

HERE AT STONY BROOK - Monday, Aug. 13, 1984

INTRO UP AND UNDER

AFO: Hi, everybody! Today we'll be talking about one of the most discouraging diseases that strikes the elderly. It's called Alzheimer's disease, named for the scientist who first identified the symptoms of what is also known as senile dementia. Healthy, vigorous, alert men and women become the classic cases of human vegetables when Alzheimer's disease attacks their brains. Our guest today will tell us about some of the research that offers hope for solving this mystery.

Later in the program, we'll talk with an historian whose book on socialism in France has suddenly become a best-seller in Europe and, perhaps more interestingly for Americans, offers a potential blueprint for the American economy in the years ahead.

Paul Helms is a physician and assistant professor of psychiatry at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. His research interests include that mysterious malady of the elderly called Alzheimer's disease. Dr. Helms, how many Americans suffer from the disease?

INTERVIEW HELMS: - Symptoms and progressive deterioration
- Causes (fluoride, aluminum)
- Social problems (K. Gross's column)
- Research at SUSB and elsewhere

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AFO: Sometimes the best way to understand one subject is to take a deep look at another subject. Understanding Europe is one way to get a better understanding of the United States. So says Dr. Richard F. Kuisel, professor of history at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. Dr. Kuisel has written a book that examines capitalism and the state in modern France. In fact, that's the name of the book. And, Dr. Kuisel says, it's important to recognize that the socialist policy of France and the ~~Reagan~~ ^{American} economic policies ~~in America~~ ^{in France} are diametrically opposed. Okay, Dr. Kuisel, tell me: how can I better understand Ronald Reagan by knowing more about modern France?

INTERVIEW DR. KUISEL:

- ~~Differences~~
- ~~Diametrically~~ opposed in what ways?
 - How does France's policies foreshadow potential policies for U.S.?
 - Economic planning?
 - What about other countries; Third World?
 - Experience of comparing as education
 - His book; suddenly recognized in France
 - What lies ahead for him: new book?

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AFO: Next week, we'll be talking about...headaches. Yep...the plain and very unfancy headache. We all have them, at one time or another. I hope you'll join us next week as we talk with a neurologist and a psychiatrist about the headache clinic they run on Long Island. Until then, this is Al Oickle. So long, everybody!

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