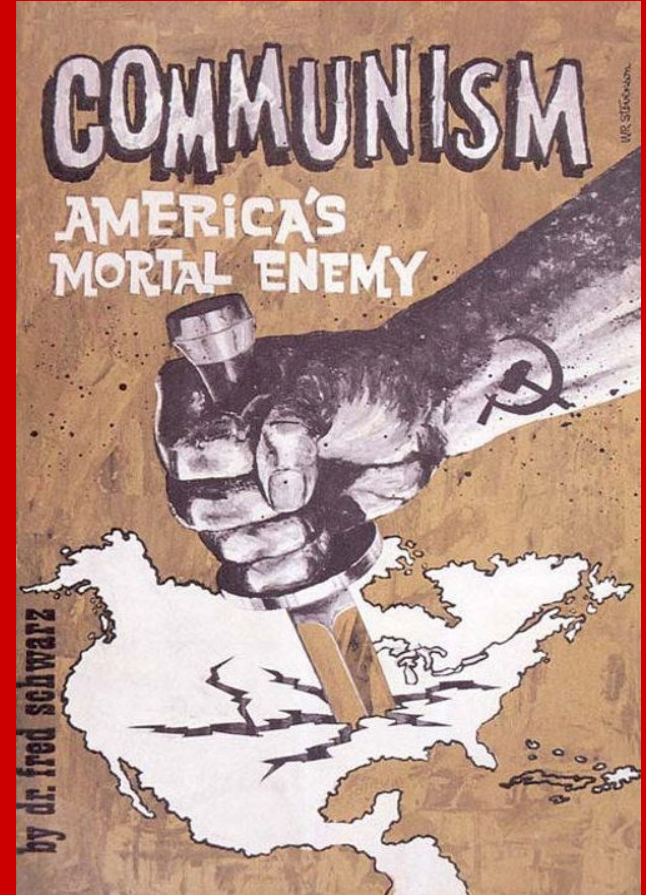


THE RED SCARE: Nuclear Threat



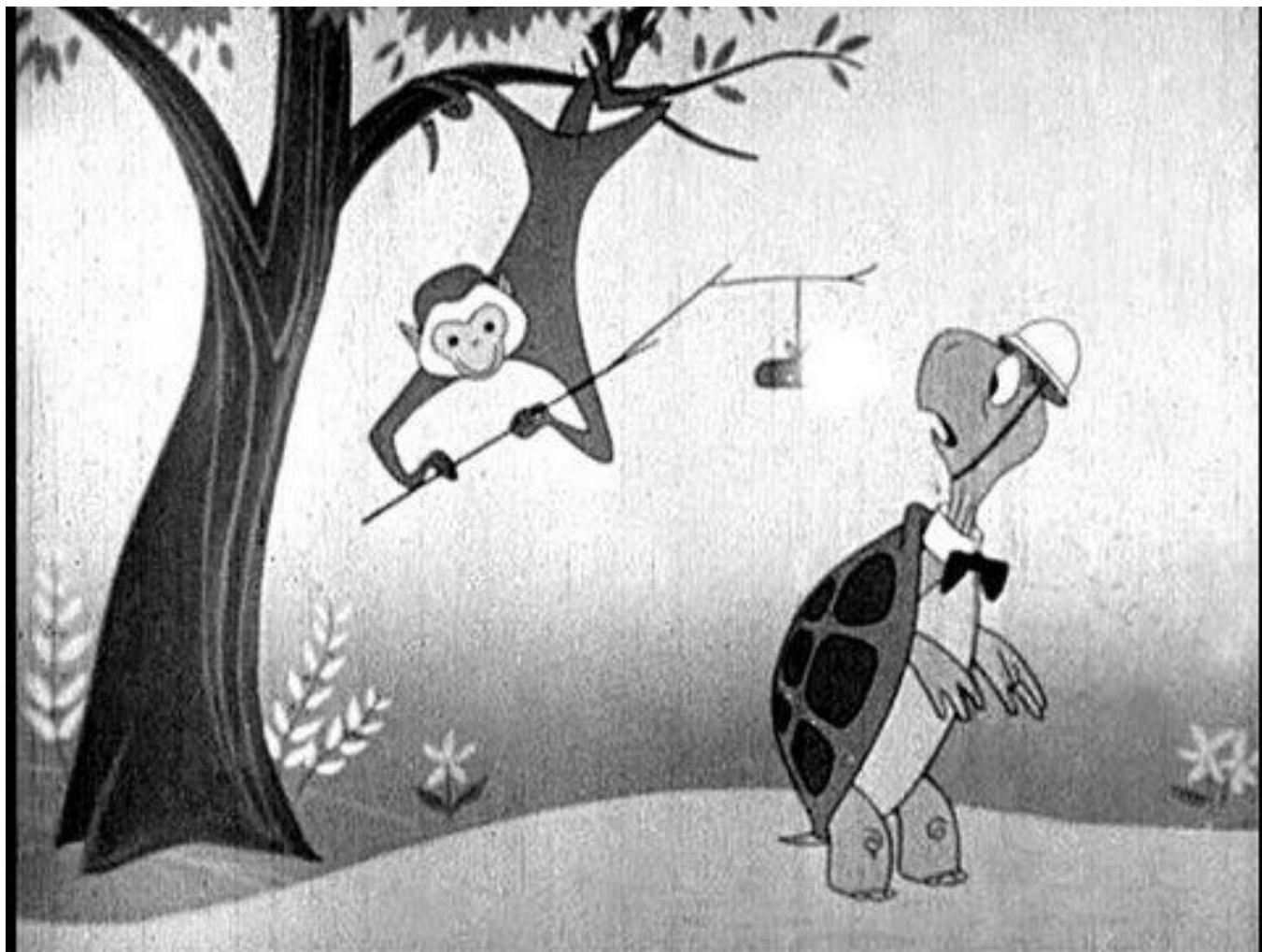
THE RED SCARE

- As cold war tensions grew throughout Europe and East Asia, the United States fell under the grip of a Red Scare!
- Many Americans feared the communists were infiltrating the country with the purpose of destroying the American way of life
- Not only were Americans afraid that communists were in America they were in constant fear of a possible nuclear war
 - **The United States Civil Defense System**
 - Originated during World War I
 - Defense against possible attacks on American factories and military installations
 - Enforced blackouts and watched the skies for enemy aircraft
 - After the Soviet Union successfully tested its own atomic bomb
 - Focus turned to the inevitable nuclear attack



- During the 1950s and 1960s, American schools held regular drills to train students what to do in the event of a nuclear attack
 - Taught to “duck and cover”
- The government urged American citizens to build bomb shelters in their basements
 - Civil Defense office distributed plans for building backyard shelters
 - Office workers were trained to find the nearest fallout shelter

