



# BEAR FAMILY RECORDS

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**ARTIST  
TITEL**

**Various  
Atomic Platters**  
Cold War Music From The Golden Age  
Of Homeland Security

**LABEL**

Bear Family Records

**CATALOG #**

BCD 16065

**PRICE-CODE**

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**ISBN-CODE**

978-3-89916-141-0

**FORMAT**

5-CD/1-DVD Box-Set (LP-size)  
with 292-page hardcover book

**GENRE**

Historical

**TRACKS**

142 (DVD: 9 clips)

**PLAYING TIME**

371:43



**Certain parallels between those days and the present obsession with Homeland Security can be pretty scary.**

*"Deja vu all over again!"* (New York Yankees catcher Yogi Berra)

- Over 100 vintage Cold War songs and more than two dozen frighteningly naïve civil defense announcements.
- Featuring well-known stars like Connie Francis, Bill Haley, The Louvin Brothers, Marty Robbins and Wanda Jackson – plus obscurities like The Goldwaters, Janet Green (the Right Wing's answer to Joan Baez!) or Dr. Strangelove & The Fallouts!
- Includes a DVD of bizarre civil defense and anti-Communist short films, and a 292-page coffee-table book with lyrics, liner notes and numerous arresting images from the Cold War era.

## INFORMATION

**67 years ago, on August 6, 1945**, the world changed forever over the skies of Hiroshima. Incredibly, this epochal event led to all manner of 'atomic' exploitation (Atomic Cocktails anyone?) and pop cultural strangeness (music, film, merchandise, etc.) as Americans tried to absorb the enormity of the horror its government had unleashed upon Japan.

'Atomic Platters' is the result of a years-in-the-making musical 'Manhattan Project' that collects over 100 vintage Cold War songs and more than two dozen frighteningly naïve civil defense Public Service Announcements (many of these PSAs are voiced by celebrities such as Groucho Marx, Bob Hope, Pat Boone and Johnny Cash, to name just a few!) from the paranoid period that brought us fallout shelters, survival biscuits and uranium fever.

The artists who sing about the Bomb and the Red Scare on this set run the gamut from well-known stars like Bill Haley and His Comets, The Louvin Brothers, Marty Robbins and Wanda Jackson to fascinating obscurities like The Goldwaters, Janet Greene (the Right Wing's answer to Joan Baez!) and Dr. Strangelove and the Fallouts. In addition to music and PSAs, 'Atomic Platters' includes two unintentionally hilarious full-length spoken word civil defense 'scare' LPs: 'If The Bomb Falls' and 'The Complacent Americans.'



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But why stop with mere sound? The Cold War was a multimedia horror show and 'Atomic Platters' tops off its mushroom cloud of entertainment with a DVD of nine bizarre civil defense and anti-Communist short films from the '50s and '60s.

Summing all this strange material up is a 292 page hardcover book featuring numerous arresting images from the Cold War era with intriguing text by Bill Geerhart of CONELRAD, an organization devoted to the preservation and examination of atomic popular culture.

This collection is for anyone mystified by the current excesses of U.S. Homeland Security who wants to hear and see where the madness all began! You CAN beat the A-Bomb (again)!

