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Detente - Recognize No Authority (9,5/10) - USA - 1986/1990

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Tracklist:

1. Losers
2. Russian Roulette
3. It's Your Fate
4. Holy War
5. Catalepsy
6. Shattered Illusions
7. Life Is Pain
8. Blood I Bleed
9. Widows Walk
10. Vultures In The Sky

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The only album by Thrashers DÉTENTE, „Recognize No Authority“, never received the attention it deserved. This band was formed in 1984 in L.A. and released its debut on Roadrunner Records two years later. What was special about DÉTENTE was the fact that there was a woman behind the mic in Dawn Crosby. There weren't a lot women in Thrash Metal, and I can't think of too many of them except for Sabina Classen (whom Dawn Crosby was friends with) and maybe Lynda (Tam) Simpson of England's SACRILEGE.

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Anyway, let's go on to the music. DÉTENTE offered Thrash with class, there's no other way to describe it. The songs batter you like a sea storm, yet they offer a good deal of really cool breaks and tempo changes. This can best be heard on the neat instrumental "Catalepsy". The straight, fast guitar assaults often remind me of early WHIPLASH, even though they are somewhat less accessible. That's why the music stays more interesting, though. And the guitar department knew how to create lots of mighty riff mountains, that's for sure! Add to this the furious, impeaching voice of Dawn and you have another underground classic that still deserves your attention, especially as the CD version has been reissued and re-mastered for the third time by Cognitive Records, among others.

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Disagreements would soon cause the band to split up, the follow-up combo CATALEPSY of bassist Steve Hochheiser and guitarist Ross Robinson failed. DÉTENTE didn't stay alive for too long either with new members (Ex-ABATTOIR guitarist Mike Carlino, among others). Afterwards, Dawn Crosby formed FEAR OD GOD, which she released two albums with, though she is not among the living anymore. Rest in peace, dear Dawn!

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