

1
00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:04,000

2
00:00:04,000 --> 00:00:05,680
Too many of these,
I can't tell you.

3
00:00:05,680 --> 00:00:09,210
I could tell you in Paris,
because I have my diary.

4
00:00:09,210 --> 00:00:10,430
They are all the talks.

5
00:00:10,430 --> 00:00:14,200
I don't mention the content,
but I mention always the effects

6
00:00:14,200 --> 00:00:16,040
of the talks.

7
00:00:16,040 --> 00:00:19,060
What I have got here,
nor do I remember,

8
00:00:19,060 --> 00:00:21,470
because all the talks
were meaningless.

9
00:00:21,470 --> 00:00:25,910
It was fulfilling our duties
in Hebrew [Hebrew phrase]

10
00:00:25,910 --> 00:00:27,840
So I saw [INAUDIBLE],,
and I don't

11
00:00:27,840 --> 00:00:30,450
know who was our
American representative.

12

00:00:30,450 --> 00:00:32,369

It was a man who was
later a [INAUDIBLE]..

13

00:00:32,369 --> 00:00:33,630

Warren

14

00:00:33,630 --> 00:00:34,180

Who?

15

00:00:34,180 --> 00:00:34,840

Warren,

16

00:00:34,840 --> 00:00:36,610

Warren, the one. .

17

00:00:36,610 --> 00:00:39,832

No, but another one was Warren.

18

00:00:39,832 --> 00:00:40,540

Yes, [INAUDIBLE].

19

00:00:40,540 --> 00:00:41,457

[? The ?] [INAUDIBLE].

20

00:00:41,457 --> 00:00:41,960

[INAUDIBLE]

21

00:00:41,960 --> 00:00:42,670

Yeah.

22

00:00:42,670 --> 00:00:45,900

The one was terrible
the one was anti-Semite.

23

00:00:45,900 --> 00:00:49,090

The other one was quite decent,
but had much less influence.

24

00:00:49,090 --> 00:00:52,888

[INAUDIBLE] the main men,
Breckenridge Long was terrible.

25
00:00:52,888 --> 00:00:55,180
I think he's southern, i
don't know where he came from.

26
00:00:55,180 --> 00:00:56,860
Southern, yes.

27
00:00:56,860 --> 00:00:59,150
And especially, the whole
was very bad on the top.

28
00:00:59,150 --> 00:01:01,870

29
00:01:01,870 --> 00:01:05,150
And I [? hope ?] I saw this.

30
00:01:05,150 --> 00:01:06,679
So dozens of people.

31
00:01:06,679 --> 00:01:08,304
But in my diary, if
you are interested.

32
00:01:08,304 --> 00:01:08,940
Not so good.

33
00:01:08,940 --> 00:01:10,510
But it was very depressing.

34
00:01:10,510 --> 00:01:11,020
Hm?

35
00:01:11,020 --> 00:01:12,340
It was very depressing.

36
00:01:12,340 --> 00:01:14,000
Very depressing.

37
00:01:14,000 --> 00:01:17,530

And we came together we,
the Jewish delegation

38
00:01:17,530 --> 00:01:22,350
So And we were unhappy.
it didn't help anyone.

39
00:01:22,350 --> 00:01:22,900
Yes.

40
00:01:22,900 --> 00:01:26,390
No, it was a
shameful [INAUDIBLE]..

41
00:01:26,390 --> 00:01:28,120
You know, there appeared a book.

42
00:01:28,120 --> 00:01:30,720

43
00:01:30,720 --> 00:01:33,510
There was a deal suggested.

44
00:01:33,510 --> 00:01:37,200
There is a book by an Austrian
Jew on the Evian Conference.

45
00:01:37,200 --> 00:01:38,970
I forgot the name.

46
00:01:38,970 --> 00:01:45,090
There is so to speak one pretend
to reveal a sensational things.

47
00:01:45,090 --> 00:01:47,050
Ah, it is a book of Feingold.

48
00:01:47,050 --> 00:01:47,700
Who is it?

49
00:01:47,700 --> 00:01:48,990
Feingold.

50
00:01:48,990 --> 00:01:49,740
Feingold.

