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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:02,160

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00:00:02,160 --> 00:00:05,850
This is a United States
Holocaust Memorial Museum

3
00:00:05,850 --> 00:00:12,810
interview with Mr. Henry
Bloch on May 2, 2017

4
00:00:12,810 --> 00:00:15,270
in Fresh Meadows, New York.

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00:00:15,270 --> 00:00:18,540
Thank you very much,
Mr. Bloch, for agreeing

6
00:00:18,540 --> 00:00:20,940
to speak with us
today, for agreeing

7
00:00:20,940 --> 00:00:24,120
to share your experiences
and your story.

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00:00:24,120 --> 00:00:28,530
And we will start with
the most basic questions.

9
00:00:28,530 --> 00:00:33,150
And from there, we'll
develop and build your story

10
00:00:33,150 --> 00:00:35,860
so that we learn of
your experiences.

11
00:00:35,860 --> 00:00:36,360
OK.

12

00:00:36,360 --> 00:00:41,520
My first question is, can you
tell me the date of your birth?

13
00:00:41,520 --> 00:00:45,335
March 11, 1914.

14
00:00:45,335 --> 00:00:46,560
Oh, my.

15
00:00:46,560 --> 00:00:50,190
And today is May 2, 2017.

16
00:00:50,190 --> 00:00:53,340
So that means you
are 103 years old?

17
00:00:53,340 --> 00:00:55,080
Just had your 103rd birthday?

18
00:00:55,080 --> 00:00:57,030
Correct.

19
00:00:57,030 --> 00:00:58,410
Congratulations.

20
00:00:58,410 --> 00:00:59,730
Thank you.

21
00:00:59,730 --> 00:01:02,620
And what was your name at birth?

22
00:01:02,620 --> 00:01:04,840
Heinz Werner.

23
00:01:04,840 --> 00:01:06,850
Heinz Werner Bloch.

24
00:01:06,850 --> 00:01:07,550
Yes, yes.

25

00:01:07,550 --> 00:01:08,880
OK.

26
00:01:08,880 --> 00:01:11,770
And where were you born?

27
00:01:11,770 --> 00:01:13,980
I was born in the city--

28
00:01:13,980 --> 00:01:16,230
I was born during World War I.

29
00:01:16,230 --> 00:01:18,060
Yeah.

30
00:01:18,060 --> 00:01:24,430
And my father was in the
army, in the German army.

31
00:01:24,430 --> 00:01:25,740
My mother was by.

32
00:01:25,740 --> 00:01:32,140
Herself and we were at
the time in Duisberg.

33
00:01:32,140 --> 00:01:33,530
Duisberg.

34
00:01:33,530 --> 00:01:35,740
I don't know if
you know Duisberg.

35
00:01:35,740 --> 00:01:36,960
Duisberg.

36
00:01:36,960 --> 00:01:42,400
And I was born in
Duisberg at that time.

37
00:01:42,400 --> 00:01:48,070
But we then later on

resettled back further south,

38

00:01:48,070 --> 00:01:53,020

if you would call that,
and we stayed in Mannheim.

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00:01:53,020 --> 00:01:54,990

So did you grow up in Mannheim?

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00:01:54,990 --> 00:01:55,990

Basically.

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00:01:55,990 --> 00:01:57,070

OK.

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00:01:57,070 --> 00:02:00,010

How is it that your mother
gave birth to you in Duisberg

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00:02:00,010 --> 00:02:02,770

and not in Mannheim?

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00:02:02,770 --> 00:02:08,669

An aunt of her, or rather
a sister, an aunt of mine,

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00:02:08,669 --> 00:02:12,340

a sister of her lived
in Duisberg or Essen,

46

00:02:12,340 --> 00:02:15,130

which is another city nearby.

47

00:02:15,130 --> 00:02:17,740

And she wanted to
be near the family.

48

00:02:17,740 --> 00:02:18,580

Yeah.

49

00:02:18,580 --> 00:02:21,110

This is all North

Rhine-Westphalia.

50

00:02:21,110 --> 00:02:21,610

Correct.

51

00:02:21,610 --> 00:02:22,440

This whole area.

52

00:02:22,440 --> 00:02:23,300

Correct.

53

00:02:23,300 --> 00:02:24,940

OK.

54

00:02:24,940 --> 00:02:26,540

But Mannheim is not.

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00:02:26,540 --> 00:02:29,221

Mannheim is Baden.

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00:02:29,221 --> 00:02:33,850

Baden is the southern part of
Germany along the Rhine River

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00:02:33,850 --> 00:02:39,670

across from, call
it Alsace-Lorraine,

58

00:02:39,670 --> 00:02:41,050

next to France.

59

00:02:41,050 --> 00:02:45,010

Is this wine country,
German wine country?

60

00:02:45,010 --> 00:02:51,260

It is not necessarily known
for wine, but across the river,

61

00:02:51,260 --> 00:02:53,225

which is called the Pfalz--

62

00:02:53,225 --> 00:02:57,280

or Palatia, I
think, in English--

63

00:02:57,280 --> 00:03:00,650

there is a lot of wine grown--

64

00:03:00,650 --> 00:03:04,120

I mean, there are
a lot of vineyards.

65

00:03:04,120 --> 00:03:07,470

So was your mother
originally from Duisberg?

66

00:03:07,470 --> 00:03:07,970

No.

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00:03:07,970 --> 00:03:08,470

No.

68

00:03:08,470 --> 00:03:10,910

She also was born--

69

00:03:10,910 --> 00:03:13,705

she was born in Germany
in a small town.

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00:03:13,705 --> 00:03:16,300

71

00:03:16,300 --> 00:03:20,710

Her family was-- there
were seven children.

72

00:03:20,710 --> 00:03:23,320

She was one of
seven children, who

73

00:03:23,320 --> 00:03:26,050

lived in the southern
part of Germany.

74
00:03:26,050 --> 00:03:29,570

75
00:03:29,570 --> 00:03:32,900
Do you remember the
town that she was from?

76
00:03:32,900 --> 00:03:37,640
It was a small town,
which was Meisenheim--

77
00:03:37,640 --> 00:03:38,140
Meisenheim.

78
00:03:38,140 --> 00:03:41,560
--which is not very well known.

79
00:03:41,560 --> 00:03:44,520
But maybe the city which is
nearby is called Kreuznach.

80
00:03:44,520 --> 00:03:46,300
Kreuznach.

81
00:03:46,300 --> 00:03:52,450
Kreuznach or Munster,
which is on the river now,

82
00:03:52,450 --> 00:03:58,030
which is not far from Bingen,
which is not far from the Rhine

83
00:03:58,030 --> 00:03:59,170
River.

84
00:03:59,170 --> 00:04:03,440
So that area was her background.

85
00:04:03,440 --> 00:04:03,940
OK.

86

00:04:03,940 --> 00:04:05,650
What was your mother's name?

87

00:04:05,650 --> 00:04:07,870
David-- Emma David.

88

00:04:07,870 --> 00:04:09,400
Emma David.

89

00:04:09,400 --> 00:04:15,310
And had her family been in
this area for a long time?

90

00:04:15,310 --> 00:04:20,620
The family David has been
there for many generations.

91

00:04:20,620 --> 00:04:24,610
How did the family
make its living?

92

00:04:24,610 --> 00:04:27,385
How did they support
themselves, her family?

93

00:04:27,385 --> 00:04:32,110

94

00:04:32,110 --> 00:04:37,990
The detailed part, I am
not quite so well familiar,

95

00:04:37,990 --> 00:04:43,990
but I think most of which they
handled grain from the farmers.

96

00:04:43,990 --> 00:04:51,730
They purchased the harvest
of grain of all sorts,

97

00:04:51,730 --> 00:04:59,680
and they sold this to breweries

and also similar institutions

98

00:04:59,680 --> 00:05:03,640
which would require
this sort of item.

99

00:05:03,640 --> 00:05:06,900
And that's what was
their main business.

100

00:05:06,900 --> 00:05:07,710
OK.

101

00:05:07,710 --> 00:05:13,250
They had storage
warehouses for this grain.

102

00:05:13,250 --> 00:05:15,820
So they're grain merchants.

103

00:05:15,820 --> 00:05:16,450
Yes.

104

00:05:16,450 --> 00:05:18,040
But also grew it.

105

00:05:18,040 --> 00:05:22,510
And they also had a
factory where they brewed

106

00:05:22,510 --> 00:05:26,560
the grain, which was cooked.

107

00:05:26,560 --> 00:05:29,950
I'm not quite sure of the
procedures and all this

108

00:05:29,950 --> 00:05:34,480
anymore, which was
primarily for the brewery.

109

00:05:34,480 --> 00:05:37,900

I think it was mostly
the grain which they

110
00:05:37,900 --> 00:05:40,180
bought was sold to breweries.

111
00:05:40,180 --> 00:05:41,650
So to make beer.

112
00:05:41,650 --> 00:05:42,500
Make beer.

113
00:05:42,500 --> 00:05:44,050
OK.

114
00:05:44,050 --> 00:05:47,990
And was it a well-to-do
family as far as you knew?

115
00:05:47,990 --> 00:05:52,160
They were considered
very much so.

116
00:05:52,160 --> 00:05:53,560
OK.

117
00:05:53,560 --> 00:05:56,410
And your father, what
was his first name?

118
00:05:56,410 --> 00:05:57,290
Ludwig.

119
00:05:57,290 --> 00:05:58,180
Ludwig Bloch.

120
00:05:58,180 --> 00:05:59,560
Yeah.

121
00:05:59,560 --> 00:06:01,510
How many brothers and
sisters did he have?

122
00:06:01,510 --> 00:06:04,960

123
00:06:04,960 --> 00:06:09,670
He had one brother, and
I think five sisters.

124
00:06:09,670 --> 00:06:10,760
Also a large family.

125
00:06:10,760 --> 00:06:11,260
Yeah.

126
00:06:11,260 --> 00:06:14,320
Well, in those
days, the families,

127
00:06:14,320 --> 00:06:17,330
they certainly
had many children.

128
00:06:17,330 --> 00:06:18,000
Yeah.

129
00:06:18,000 --> 00:06:19,330
It has changed.

130
00:06:19,330 --> 00:06:20,200
Yes.

131
00:06:20,200 --> 00:06:23,440
So seven on one side,
seven on the other side.

132
00:06:23,440 --> 00:06:24,430
Something like that.

133
00:06:24,430 --> 00:06:28,360
And you had all-- you had 14
aunts and uncles or something

134

00:06:28,360 --> 00:06:30,682
like that, you know.

135

00:06:30,682 --> 00:06:35,590
12 aunts and uncles, if we don't
take your parents in there.

136

00:06:35,590 --> 00:06:37,630
And where was your father from?

137

00:06:37,630 --> 00:06:38,680
What place was he from?

