T9400 TWILIGHT ZONE, THE MOVIE (USA, 1983)  
(Other titles: Ai confini della realta; Quatrieme dimension)

Credits: director/writer, John Landis.
Summary: Science fiction/fantasy anthology based on the television series. Four episodes in which each has its own distinct style and flavor. Each tells you a little more about the tricks your mind can play and the secret wonders or terrors that lie just beneath the surface of our comfortable, everyday existence. In the first episode, a loud-mouthed bigot (Morrow) shouts his hatred for Jews, Blacks and Vietnamese while getting drunk in a bar. He is then plucked from reality and while in the “twilight zone” finds himself a Jew in occupied France during WWII, then a Black being hunted by the KKK in the 1960s South, and finally a Vietnamese being pursued through the jungle by American soldiers. During the production of this segment, a helicopter crash killed Vic Morrow and two Vietnamese American child actors resulting in a long running law suit and criminal charges against John Landis for negligence.

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