51
00:01:49,740 --> 00:01:52,350
Yes, Politics Of Rescue.

52
00:01:52,350 --> 00:01:53,060
In English?

53
00:01:53,060 --> 00:01:53,770
Yes, English.

54
00:01:53,770 --> 00:01:55,500
And it tells some --

55
00:01:55,500 --> 00:01:56,570
I don't know his story.

56
00:01:56,570 --> 00:01:57,890
He talks a lot about Evian.

57
00:01:57,890 --> 00:01:59,140
There are many, many pages.

58
00:01:59,140 --> 00:02:00,980
I don't know.

59
00:02:00,980 --> 00:02:04,310
No, it was a
terrible experience.

60
00:02:04,310 --> 00:02:06,810
And did they -- now
another question?

61
00:02:06,810 --> 00:02:09,360
Another question--
did it happen to you,

62
00:02:09,360 --> 00:02:18,520

as a Jewish leader, to think of
about what would have happened,

63
00:02:18,520 --> 00:02:22,360
what you personally would
have done, what kind of stand

64
00:02:22,360 --> 00:02:23,380
you would have taken?

65
00:02:23,380 --> 00:02:24,110
What will have --

66
00:02:24,110 --> 00:02:24,610
what?

67
00:02:24,610 --> 00:02:28,660
If you would have been
caught by the Germans,

68
00:02:28,660 --> 00:02:32,263
I mean, during the war,
if you had to stay--

69
00:02:32,263 --> 00:02:34,180
Well, they would have
-- killed me right away.

70
00:02:34,180 --> 00:02:38,150
[INAUDIBLE] No, no, but
as a Jewish leader I mean.

71
00:02:38,150 --> 00:02:40,060
What the other Jewish
leaders have done?

72
00:02:40,060 --> 00:02:41,680
Yes.

73
00:02:41,680 --> 00:02:47,990
Well, I can tell you all about
I have personal experiences.

74

00:02:47,990 --> 00:02:53,190

The moment Hitler
came to power, I

75

00:02:53,190 --> 00:02:58,770

got the urgent telephone
calls from Wise, Weizmann.

76

00:02:58,770 --> 00:02:59,695

Leave immediately.

77

00:02:59,695 --> 00:03:02,810

You are in danger.

78

00:03:02,810 --> 00:03:05,720

And I must say, I
was also [INAUDIBLE]..

79

00:03:05,720 --> 00:03:10,090

I was heading, head of a great
publishing company before

80

00:03:10,090 --> 00:03:13,820

and we had 80 people
who lived from this.

81

00:03:13,820 --> 00:03:17,580

And I didn't think
it will go so fast.

82

00:03:17,580 --> 00:03:20,470

So I refused.

83

00:03:20,470 --> 00:03:22,510

And I thought I would
try to liquidate.

84

00:03:22,510 --> 00:03:24,340

There was a lot
of money invested.

85

00:03:24,340 --> 00:03:25,305

I was a responsible.

86

00:03:25,305 --> 00:03:29,480

The money was given
by rich German Jews.

87

00:03:29,480 --> 00:03:38,050

And if you ask me, I often say,
I am one of the few examples

88

00:03:38,050 --> 00:03:40,420

to show that the
virtue is sometimes

89

00:03:40,420 --> 00:03:45,610

rewarded in this world, not
only in the other world.

90

00:03:45,610 --> 00:03:47,620

My father lived in Palestine.

91

00:03:47,620 --> 00:03:49,690

After my mother
died in Frankfurt,

92

00:03:49,690 --> 00:03:51,160

I sent him to Palestine.

93

00:03:51,160 --> 00:03:55,750

He was sick, was an old Zionist,
member of Zionist Congress.

94

00:03:55,750 --> 00:03:58,215

And I established him in
Palestine there, in apartment.

95

00:03:58,215 --> 00:03:59,590

And he died.

96

00:03:59,590 --> 00:04:02,890

I got, on the 4th of April--

97

00:04:02,890 --> 00:04:04,840
no, what did I say.

98
00:04:04,840 --> 00:04:10,870
Before the 1st of April, the
end of March, I got a cable.

99
00:04:10,870 --> 00:04:12,790
My father is very sick.