138

00:06:38,680 --> 00:06:41,860

139

00:06:41,860 --> 00:06:47,920
He lived in the city, Baden,
in Baden, the state of Baden.

140

00:06:47,920 --> 00:06:50,530
The name of the
city was Offenburg.

141

00:06:50,530 --> 00:06:51,177
Offenburg.

142

00:06:51,177 --> 00:06:51,677
OK.

143

00:06:51,677 --> 00:06:53,140
Yeah.

144

00:06:53,140 --> 00:06:56,280
And his father--

145

00:06:56,280 --> 00:06:59,880
I am not definite, but I
think he was a butcher.

146

00:06:59,880 --> 00:07:01,420

OK.

147

00:07:01,420 --> 00:07:06,310

Did you know both sets of aunts
and uncles and grandparents

148

00:07:06,310 --> 00:07:09,250

and so--

149

00:07:09,250 --> 00:07:13,300

We were in touch with
them during the year.

150

00:07:13,300 --> 00:07:17,410

Traveling was not as
popular at the time.

151

00:07:17,410 --> 00:07:23,230

But occasionally, a vacation
time through the school years,

152

00:07:23,230 --> 00:07:26,880

we visited each other
one way or another.

153

00:07:26,880 --> 00:07:28,000

OK.

154

00:07:28,000 --> 00:07:29,680

Did you have
brothers and sisters?

155

00:07:29,680 --> 00:07:31,630

I had one older brother.

156

00:07:31,630 --> 00:07:33,100

And what was his name?

157

00:07:33,100 --> 00:07:33,870

Fritz.

158

00:07:33,870 --> 00:07:34,680

Fritz.

159

00:07:34,680 --> 00:07:36,940
And when was he born?

160

00:07:36,940 --> 00:07:42,040
He was born-- let
me think for a--

161

00:07:42,040 --> 00:07:42,950
in Mannheim.

162

00:07:42,950 --> 00:07:44,110
He was born in Mannheim.

163

00:07:44,110 --> 00:07:45,010
Yeah.

164

00:07:45,010 --> 00:07:49,030
And was he four years,
five years older than you?

165

00:07:49,030 --> 00:07:50,680
He was nine years older.

166

00:07:50,680 --> 00:07:51,730
Oh.

167

00:07:51,730 --> 00:07:53,590
So he was considerably older.

168

00:07:53,590 --> 00:07:55,480
Yeah.

169

00:07:55,480 --> 00:07:57,460
That would have made him--

170

00:07:57,460 --> 00:08:00,500
if he was nine years older,
would have been 1904.

171

00:08:00,500 --> 00:08:01,000
Yeah but--

172
00:08:01,000 --> 00:08:01,500
1905.

173
00:08:01,500 --> 00:08:05,200
My mother came-- in Mannheim,
then she moved to Meisenheim.

174
00:08:05,200 --> 00:08:09,140
That was during the war,
during the earlier years.

175
00:08:09,140 --> 00:08:14,480
There was a lot of changing
positions and locations.

176
00:08:14,480 --> 00:08:21,400
And I don't know about
the reasons, to be honest.

177
00:08:21,400 --> 00:08:22,110
OK.

178
00:08:22,110 --> 00:08:27,100
You know, parents in
those days did not

179
00:08:27,100 --> 00:08:32,860
tell the children everything
as much as it's more the case

180
00:08:32,860 --> 00:08:33,520
nowadays.

181
00:08:33,520 --> 00:08:34,450
OK.

182
00:08:34,450 --> 00:08:35,350
It's true.

183

00:08:35,350 --> 00:08:36,730
It's true.

184
00:08:36,730 --> 00:08:40,840
They kept a lot of
things to themselves.

185
00:08:40,840 --> 00:08:43,150
And children just listened.

186
00:08:43,150 --> 00:08:43,720
Yeah.

187
00:08:43,720 --> 00:08:45,460
Yeah.

188
00:08:45,460 --> 00:08:48,160
Yeah.

189
00:08:48,160 --> 00:08:50,860
There are some families
where there are storytellers

190
00:08:50,860 --> 00:08:53,170
naturally, and
there's some families

191
00:08:53,170 --> 00:08:55,660
where there's more
reserve, and that's just

192
00:08:55,660 --> 00:08:57,895
as natural for those families.

193
00:08:57,895 --> 00:09:01,510

194
00:09:01,510 --> 00:09:04,510
Did either of your parents
talk much about World War

195
00:09:04,510 --> 00:09:06,520

I and what that was like?

196
00:09:06,520 --> 00:09:07,750
No.

197
00:09:07,750 --> 00:09:10,302
No.

198
00:09:10,302 --> 00:09:12,010
I don't know, for some
reason or another,

199
00:09:12,010 --> 00:09:14,560
I don't remember details.

200
00:09:14,560 --> 00:09:16,480
My father came
back after the war.

201
00:09:16,480 --> 00:09:19,280

202
00:09:19,280 --> 00:09:22,410
I don't know any more
details where he--

203
00:09:22,410 --> 00:09:23,680
he was in France.

204
00:09:23,680 --> 00:09:24,340
That I know.

205
00:09:24,340 --> 00:09:29,730
He was somewhere in those
battles or wherever there was.

206
00:09:29,730 --> 00:09:31,100
In trenches probably.

207
00:09:31,100 --> 00:09:31,630
Yeah.

208

00:09:31,630 --> 00:09:35,050

And he came back after the war.

209

00:09:35,050 --> 00:09:37,540

Did he have a certain rank?

210

00:09:37,540 --> 00:09:39,760

I don't remember the rank.

211

00:09:39,760 --> 00:09:40,870

I don't remember.

212

00:09:40,870 --> 00:09:42,310

I don't really know.

213

00:09:42,310 --> 00:09:49,090

There was not much talk
about it, at least I was--

214

00:09:49,090 --> 00:09:53,840

I mean, I was 5 years
old, 4 or 5 years old.

215

00:09:53,840 --> 00:09:59,110

It didn't mean much what he
would say to me or so forth.

216

00:09:59,110 --> 00:10:00,370

If so, I forgot it.

217

00:10:00,370 --> 00:10:01,480

Yeah.

218

00:10:01,480 --> 00:10:05,720

And do you have any earliest
memories from your childhood?

219

00:10:05,720 --> 00:10:08,740

Even if they're just
episodic, do you have any?

220

00:10:08,740 --> 00:10:14,820
Do you remember any particular
scenes in your mind?

221
00:10:14,820 --> 00:10:19,400
Well, I mean, I cannot
think of any specific ones,

222
00:10:19,400 --> 00:10:23,665
but the school years, we all--

223
00:10:23,665 --> 00:10:31,050
I mean, we were equal with
all the Gentile people.

224
00:10:31,050 --> 00:10:35,380
I had very good
friends as schoolmates

225
00:10:35,380 --> 00:10:36,850
with whom I went to school.

226
00:10:36,850 --> 00:10:40,060
And there was no
difference in those days

227
00:10:40,060 --> 00:10:43,420
that you would say, oh,
my God, you are Jewish,

228
00:10:43,420 --> 00:10:48,700
and you are Protestant
or Catholic or whatever.

229
00:10:48,700 --> 00:10:52,150
You would not associate
and would be together

230
00:10:52,150 --> 00:10:57,160
with the family as well
as with their offspring.

231
00:10:57,160 --> 00:10:59,860

Well, tell me this.

232

00:10:59,860 --> 00:11:02,800

Did you grow up
in the same place?

233

00:11:02,800 --> 00:11:06,940

That is, once your mother
came back to Mannheim,

234

00:11:06,940 --> 00:11:11,120

did you have the same home that
you spent your childhood years

235

00:11:11,120 --> 00:11:11,620

in?

236

00:11:11,620 --> 00:11:12,230

No.

237

00:11:12,230 --> 00:11:15,190

It was not the
same home anymore.

238

00:11:15,190 --> 00:11:20,230

That was in-- no, it
was not the same home.

239

00:11:20,230 --> 00:11:24,310

It was a different apartment.

240

00:11:24,310 --> 00:11:30,520

So did you grow up in one
apartment or in several?

241

00:11:30,520 --> 00:11:34,220

It was mostly in one
apartment in Mannheim.

242

00:11:34,220 --> 00:11:36,490

And do you remember the address?

243

00:11:36,490 --> 00:11:38,120
[GERMAN]

244
00:11:38,120 --> 00:11:43,810
But I don't know the number,
even though I have visited

245
00:11:43,810 --> 00:11:48,850
Germany many times after the
war, and I visited the area

246
00:11:48,850 --> 00:11:52,990
and so forth, I just remember
the numbers or things

247
00:11:52,990 --> 00:11:53,490
like that.

248
00:11:53,490 --> 00:11:56,560
I know where it was, but I don't
remember the numbers and things

249
00:11:56,560 --> 00:11:57,160
like that.

250
00:11:57,160 --> 00:11:58,210
That's OK.

251
00:11:58,210 --> 00:12:00,190
Do you remember what the
apartment looked like?

252
00:12:00,190 --> 00:12:02,900

253
00:12:02,900 --> 00:12:04,700
Not the outlay anymore.

254
00:12:04,700 --> 00:12:05,870
Not the outlay.

255
00:12:05,870 --> 00:12:10,610

I wouldn't remember where the living room was or bedroom was

256
00:12:10,610 --> 00:12:11,570
or anything else.

257
00:12:11,570 --> 00:12:12,930
I don't remember that.

258
00:12:12,930 --> 00:12:14,388
Do you know how many rooms you had?

259
00:12:14,388 --> 00:12:20,220
But it was a quite accommodating place.

260
00:12:20,220 --> 00:12:20,720
OK.

261
00:12:20,720 --> 00:12:22,940
It was a modern house.

262
00:12:22,940 --> 00:12:25,100
There were other people in the same house.

263
00:12:25,100 --> 00:12:26,470
It was an apartment house.

264
00:12:26,470 --> 00:12:28,010
OK.

265
00:12:28,010 --> 00:12:30,100
Two, three stories, four?

266
00:12:30,100 --> 00:12:32,870
About two or three stories, something like that.

267
00:12:32,870 --> 00:12:35,810
Was it in the

center of Mannheim?

268

00:12:35,810 --> 00:12:39,090

Well, Mannheim-- I don't
know if you know that--

269

00:12:39,090 --> 00:12:45,960

Mannheim is built in such a
way that you cannot get a lot

270

00:12:45,960 --> 00:12:57,050

of-- it's done with the A, B, C.
The streets go from one river--

271

00:12:57,050 --> 00:13:02,544

there is the Rhine
River, and the--

272

00:13:02,544 --> 00:13:07,940

now, you see, now I can't think
of the other side of the river.

273

00:13:07,940 --> 00:13:08,587

It's not the--

274

00:13:08,587 --> 00:13:09,295

Was it the Pfalz?

