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LOSE IT TONIGHT

COMMANDER Cody Band. Line LLP 5074 (German Import). Lose It Tonight / 2 Triple Cheese / Either He's Wrong / All Tore Up / Get Yer Love / Go To Hell / Sea Wolf / Working Girls / Jukebox Jury / Who's Got The Rock / Roll The Dice / Buddy's Cafe. Commander Cody, alias George Frayne, returns to the recording scene with yet another band. His previous records have proved that George is a great believer in OZONE, and he must have been 'on the gas' again, as the album opens like a tornado and only really lets up for the final track. As the '70's progressed his material diverged from Western-Swing to straight rock 'n' roll and this album is definitely more akin to the latter style. Of course, if you enjoy your songs with a bit of spice and innuendo in the lyrics, then this album is for you, with '2 Triple Cheese'

and 'Working Girls' being excellent examples. Personally I found the narrative story of 'Sea Wolf' to be my favourite song on the album, while the final track, 'Buddy's Cafe', is presented country-rock style. The album suffers from too many songs sounding the same, however 'Buddy's Cafe' indicates that George is possibly contemplating putting the 'O' back in country for his next outing.

Trouble is with Cody and his music that few people can ever forget the glories of his superb trucking album of the 1970's, 'Hot Licks, Cold Steel & Other Truckers Favourites'. It was, for many, the ultimate truck music album and has not been surpassed. Whether Frayne's label-hopping will prove completely destructive, or whether he can retain the magic remains to be seen.

Arthur Wood