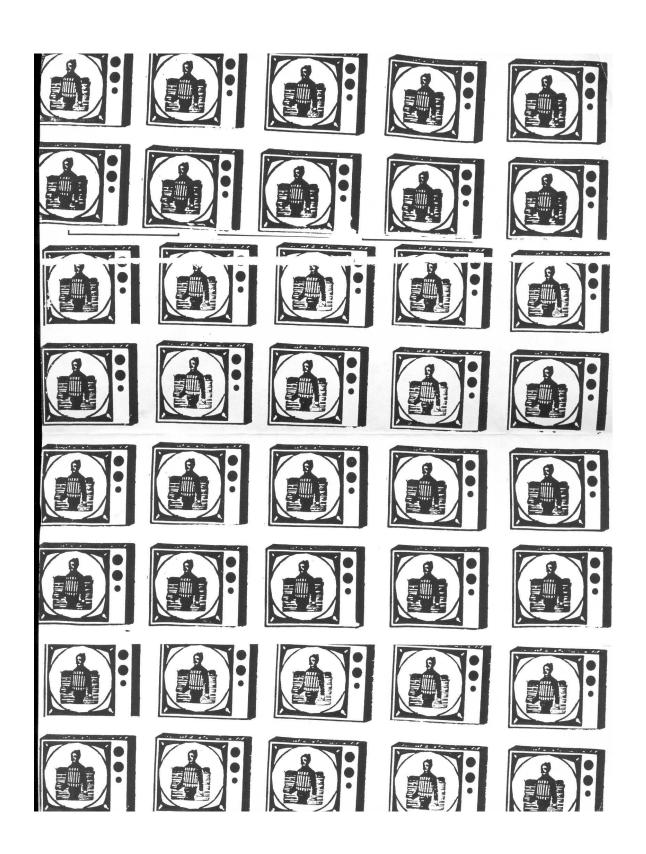
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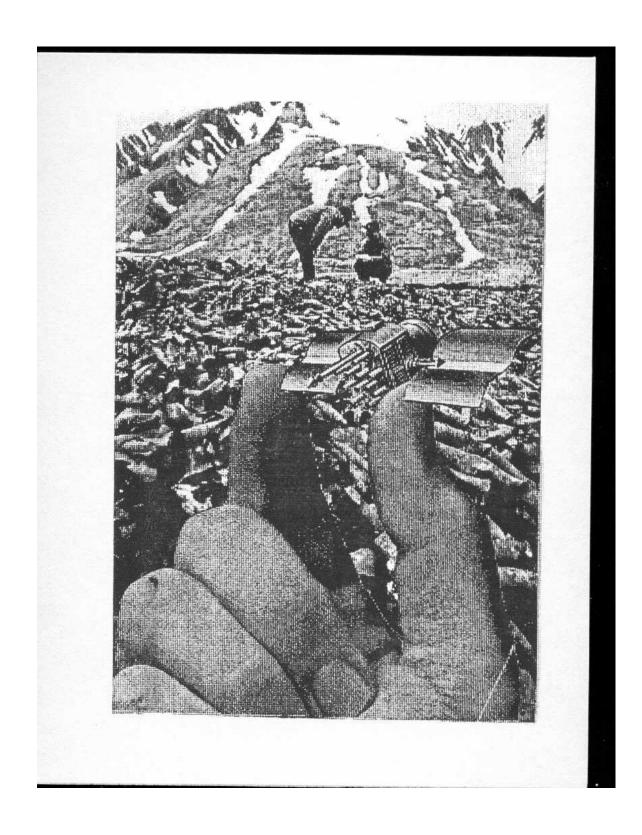
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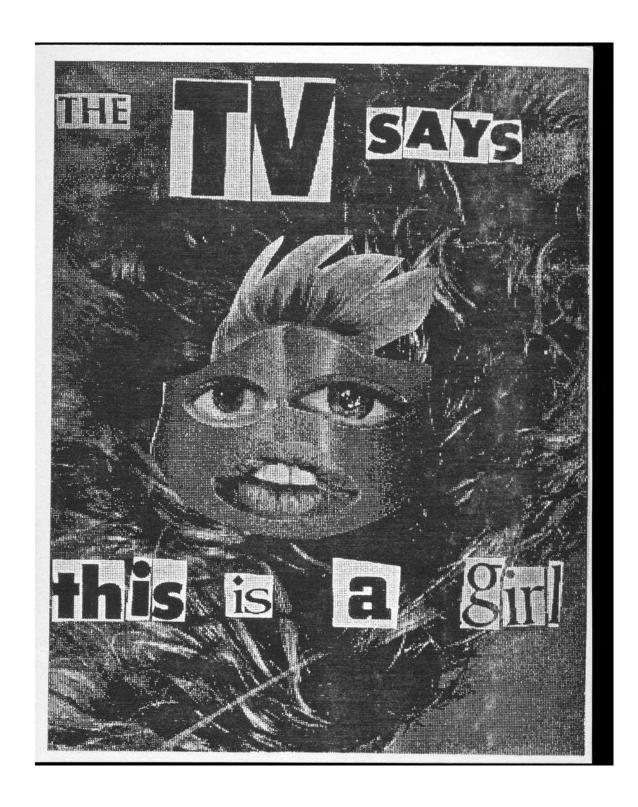
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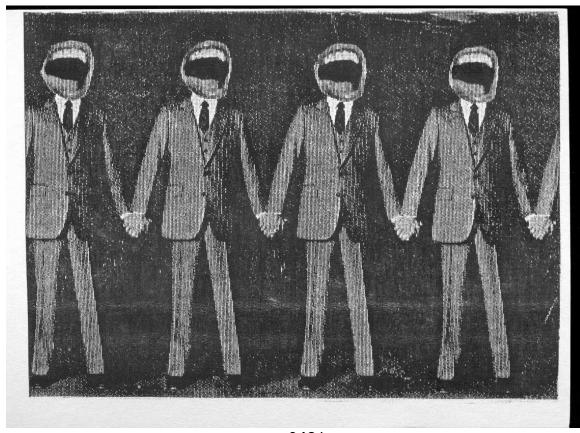
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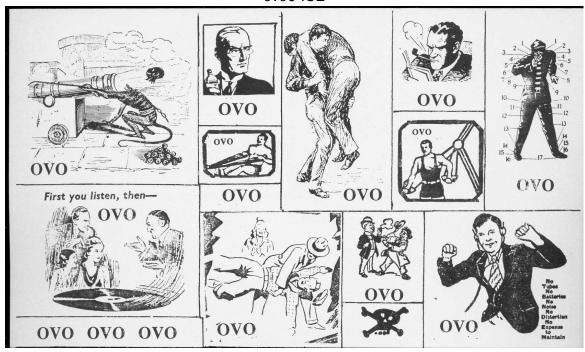
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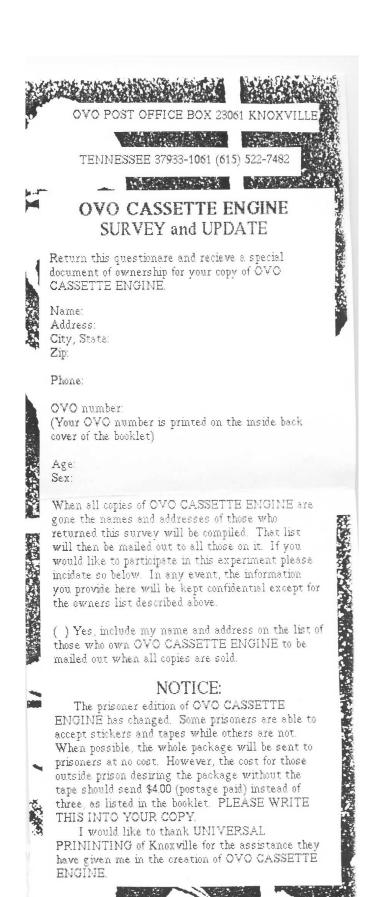
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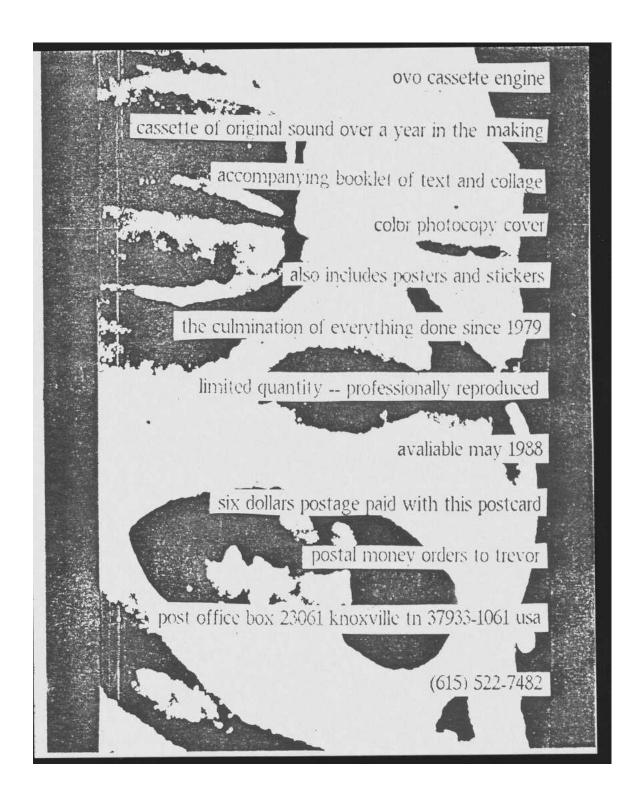


