

HERE AT STONY BROOK - Monday, May 21, 1984

INTRO up and out

Hi, everybody.

How's your automobile? Or, if you don't have a car, how is your subway, or your bus, or your train?

I'm asking these questions because one of them should bring up a subject very close to your everyday needs. If you're like most of us, you ride a train or a car to work everyday. Chances are, no matter how you get about, from place to place, you have a complaint. Today, we'll talk with a sociologist who has been studying all of our complains about transportation and, ~~xxxxxxx~~ as a result, has written a book that examines the decline of mass transportation systems and what that has meant to our lives.

~~Later in the program,~~

Dr. Glenn Yago is assistant professor of sociology at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. He is the author of the new book called ^{the} "Decline of Transit." The book traces the decisions made in the first seven decades of the 20th century ¹ about transportation. ¹ After World War II, urban ~~pl~~ planners embraced highway transportation as the solution to urban congestion, while mass transit was shunned as outmoded and appropriate only for older cities. ~~That~~ Dr. Yago's book ~~reports~~ concludes that these past urban and economic policy failures have ~~contributed to~~ (caused) our present crisis of urban transportation. So, Dr. Yago, how's your car?

MORE

INTERVIEW GLENN YAGO:

EXAMINE PROBLEMS

- America's "love affair with the car"
- High speed highways/autobahn - wheels mean freedom; but subways, trains and buses mean dirt, odors, danger
- Gridlock - word not in my Oxford Dictionary of English ~~or~~ Etymology or Webster Encyclopedic Dictionary
- Division of urban space
- Infrastructure deteriorates
- Energy and other costs
- What are solutions?

EXAMINE SOLUTIONS

- Barry Commoner says book "provides a powerful motivation" - it's needed!?
- Mondy - trade-offs (innovative public financing, decentralized planning)
- Vigorous antitrust enforcement...must be restored...No T policy will succeed unl. it considers the network of automobile and oil firms in the grand T industry."
- "If...we continue to isolate our living from our work, the spatial gaps in our social lives will diminish our cities and our lives within them."

TWO PROVOCATIVE, EVEN CONTROVERSIAL THOUGHTS

BRIDGE MUSIC UP AND UNDER

That's it for another week. I hope you'll join us against ~~it~~ next week. Until then, this is Al Oickle. So long, everybody.

OUTRO

13:45
Break
We'll be right back