100
00:04:12,790 --> 00:04:16,750
If I want to see him, I
should come right away.

101
00:04:16,750 --> 00:04:20,060
My wife, was that
time my fiancée,

102
00:04:20,060 --> 00:04:23,210
tells me all the time to leave.

103
00:04:23,210 --> 00:04:26,900
So I decided to go
to see my father.

104
00:04:26,900 --> 00:04:30,230
And we were warned not to
go by the great trains,

105
00:04:30,230 --> 00:04:32,300
because the SS was
already on the border.

106
00:04:32,300 --> 00:04:35,960
So we went from Munich to
Innsbruck on a small train,

107
00:04:35,960 --> 00:04:38,720
if you know that we are safer.

108
00:04:38,720 --> 00:04:41,640
Because the small frontiers
were not [INAUDIBLE]..

109

00:04:41,640 --> 00:04:43,970

And I never came
back then, my father.

110

00:04:43,970 --> 00:04:48,830

Four days later, the Gestapo
came to take me [INAUDIBLE]..

111

00:04:48,830 --> 00:04:53,240

Now, I was twice in
the theoretical danger

112

00:04:53,240 --> 00:04:55,700

of being caught.

113

00:04:55,700 --> 00:04:59,516

Once I flew together
with Saly Mayer,

114

00:04:59,516 --> 00:05:02,430

from Vienna, where
I saw Schuschnigg

115

00:05:02,430 --> 00:05:04,380

there was a danger
that Schuschnigg

116

00:05:04,380 --> 00:05:07,350

will abolish Jewish equality.

117

00:05:07,350 --> 00:05:10,980

And Mussolini at
that time intervened.

118

00:05:10,980 --> 00:05:12,790

But that's another story.

119

00:05:12,790 --> 00:05:17,030

And I took with Saly Mayer was
over there a plane to Zurich,

120

00:05:17,030 --> 00:05:20,450
was supposed to fly directly.

121
00:05:20,450 --> 00:05:24,280
I had, at that time,
still a German passport,

122
00:05:24,280 --> 00:05:30,500
because the German consul
general, in the Jerusalem Wolff

123
00:05:30,500 --> 00:05:32,510
was a great anti-Nazi.

124
00:05:32,510 --> 00:05:35,590
When I was the
denaturalized, he gave me,

125
00:05:35,590 --> 00:05:39,050
knowing that I had a
passport of five years.

126
00:05:39,050 --> 00:05:40,560
But then I didn't
want to travel.

127
00:05:40,560 --> 00:05:43,030
as a German so I became
counsel from Honduras

128
00:05:43,030 --> 00:05:44,830
and had diplomatic passport.

129
00:05:44,830 --> 00:05:48,070
By that time, I had
a German passport.

130
00:05:48,070 --> 00:05:53,160
So that was very
shaky and bad weather.

131
00:05:53,160 --> 00:05:55,630
So the stewardess came,

passed by, and said,

132

00:05:55,630 --> 00:05:59,540

I'm afraid we have to land
in Nordland in Munich.

133

00:05:59,540 --> 00:06:03,230

So I became a
little bit nervous.

134

00:06:03,230 --> 00:06:07,270

And we agreed with Saly Mayer,
that when we land in Munich,

135

00:06:07,270 --> 00:06:10,840

I will say I've lost
my passport in Vienna.

136

00:06:10,840 --> 00:06:13,900

They should know who I
am and give another name.

137

00:06:13,900 --> 00:06:16,130

He will continue
as a Swiss, and we

138

00:06:16,130 --> 00:06:18,740

mobilize Swiss government,
American government,

139

00:06:18,740 --> 00:06:19,970

and so on and so on.

140

00:06:19,970 --> 00:06:23,860

And then I decided I'll go
to the pilot and said, look,

141

00:06:23,860 --> 00:06:25,640

I'm in Israel for high treason.

142

00:06:25,640 --> 00:06:28,610

It was a Swiss
airplane, Swiss Air.

143
00:06:28,610 --> 00:06:30,940
Don't land.

144
00:06:30,940 --> 00:06:32,920
If you have to, you must.