275

00:13:09,295 --> 00:13:12,590

276

00:13:12,590 --> 00:13:13,340

Heidelberg.

277

00:13:13,340 --> 00:13:16,360

Do you know what the
river is in Heidelberg?

278

00:13:16,360 --> 00:13:16,990

No.

279

00:13:16,990 --> 00:13:17,692

I'm sorry.

280

00:13:17,692 --> 00:13:19,775

But it was the same river
that goes to Heidelberg?

281

00:13:19,775 --> 00:13:21,320

Right.

282

00:13:21,320 --> 00:13:23,780

What the heck is
the name of the--

283

00:13:23,780 --> 00:13:25,910

It'll come to you when
the cameras are off.

284

00:13:25,910 --> 00:13:32,060

Anyhow, that river was
one street, and then also

285

00:13:32,060 --> 00:13:34,950

another line from the castle.

286

00:13:34,950 --> 00:13:38,620

There was a castle on the
other side, to the other end.

287

00:13:38,620 --> 00:13:42,860

And in between this, there
was everything detailed.

288

00:13:42,860 --> 00:13:45,750

You start, on the
castle you start

289

00:13:45,750 --> 00:13:51,660

A. The next block was B, C, D,
E, F, G. Everything like this.

290

00:13:51,660 --> 00:13:52,690

And so you were Louise--

291

00:13:52,690 --> 00:13:59,510

If you were in A, the other
way, you go A1, A2, A3, A4.

292

00:13:59,510 --> 00:14:02,003

If you're know the ABC,
you couldn't get lost.

293

00:14:02,003 --> 00:14:03,670

You could find your
way around the city.

294

00:14:03,670 --> 00:14:05,200

You could find your way in--

295

00:14:05,200 --> 00:14:08,870

that was a city
which was laid out

296

00:14:08,870 --> 00:14:15,070

by whom I don't know but
on the basis of alphabet.

297

00:14:15,070 --> 00:14:18,150

And so you're street was L.

298

00:14:18,150 --> 00:14:19,640

Well, we were on the--

299

00:14:19,640 --> 00:14:20,660

there is a ring.

300

00:14:20,660 --> 00:14:22,040

The whole thing was around.

301

00:14:22,040 --> 00:14:25,820

The whole city was a ring
which had different names.

302

00:14:25,820 --> 00:14:30,610

And we lived on the
Luisen ring, which was not

303
00:14:30,610 --> 00:14:32,660
on the inside of
the city, but it

304
00:14:32,660 --> 00:14:35,960
was the outside of the
ring, which had a number,

305
00:14:35,960 --> 00:14:38,340
but it didn't have
A, B, C number.

306
00:14:38,340 --> 00:14:39,290
Right, right.

307
00:14:39,290 --> 00:14:41,680
And was this a
residential kind of--

308
00:14:41,680 --> 00:14:42,680
All.

309
00:14:42,680 --> 00:14:44,480
Only residential.

310
00:14:44,480 --> 00:14:49,360
The whole city, if I
remember, was all residential.

311
00:14:49,360 --> 00:14:52,900
I mean, the shops
and department stores

312
00:14:52,900 --> 00:14:55,400
and all this but no industry.

313
00:14:55,400 --> 00:14:58,220

314
00:14:58,220 --> 00:15:02,090
What was the

economy of Mannheim?

315

00:15:02,090 --> 00:15:10,400

It was the second largest harbor on the Rhine River.

316

00:15:10,400 --> 00:15:11,060

Really?

317

00:15:11,060 --> 00:15:11,780

Yes.

318

00:15:11,780 --> 00:15:16,670

The biggest one was in Duisberg, where ships stopped.

319

00:15:16,670 --> 00:15:19,310

And then on the way back to go to Switzerland,

320

00:15:19,310 --> 00:15:22,490

Mannheim was the second largest harbor.

321

00:15:22,490 --> 00:15:25,850

So there were a lot of ships going up and down the river.

322

00:15:25,850 --> 00:15:27,980

I wouldn't have thought but how interesting.

323

00:15:27,980 --> 00:15:28,590

Yeah.

324

00:15:28,590 --> 00:15:31,210

I didn't know that about Mannheim.

325

00:15:31,210 --> 00:15:34,910

So its economy probably was quite dependent

326

00:15:34,910 --> 00:15:38,510
on this kind of trade.

327

00:15:38,510 --> 00:15:41,950
Well, there were a lot of
industries on the outskirts.

328

00:15:41,950 --> 00:15:45,570
Across from Mannheim was a
city called Ludwigshafen.

329

00:15:45,570 --> 00:15:46,070
Ah.

330

00:15:46,070 --> 00:15:46,690
OK.

331

00:15:46,690 --> 00:15:50,570
And in Ludwigshafen is a
city, which is now still

332

00:15:50,570 --> 00:15:51,740
in business--

333

00:15:51,740 --> 00:15:54,780
matter of fact, I visited
not too long ago--

334

00:15:54,780 --> 00:15:56,420
BASF.

335

00:15:56,420 --> 00:15:57,410
Oh, that's right.

336

00:15:57,410 --> 00:15:59,340
The company BASF.

337

00:15:59,340 --> 00:15:59,840
Yeah.

338

00:15:59,840 --> 00:16:02,070

It's one of the
biggest in the world.

339
00:16:02,070 --> 00:16:03,220
Yeah.

340
00:16:03,220 --> 00:16:03,800
Yeah.

341
00:16:03,800 --> 00:16:04,430
It is.

342
00:16:04,430 --> 00:16:08,280
It's bigger than Dupont
and any of the other ones.

343
00:16:08,280 --> 00:16:11,660
And that is the
industry on that side.

344
00:16:11,660 --> 00:16:14,335
I mean, it's right
across the river.

345
00:16:14,335 --> 00:16:18,080
But when you were a young boy,
let's take the year arbitrarily

346
00:16:18,080 --> 00:16:22,400
1920, you're 6 years old.

347
00:16:22,400 --> 00:16:25,430
You are growing up in Mannheim.

348
00:16:25,430 --> 00:16:27,030
I went to public school.

349
00:16:27,030 --> 00:16:28,280
And you went to public school.

350
00:16:28,280 --> 00:16:30,890

351
00:16:30,890 --> 00:16:33,050
Tell me, what did
Mannheim look like?

352
00:16:33,050 --> 00:16:35,120
I mean, were there streetcars?

353
00:16:35,120 --> 00:16:37,490
Were there many automobiles?

354
00:16:37,490 --> 00:16:39,740
Well, yes.

355
00:16:39,740 --> 00:16:45,950
There were definitely
streetcars all over going from--

356
00:16:45,950 --> 00:16:48,980
in the city and also
going the outskirts.

357
00:16:48,980 --> 00:16:50,930
People had cars.

358
00:16:50,930 --> 00:16:51,430
Many?

359
00:16:51,430 --> 00:16:53,840
German cars, I think mostly.

360
00:16:53,840 --> 00:16:56,450
French cars.

361
00:16:56,450 --> 00:17:00,620
Different makes from
Italy, also for Czechs.

362
00:17:00,620 --> 00:17:02,480
Not American cars,
I don't think.

363

00:17:02,480 --> 00:17:06,410

I don't remember that any
American cars off hand.

364

00:17:06,410 --> 00:17:09,020

Was still a different
kind of a car.

365

00:17:09,020 --> 00:17:12,710

You had a start in the
front had to turn the handle

366

00:17:12,710 --> 00:17:15,560

to get the motor
started on the outside.

367

00:17:15,560 --> 00:17:17,240

You had clutches.

368

00:17:17,240 --> 00:17:20,180

You had shifts.

369

00:17:20,180 --> 00:17:23,839

You cannot imagine how difficult
it would have been for somebody

370

00:17:23,839 --> 00:17:26,630

today to drive
those kind of cars.

371

00:17:26,630 --> 00:17:27,319

Oh, yeah.

372

00:17:27,319 --> 00:17:28,010

Oh, yeah.

373

00:17:28,010 --> 00:17:29,990

But they existed.

374

00:17:29,990 --> 00:17:34,340

And were they a rarity or
were they everyday occurrence

375
00:17:34,340 --> 00:17:35,810
to see a car down a street?

376
00:17:35,810 --> 00:17:38,240
It was very, very, very much so.

377
00:17:38,240 --> 00:17:42,240
It was a very affluent area.

378
00:17:42,240 --> 00:17:43,370
OK.

379
00:17:43,370 --> 00:17:46,610
And in your own home,
did you have electricity?

380
00:17:46,610 --> 00:17:47,780
Yes.

381
00:17:47,780 --> 00:17:50,840
Did you have indoor plumbing?

382
00:17:50,840 --> 00:17:51,630
Yes.

383
00:17:51,630 --> 00:17:52,130
OK.

384
00:17:52,130 --> 00:17:53,250
All this was there.

385
00:17:53,250 --> 00:17:53,750
Yes.

386
00:17:53,750 --> 00:17:55,520
And how was the home heated?

387
00:17:55,520 --> 00:17:57,370
Do you remember?

388

00:17:57,370 --> 00:18:00,260

That I don't know,
if that was coal.

389

00:18:00,260 --> 00:18:01,703

You would have coal ovens?

390

00:18:01,703 --> 00:18:02,870

You know, those stapel oven?

391

00:18:02,870 --> 00:18:07,730

It was central heating,
but I don't know from--

392

00:18:07,730 --> 00:18:08,880

What source.

393

00:18:08,880 --> 00:18:10,010

Yeah, boiler.

394

00:18:10,010 --> 00:18:11,560

I don't know how it was heated.

395

00:18:11,560 --> 00:18:13,850

I don't know.

396

00:18:13,850 --> 00:18:16,850

Did your family have a radio?

397

00:18:16,850 --> 00:18:18,120

Yes.

398

00:18:18,120 --> 00:18:19,100

Telephone?

399

00:18:19,100 --> 00:18:21,860

Yes.

400

00:18:21,860 --> 00:18:22,950

So this was quite modern.

401
00:18:22,950 --> 00:18:23,450
Yes.

402
00:18:23,450 --> 00:18:25,710
Actually, for the time,
it was quite modern--

403
00:18:25,710 --> 00:18:26,210
Yes.

404
00:18:26,210 --> 00:18:27,168
--to have these things.

405
00:18:27,168 --> 00:18:28,680
Right.

406
00:18:28,680 --> 00:18:29,180
Yes.

407
00:18:29,180 --> 00:18:33,380
There was no television yet.

408
00:18:33,380 --> 00:18:34,220
No.

409
00:18:34,220 --> 00:18:34,920
No.

410
00:18:34,920 --> 00:18:38,150
And things think that, no.

