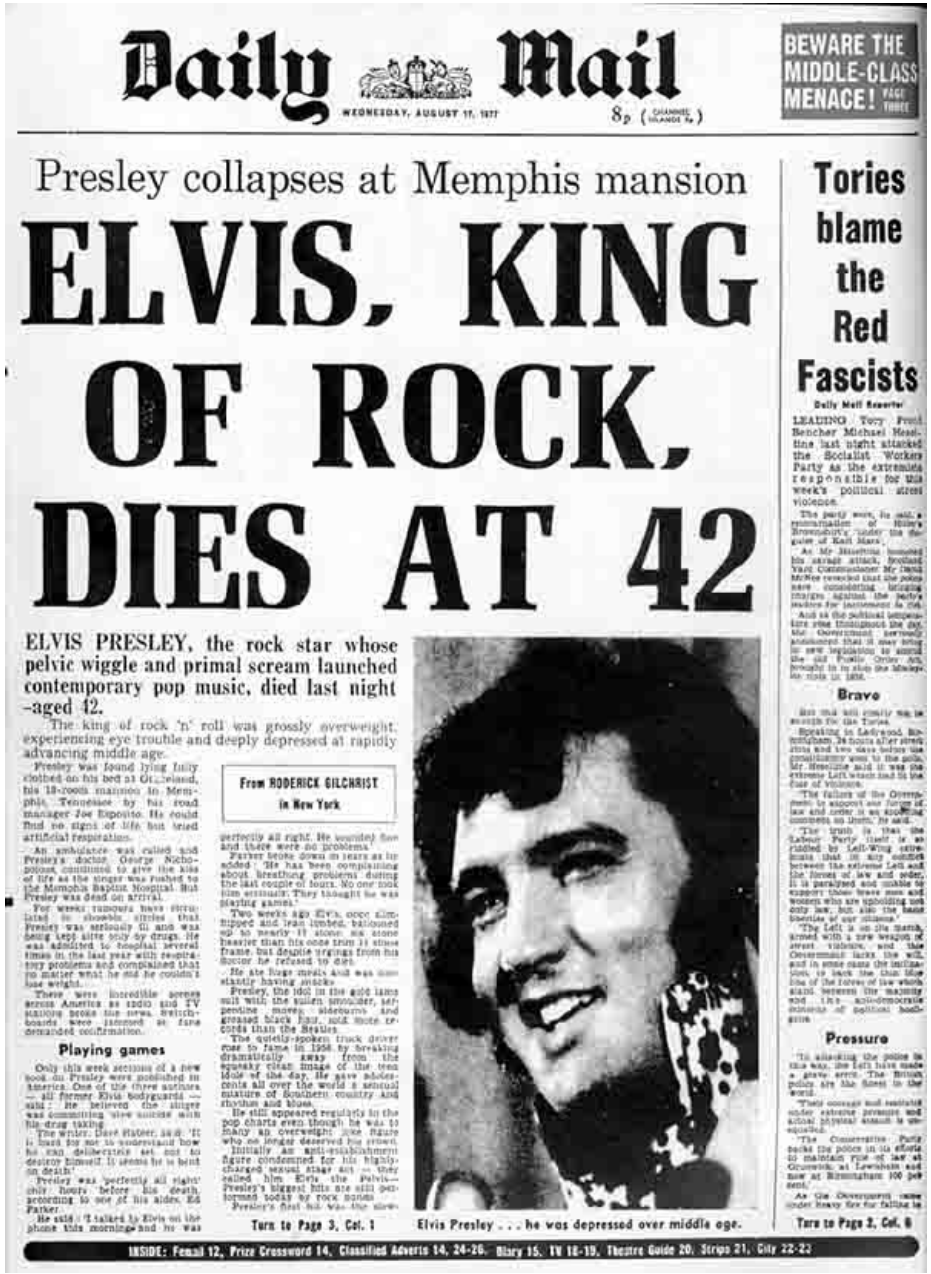

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Presley collapses at Memphis mansion

ELVIS, KING OF ROCK, DIES AT 42

ELVIS PRESLEY, the rock star whose pelvic wiggle and primal scream launched contemporary pop music, died last night –aged 42.

The king of rock 'n' roll was grossly overweight, experiencing eye trouble and deeply depressed at rapidly advancing middle age.

Presley was found lying fully clothed on his bed at Graceland, his 18-room mansion in Memphis, Tennessee by his road manager Joe Esposito. He could find no signs of life but tried artificial respiration.

An ambulance was called and Presley's doctor, George Nichopoulos, continued to give the kiss of life as the singer was rushed to the Memphis Baptist Hospital. But Presley was dead on arrival.

For weeks rumours have circulated in showbiz circles that Presley was seriously ill and was being kept alive only by drugs. He was admitted to hospital several times in the last year with respiratory problems and complained that no matter what he did he couldn't lose weight.

