

-TITLE-JOHN WEIDNER
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:30 He has a health food business; wife takes care of stores; Good health, nutrition are important

1:00 Serve God by being healthy

2:00 Doesn't eat meat; exchanged meat with other prisoners when in the camps; makes a living helping people

3:00 He was in the textile industry in New York out of necessity

4:00 He recommends film by a Dutch filmmaker; story of a boy whose family is destroyed by WW II

5:00 He has helped people who became famous later; ministers of justice he helped to escape

6:00 He says he doesn't know what would've happened to him if there had not been the war

7:00 His sister died in a concentration camp for helping him to help the Jews

7:30 He believes in the justice of God; father was a minister in the church of the Seventh Day Adventists; family observed the Saturday Sabbath, same as the Jews

8:00 Father refused to send kids to school on Saturday; went to jail in Switzerland; John says he had to help the Jews when the war started, thanks to his religious training and concept of right and wrong, instilled in him by his father

9:00 Didn't consider priesthood for himself; believes in special calling; does his duty to church as a member

10:00 Every day he remembers his sister

11:00 He was arrested, tortured; can speak now only with one side of his face; he acknowledges that he is hard to understand!

11:30 He cannot forget seeing SS hitting babies on the head for making noise

12:00 Came to the US to try to forget; sister was arrested on the Sabbath

13:00 He says that members of the underground are disappointed with the fact that Germany has been able to come back as a power; doubts the justice in this

14:30 War helped him understand how important love and compassion are; We should study the past and remember so that it will not happen again

16:00 He had strong concept of helping others, love, due to his upbringing in the church

17:00 Sympathy with Jewish people in Holland before the war; strike to protest arrest of Jews

18:30 Father thankful to Jews for the Bible; John taught to love and respect the Jews

19:30 He had a brother who died before the war and another sister was nearly arrested with the other sister; she is still alive and lives in Switzerland

22:00 He was honored by the City of Hope as the Man of the Year; he says it is nice to be recognized but he is not excited

23:00 He wants to give message to non-Jewish people, for the Catholics and the Protestants to come together

24:00 The Christian world needs to observe basis of love and the word of Christ more; they must practice what they believe in

26:30 He lived near the Swiss border of Holland; Jews could be saved if they could reach Switzerland and he helped them do it

27:00 In the beginning the persecutions were not so bad; after July, 1942 began the mass arrests

27:30 He helped refugees who came into France from Germany when he lived in Lyon

28:00 He helped to take 300 people from Holland to France, Switzerland, Spain

29:00 He says Americans have--no idea what the war experience was

30:30 Man has not learned, has not changed, despite the war; maybe Germany had learned something, but there is Waldheim in Austria allowed to come back; few people learn the lessons of history

32:00 American society most compassionate gives a lot of outside help

34:00 Americans ignored horrors of the camps, but Jews welcome in US after the war; US realized they were wrong, remorse

37:00 He housed Jews in the beginning, then the Gestapo arrested him He traveled with false papers as an escort to the Jews escaping

39:30 Having seen what he has seen, he feels more responsibility to help people; he stays in business to make money for church, charity organizations

40:00 He accepts speaking engagements to remember the Holocaust

42:00 Parents and children should be educated about the Holocaust; parents must lead as example of love, selflessness

43:30 One must stick to beliefs, regardless of the consequences

44:00 He now finds work for Ethiopian refugees; works with handicapped children; gives money to many organizations

49:00 He discusses the Jewish kosher laws, the importance of nutrition and health; responsibility to God to take care of yourself

50:00 Effects of war on physical health: nervous tension, not sleeping; he his happy to be still alive

51:00 He says he is far from perfection, he is just nothing

52:00 He repeats the importance of love and compassion; asks God to take his selfishness from him; says his relationship to God should be stronger; God must give him the conscience to do what is right

55:30 He has seen how far man is capable of going in his inhumanity against man; it could happen in America or anywhere

56:30 Must be careful when we put responsibility on other people rather than on ourselves

59:30 He has been treated well by Jewish people

61:00 He doesn't think rescues were great acts of bravery; he did his duty

63:00 People who worked with him in the underground were all united in concept of love, despite the fact that they were of many religions: Catholic, Protestant, Agnostics, Jews

64:00 Girl in the underground was arrested while carrying a book of names, then 50 of them were arrested in one night; 40 of them, including his sister, died in camps

65:00 The woman should not have been carrying the book, should never have spoken after her arrest; he did not speak when arrested

77:00 It was easier to shelter children; more likely to find them places to stay with families

80:30 Seventh Day Adventists work with Jews for the separation of church and state, to protect freedom of minorities

83:00 Other Dutch rescuers are in the LA area; many Dutch helped the Jews; Dutch population was sympathetic to them

84:00 Polish population was unsympathetic; Catholic Church never was sympathetic to Jews

90:00 Many people are very thankful to him; some do not acknowledge him at all, but he is not bitter towards those he helped who do not thank him

91:00 He also saved American airmen who landed behind the lines
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