

# DECEMBER

CONVERSATIONS UNLIMITED - Tuesday, Dec. 2, 1986

## INTRO UP AND UNDER

Hi, everybody. The date December 7 stands in history as "a day in infamy," in the words of President Franklin Roosevelt. It marked the United States' entry into World War II. That war was to be called by author Studs Terkel "the good war." Another war -- in Vietnam -- does not have that kind of place in history. There are no dates to observe, and no one has called it a "good war." Indeed, it has a very special place in American history because of the conflict it caused at home. That conflict remains, and even now the nation is only beginning to heal some of the emotional wounds.

Dr. Theodore R. Kennedy has been studying that war and the ripple effects that still radiate. He is associate professor of anthropology at the State University of New York at Stony Brook, and this fall he has been teaching a class on the subject. Dr. Kennedy, it's safe to guess that most of your students are too young to have any personal knowledge of the Vietnam era.

## INTERVIEW DR. KENNEDY:

- Review highlights of past 30 years
- U.S. involvement:
  - \* France
  - \* U.S. allies
  - \* China, USSR, Cambodia
- Role of U.S. presidents: Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon
- Role of Congress
- Role of military advisers
- Opposition at home from students
- War's end, veterans return
- Recent efforts at healing
- Lasting effects on U.S.:
  - \* How nation is viewed by other countries
  - \* Role of president, Congress (Javits' War Act)
  - \* Activists' place in history

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We'll take a short break now. When we return, I'll be talking with Dr. Kennedy about the course he has been teaching at Stony Brook and about some of the national leaders who have been on campus to outline their roles and their views of what happened in Vietnam. Stay with us, please.

BRIDGE MUSIC UP AND UNDER

Hi, everybody. I'm Al Oickle. I'm talking with Dr. Ted Kennedy at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. Dr. Kennedy is associate professor of anthropology and he has been teaching an unusual and popular course this fall -- a course on the Vietnam war. How did you get involved with that, Dr. Kennedy?

INTERVIEW DR. KNACKE:

- Outline purposes and goals of the course
- His own efforts to acquire background
- How were his requests and invitations received?
- Discuss some of the speakers in the course:
  - \* General Westmoreland
  - \* Bobby Seale
  - \* Defense Department spokesperson
  - \* Others
- Role of veterans as participants, observers
- What observations come from younger students?
- Review his conclusions about the Vietnam conflict era

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PROMO - For use no later than 5:55 p.m. Dec. 2, 1986

Hi, everybody. This is Al Oickle. I'm on Conversations Unlimited every Tuesday at 6 p.m. here on WUSB. This week I'll be talking with Professor Theodore Kennedy about a subject very much on the minds of many Americans -- the Vietnam War. That period in history changed America's image in the world, and it brought about last emotional wounds just now being addressed. Dr. Kennedy has been teaching a course on the Vietnam War and he'll tell us about it on Conversations Unlimited, Tuesday, at 6 p.m., on WUSB 90.1 FM.