145
00:06:32,920 --> 00:06:35,860
So the second pilot passed by.

146
00:06:35,860 --> 00:06:37,900
So I said, must we
land in Germany.

147
00:06:37,900 --> 00:06:39,130
He said, why?

148
00:06:39,130 --> 00:06:42,030
I said, the stewardess
is a nervous idiot.

149
00:06:42,030 --> 00:06:44,020
It's shaky, but we
don't have to land.

150
00:06:44,020 --> 00:06:45,010
OK.

151
00:06:45,010 --> 00:06:50,230
The second thing was,
during the Saar business,

152
00:06:50,230 --> 00:06:56,530
I came often to Saarbrücken to
talk to the Jewish community.

153
00:06:56,530 --> 00:06:59,700
And one day, they had
an urgent meeting.

154
00:06:59,700 --> 00:07:01,840
So I said to my

secretary in Paris,

155

00:07:01,840 --> 00:07:04,620

book me a plane to Saarbrücken.

156

00:07:04,620 --> 00:07:05,870

I come to the airport.

157

00:07:05,870 --> 00:07:08,790

It's Lufthansa.

158

00:07:08,790 --> 00:07:13,290

Now, the Lufthansa could have easily taken me to Frankfurt.

159

00:07:13,290 --> 00:07:16,760

So first, I'm not a very courageous man, I must say.

160

00:07:16,760 --> 00:07:19,140

Don't want to boast.

161

00:07:19,140 --> 00:07:22,190

But another I had an important meeting in the evening.

162

00:07:22,190 --> 00:07:24,330

And I there were no other plane.

163

00:07:24,330 --> 00:07:29,620

And they flew Saarbrücken, Frankfurt, Cologne.

164

00:07:29,620 --> 00:07:32,440

So I joined it, but it didn't land.

165

00:07:32,440 --> 00:07:34,720

They landed in Saarbrücken, I got off.

166

00:07:34,720 --> 00:07:38,990

But it could easily have
taken me to Frankfurt.

167
00:07:38,990 --> 00:07:42,530
Now, what would have happened?

168
00:07:42,530 --> 00:07:47,247
I mean, I wouldn't
have been saved.

169
00:07:47,247 --> 00:07:48,330
They would have caught me.

170
00:07:48,330 --> 00:07:53,666
You know, there was a story
in the [INAUDIBLE] one day.

171
00:07:53,666 --> 00:07:58,830
it said Goldmann
has died in Tel Aviv

172
00:07:58,830 --> 00:08:02,090
and was buried with
his military honors.

173
00:08:02,090 --> 00:08:02,590
What.

174
00:08:02,590 --> 00:08:03,870
Why did I know it?

175
00:08:03,870 --> 00:08:07,320
Because after the war, I visited
in our American military.

176
00:08:07,320 --> 00:08:11,190
I was invited by the High
Commissioner General Clay

177
00:08:11,190 --> 00:08:13,380
to visit the camps.

178

00:08:13,380 --> 00:08:16,320

I visited an old friend
of mine, a lady friend

179

00:08:16,320 --> 00:08:19,130

in [Place name] Have
you ever been there?

180

00:08:19,130 --> 00:08:21,030

A wonderful town.

181

00:08:21,030 --> 00:08:23,620

And she fainted when I came in.

182

00:08:23,620 --> 00:08:24,733

And then, she recovered.

183

00:08:24,733 --> 00:08:26,900

I said, what's the matter,
[Personal name] She says,

184

00:08:26,900 --> 00:08:27,990

I thought you are dead.

185

00:08:27,990 --> 00:08:30,440

They read it in the
-- all the excitement.

186

00:08:30,440 --> 00:08:31,390

She fainted.

187

00:08:31,390 --> 00:08:41,929

Her husband was an American, was
a governor of [Place name] And

188

00:08:41,929 --> 00:08:47,395

so then I had all kind
of incidents with Nazis,

189

00:08:47,395 --> 00:08:50,260

so outside of
[INAUDIBLE],, and so on.

190

00:08:50,260 --> 00:08:54,700

A very typical German -- now
my parents-in-law remained

191

00:08:54,700 --> 00:08:55,330

in Germany.

