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Dear Reader:

The shocking truth about the treatment of our mentally retarded has finally been revealed in a new book of utmost urgency for all trained professionals, teachers, and parents of the retarded.

EXODUS FROM PANDEMONIUM tells about the conditions, methods, legal codes, and governmental (state) practices that directly affect our mentally retarded.

Based on the author's more than 20 years experience in the field of mental retardation, his new 268 page book is an intensely moving, penetrating study of the institutionalized retarded and shows you what can be done to help them.

Now you have the opportunity to examine this book free for ten full days simply by filling out and returning the enclosed card.

Using carefully collected observational data, never before published, Burton Blatt explores life in the back-wards of our institutions as it is for literally thousands of our mentally retarded.

Permit me to give you a closer look at this truly extraordinary work...

THE PATIENT'S FIRST DAY

What is it like to be a newly admitted patient in a state institution? EXODUS FROM PANDEMONIUM traces the first few hours of two newly admitted patients: Billy, age 4, and Andy, age 57. An hour-by-hour account of their activities not only illuminates problems and provides insights concerning attitudes towards residents and their families, but also provides a very revealing view of the inside operations of our institutions.

BUREAUCRACY AND THE RED TAPE

"LIFE WITH THE DECISION-MAKERS", Chapter 10, presents the author's view of the cumbersome workings of state agencies. He states that decision-makers are over-

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powered by an inefficient System which stifles individual initiative. Furthermore, the lack of initiative in decision-making fostered by the System means more "negative" decisions are made than "positive" ones. For a first-hand look at bureaucracy in state mental health organizations, I urge you to read this authoritatively written chapter.

A CALL TO ACTION!

Burton Blatt, in EXODUS FROM PANDEMONIUM, advises state officials to double per capita expenditures in state institutions and reduce the size of institutional populations wherever and however possible. In addition, Dr. Blatt challenges each institution in America to examine its program, its standards, its admission policies, its personnel, its budget, its philosophy, and its objectives. Moreover, he offers an additional set of recommendations that may contribute to an improvement of institutional programs and facilities.

JIMMY

"Sitting on benches, standing around, sitting on the floor, pacing back and forth, lying on the floor, huddled in corners, standing by the door, mumbling, shrieking, laughing, crying, stony silent, fifty to sixty residents were crowded into that Day Room"--so writes Burton Blatt in one of the most intensely moving chapters of the book. He tells about "unmanageable, destructive, denudative, and aggressive" Jimmy who had spent 17 of his 20 years in state schools. A chronological history lets you trace Jimmy's years from his first day at the school to his inclusion in a Federal Hospital Improvement Program (here he achieved a Vineland Social Maturity Scale social age equivalent of 3 years and 10 months).

YOU WILL BE MOVED...

by Dr. Blatt's keen observations as they exist today in our state institutions. For example, you'll read about children kept in isolation cells or bound by legs, hands or waists simply because of the lack of trained attendants! If you've never been in a state institution, EXODUS FROM PANDEMONIUM may shock you with its descriptions of overcrowding, loneliness, indifferent staff, unsanitary conditions, and Bedlam-like atmosphere. It cannot fail to move you.

But there's more, so much more, that has been brought to light by the perceptive writing of Dr. Burton Blatt...letters from concerned parents and educators, his personal speeches before the state legislature, numerous and helpful recommendations for improving the condition of our state institutions and residents... it's all in the 268 page book: EXODUS FROM PANDEMONIUM.

If you are in any way concerned with the mentally ill, you will want to send for a free ten-day examination copy of this truly significant work. Simply fill out and return the enclosed card. If, after ten days, you are completely satisfied with the book, send me a check for the amount listed on the reply card, plus shipping and handling. Otherwise, return the book and owe nothing.

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"EXODUS FROM PANDEMONIUM defies traditional categorization. Burton Blatt succeeds in leaving the stench of the back-wards etched in the reader's nostrils. . . The book is a powerful testimony to a personal concern, a concern to which most of us have been narcotized. . ."

Professor Jonathan A. Freedman,
Syracuse University

"Burton Blatt's EXODUS FROM PANDEMONIUM makes for chilling and inspiring reading. . . The richness of the material in this book provides as much to the interested citizen as to the professional worker. . ."

Professor Gunnar Dybwad,
Brandeis University

"It doesn't stir; it bites and sears at one's conscience. . . EXODUS FROM PANDEMONIUM is a pastiche of wishes and hopes and nightmares and failures and glories and irony and, most importantly, of images and emotions that touch the heart."

Miss Roslyn Mazer,
Syracuse University

pre-publication comments

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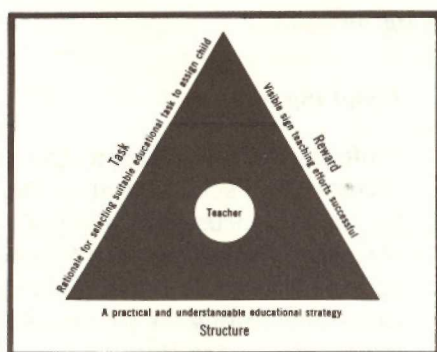
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