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## TRACKLISTING

**CD 1 Intro:** CONELRAD Radio Alert 'Real Thing' (WBEN AM, Buffalo, NY) • **Slim Gaillard Quartette:** Atomic Cocktail • **Fay Simmons:** You Hit Me Baby Like An Atomic Bomb • **The Cavaliers:** Get That Communist, Joe • **The Buchanan Brothers:** Atomic Power • **Groucho Marx (Civil Defense Spot):** Excellent Chances • **Amos Milburn:** Atomic Baby • **Doris Day:** Tic, Tic, Tic • **The Five Stars:** Atom Bomb Baby • **Carson Robison:** I'm No Communist • **Civil Defense Spot:** How Much Time Do We Have (Keep Working) • **The Talbot Brothers of Bermuda:** Atomic Nightmare • **Skip Stanley:** Satellite Baby • **Wanda Jackson:** Fujiyama Mama • **Bill Haley And His Comets:** Thirteen Women (And Only One Man In Town) • **Bob Hope (Civil Defense Spot):** Pattern Of Survival • **Hank Williams:** No, No Joe • **Hawkshaw Hawkins:** When They Found The Atomic Power • **Arthur 'Big Boy' Crudup:** I'm Gonna Dig Myself A Hole • **Josephine Premice:** Leave De Atom Alone • **Dennis James (Announcer):** Leo Hoegh (Civil Defense Director): \$212 Fallout Shelter (Civil Defense Spot) • **Billy Chambers:** Fallout Shelter • **Sheldon Allman:** Radioactive Mama • **Teresa Brewer:** Satellite • **Walker Edmiston as Barky:** I Dreamt I Saw Khrushchev (In A Pink Cadillac) • **Art Linkletter (Civil Defense Spot):** Don't Use The Phone! • **Al Rex:** Hydrogen Bomb • **Jackie Doll & his Pickled Peppers:** When They Drop The Atomic Bomb • **Sir Lancelot:** Atomic Energy • **Homer Harris (with Muddy Waters):** Atomic Bomb Blues • **Eddie Hill:** I Changed My Mind • **Lowell Blanchard & the Valley Trio:** Jesus Hits Like An Atom Bomb • **Floyd Tillman:** This Cold War With You • **Civil Defense Spot:** Take The Step (Grandma's Pantry)

**CD 2 Civil Defense Spot:** CONELRAD 'Test Announcement' • **Dick 'Two Ton' Baker:** Bert The Turtle (The Duck And Cover Song) • **Sheldon Allman:** Crawl Out Through The Fallout • **Karl & Harty:** When The Atom Bomb Fell • **Jim Eanes:** They Locked God Outside The Iron Curtain • **Sammy Salvo:** A Mushroom Cloud • **Tony Bennett (Civil Defense Spot):** Nuclear Attack • **H-Bomb Ferguson:** Rock H-Bomb Rock • **Roosevelt Sykes:** Sputnik Baby • **Sonny Russell:** Fifty Megatons • **Linda Hayes with The Red Callender Sextette:** Atomic Baby • **Civil Defense Spot:** Alert Today, Alive Tomorrow • **Ray Anderson:** Stalin Kicked The Bucket • **Warren Smith:** Uranium Rock • **The Louvin Brothers:** Great Atomic Power • **Fred MacMurray (Civil Defense Spot):** Family Fallout Shelter Booklet • **Tommy James:** The Commies Are Coming • **Tom Lehrer:** We'll All Go Together When We Go • **The Cuff Links:** Guided Missiles • **Ray Anderson & the Homefolks:** Sputniks And Mutniks • **Civil Defense Spot:** CONELRAD, Sounds Pretty Complicated • **The Goldwaters:** Down In Havana • **Marty Robbins:** Ain't I Right • **The Commodores:** Uranium • **Civil Defense Spot:** Take The Step (4 Wheels To Survival) • **Jack Holden & Frances Kay:** The Fiery Bear • **The Crown City Four:** Watch World War Three (On Pay TV) • **Al Rogers & his Rocky Mountain Boys:** The Hydrogen Bomb • **Elton Britt:** The Red We Want Is The Red We Got • **Pat Boone (Civil Defense Spot):** Warning Signals • **Mike Fern (aka Mike Fernandez):** A Bomb Bop • **Carl Mann:** Satellite No. 2 • **Mike & Bernie Winters:** Fallout Shelter • **Hank King With Bud Williams And His Smiling Buddies:** Your Atom Bomb Heart • **Civil Defense Spot:** In Time Of Emergency (Not Contagious)

**CD 3 Civil Defense Spot:** How Much Time Do We Have (Disaster On A Big Scale) • **Dr. Strangelove And The Strangeloves (The Laurie Johnson Orchestra):** Love That Bomb (Theme From Dr. Strangelove) • **Glenn Barber:** Atom Bomb • **Elton Britt:** Uranium Fever • **Spencer And Spencer:** Russian Bandstand • **Boris Karloff (Civil Defense Spot):** Protect Your Home • **Swan's Silvertone Singers:** Jesus Is God's Atomic Bomb • **The Pilgrim Travelers:** Jesus Hits Like An Atom Bomb • **Sam Hinton:** Old Man Atom • **The Sons Of The Pioneers:** Old Man Atom • **Roy Acuff:** Advice To Joe • **Civil Defense Spot:** In Time Of Emergency (Take Notice Of Fallout Shelter Signs) • **Dore Alpert:** Fallout Shelter • **Fred Kirby:** When That Hell Bomb Falls • **Hal Block With The Tony Borrello Orchestra:** The Senator McCarthy Blues • **Ann-Margret:** Thirteen Men • **Mitzi Gaynor (Civil Defense Spot):** 640-1240 • **The Buchanan Brothers:** There's A Power Greater Than Atomic • **Louisiana Red:** Red's Dream • **Little Caesar And The Red Callendar Sextette:** Atomic Love • **Arthur 'Guitar Boogie' Smith And His Crackerjacks:** Mr. Stalin You're Eating Too High Off The Hog • **Civil Defense Spot:** Psychiatrist (Shelter Signs) • **The Spirit Of Memphis Quartet:** Atomic Telephone • **The Goons (Peter Sellers and Spike Milligan):** A Russian Love Song • **Red McCoy With The Sons Of The**



