

HERE AT STONY BROOK - Monday, Nov. 28, 1983

THEME UP AND OUT

Hi, everybody. If you're like me, you've been a patient in a hospital at least once in your life. And at least once during your hospitalization, you've had a visit from a chaplain. If you're like me, you were understandably wrapped up in your own worries while flat on your back in a hospital. But now that you are out---and I hope you are---you may share my ~~xx~~ curiosity about the chaplain and ~~the~~ ^{that} unusual profession. ~~xxxxxxx~~ We'll be talking today with a rabbi and a Roman Catholic priest about their careers.

Later, we'll continue our series based on George Orwell's novel, "1984," by hearing some discussion about "Big Brother," the Reagan Administration, their relative positions and our responsibilities as world citizens in general.

With me today are Rabbi Shira Stern and Father Mike Vetrano. They are chaplains at University Hospital at the State University of ~~NY~~ New York at Stony Brook. ~~xxx~~ Father Mike, I've heard you say that you had always wanted to be a hospital chaplain, so that your assignment this fall was really the fulfillment of a dream.

~~Got response~~
Rabbi Stern, how about you? Have you been seeking a hospital ministry, or did it seek you?

INTERVIEW RABBI AND FATHER MIKE:

- How does this ministry compare with regular parish/congregational activity?
- How does it differ?
- How do you comfort afflicted?
- Rabbi: as a woman, problems?
- Right to die issue

13:30

THEME MUSIC BRIDGE

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The year 1984 is ~~hardly four~~ ^{just About here.} only a few weeks away.

Most of us have grown up hearing about "1984" as a period of pervading evil. We have been under the influence of the best-selling novel, called "1984" by the British journalist and author, George Orwell. A few weeks ago, a speaker told us that Orwell did not write the book as a precise prediction of the future. Indeed, ~~he~~ ^{Orwell} wanted us to consider the problems the novel presented in order to avoid them. Last week, we heard an outline of the book, and the story of Winston Smith as he came under the influence of Big Brother. This week, we will hear from scholars who have thought a good deal about our ~~society~~ and the conditions in which we find ourselves. They talked [#] about these things recently with a tape recorder going. We'll hear from a few of them today. First, let's hear what one might call a "worst scenario" viewpoint from Dr. James Rule, a sociologist at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. He suggests that the systems ~~that~~ ^t now exist in American society might be even worse than Orwell anticipated.

TAPE 2 SIDE B - 005 - "What Orwell did not anticipate..." through 3:40 to 040 - "to anyone who takes Orwell's book seriously."

AFO LIVE: As they say, the plot thickens. Well, how bad is ^{Reagan's} 1983 compared with Orwell's 1984? Here, again, is Dr. Rule:

TAPE 2 Side B - 337 - (kill "As I said etc.") begin: "It is peculiar that.."

3:00 through to 368..."Until there's a TMI...I don't see a sharp reversal."

AFO LIVE: Max Dresden, executive director of the Institute ~~of~~ ^{at} Theoretical Physics at Stony Brook, also ~~took~~ ^{gave} a gloomy view.

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TAPE 2 SIDE B - 139 - "I think it's now technologically possible..."

3:00

to 183 - "...nor the ability to make judgments in which
he ~~can~~ or she can....."

AFO LIVE: Dr. Dresden concluded his remarks before the Stony Brook
audience with these thoughts:

TAPE 2 SIDE B - "I want to summarize what I got out of the reading..."
302-- to ~~xxx~~ 313 - "conclude by saying I do not think we should
1:00
be so polite."

AFO LIVE: We'll conclude ^{this} ~~our~~ examination of "1984," Orwell style,
with ~~this~~ report by Dr. ~~Rhxx~~ Ruth Miller, professor of

English at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. What would
George Orwell be doing if he were alive today?

TAPE 1 SIDE B - 062 - "Now, I've a very good friend who has read..."

3:00

to 092 - "...found a way to balance the individual and society."
jump to 118..."Orwell has shown us ..."
to 121 "...and this is 1983."

AFO LIVE: Listeners will, of course, have to make up their own minds
about "1984" and what it means to our lives. I hope you have
enjoyed this series. Next week, we will be discussing the art...or is
it ~~a~~ ^{the} craft...of writing. ~~And~~ ^{And} we'll ask some teachers of writing why
it is that young people, ~~and~~ ^{like} their parents and grandparents, are
being criticized for being unable to write. Until then, this is Al
Oickle. So long, everybody.

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