There were incredible scenes across America as radio and TV stations broke the news. Switchboards were jammed as fans demanded confirmation.

Playing games

Only this week sections of a new book on Presley were published in America. One of the three authors — all former Elvis bodyguards — said: He believed the singer was committing slow suicide with his drug taking.

The writer, Dave Hebler, said: 'It is hard for me to understand how he can deliberately set out to destroy himself. It seems he is bent on death.'

Presley was 'perfectly all right' only hours before his death, according to one of his aides, Ed Parker.

He said: 'I talked to Elvis on the phone this morning and he was perfectly all right. He sounded fine and there were no problems.'

Parker broke down in tears as he added: 'He has been complaining about breathing problems during the last couple of hours. No one took him seriously. They thought he was playing games.'

Two weeks ago Elvis, once slimmed and trim-limbed, ballooned up to nearly 17 stone, six stone heavier than his once trim 11 stone frame, but despite urgings from his doctor he refused to diet.

He ate huge meals and was constantly having snacks.

Presley, the idol in the gold lame suit with the sullen snivelder, self-pending moves, sideburns and greased black hair, sold more records than the Beatles.

The quietly-spoken truck driver rose to fame in 1956 by breaking dramatically away from the squeaky clean image of the teen idols of the day. He gave adolescents all over the world a sensual mixture of Southern country and rhythm and blues.

He still appeared regularly in the pop charts even though he was to many an overweight, sick figure who no longer deserved his crown.

Initially an anti-establishment figure condemned for his highly-charged sexual stage act — they called him Elvis the Pelvis — Presley's biggest hits are still performed today by rock bands.

Presley's first hit was the slow-

From RODERICK GILCHRIST in New York

Elvis Presley . . . he was depressed over middle age.

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Tories blame the Red Fascists

Daily Mail Reporter

LEADING Tory Fred Bencher Michael Heseltine last night attacked the Socialist Workers Party as the extremists responsible for this week's political street violence.

The party were, he said, a reincarnation of Hitler's Brownshirts, under the disguise of Karl Marx.

As Mr Heseltine launched his savage attack, Scotland Yard Commissioner Mr David McNee revealed that the police have considering bringing charges against the party's leaders for incitement to riot.

And as the political temperature rose throughout the day, the Government narrowly abandoned that it may bring in new legislation to amend the old Public Order Act, brought in to stop the Mosleyite riots in 1936.

Brave

But this will surely not be enough for the Tories.

Speaking in Ladywood, Birmingham, 24 hours after street riots and two days before the Government goes to the polls, Mr Heseltine said it was the extreme Left which had to be free of violence.

'The failure of the Government to support our forces of law and order is an appalling comment on them,' he said.

'The truth is that the Labour Party itself is so riddled by Left-Wing extremists that in any conflict between the extreme Left and the forces of law and order, it is paralysed and unable to support those brave men and women who are upholding not only law, but also the basic liberties of our citizens.'

'The Left is on the march, armed with a new weapon of street violence, and this Government lacks the will, and in some cases the inclination, to back the thin blue line of the forces of law which stand between the majority and the anti-democratic elements of political hooliganism.'

Pressure

'In attacking the police in this way, the Left have made a grave error. The British police are the finest in the world.

'Their courage and restraint under extreme pressure and actual physical assault is unequalled.

'The Conservative Party backs the police in its efforts to maintain rule of law at Grunwick, at Lewisham and now at Birmingham 100 per cent.'

As the Government came under heavy fire for failing to

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9º.REUNIÃO DO ELVIS TRIUNFAL

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No dia **27 de agosto de 2011** realizamos nossa **9ª. Reunião do Fã Clube Elvis Triunfal** com um saldo bem positivo, novamente com a ajuda dos membros do fã clube batemos o recorde de arrecadação para o **Lar da Mamãe Clory**, somando a bilheteria + a renda da padaria chegamos a marca de **R$ 3.064,00.** Além dos **131 membros** que estavam presentes no local temos que agradecer alguns fãs em especial como: **CLÁUDIA AMICI** (montou diversos itens para o sorteio da Mamãe Clory e ornamentou uma linda cesta para que fosse rifada. A rifa da cesta foi convertida para o pagamento das despesas do fã clube, principalmente na hospedagem do Elvis Triunfal. Cláudia montou mais material que será usado no nosso próximo evento em breve. Graças a ela **todos** que compraram os bilhetes do sorteio da Mamãe Clory ganharam algum brinde! Nosso muito obrigado por tamanha dedicação!). **MARIA ELIZABETE PEREZ RODRIGUES** (Mesmo não comparecendo a Reunião doou ao Lar da Mamãe Clory **R$ 105,00** em entradas, adquiriu números de nossa rifa e fez uma doação ao fã clube em dinheiro para ajudar na manutenção de nossas atividades, nosso muito obrigado por sua ajuda).