411
00:18:38,150 --> 00:18:40,130
What was your
father's occupation

412
00:18:40,130 --> 00:18:43,420
when he came back from the war?

413
00:18:43,420 --> 00:18:47,420
He, together with
the family members,

414
00:18:47,420 --> 00:18:53,150
they started a company,
which made kitchen cabinets.

415
00:18:53,150 --> 00:18:54,320
Oh, OK.

416
00:18:54,320 --> 00:18:55,220
Woodworking.

417
00:18:55,220 --> 00:18:55,910
Woodworking.

418
00:18:55,910 --> 00:18:56,990
Yeah.

419
00:18:56,990 --> 00:19:03,650
And that must have
been quite a business.

420
00:19:03,650 --> 00:19:07,820
Well, like everything else,
after the war, a lot of things

421
00:19:07,820 --> 00:19:09,030
were destroyed--

422
00:19:09,030 --> 00:19:10,220
Yeah.

423
00:19:10,220 --> 00:19:13,700
--and had to be renovated,
had to be done over again

424
00:19:13,700 --> 00:19:18,290
or new homes were built. So
it was a lucrative business.

425
00:19:18,290 --> 00:19:20,570
Did you ever visit him in his--

426

00:19:20,570 --> 00:19:24,500

I mean, visited the
company, the office

427

00:19:24,500 --> 00:19:27,260

because my father worked
there in the office

428

00:19:27,260 --> 00:19:30,080

and so on and so forth.

429

00:19:30,080 --> 00:19:30,920

Yes.

430

00:19:30,920 --> 00:19:33,560

But I mean, I
didn't do anything.

431

00:19:33,560 --> 00:19:34,520

I went to school.

432

00:19:34,520 --> 00:19:35,210

Yeah.

433

00:19:35,210 --> 00:19:37,170

But did you see the
cabinets being made?

434

00:19:37,170 --> 00:19:37,670

Oh, sure.

435

00:19:37,670 --> 00:19:40,210

436

00:19:40,210 --> 00:19:43,730

A lot of woods, if I remember.

437

00:19:43,730 --> 00:19:45,020

That took a little time.

438

00:19:45,020 --> 00:19:47,360

It didn't come right away.

439

00:19:47,360 --> 00:19:49,350

That happens later.

440

00:19:49,350 --> 00:19:52,040

It was then later imported.

441

00:19:52,040 --> 00:19:53,700

Wood came from America.

442

00:19:53,700 --> 00:19:54,200

Oh, really?

443

00:19:54,200 --> 00:19:57,020

Pitch pine, yellow
pine, things like

444

00:19:57,020 --> 00:20:00,800

that came from
America to Europe,

445

00:20:00,800 --> 00:20:04,610

and that was very popular
in kitchen manufacturing.

446

00:20:04,610 --> 00:20:06,860

And what about European woods?

447

00:20:06,860 --> 00:20:10,040

What woods would be natural
or native to Germany

448

00:20:10,040 --> 00:20:11,520

that were also used?

449

00:20:11,520 --> 00:20:18,290

They don't have that many
good trees in Germany.

450

00:20:18,290 --> 00:20:20,180

They had oak trees.

451
00:20:20,180 --> 00:20:23,180
Well, it's interesting
that you bring up the wood.

452
00:20:23,180 --> 00:20:27,370
You know, my specialty
in my later years

453
00:20:27,370 --> 00:20:34,057
and especially here in
this country is I was--

454
00:20:34,057 --> 00:20:36,410
I don't want to call an expert--

455
00:20:36,410 --> 00:20:40,370
but I was looking
all over the world

456
00:20:40,370 --> 00:20:45,290
for exotic and foreign trees.

457
00:20:45,290 --> 00:20:46,610
Oh, wow.

458
00:20:46,610 --> 00:20:52,430
And I selected those trees to
be brought here to this country

459
00:20:52,430 --> 00:20:59,450
to be processed into
lumber and wood, which

460
00:20:59,450 --> 00:21:03,815
is then finally used for
architectural woodwork.

461
00:21:03,815 --> 00:21:05,240
Oh, wow.

462
00:21:05,240 --> 00:21:06,230

Oh, wow.

463
00:21:06,230 --> 00:21:08,870
So is this as a
result of your father

464
00:21:08,870 --> 00:21:10,010
having had such a business?

465
00:21:10,010 --> 00:21:10,510
Right.

466
00:21:10,510 --> 00:21:15,170
My brother was in the same-- not
actually in the same business--

467
00:21:15,170 --> 00:21:19,010
my brother came to
this country also

468
00:21:19,010 --> 00:21:24,198
later, much later than
I did, and he also

469
00:21:24,198 --> 00:21:25,240
was in the wood business.

470
00:21:25,240 --> 00:21:33,020
But he got together with big
companies from the West Coast

471
00:21:33,020 --> 00:21:41,840
and only handled soft wood
lumber like spruce and hemlock

472
00:21:41,840 --> 00:21:48,660
and pine and spruce, which is
used for construction of homes,

473
00:21:48,660 --> 00:21:52,760
which was for outdoors use.

474

00:21:52,760 --> 00:21:54,980
The soft woods are
used for outdoor use

475
00:21:54,980 --> 00:21:56,317
in the construction of homes?

476
00:21:56,317 --> 00:21:57,650
You mean the frames that we see?

477
00:21:57,650 --> 00:22:02,140
The frames, like
a 2 by 4 or 3 by--

478
00:22:02,140 --> 00:22:07,790
anything in the construction
field is only soft woods.

479
00:22:07,790 --> 00:22:10,390
That doesn't make you feel very
confident about the strength

480
00:22:10,390 --> 00:22:12,920
of one's house if
it's all soft wood.

481
00:22:12,920 --> 00:22:14,780
It is very strong.

482
00:22:14,780 --> 00:22:18,460
It's the thickness and
the width of the board.

483
00:22:18,460 --> 00:22:22,270
I mean, that was the
style, and it still

484
00:22:22,270 --> 00:22:27,730
was vogue until
about a few years

485
00:22:27,730 --> 00:22:33,370
ago when things changed

here, this country to.

486
00:22:33,370 --> 00:22:35,620
Everything here
was wooden frames.

487
00:22:35,620 --> 00:22:37,930
Every house was wooden frames.

488
00:22:37,930 --> 00:22:41,450
And the outside naturally
you had different finishing.

489
00:22:41,450 --> 00:22:46,120
But the inside was everything
done by 2 by 4s or 2 by 6s or 3

490
00:22:46,120 --> 00:22:47,290
by 10s.

491
00:22:47,290 --> 00:22:50,830
The whole house was
of wooden frames.

492
00:22:50,830 --> 00:22:55,420
And then later on when
the fire department

493
00:22:55,420 --> 00:22:59,350
insisted that you have
to protect people more,

494
00:22:59,350 --> 00:23:02,210
then they changed it.

495
00:23:02,210 --> 00:23:06,670
It was that you had to
use some fire retardant

496
00:23:06,670 --> 00:23:08,770
chemicals on the wood.

497

00:23:08,770 --> 00:23:15,130
And last but not least, also
you used metal instead of wood.

498
00:23:15,130 --> 00:23:18,730
So nowadays in
big, big buildings,

499
00:23:18,730 --> 00:23:23,110
they will not use wood anymore
because they're afraid.

500
00:23:23,110 --> 00:23:26,860
They're using steel or metal.

501
00:23:26,860 --> 00:23:30,460
So that would be for large
non-residential buildings

502
00:23:30,460 --> 00:23:31,395
mostly.

503
00:23:31,395 --> 00:23:35,170
It depends on the architects.

504
00:23:35,170 --> 00:23:36,790
Well, you know, the
interesting thing

505
00:23:36,790 --> 00:23:40,450
is that when the people who
are familiar with Germany

506
00:23:40,450 --> 00:23:43,150
and have visited
there often comment

507
00:23:43,150 --> 00:23:45,610
on the beauty and the
strength of the houses

508
00:23:45,610 --> 00:23:50,500
compared to the United States

and their construction.

509

00:23:50,500 --> 00:23:53,260

There must be some difference
in construction process.

510

00:23:53,260 --> 00:24:00,280

Well, the houses in Europe, they
were mostly built out of stone.

511

00:24:00,280 --> 00:24:07,640

Stone houses or even, if you can
afford it, I mean, it's brick.

512

00:24:07,640 --> 00:24:08,590

Right.

513

00:24:08,590 --> 00:24:14,870

Which is definitely much more
solid but much more costly.

514

00:24:14,870 --> 00:24:15,760

Yeah.

515

00:24:15,760 --> 00:24:18,070

But it lasts longer.

516

00:24:18,070 --> 00:24:20,185

Your house, was
it a stone house?

517

00:24:20,185 --> 00:24:21,310

Your apartment?

518

00:24:21,310 --> 00:24:23,410

We didn't have a--

519

00:24:23,410 --> 00:24:26,080

the original houses
where we lived,

520

00:24:26,080 --> 00:24:30,430

I have no idea how it was built
because those houses were--

521
00:24:30,430 --> 00:24:32,483
if you remember, if
I should remember,

522
00:24:32,483 --> 00:24:33,900
I don't know when
they were build.

523
00:24:33,900 --> 00:24:35,150
God knows when.

524
00:24:35,150 --> 00:24:35,650
Yeah.

525
00:24:35,650 --> 00:24:39,280
And they were certainly
built with wood.

526
00:24:39,280 --> 00:24:42,190
There was no other
way of doing it

527
00:24:42,190 --> 00:24:46,030
because that was the only
way they could do it.

528
00:24:46,030 --> 00:24:54,730
And only later, when
people had maybe chances

529
00:24:54,730 --> 00:25:02,500
to get either stone or brick,
which would be much more

530
00:25:02,500 --> 00:25:06,970
costly, they built houses,
and they could naturally

531
00:25:06,970 --> 00:25:12,190
afford it also, which were

much better and last longer.

532

00:25:12,190 --> 00:25:16,270

Well, so many of the houses in
the inner cities of, not only

533

00:25:16,270 --> 00:25:20,970

Austria and Germany, but
France and Brussels and so on,

534

00:25:20,970 --> 00:25:22,900

were stone houses that were--

535

00:25:22,900 --> 00:25:25,030

I'm talking the
central cities, where

536

00:25:25,030 --> 00:25:26,950

you'd have an apartment
building, that

537

00:25:26,950 --> 00:25:30,070

could be many stories
high, they were stone.

538

00:25:30,070 --> 00:25:31,480

They were brick and stone.

539

00:25:31,480 --> 00:25:33,940

They were with the
19th century, if you

540

00:25:33,940 --> 00:25:36,550

think of that kind
of construction

541

00:25:36,550 --> 00:25:40,960

with high ceilings and
big windows and verandas

542

00:25:40,960 --> 00:25:42,400

and you know.

