Atomic Age Madness!

The cold war hysteria of the 1950s spawned numerous U.S. Government DOD documentaries and Civil Defense shorts. Here is all you needed to know in the 1950s about mushroom cloud safety, fall-out shelters and duck-and-covering. For authorized personel only!

Vol. 1: The Atom and You

A is for Atom -- understanding the giant. 15m., color, animated.

Up and Atom -- bizarre cartoon about good and bad atoms. 8m.

Stay Safe, Stay Strong: The Facts About Nuclear Weapons 23m.

Medical Aspects of Radiation 20m., color

The Atom and Biological Science 11m.

About Fallout 24m.

What You Should Know About Biological Warfare. 7m.

A New Look at the H-Bomb -- 10m.

Let's Face It -- the Russian threat, civil defense, testing. 13m.

Vol. 2: Protect Yourself

Atomic Alert 12m.

Duck and Cover -- Classic protection film. 9m.

You Can Beat the A-Bomb -- RKO short that makes survival look easy. 20m.

Our Cities Must Fight 9m.

Target You -- protect yourself. 9m.

Radiological Defense -- Fallout and shelter, a two-week supply is needed! 28m.

Fallout: When and How to Protect Yourself. 14m.

Occupying a Public Shelter -- color, 23m. (Shelter living looks easy for 20 people.)

Vol. 3: Atomic Testing

Operation Crossroads -- Bikini Test 30m.

Atomic Weapons Tests: Trinty through Buster-Jangle -- Atomic testing 22m.

News Magazine of the Screen: The Atomic Energy -- Nevada tests. 23m.

Operation: Tumbler Snapper -- Nevada testing, color. 47m.

Operation: Greenhouse -- 1951 Atomic Energy Commission test. 22m.

Special Delivery -- testing 12m.

Vol. 4: When the Bomb Hits!

Tale of Two Cities -- Hiroshima & Nagasaki 12m

The Atom Strikes -- Report on the devastation in Japan. 31min.

Warning Red -- A city is A-bombed! 14m.

Flash of Darkness -- MEDIC episode with Richard Boone -- After an A-bomb is dropped on a city, emergency aid is set up. 25m.

A Day Called X -- Dramatization about Portland being A-bombed. With Glenn Ford. 27m.

Vol. 5: This is Not a Test

(1962) 110 min. feature film. Late one night on a rural road in the western US, a policeman sets up a roadblock and begins stopping all traffic. When several cars and a big truck have stopped, he tells everyone why: a nuclear attack on the US appears to be underway, and since they have the truck there, their best chance at survival is to use it as a bomb shelter. Time is short and tensions in the small group quickly rise.

plus: The Challenge of Ideas

(1961) 30 m. Various celebrities and news-media figures discuss the polarization of politics between the Western Allies of the United States and the Soviet bloc, pointing out the need for vigilance and action to protect democracy in the U.S. and abroad. With Edward R. Murrow, David Brinkley, John Wayne, Helen Hayes, Jack Webb.

Management of Mass Casualties (1959) 23m.