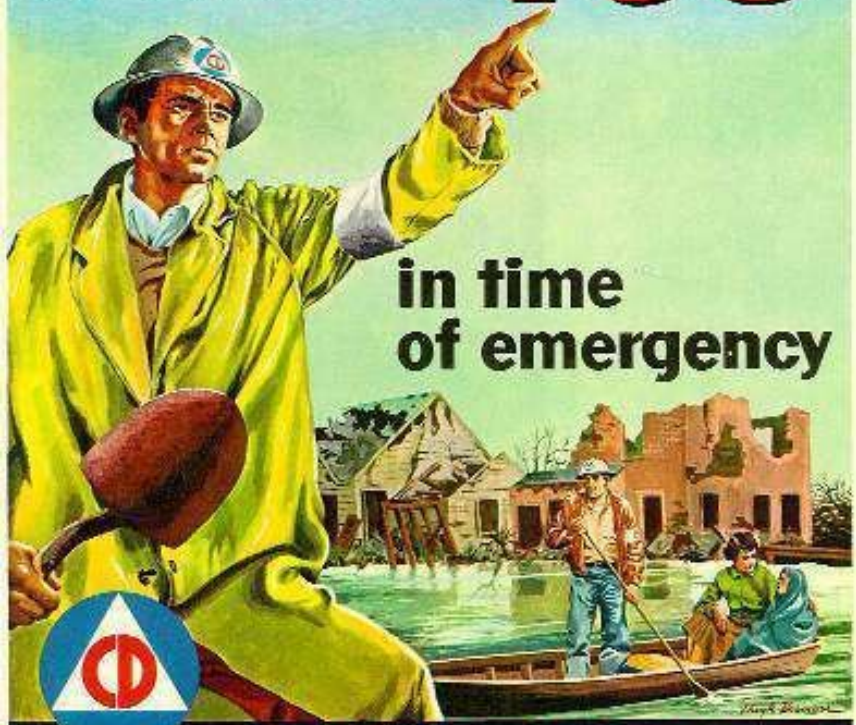




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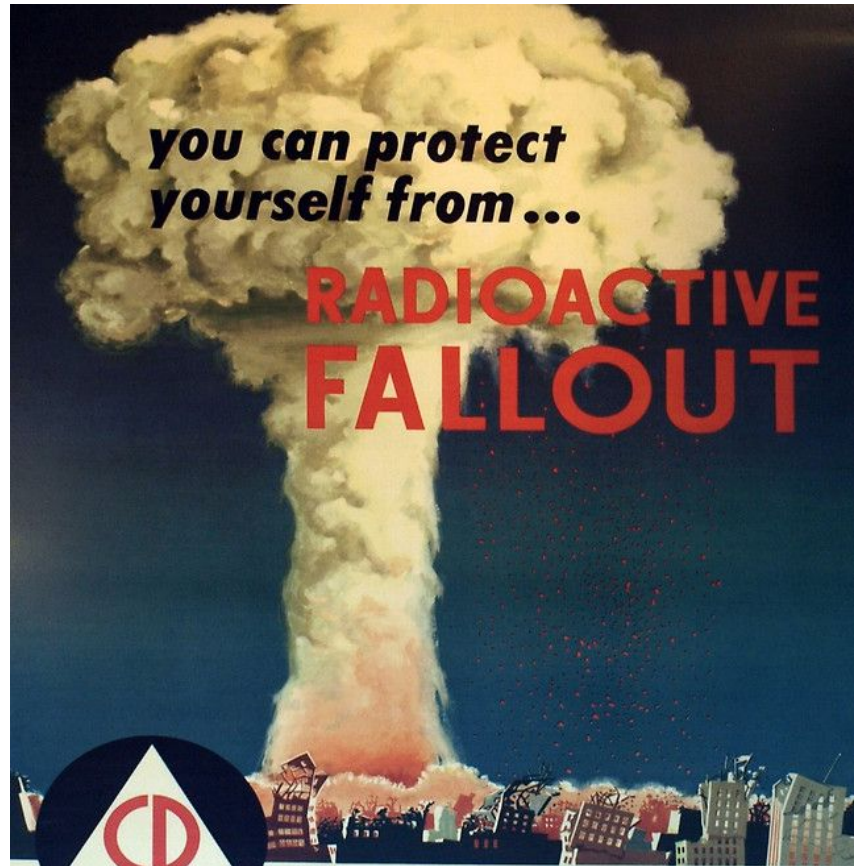
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- Perceived threat of eventual nuclear war became more widespread
- People built fallout shelters
 - Stockpiled supplies
 - Civil Defense provided plans on how to build
 - Instructions for what supplies to stock
- Shelters turned out not to be necessary - No nuclear war
 - Shelters likely would not have provided adequate protection
 - No time to get to them
 - Concrete would not have withstood a nuclear blast
 - Insulation would not have withstood the heat of the fireball
- Fallout shelters served an important psychological purpose
 - Allowed Americans to believe surviving a nuclear war possible
 - Convinced the average citizen that government policies of “mutually assured destruction” and “brinkmanship” were necessary



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