543

00:25:42,400 --> 00:25:44,290

I'm not talking
about outer city,

544

00:25:44,290 --> 00:25:45,880

you know, where
residential areas.

545

00:25:45,880 --> 00:25:48,430

546

00:25:48,430 --> 00:25:50,310

And that lasted.

547

00:25:50,310 --> 00:25:51,250

It still is.

548

00:25:51,250 --> 00:25:51,760

It lasted.

549

00:25:51,760 --> 00:25:56,110

Sure, it lasted
because it was easier

550

00:25:56,110 --> 00:25:59,680

for them to get the stones.

551

00:25:59,680 --> 00:26:04,450

Apparently there were areas
where there were stones.

552

00:26:04,450 --> 00:26:09,070

You know, Italy is known for
that, for marble and all this,

553

00:26:09,070 --> 00:26:12,430

to get the material.

554

00:26:12,430 --> 00:26:18,520

And I have no idea exactly
where the stones or bricks

555

00:26:18,520 --> 00:26:21,400
or something were manufactured.

556

00:26:21,400 --> 00:26:22,750
But it was there.

557

00:26:22,750 --> 00:26:24,360
It came from somewhere.

558

00:26:24,360 --> 00:26:26,650
And in your apartment
building, was--

559

00:26:26,650 --> 00:26:28,420
I don't know actually
the apartment.

560

00:26:28,420 --> 00:26:30,330
They were there, and I just--

561

00:26:30,330 --> 00:26:32,470
I naturally looked underneath.

562

00:26:32,470 --> 00:26:33,117
I didn't know.

563

00:26:33,117 --> 00:26:33,700
Of course not.

564

00:26:33,700 --> 00:26:33,790
Of course not.

565

00:26:33,790 --> 00:26:35,200
Naturally, I don't know.

566

00:26:35,200 --> 00:26:35,860
Of course not.

567

00:26:35,860 --> 00:26:39,110
But it was definitely
solid buildings.

568
00:26:39,110 --> 00:26:40,930
Solid building.

569
00:26:40,930 --> 00:26:44,640
Your father, having himself
been a butcher's son,

570
00:26:44,640 --> 00:26:47,650
how did he come by this trade?

571
00:26:47,650 --> 00:26:53,550
How did he come by this
particular business?

572
00:26:53,550 --> 00:26:55,040
You mean the kitchen
manufacturing?

573
00:26:55,040 --> 00:26:55,630
Mm-hmm.

574
00:26:55,630 --> 00:27:00,230
Well, the family, there were
two or three other who all--

575
00:27:00,230 --> 00:27:01,690
the money--

576
00:27:01,690 --> 00:27:06,340
I don't know exactly how they
came to found the company.

577
00:27:06,340 --> 00:27:11,680
They had an idea that this
will be a good item to start

578
00:27:11,680 --> 00:27:13,810
and would be needed.

579
00:27:13,810 --> 00:27:19,300
And the company was founded.

580
00:27:19,300 --> 00:27:20,580
Yeah.

581
00:27:20,580 --> 00:27:21,910
It was a family business.

582
00:27:21,910 --> 00:27:23,530
It was a family business.

583
00:27:23,530 --> 00:27:26,030
What was the name of it?

584
00:27:26,030 --> 00:27:28,700
At the moment, I wouldn't know
what the name of that anymore.

585
00:27:28,700 --> 00:27:29,200
OK.

586
00:27:29,200 --> 00:27:31,840
So it wouldn't have been like
[GERMAN] Bloch or something

587
00:27:31,840 --> 00:27:32,790
like that.

588
00:27:32,790 --> 00:27:35,065
It could have been,
but I don't remember.

589
00:27:35,065 --> 00:27:37,580

590
00:27:37,580 --> 00:27:40,960
And did they have many workers
manufacturing the cabinets,

591
00:27:40,960 --> 00:27:42,940
making the cabinets?

592

00:27:42,940 --> 00:27:44,750
Naturally, they had
people to work there.

593
00:27:44,750 --> 00:27:46,660
I don't know how many.

594
00:27:46,660 --> 00:27:50,320
But they had people
who were qualified.

595
00:27:50,320 --> 00:27:54,490
And we had actually
cabinet makers.

596
00:27:54,490 --> 00:27:57,130
Those people were--
how I should say--

597
00:27:57,130 --> 00:27:58,760
certified.

598
00:27:58,760 --> 00:28:02,170
They had an apprenticeship
before they could call

599
00:28:02,170 --> 00:28:04,390
themselves a cabinet maker.

600
00:28:04,390 --> 00:28:09,340
Here, you can go to a
company and it says--

601
00:28:09,340 --> 00:28:12,370
and the man goes
and says if you--

602
00:28:12,370 --> 00:28:14,280
I would like a job.

603
00:28:14,280 --> 00:28:15,920
So the man says,
what can you do?

604
00:28:15,920 --> 00:28:17,830
Well, I'm a cabinet maker.

605
00:28:17,830 --> 00:28:21,310
You have no proof that
he ever was taught

606
00:28:21,310 --> 00:28:23,520
or that he knows anything.

607
00:28:23,520 --> 00:28:26,720
He doesn't even know how to
put things together perhaps.

608
00:28:26,720 --> 00:28:27,220
Yeah.

609
00:28:27,220 --> 00:28:28,046
There is a difference.

610
00:28:28,046 --> 00:28:28,963
There is a difference.

611
00:28:28,963 --> 00:28:31,500
That's a big-- I
mean, apprenticeship.

612
00:28:31,500 --> 00:28:32,000
Yeah.

613
00:28:32,000 --> 00:28:35,050
In the sense of
artisan craftsmanship,

614
00:28:35,050 --> 00:28:38,740
that was their guilds
in Germany and so

615
00:28:38,740 --> 00:28:43,750
that are part of the
quality control as well.

616
00:28:43,750 --> 00:28:47,620
Did you have the kitchen
cabinets in your own apartment,

617
00:28:47,620 --> 00:28:49,460
were they from the company?

618
00:28:49,460 --> 00:28:49,960
No.

619
00:28:49,960 --> 00:28:53,290
That apartment was
already in existence.

620
00:28:53,290 --> 00:28:54,080
We didn't get it.

621
00:28:54,080 --> 00:28:54,580
No.

622
00:28:54,580 --> 00:28:55,080
No.

623
00:28:55,080 --> 00:28:56,110
OK.

624
00:28:56,110 --> 00:28:58,180
But did you find your
father's business

625
00:28:58,180 --> 00:29:01,180
interesting or not so much?

626
00:29:01,180 --> 00:29:07,390
Well, I mean, not for me
personally interesting.

627
00:29:07,390 --> 00:29:10,030

628

00:29:10,030 --> 00:29:12,370
Well, I mean, I went to school.

629
00:29:12,370 --> 00:29:13,810
I mean, I had to go to school.

630
00:29:13,810 --> 00:29:15,872
I had no time to
worry about getting

631
00:29:15,872 --> 00:29:17,080
a job or something like this.

632
00:29:17,080 --> 00:29:17,800
Oh, no, no, no.

633
00:29:17,800 --> 00:29:19,660
That's not what I meant.

634
00:29:19,660 --> 00:29:22,560
I meant more like
some boys would

635
00:29:22,560 --> 00:29:26,500
see something made of a metal,
and they're just fascinated.

636
00:29:26,500 --> 00:29:29,260
They take their
family radio apart.

637
00:29:29,260 --> 00:29:32,425
Things like-- I wondered whether
that was of interest to you,

638
00:29:32,425 --> 00:29:34,180
what you saw there.

639
00:29:34,180 --> 00:29:35,500
In a way, yes.

640
00:29:35,500 --> 00:29:38,170

In a way, yes, because
it's nice to see

641
00:29:38,170 --> 00:29:40,970
that you can
manufacture something,

642
00:29:40,970 --> 00:29:43,420
and you have a
product at the end.

643
00:29:43,420 --> 00:29:45,610
It was of interest to me, yes.

644
00:29:45,610 --> 00:29:49,150
But it was not for
me that I would

645
00:29:49,150 --> 00:29:52,690
say I want to get into it.

646
00:29:52,690 --> 00:29:58,070
I wanted to finish the school
first and see what happens.

647
00:29:58,070 --> 00:30:00,460
But well, that is another story.

648
00:30:00,460 --> 00:30:02,140
Yeah.

649
00:30:02,140 --> 00:30:05,575
And Fritz, your older
brother, what was--

650
00:30:05,575 --> 00:30:09,880
He was in the company.

651
00:30:09,880 --> 00:30:10,810
He worked there too.

652
00:30:10,810 --> 00:30:17,140

He worked at
company, but he also

653
00:30:17,140 --> 00:30:22,370
was anxious to get ahead of him.

654
00:30:22,370 --> 00:30:26,350
He didn't see any
future in this company.

655
00:30:26,350 --> 00:30:29,170
He made connections
with another company.

656
00:30:29,170 --> 00:30:34,580
And he left, and he
became quite important

657
00:30:34,580 --> 00:30:36,100
for the other company.

658
00:30:36,100 --> 00:30:39,520
But it more or less in
the same type of business.

659
00:30:39,520 --> 00:30:40,440
Same type of business.

660
00:30:40,440 --> 00:30:40,990
OK.

661
00:30:40,990 --> 00:30:43,810
They not only made
kitchen cabinets,

662
00:30:43,810 --> 00:30:45,820
they made also other furniture.

663
00:30:45,820 --> 00:30:47,050
OK.

664
00:30:47,050 --> 00:30:49,720

And we'll keep on going.

665
00:30:49,720 --> 00:30:53,040
Did your father have
higher education?

666
00:30:53,040 --> 00:30:53,540
No.

667
00:30:53,540 --> 00:30:54,540
OK if I close this door?

668
00:30:54,540 --> 00:30:56,860
OK.

669
00:30:56,860 --> 00:30:59,500
And your mother,
had she had any?

670
00:30:59,500 --> 00:31:00,050
No.

671
00:31:00,050 --> 00:31:00,592
Any kind of--

672
00:31:00,592 --> 00:31:02,150
They were home keepers.

673
00:31:02,150 --> 00:31:02,650
She was a--

674
00:31:02,650 --> 00:31:03,310
Homemaker.

675
00:31:03,310 --> 00:31:05,720
Homemaker.

676
00:31:05,720 --> 00:31:08,200
Women didn't go to work.

677
00:31:08,200 --> 00:31:10,390

Or they worked at home.

678
00:31:10,390 --> 00:31:14,690
They had no education
for business.

679
00:31:14,690 --> 00:31:23,260
They were taught have babies
and keep a home and cook.

680
00:31:23,260 --> 00:31:25,070
Did she have any
help in any of this?

681
00:31:25,070 --> 00:31:25,570
Yes.

682
00:31:25,570 --> 00:31:26,240
Yes?

