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The Shifters

Have a Cunning Plan

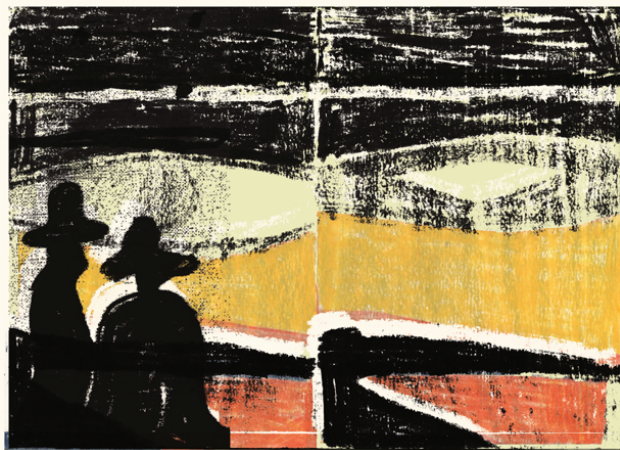
TRACKLIST

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| 1. Molasses | 6. Pyramid Scheme |
| 2. Work/Life, Gym, Etc | 7. Straight Lines |
| 3. John Doe's Colleague | 8. Boer Hymn |
| 4. Carlisle | 9. How Long? |
| 5. Medieval Kicks! | 10. Andrew Bolt |

RELEASE BIO

After two 7-inch singles and a demo cassette (recently pressed to wax), Melbourne quintet The Shifters finally unveil their first, proper full-length album "Have a Cunning Plan".

Recorded at (Australian legend) Al Montfort of Total Control/Terry's home studio, "Have A Cunning Plan" ups the fidelity a bit, tempering the up-front crunch of their previous demo/LP. The sonic space suits the band, allowing the unpretentious complexity of the songs & lyrics to generate the "oomph" rather than bludgeoning the listener with treble and feedback. The album showcases ten new tracks by the band at their best; scrappy, self-destructive, stumbling and brilliant pop music that seems tossed off or nonchalant on the surface but is rife with rewards upon further listening. Early album bangers like "Molasses" and the first single "Work/Life, Gym Etc" are instant earworms, (as are "Straight Lines" & "Pyramid Scheme", the latter reworked from a recent 7-inch) but it's the simple-yet-sophisticated songcraft of tunes like "How Long?" or the languid strum of "Andrew Bolt" that are heavy on mood and are vehicles for vocalist/guitarist Miles Jansen's erudite lyrics that simultaneously celebrate and decry the banality of life, while also tackling larger issues of colonialism conservatism's effects on society at large. On the surface, there's no denying the band owe a heavy debt to The Fall, but whatever seeds were planted by the late, great Mark E. Smith, have gestated into an animal all their own. "Have A Cunning Plan" aims to take them towards a greater plane.



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RELEASE INFO

Catalogue Number: TIM138

Format: LP, LP-C1

Release Date: September 21st, 2018

UPC-LP: 630125983089

UPC-LP-C1: 630125983096

Territory Restrictions: None

Genre: Indie / DIY / Punk / Post-Punk

RIYL: Protomartyr, The Fall, Monochrome Set, Wire, UV Race

Vinyl is not returnable

Box Lot LP: 20

POINTS OF INTEREST

- Limited "orange" color vinyl available direct to shops
- PLEASE NOTE: Vinyl does NOT include a download code.
- Recorded by Al Montfort (Total Control, Terry, Dick Diver)
- Mastered by Mikey Young (Total Control, Eddy Current)

LABEL CONTACT

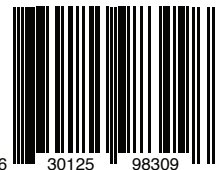
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