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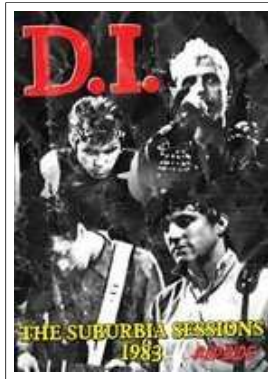
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D.I. - "Suburbia Sessions 1983" DVD

Californian second-wave punks D.I. are best known for their appearance in the Penelope Spheeris film 'Suburbia', where they performed their infamous 'Richard Hung Himself'. That track is included here, with 9 other songs, and illustrates the band's Reagan-era angst and political awareness. The recording, done by stalwart Flipside Magazine, is bootleg-quality, and this film (of a rehearsal - not an actual concert) is rough and intimate. In hindsight, D.I.'s music was much more melodic than many of their early nihilist brethren, even showing a shadow of new wave somehow. Still, it's a far cry from the fashion punk of today, and takes me back somehow, in a nicely nostalgic way. An interview (with defective audio) is appended here as a bonus feature, and it does nothing but show the band to be, as the camera person puts it, 'jerks'. Hah! No pretense here, just some real-life footage of an early punk band sweating, spitting, and swearing. As it should be. (MVD Visual)



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