683
00:31:26,240 --> 00:31:27,820
Yes.

684
00:31:27,820 --> 00:31:31,060
We always had some help.

685
00:31:31,060 --> 00:31:34,600
Did your father
on an automobile?

686
00:31:34,600 --> 00:31:36,130
No.

687
00:31:36,130 --> 00:31:38,690
In the city, we
didn't have a garage,

688
00:31:38,690 --> 00:31:40,180
and we didn't have
an automobile.

689
00:31:40,180 --> 00:31:40,690

No.

690
00:31:40,690 --> 00:31:41,190
OK.

691
00:31:41,190 --> 00:31:43,660

692
00:31:43,660 --> 00:31:45,100
Was your family religious?

693
00:31:45,100 --> 00:31:50,230

694
00:31:50,230 --> 00:31:52,360
Not that I can say.

695
00:31:52,360 --> 00:32:00,460
They were going to the
synagogue on holidays

696
00:32:00,460 --> 00:32:02,710
but not regularly
on the weekends.

697
00:32:02,710 --> 00:32:06,110

698
00:32:06,110 --> 00:32:11,650
We believe-- we were Jewish,
and we had a congregation.

699
00:32:11,650 --> 00:32:15,370
And we kept the
holidays naturally.

700
00:32:15,370 --> 00:32:16,960
But we were not religious.

701
00:32:16,960 --> 00:32:22,105
And then naturally the
trend started in Germany--

702
00:32:22,105 --> 00:32:25,950

703
00:32:25,950 --> 00:32:28,970
what do you call it now?

704
00:32:28,970 --> 00:32:30,140
Let's cut for a second.

705
00:32:30,140 --> 00:32:31,500
What is that looking for?

706
00:32:31,500 --> 00:32:33,190
Oh, so they were reformed Jews.

707
00:32:33,190 --> 00:32:33,710
Right.

708
00:32:33,710 --> 00:32:34,210
OK.

709
00:32:34,210 --> 00:32:37,692

710
00:32:37,692 --> 00:32:40,150
Oh, I just had a thought, and
it went in here and out here.

711
00:32:40,150 --> 00:32:45,920

712
00:32:45,920 --> 00:32:48,950
Did your-- ah, this was it.

713
00:32:48,950 --> 00:32:51,590
Did Mannheim have a
large Jewish community?

714
00:32:51,590 --> 00:32:52,700
Yes.

715
00:32:52,700 --> 00:33:01,040
There were quite
a few synagogues,

716
00:33:01,040 --> 00:33:05,600
religious ones were orthodox.

717
00:33:05,600 --> 00:33:07,660
And I don't know how many.

718
00:33:07,660 --> 00:33:10,010
That I cannot tell you anymore.

719
00:33:10,010 --> 00:33:12,910
Big buildings, matter of fact.

720
00:33:12,910 --> 00:33:18,730
Also out of stone, which
you mentioned earlier.

721
00:33:18,730 --> 00:33:20,190
At the congregational church--

722
00:33:20,190 --> 00:33:24,200
I don't know how many
people lived in Mannheim--

723
00:33:24,200 --> 00:33:27,830
they had a very
considerable amount

724
00:33:27,830 --> 00:33:30,050
of Jewish people living
in Mannheim, yes.

725
00:33:30,050 --> 00:33:34,340
And would you say that most
of them, like your own family,

726
00:33:34,340 --> 00:33:37,670
had been in Germany for

generations and generations?

727

00:33:37,670 --> 00:33:38,630

Yes.

728

00:33:38,630 --> 00:33:40,740

Were there any
newcomers from the East,

729

00:33:40,740 --> 00:33:45,350

for example, from Poland,
from other countries

730

00:33:45,350 --> 00:33:47,750

further east like Russia?

731

00:33:47,750 --> 00:33:56,210

They used-- well, it used
to be that during the year,

732

00:33:56,210 --> 00:34:03,680

some people from the eastern
part of Europe came to Germany,

733

00:34:03,680 --> 00:34:08,370

not necessarily to settle
down, but to get help--

734

00:34:08,370 --> 00:34:10,520

money.

735

00:34:10,520 --> 00:34:18,830

And it was a general German
attitude, we did help them,

736

00:34:18,830 --> 00:34:21,350

but we didn't like them.

737

00:34:21,350 --> 00:34:23,900

That was a German attitude.

738

00:34:23,900 --> 00:34:26,659

A German-Jewish or
German in general?

739
00:34:26,659 --> 00:34:27,989
German-Jewish.

740
00:34:27,989 --> 00:34:28,730
Yeah.

741
00:34:28,730 --> 00:34:30,590
Well, I've heard
that there has been

742
00:34:30,590 --> 00:34:34,550
a certain tension between East
European Jews and German Jews.

743
00:34:34,550 --> 00:34:35,449
Exactly.

744
00:34:35,449 --> 00:34:35,989
OK.

745
00:34:35,989 --> 00:34:42,350
I mean, the background of
German Jews and the background

746
00:34:42,350 --> 00:34:46,429
and the upbringing
of Eastern educated

747
00:34:46,429 --> 00:34:50,699
or born Jews was like--

748
00:34:50,699 --> 00:34:52,280
I don't want to
say day and night,

749
00:34:52,280 --> 00:34:53,940
but it was a big difference.

750
00:34:53,940 --> 00:34:55,100

Yeah.

751
00:34:55,100 --> 00:35:01,100
We were-- you see, I also
when somebody would ask me

752
00:35:01,100 --> 00:35:07,310
what are you in Germany, I mean,
they would say, what are you?

753
00:35:07,310 --> 00:35:09,810
I said, I'm a German.

754
00:35:09,810 --> 00:35:13,760
Now, most people
would say I'm Jewish.

755
00:35:13,760 --> 00:35:15,890
Jewish is not a nationality.

756
00:35:15,890 --> 00:35:18,200
Jewish is a religion.

757
00:35:18,200 --> 00:35:21,080
Judaism is a religion.

758
00:35:21,080 --> 00:35:23,690
I'm not interested to
know your religion.

759
00:35:23,690 --> 00:35:26,540
You want to know what
part of the country

760
00:35:26,540 --> 00:35:30,170
or what part of the
land you belong to.

761
00:35:30,170 --> 00:35:35,897
I was 100% German.

762
00:35:35,897 --> 00:35:37,230

And your father and your mother?

763

00:35:37,230 --> 00:35:39,890

Same.

764

00:35:39,890 --> 00:35:45,800

We had-- I mean, we did not
find any problems to live

765

00:35:45,800 --> 00:35:48,572

amongst the Gentile people.

766

00:35:48,572 --> 00:35:50,780

You were just as German,
and they were just as German

767

00:35:50,780 --> 00:35:52,520

as you-- you all were the same.

768

00:35:52,520 --> 00:35:56,200

I mean, there were
incidents maybe when you--

769

00:35:56,200 --> 00:36:00,150

offhand, I cannot give it
to you where and when--

770

00:36:00,150 --> 00:36:04,880

where there are some
antisemitic incidents, sure.

771

00:36:04,880 --> 00:36:13,550

But as a rule, we were
accustomed to being equal.

772

00:36:13,550 --> 00:36:19,250

We didn't expect to be any
different from anybody else.

773

00:36:19,250 --> 00:36:22,280

Matter of fact, our
attitude was not

774

00:36:22,280 --> 00:36:26,210
that we would take a step
back because somebody

775

00:36:26,210 --> 00:36:30,320
was at a Gentile person and
you were Jewish and says,

776

00:36:30,320 --> 00:36:32,840
well, I better don't do
it because I'm Jewish.

777

00:36:32,840 --> 00:36:33,350
No.

778

00:36:33,350 --> 00:36:37,760
If I feel that I had
the proper background,

779

00:36:37,760 --> 00:36:43,900
I went ahead with all the other
non-Jewish people just the same

780

00:36:43,900 --> 00:36:46,610
because I feel I'm just as
good or maybe even better.

781

00:36:46,610 --> 00:36:49,340

782

00:36:49,340 --> 00:36:52,520
That's the attitude.

783

00:36:52,520 --> 00:36:55,430
It doesn't have the
complex that often

784

00:36:55,430 --> 00:36:58,560
would accompany someone who felt
they had to be more careful.

785

00:36:58,560 --> 00:37:01,550

786
00:37:01,550 --> 00:37:08,900
We lived a very comfortable
social life before Hitler.

787
00:37:08,900 --> 00:37:13,010
Were your parents-- were their
friends Jewish and non-Jewish?

788
00:37:13,010 --> 00:37:13,920
Yes.

789
00:37:13,920 --> 00:37:14,420
OK.

790
00:37:14,420 --> 00:37:15,680
And yours?

791
00:37:15,680 --> 00:37:16,700
Same.

792
00:37:16,700 --> 00:37:17,200
OK.

793
00:37:17,200 --> 00:37:22,100

794
00:37:22,100 --> 00:37:23,870
Let's talk about
school now because you

795
00:37:23,870 --> 00:37:27,630
started talking about school.

796
00:37:27,630 --> 00:37:29,660
What were your first
years of school?

797
00:37:29,660 --> 00:37:32,520
Describe a school room
to me from the 1920s.

798
00:37:32,520 --> 00:37:36,110
Well, you see, this--

799
00:37:36,110 --> 00:37:37,700
can you imagine how many years?

800
00:37:37,700 --> 00:37:39,260
That's right.

801
00:37:39,260 --> 00:37:41,580
You went to public school.

802
00:37:41,580 --> 00:37:45,140
The learning-- the
teaching in those days

803
00:37:45,140 --> 00:37:48,080
was entirely different.

804
00:37:48,080 --> 00:37:52,330
You learned how-- you had
to learn how to write.

805
00:37:52,330 --> 00:37:57,981
Matter of fact, there's a
German style, that is here.

806
00:37:57,981 --> 00:37:59,630
What is it called?

807
00:37:59,630 --> 00:38:01,450
German term for it--

808
00:38:01,450 --> 00:38:02,600
Deutsche schrift.

809
00:38:02,600 --> 00:38:03,400
Deutsche schrift.

810
00:38:03,400 --> 00:38:03,740

Yeah.

811
00:38:03,740 --> 00:38:04,240
OK.

812
00:38:04,240 --> 00:38:08,000
I mean, it's different
from what we are using now,

813
00:38:08,000 --> 00:38:09,760
which is not the Roman.

814
00:38:09,760 --> 00:38:14,240
This is the ABC, the
alphabet and all this.

815
00:38:14,240 --> 00:38:16,310
Latin.

816
00:38:16,310 --> 00:38:17,720
What is it called?

817
00:38:17,720 --> 00:38:22,132
Well, that's what is now all
over the world used similar.

818
00:38:22,132 --> 00:38:23,090
Oh, the Latin alphabet.