192

00:08:55,330 --> 00:08:58,700

I got them out when I
became consul of Honduras.

193

00:08:58,700 --> 00:09:00,610

I got them out.

194

00:09:00,610 --> 00:09:04,700

So when I was denaturalized,
it was a long process.

195

00:09:04,700 --> 00:09:08,360

Goebbels had asked for it
a long time before this.

196

00:09:08,360 --> 00:09:10,090

The government was against this.

197

00:09:10,090 --> 00:09:12,580

He said Dr. Goldmann
defending Jewish rights

198

00:09:12,580 --> 00:09:15,540

and make bad impression.

199

00:09:15,540 --> 00:09:17,534

Then I proclaimed a
boycott Goebbels come

200

00:09:17,534 --> 00:09:19,990

and then they had to give in.

201

00:09:19,990 --> 00:09:23,440

So when they discussed
it, the Gestapo

202
00:09:23,440 --> 00:09:25,360
called my father-in-law.

203
00:09:25,360 --> 00:09:28,510
He was saved by the fact that
he owned a big department

204
00:09:28,510 --> 00:09:31,420
store whose
speciality was to sell

205
00:09:31,420 --> 00:09:34,900
officials against a guarantee
given by the officers.

206
00:09:34,900 --> 00:09:37,300
They will pay off
in installments.

207
00:09:37,300 --> 00:09:42,280
And up to Goethe, Goring all the
high official were his clients.

208
00:09:42,280 --> 00:09:44,980
And this saved him, so to speak.

209
00:09:44,980 --> 00:09:46,640
So they said to
him, the Gestapo,

210
00:09:46,640 --> 00:09:49,700
you know a typical German.

211
00:09:49,700 --> 00:09:52,850
Your son is not only
our enemy number one,

212
00:09:52,850 --> 00:09:56,580
he costs us a lot of
money It's terrible.

213

00:09:56,580 --> 00:09:58,910

He said, why. he said look,
and we have to watch him.

214

00:09:58,910 --> 00:10:04,050

So always two officials
go where he goes.

215

00:10:04,050 --> 00:10:05,690

So we understand
he's in Breslau.

216

00:10:05,690 --> 00:10:06,996

We send two people
and He left for Rome.

217

00:10:06,996 --> 00:10:07,704

They run to Rome.

218

00:10:07,704 --> 00:10:09,200

He wants to --

219

00:10:09,200 --> 00:10:15,050

Cost a lot of money, Typical
German, was the main complaint.

220

00:10:15,050 --> 00:10:18,500

But I tell you another story
which very interesting.

221

00:10:18,500 --> 00:10:21,800

Germans are a very
contradictory people.

222

00:10:21,800 --> 00:10:26,740

They confiscated my [? lift. ?]
There's a very valuable library

223

00:10:26,740 --> 00:10:27,240

there.

224

00:10:27,240 --> 00:10:31,020

I have the first edition

of Goethe, Voltaire, Hebrew

225

00:10:31,020 --> 00:10:35,910
incunabula Otherwise, there's
nothing, my [INAUDIBLE]..

226

00:10:35,910 --> 00:10:40,710
Because I've been to Palestine
on this famous Ha-avara

227

00:10:40,710 --> 00:10:43,980
and my [? lift ?]
was sent to Haifa.

228

00:10:43,980 --> 00:10:45,640
So Ben Gurion came
to me, and he says,

229

00:10:45,640 --> 00:10:47,790
we'll need you in Palestine.

230

00:10:47,790 --> 00:10:49,810
We haven't enough
Zionist leaders.

231

00:10:49,810 --> 00:10:51,550
We have nobody in the
League of Nations.

232

00:10:51,550 --> 00:10:55,260
You know languages, diplomat,
charm, what and what.

233

00:10:55,260 --> 00:10:59,040
So here, he forced
me to go to Geneva.

234

00:10:59,040 --> 00:11:02,750
So I order the [? lift ?]
to go back to Hamburg.

235

00:11:02,750 --> 00:11:04,500
And then I thought I'd

bring it to Geneva.

236

00:11:04,500 --> 00:11:07,290

In Geneva, the first year,
when you lived there,

237

00:11:07,290 --> 00:11:09,120

you couldn't bring in
your own furniture.