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**Soil:** Rock And Roll Atom • **Red River Dave (Dave McEnergy):** Ballad Of Francis Powers (There's A Star Spangled Banner Waving Somewhere) • **Howard Duff** (Civil Defense Spot): Remember, 640-1240 • **Mike Russo:** Agnes (The Teenage Russian Spy) • **Bo Diddley:** Mr. Khrushchev • **Toni Fisher & The Wayne Shanklin Orchestra:** West Of The Wall • **Chris Cerf:** (My) Fallout Filly (With The Atomic Kiss) • **Jay Chevalier:** Khrushchev Meets The Devil • **Dexter Logan And Darrell Edwards:** The Song Of The Atom Bomb • **Sammy Cahn & Paul Weston:** Civil Defense March (Heads Up America) • **Civil Defense Spot:** In Time Of Emergency (Brilliant Nuclear Flash)

**CD 4** **Civil Defense Spot:** How Much Time Do We Have (Fortress Main Street) • **Billy Hughes and his Rhythm Buckeroos:** Atomic Sermon • **Buddy Hawk And His Buddies:** Death Of Joe Stalin (Good Riddance) • **Golden Gate Quartet:** Atom And Evil • **Tommy Duncan:** Relax And Take It Easy • **Connie Francis** (Civil Defense Spot): Be Prepared Today, For Survival Tomorrow • **Rudy Gaddis:** Uranium Fever • **Dude Martin's Round-Up Gang:** Atom Bomb Baby • **Janet Greene:** I'm Just A Poor Left-Winger • **Jimmie Driftwood:** The Bear Flew Over The Ocean • **Civil Defense Spot:** In Time Of Emergency (Basic Supplies) • **Dexter Gordon:** Bikini • **Red River Dave (Dave McEnergy):** Trial Of Francis Powers • **Don Meehan:** An Open Letter To Khrushchev • **The Jewels:** B. Bomb Baby • **Bradley Kincaid:** Brush The Dust From That Old Bible • **Joni James** (Civil Defense Spot): Every Living Thing • **Al Barkle With The Tri-Tones:** Sputnik II • **The Buchanan Brothers:** When You See Those Flying Saucers • **Loy Clingman:** Uranium Blues • **The Louvin Brothers:** Weapon Of Prayer • **Don Pardo** (Announcer): Message From Mars (Civil Defense Spot – CONELRAD Jingle) • **George McKelvey:** My Radiation Baby (My Teenage Fallout Queen) • **Unidentified:** H-Bomb • **The Charades:** Hammers And Sickles • **Jerry Engler And The Four Ekkos:** Sputnik (Satellite Girl) • **Johnny Cash** (Civil Defense Spot): Help Ourselves • **Harold Weakley:** To Russia With Care • **Bobby Marchan And The Clowns:** Rockin' Behind The Iron Curtain • **Prescott Reed:** Russia, Russia (Lay That Missile Down) • **Carl Perkins:** Tennessee • **Ferlin 'Terry Preston' Husky:** Let's Keep The Communists Out • **Don Windle:** The Iron Curtain Has Parted • **Bing Crosby & Ken Carpenter:** Stars For Defense Outro

**CD 5** If The Bomb Falls (Part 1 • Part 2) • The Complacent Americans (Part 1 • Part 2)

**DVD** **TARGET YOU!** What Is Communism? • Duck And Cover • Our Cities Must Fight • Warning Red • Bombproof • Target You • Information Program Within Public Shelters • Occupying A Public Shelter • Town Of The Times