

Holmdel Science Fiction Discussion Group
Club Notice - 9/10/79

MEETINGS UPCOMING:

(Unless otherwise stated, all meetings are on Wednesdays at noon.)

DATE	TOPIC
9/19/79	CHILDHOOD'S END by Arthur C. Clarke, rm 3A-216 and selection of books to read at future meetings
10/10/79	A FAR SUNSET by Edmund Cooper, rm 4A-215
10/31/79	[to be announced], rm 4A-215

Our library is in HO 2D-634A. Rich Ditch (x3432) is librarian.
Evelyn Leeper (HO 4E-507B x6334) is Club book-buyer.

1. Channel 13 (PBS-WNET) has with very little fanfare started running a somewhat science fictional "mini-series". AN ENGLISHMAN'S CASTLE is sort of a British equivalent of Philip K. Dick's MAN IN THE HIGH CASTLE. In an alternate history, Germany successfully invaded Britain in 1940, before the U.S. could become involved in the war. Under the Racial Purity Laws, "inferior" types (those that did not escape to the Americas) were executed or placed in British concentration camps where some remain in the 70's.

Against this backdrop we meet Peter Ingram (played by the always excellent Kenneth More) who writes a schlock soap opera for British Broadcasting. Any attempts he makes to put any integrity into the program are rejected by the network executives who are afraid of offending the German-controlled government. Instead the program preaches acceptance and submission, even though it technically is set in 1940, before The Invasion.

Ingram has been attempting to bed the lead actress in the soap opera and she, in turn, has been trying to convince him to take a more radical stand in the writing of the series. At the end of the first episode the lead actress is willing to submit to Ingram's advances, but warns him that he is running the risk of himself being put in a concentration camp because she is Jewish.

That is the gist of the first episode for those who want to pick up the series at this point. It runs a 10 PM Friday nights on channel 13. I believe it has two more episodes to run.

2. Don't forget to get me your choice of ONE book for discussion at or preferably before the next meeting.

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