819
00:38:23,090 --> 00:38:26,480
Yeah, but we had to
learn a different--

820
00:38:26,480 --> 00:38:29,870
learn how to write
German schrift, you know?

821
00:38:29,870 --> 00:38:33,200
Well, sometimes one sees old
printed matter from Germany,

822
00:38:33,200 --> 00:38:36,230

and it's hard to read
because it's in this schrift.

823
00:38:36,230 --> 00:38:40,010
If you didn't know the German
schrift, you didn't know just--

824
00:38:40,010 --> 00:38:43,250
I mean, we knew it.

825
00:38:43,250 --> 00:38:45,490
Yeah.

826
00:38:45,490 --> 00:38:51,940
Also, I mean, everything
was more geared

827
00:38:51,940 --> 00:38:54,980
that you have to
do it on your own.

828
00:38:54,980 --> 00:39:00,500
Everything was-- it was not--
it was very competitive.

829
00:39:00,500 --> 00:39:01,020
Was it?

830
00:39:01,020 --> 00:39:01,730
Yes.

831
00:39:01,730 --> 00:39:02,660
Was it?

832
00:39:02,660 --> 00:39:06,667
And teachers, the teaching
method, was it mostly--

833
00:39:06,667 --> 00:39:07,250
well, tell me.

834
00:39:07,250 --> 00:39:09,740

What was the
teaching method for--

835
00:39:09,740 --> 00:39:11,750
I don't know what do
you mean by method.

836
00:39:11,750 --> 00:39:13,820
You had respect
from the teacher.

837
00:39:13,820 --> 00:39:19,460
Did the students,
they were not--

838
00:39:19,460 --> 00:39:22,550

839
00:39:22,550 --> 00:39:24,760
how should I say--

840
00:39:24,760 --> 00:39:29,840
revolting or being
problems for the teacher.

841
00:39:29,840 --> 00:39:34,880
I mean, God knows, the teacher
would take a stick or something

842
00:39:34,880 --> 00:39:37,200
and hit you over the head.

843
00:39:37,200 --> 00:39:39,440
I mean, that was
in the beginning.

844
00:39:39,440 --> 00:39:42,410
That also changed
gradually in all this.

845
00:39:42,410 --> 00:39:45,800
But it was very strict.

846

00:39:45,800 --> 00:39:49,880

So you had some fear of
the teacher or just respect

847

00:39:49,880 --> 00:39:52,220

that this is someone
you don't mess with?

848

00:39:52,220 --> 00:39:53,840

This is someone you don't cross.

849

00:39:53,840 --> 00:39:55,740

I mean, you're
brought up, and you

850

00:39:55,740 --> 00:40:01,520

know that it's your teacher,
and you respect him.

851

00:40:01,520 --> 00:40:03,920

I mean, it was just natural.

852

00:40:03,920 --> 00:40:07,910

853

00:40:07,910 --> 00:40:09,590

Were their favorite
subjects that you

854

00:40:09,590 --> 00:40:13,760

had, things that you liked
learning more than others?

855

00:40:13,760 --> 00:40:17,870

Well, at the beginning, I mean,
I for instance, had to learn

856

00:40:17,870 --> 00:40:21,140

the beginning Latin and Greek.

857

00:40:21,140 --> 00:40:21,800

Oh, wow.

858
00:40:21,800 --> 00:40:25,760
Because it was customary that
you should learn Latin first

859
00:40:25,760 --> 00:40:31,340
because that was the basic of
all, later in law or medicine

860
00:40:31,340 --> 00:40:35,030
or anywhere, where the
Latin basic comes in.

861
00:40:35,030 --> 00:40:42,620
And then even later on, they
added Greek to our curriculum.

862
00:40:42,620 --> 00:40:45,180
But then I found out--

863
00:40:45,180 --> 00:40:46,700
times also changed.

864
00:40:46,700 --> 00:40:50,720
Naturally that was now
in the '20s and so forth.

865
00:40:50,720 --> 00:40:54,560
I wasn't quite so sure that
I would want to be a doctor

866
00:40:54,560 --> 00:40:56,480
or whatever would require--

867
00:40:56,480 --> 00:40:58,670
lawyer or something like this.

868
00:40:58,670 --> 00:41:03,020
Even so, a lot of
young Jewish people,

869
00:41:03,020 --> 00:41:06,680

also especially wanted to become
doctors and lawyers and things

870
00:41:06,680 --> 00:41:08,890
like that.

871
00:41:08,890 --> 00:41:14,470
And I was more geared
to one language.

872
00:41:14,470 --> 00:41:18,020
I wanted to learn
English and French.

873
00:41:18,020 --> 00:41:22,260
And then I had to switch
to a different department.

874
00:41:22,260 --> 00:41:25,490
And I had to catch
up in order not

875
00:41:25,490 --> 00:41:30,920
to lose another year because I
didn't have in the beginning.

876
00:41:30,920 --> 00:41:34,610
I had to learn French
and English separately

877
00:41:34,610 --> 00:41:36,860
in order to catch
up with the ones who

878
00:41:36,860 --> 00:41:40,100
did learn already that before.

879
00:41:40,100 --> 00:41:40,600
OK.

880
00:41:40,600 --> 00:41:45,440
So you had-- can I understand
from this that you had an extra

881
00:41:45,440 --> 00:41:47,650
load of classes because
you had this interest in--

882
00:41:47,650 --> 00:41:49,150
Through the summertime
or something

883
00:41:49,150 --> 00:41:55,340
because a teacher
who helped me to get

884
00:41:55,340 --> 00:42:02,990
this part through the
six months or a year.

885
00:42:02,990 --> 00:42:07,190
But I lost years before to
catch up with the others.

886
00:42:07,190 --> 00:42:09,290
Why did you lose the six months?

887
00:42:09,290 --> 00:42:11,780
Because I learned
Greek and Latin,

888
00:42:11,780 --> 00:42:13,790
and they learned
French and English.

889
00:42:13,790 --> 00:42:15,020
Ah, I see what you mean.

890
00:42:15,020 --> 00:42:17,450
I see what you mean.

891
00:42:17,450 --> 00:42:20,900
Well, it's a good basis
to have Greek and Latin,

892

00:42:20,900 --> 00:42:23,840
but it's not with
children today.

893
00:42:23,840 --> 00:42:25,290
It's not.

894
00:42:25,290 --> 00:42:29,690
Well, it's very well learned,
and it's good for everything.

895
00:42:29,690 --> 00:42:31,880
I mean, you can't
go wrong with it.

896
00:42:31,880 --> 00:42:34,940
But it depends
what your future is

897
00:42:34,940 --> 00:42:37,100
or what you want to
do with your future.

898
00:42:37,100 --> 00:42:41,000
Was it an assumption in your
home that you and your brother

899
00:42:41,000 --> 00:42:43,790
would have higher education?

900
00:42:43,790 --> 00:42:49,560
It was the assumption that
the children should graduate

901
00:42:49,560 --> 00:42:52,020
and finish high school.

902
00:42:52,020 --> 00:42:52,780
Abitur.

903
00:42:52,780 --> 00:42:53,660
Abitur.

904
00:42:53,660 --> 00:42:55,280
OK.

905
00:42:55,280 --> 00:42:59,070
And then-- well, that--

906
00:42:59,070 --> 00:43:01,650
So your father's
business took a hit.

907
00:43:01,650 --> 00:43:02,890
Sure.

908
00:43:02,890 --> 00:43:05,280
OK.

909
00:43:05,280 --> 00:43:08,490
Did it continue anyway?

910
00:43:08,490 --> 00:43:09,450
Yes, it did.

911
00:43:09,450 --> 00:43:12,490
But it was not the same anymore.

912
00:43:12,490 --> 00:43:17,190
It became more difficult
as time goes on,

913
00:43:17,190 --> 00:43:19,320
also because it was Jewish.

914
00:43:19,320 --> 00:43:20,100
Yes.

915
00:43:20,100 --> 00:43:23,100
And people didn't
want to buy from Jews.

916
00:43:23,100 --> 00:43:26,430
And it became more difficult.

917
00:43:26,430 --> 00:43:26,970
OK.

918
00:43:26,970 --> 00:43:33,950
But I would say
they lived on this--

919
00:43:33,950 --> 00:43:36,880
the company lived on for
a little while longer.

920
00:43:36,880 --> 00:43:39,300
I don't know anymore
because then I--

921
00:43:39,300 --> 00:43:41,880
later on I left, and
I don't know anymore

922
00:43:41,880 --> 00:43:45,750
just how they negotiated
or how they liquidated

923
00:43:45,750 --> 00:43:48,060
or how the deal was settled.

924
00:43:48,060 --> 00:43:49,780
I don't remember
the details about.

925
00:43:49,780 --> 00:43:50,280
OK.

926
00:43:50,280 --> 00:43:52,860
We'll talk about
that part later.

927
00:43:52,860 --> 00:43:58,530
Let's still stay in the 1920s
and beginning of the '30s.

928

00:43:58,530 --> 00:44:03,600
Did your parents have any
kind of political interests?

929
00:44:03,600 --> 00:44:08,250
Well, there were--
unfortunately,

930
00:44:08,250 --> 00:44:18,670
all were democratic
showing the leaders

931
00:44:18,670 --> 00:44:25,430
to get the country
solidified on that basis,

932
00:44:25,430 --> 00:44:28,800
on the democratic base.

933
00:44:28,800 --> 00:44:30,330
But it didn't work.

934
00:44:30,330 --> 00:44:33,390
It just, there were
too many other parties.

935
00:44:33,390 --> 00:44:34,710
There were so many parties.

936
00:44:34,710 --> 00:44:37,980
I don't remember how
many, maybe 25, 30,

937
00:44:37,980 --> 00:44:41,340
or even more parties
and not strong enough

938
00:44:41,340 --> 00:44:49,030
to work out a Congress
or to be able to--

939
00:44:49,030 --> 00:44:54,360
and then also Germany had to

pay reparation to the Allies.

940
00:44:54,360 --> 00:45:02,700
I mean, it reigned
Germany to the last penny

941
00:45:02,700 --> 00:45:06,120
to pay them whatever.

942
00:45:06,120 --> 00:45:07,560
I don't know how much.

943
00:45:07,560 --> 00:45:09,270
Did you feel that personally?

944
00:45:09,270 --> 00:45:11,820
That is, as a family,
did you feel the unjust--

945
00:45:11,820 --> 00:45:14,680
I mean, personally, I
didn't feel it, but I mean,

946
00:45:14,680 --> 00:45:20,130
you are in the environment,
you hear what is said.

947
00:45:20,130 --> 00:45:23,370
And people naturally
talk about it.

