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## Nazi-sploitation Revisited Double DVD Review

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Today we are looking at a pair of movies that were made about 40 years apart in two countries (neither of which was Germany). One is a straight up sex comedy and the other is an over the top gory science fiction movie. What is the common thread? Well, Nazis of course. Once they go to bad guy in exploitation, Nazis really have sort of faded from memory and up until last week when we reviewed a movie dealing with reanimating Hitler, I had discounted the whole Nazisploitation Genre as quite dated and pretty much as dead as Hitler himself.



### Frauleins In Uniform

The first of these movies is 1973's *Frauleins in Uniform*, which is also known as *She Devils of the SS*. This

Swiss movie barely squeaks in as Nazi-sploitation to me because unlike films like *Ilsa and Salon Kitty*, this movie really doesn't paint the Nazis as the bad guys. Standard staples of the genre included torture, nudity, rape and gore typically but this Swiss made film is just a glut of nudity as German's finest blonds (which prove to mostly be from a bottle) romp around the countryside during the war, eager to serve the cause by servicing their brave soldiers. That's the crux of the movie, which makes the title sort of ironic as their uniforms don't really get utilized much at all. In fact, midway through they write a letter to the Fuhrer begging to be sent to the front-line to better serve. By the end Russians capture several of the girls and the German forces free them which triggers a Benny Hill like segment of naked women and soldiers running around the countryside. If there is a 70s Nazi themed movie that exists more solely for gratuitous nudity, I would be amazed. The thing is, the nudity loses any impact very early on and really isn't sexy or exciting by the end of the movie. It sort of reminds me of the old *Seinfeld* episode where his girlfriend was a bit of an exhibitionist. Naked in the shower is sexy, naked repairing a bicycle is not sexy...

In case you haven't guessed, this low budget time capsule of the early 70's is courtesy of Cheezy Flicks, my go to releasing company for 70s cinema. They excel at digging up oddball releases like *Frauleins in Uniform* and they are always quite inexpensive. The transfer is rough but seriously, would you want to watch it any other way?

*Frauleins in Uniform* is available on DVD now, courtesy of MVD Releasing and Cheezy Flicks.



### **Nazis At The Center Of The Earth**

Our second movie is the latest from The Asylum, *Nazis At The Center Of The Earth*. This one, despite being a newly filmed movie, actually does an impressive job at capturing the elements of Nazi-sploitation and then just ratcheting them to the extreme. This is one of the most over the top films to come from The Asylum, which is quite a statement considering they have given us such classics as *Mega Shark vs. Giant Octopus* and *Mega Piranha*.