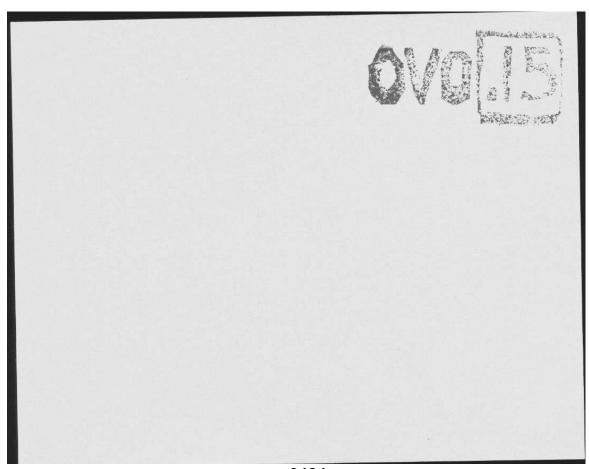
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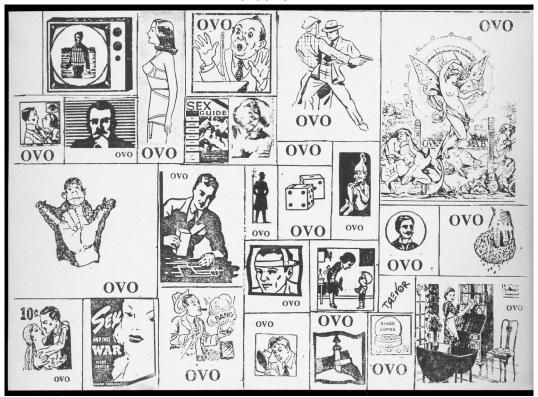
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## **Annotations**