238

00:11:09,120 --> 00:11:11,310

In the meantime, I
was denaturalized,

239

00:11:11,310 --> 00:11:13,820

and my whole
[? lift ?] was sold.

240

00:11:13,820 --> 00:11:16,230

And I didn't mind it, but
I didn't mind the library.

241

00:11:16,230 --> 00:11:19,970

But I had all my manuscript,
diaries, love letters,

242

00:11:19,970 --> 00:11:24,500

dramas which I had written as
a young man, poetry, you know?

243

00:11:24,500 --> 00:11:29,310

And I thought, when I begin to
negotiate with Adenauer some

244

00:11:29,310 --> 00:11:34,000

German, yeah, they
sold it in an auction.

245

00:11:34,000 --> 00:11:36,360

Will come and say
either I bought it,

246

00:11:36,360 --> 00:11:39,850

here you have it,
or pay me money.

247
00:11:39,850 --> 00:11:43,020
So one day, there was
a epidemic in Germany

248
00:11:43,020 --> 00:11:48,090
with swastikas which they
painted on many synagogues.

249
00:11:48,090 --> 00:11:52,620
So I got Adenauer to go to
Bergen-Belsen and put down

250
00:11:52,620 --> 00:11:59,250
flowers on the monument for a
Jewish martyr, as a kind of --

251
00:11:59,250 --> 00:12:03,630
Strauss came along and I --

252
00:12:03,630 --> 00:12:05,820
the evening before I
stayed in Hamburg. it's

253
00:12:05,820 --> 00:12:07,620
not far from Bergen-Belsen.

254
00:12:07,620 --> 00:12:11,580
And I met him the next day
in Hanover and went together.

255
00:12:11,580 --> 00:12:14,600
So the Jewish community
gave me a dinner.

256
00:12:14,600 --> 00:12:17,140
And next to me was
sitting the president--

257
00:12:17,140 --> 00:12:20,200
he's dead now-- who was

an active Social Democrat.

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00:12:20,200 --> 00:12:22,741

I forgot his name.

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00:12:22,741 --> 00:12:25,750

So I said to him, I told him
the story of the [? lift, ?]

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00:12:25,750 --> 00:12:27,880

because he was in the
free port of Hamburg.

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00:12:27,880 --> 00:12:31,200

And he said, don't worry.

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00:12:31,200 --> 00:12:36,235

Your personal documents are
in no hands of strangers.

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00:12:36,235 --> 00:12:37,030

I said, why?

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00:12:37,030 --> 00:12:39,800

He say, I'll tell you.

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00:12:39,800 --> 00:12:43,750

He said, free ports, there
are dozens of [? lifts ?]

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00:12:43,750 --> 00:12:47,560

of Germans who were
expelled, confiscated.

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00:12:47,560 --> 00:12:49,690

And there was an
official who opened

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00:12:49,690 --> 00:12:52,450

the [? lifts ?] to sell them.

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00:12:52,450 --> 00:12:56,170

But all personal documents, he
gave to the Jewish community

270
00:12:56,170 --> 00:12:58,570
to deliver to the
men after the war,

271
00:12:58,570 --> 00:13:01,780
was probably an old
correct German official.

272
00:13:01,780 --> 00:13:06,100
So he said the Jewish community
had two buildings full of this.

273
00:13:06,100 --> 00:13:08,350
They were both bombed
and both burned.

274
00:13:08,350 --> 00:13:10,550
So your documents don't exist.

275
00:13:10,550 --> 00:13:13,150
You don't have to worry
that your love letters are

276
00:13:13,150 --> 00:13:14,574
in the hands of --

277
00:13:14,574 --> 00:13:15,340
[INAUDIBLE]

278
00:13:15,340 --> 00:13:15,920
-- German.

279
00:13:15,920 --> 00:13:17,070
They weren't.

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00:13:17,070 --> 00:13:18,070
[CHUCKLING]

281
00:13:18,070 --> 00:13:20,320

All right, very good. --

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00:13:20,320 --> 00:13:23,670

[AUDIO OUT]

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00:13:23,670 --> 00:18:01,290