OVO 4 was first published in 1988. The information on page two is accurate but it is unlikely that any of the addresses seen elsewhere in this issue are still valid.

ovo0401 and ovo0402 – Fountain of Brains. Color photocopy. Collage elements from *National Geographic*. Most of my early collages were made from *National Geographic*, flight magazines and *The Plain Truth*.

ovo0403 - Statement. OVO is mentioned as being available in a digital form.

ovo0404 through ovo0412 and ovo0418 through ovo0422 – Interview. Elements include surrealist photographs, advertisements, true crime magazines and toy rubber skeletons. The interview is a monologue in two voices. The surrealist zine *Quality Darkness* described here did exist but no copies remain. In keeping with the unearned self-importance of this issue, I disavow being a mail artist. I was a mail artist and now know enough to be proud of it, but at the time I thought if I didn't invent it myself it was just copying someone else. All very age appropriate behavior, fortunately now superseded.

ovo0413 through ovo0414 – Photographs. The skin of a plastic anatomical model used as a filter for sunlight in an abandoned drive-in theater.

ovo0415 - Catalogue. Announcement of a computer edition of OVO.

ovo0416 - Spray paint stencil.

ovo0417 – The Book of Epso. Describes my first collage, my first zine, and the type of experiences I was having in school that made me drop out of high school in 1984 and stay away from college for the next fifteen years.

ovo0423 - Eros Erosion. Collage.

ovo0424 - Untitled collage. Divine aid is given to those offering the right symbolic object.

ovo0425 - Back Page. Collage, photograph, paper and glue. I was around 21 years old in this photograph.

ovo0426 – Back cover. Collage. The upper rectangle was designed to be cut out and used as a j-card for the cassette that accompanied this issue. The collage is a section of the 'teenage collage' also seen in ovo0208.

ovo0427 - Poster.

ovo0428 - Drawing. Typical of my doodling style, then and now. Postcard.

ovo0429 – Satellite Finder. Postcard. Collage elements from *National Geographic*. Like The Mouth Men, this collage later appeared in the Knoxville newspaper *The Lame Monkey Manifesto*.

ovo0430 - The TV Says This is a Girl. Postcard.

ovo0431 - The Mouth Men. Postcard.

ovoO432 – Survey. Background image is Mr. Everedge. Out of all the copies of OVO Cassette Engine that were distributed, perhaps three people completed this survey. Even more disappointing, I never sent them whatever it was I thought I was going to send them.

ovo0433 – Postcard. Image taken from the first edition of *The Medium is the Massage* by Marshall McLuhan. This image appears again in ovo0525 and another image from this book, the audience of a 3-D movie, can be seen in ovo0104.

ovo0434 - Postcard. Hand carved rubber stamp seen also on the back of ovo0433.

ovo0435 - Poster.

ovo0436 and ovo 0437 - Stickers.