948
00:45:23,370 --> 00:45:26,310
As a German, did you feel it--

949
00:45:26,310 --> 00:45:28,170
I don't mean like you
had an effect of it,

950
00:45:28,170 --> 00:45:31,770
but did you as a
German citizen think

951

00:45:31,770 --> 00:45:35,550
this is unfair that we should
have to pay these reparations?

952
00:45:35,550 --> 00:45:40,440
Well, you feel that
it is not right.

953
00:45:40,440 --> 00:45:44,030
I mean, you lose, but you--

954
00:45:44,030 --> 00:45:48,930
as a loser, you then
would like to lose more.

955
00:45:48,930 --> 00:45:50,400
That's right.

956
00:45:50,400 --> 00:45:53,070
So this is a natural thing.

957
00:45:53,070 --> 00:45:54,900
But what choice have you got?

958
00:45:54,900 --> 00:45:58,153
If you're a loser,
you have no choice.

959
00:45:58,153 --> 00:45:59,070
That's right, you pay.

960
00:45:59,070 --> 00:46:01,060
They got the upper hand.

961
00:46:01,060 --> 00:46:01,560
Yeah.

962
00:46:01,560 --> 00:46:02,400
That's true.

963
00:46:02,400 --> 00:46:07,980
They got the upper hand, and

Germany was in very bad shape.

964

00:46:07,980 --> 00:46:09,630

That's what happened.

965

00:46:09,630 --> 00:46:12,720

What were you studying at
university when you went in?

966

00:46:12,720 --> 00:46:14,950

Actually, I was not really.

967

00:46:14,950 --> 00:46:17,160

Really, actually what I was--

968

00:46:17,160 --> 00:46:23,250

that I wanted in architecture,
I thought, because it

969

00:46:23,250 --> 00:46:25,410

was something in the line of--

970

00:46:25,410 --> 00:46:28,710

what do you call it?

971

00:46:28,710 --> 00:46:32,250

Manufacturing furniture
and things like that.

972

00:46:32,250 --> 00:46:34,170

I thought that would be nice.

973

00:46:34,170 --> 00:46:37,770

But then, I wasn't
quite sure if I would

974

00:46:37,770 --> 00:46:39,900

be able to get through with it.

975

00:46:39,900 --> 00:46:45,540

And then it became so difficult
to stay in the university,

976
00:46:45,540 --> 00:46:46,950
I had to leave.

977
00:46:46,950 --> 00:46:50,430
And what was the difficulty?

978
00:46:50,430 --> 00:46:51,810
How did it express itself?

979
00:46:51,810 --> 00:46:56,310
They made it so difficult
for Jewish people to stay up.

980
00:46:56,310 --> 00:46:58,650
Was it through the
kinds of courses

981
00:46:58,650 --> 00:46:59,815
you were required to take?

982
00:46:59,815 --> 00:47:00,020
No.

983
00:47:00,020 --> 00:47:00,700
Was it the grades?

984
00:47:00,700 --> 00:47:01,200
Political.

985
00:47:01,200 --> 00:47:02,390
Political.

986
00:47:02,390 --> 00:47:04,480
OK.

987
00:47:04,480 --> 00:47:11,730
Hitler or socialism, all this
was already taking definitely

988
00:47:11,730 --> 00:47:13,200

an upper hand.

989
00:47:13,200 --> 00:47:16,680
So was Hitler already
elected in '33

990
00:47:16,680 --> 00:47:20,166
when you left
Heidelberg University?

991
00:47:20,166 --> 00:47:21,910
Oh, sure.

992
00:47:21,910 --> 00:47:22,770
OK.

993
00:47:22,770 --> 00:47:25,020
OK.

994
00:47:25,020 --> 00:47:29,430
I don't know now
what year it was,

995
00:47:29,430 --> 00:47:33,300
but Hitler became
chancellor in '33.

996
00:47:33,300 --> 00:47:34,590
That's right.

997
00:47:34,590 --> 00:47:41,620
Before that, the Nazis
were all over the country.

998
00:47:41,620 --> 00:47:48,560
I mean, not perhaps as active
as where once he was chancellor,

999
00:47:48,560 --> 00:47:53,710
but they made it difficult
for Jewish people to--

1000

00:47:53,710 --> 00:47:57,420
I mean, it was not easy anymore.

1001
00:47:57,420 --> 00:48:01,970
Then you knew that you were
a minority, so to speak.

1002
00:48:01,970 --> 00:48:05,600
You had not your same
rights like the others did.

1003
00:48:05,600 --> 00:48:10,070
Can you think of examples
of what difficulty meant

1004
00:48:10,070 --> 00:48:10,745
in your life?

1005
00:48:10,745 --> 00:48:13,660

1006
00:48:13,660 --> 00:48:17,710
You could not go
to certain areas.

1007
00:48:17,710 --> 00:48:19,630
They would not allow you in.

1008
00:48:19,630 --> 00:48:22,300
I mean, that was one of them.

1009
00:48:22,300 --> 00:48:27,070
There are certain
functions where

1010
00:48:27,070 --> 00:48:29,815
they said Jews not allowed.

1011
00:48:29,815 --> 00:48:32,740

1012
00:48:32,740 --> 00:48:39,970

You couldn't go to certain
affairs, where they also

1013
00:48:39,970 --> 00:48:44,140
said Jews not allowed.

1014
00:48:44,140 --> 00:48:47,940
So I mean, they
made it very clear,

1015
00:48:47,940 --> 00:48:50,690
in order to protect
themselves, not

1016
00:48:50,690 --> 00:48:54,150
that they thought it was right.

1017
00:48:54,150 --> 00:48:57,930
But they wanted to be in
agreement with the ruling

1018
00:48:57,930 --> 00:49:04,140
people in order not to lose out
on their end to oppose them.

1019
00:49:04,140 --> 00:49:09,090
Then they would lose even
more if they would not

1020
00:49:09,090 --> 00:49:11,260
go along with the same thought.

1021
00:49:11,260 --> 00:49:11,760
OK.

1022
00:49:11,760 --> 00:49:16,680
So if I understand this
properly-- let me see if I do--

1023
00:49:16,680 --> 00:49:22,290
it may not be that everybody
was as ideologically

1024

00:49:22,290 --> 00:49:27,690

convinced as the Nazis were,
but because they were fearful

1025

00:49:27,690 --> 00:49:31,320

of the power of the
Nazis, if and when

1026

00:49:31,320 --> 00:49:33,720

they would get into
power, they would

1027

00:49:33,720 --> 00:49:41,400

acquiesce to their demands and
even before they were told to.

1028

00:49:41,400 --> 00:49:44,550

And that could have been
the university authorities

1029

00:49:44,550 --> 00:49:48,150

or there could have been some
municipal authorities or people

1030

00:49:48,150 --> 00:49:50,190

who would have been
in charge of one

1031

00:49:50,190 --> 00:49:53,410

or another aspect
of German life.

1032

00:49:53,410 --> 00:49:53,970

That's right.

1033

00:49:53,970 --> 00:49:54,840

Is that correct?

1034

00:49:54,840 --> 00:49:55,990

That is correct.

1035

00:49:55,990 --> 00:49:57,870

And so this is what
you would feel.

1036
00:49:57,870 --> 00:49:58,610
Yeah.

1037
00:49:58,610 --> 00:50:03,090
And then, I connected--

1038
00:50:03,090 --> 00:50:08,280
since I mentioned my brother
was in a bigger big place, which

1039
00:50:08,280 --> 00:50:11,820
was woodworking and wood
and everything else.

1040
00:50:11,820 --> 00:50:14,520
I was able to get
in this company.

1041
00:50:14,520 --> 00:50:15,750
After you left university.

1042
00:50:15,750 --> 00:50:16,250
Yeah.

1043
00:50:16,250 --> 00:50:17,340
OK.

1044
00:50:17,340 --> 00:50:18,750
I was an apprentice.

1045
00:50:18,750 --> 00:50:22,440
I mean, like everything else,
you have to start someplace.

1046
00:50:22,440 --> 00:50:26,400
I was an apprentice in
that woodworking business.

1047
00:50:26,400 --> 00:50:31,290

And I don't know
what year it was.

1048
00:50:31,290 --> 00:50:37,640

And it lasted maybe, not
too long, that they also,

1049
00:50:37,640 --> 00:50:41,020
the owners, it was--

1050
00:50:41,020 --> 00:50:44,340
the funny part is, they were
originally Jewish people,

1051
00:50:44,340 --> 00:50:48,360
but what did I
say before it was?

1052
00:50:48,360 --> 00:50:51,360
What kind of a--

1053
00:50:51,360 --> 00:50:52,230
the--

1054
00:50:52,230 --> 00:50:54,000
Reformed Jewish?

1055
00:50:54,000 --> 00:50:54,740
What did I say?

1056
00:50:54,740 --> 00:50:56,115
I couldn't think
the name before.

1057
00:50:56,115 --> 00:50:56,880
Reformed.

1058
00:50:56,880 --> 00:50:57,880
The reform.

1059
00:50:57,880 --> 00:51:00,810
There were all

reformed Jewish people.

1060
00:51:00,810 --> 00:51:10,860
They didn't hold any particular
special services or so,

1061
00:51:10,860 --> 00:51:14,640
but they didn't deny it,
couldn't deny it anyway

1062
00:51:14,640 --> 00:51:15,990
that they were Jews.

1063
00:51:15,990 --> 00:51:21,480
But that's the way their
life was, moderate.

1064
00:51:21,480 --> 00:51:23,550
And then they began--

1065
00:51:23,550 --> 00:51:27,180
they took in partners
who were Gentiles.

1066
00:51:27,180 --> 00:51:31,650
So it was 50-50 Jewish,
and 50 were Gentiles.

1067
00:51:31,650 --> 00:51:33,260
That lasted for a little while.

1068
00:51:33,260 --> 00:51:37,810
And then when Hitler already
started with this whole thing,

1069
00:51:37,810 --> 00:51:41,190
they, the Gentiles,
became more interested

1070
00:51:41,190 --> 00:51:43,710
with the political
thing and made

1071
00:51:43,710 --> 00:51:47,250
it uncomfortable
in the company too.

1072
00:51:47,250 --> 00:51:50,910
They then pushed out
everybody who was Jewish.

1073
00:51:50,910 --> 00:51:52,770
OK.

1074
00:51:52,770 --> 00:51:55,600
And I left.

1075
00:51:55,600 --> 00:51:57,840
Well, I had to
leave, not I left.

1076
00:51:57,840 --> 00:51:59,010
Yeah.

1077
00:51:59,010 --> 00:52:04,710
And Hitler at that
time had a ruling

1078
00:52:04,710 --> 00:52:10,395
that anybody who was born in
'14, any Gentile or any German,

1079
00:52:10,395 --> 00:52:17,260
not Gentile, any German '14
is going to go in the army.

1080
00:52:17,260 --> 00:52:20,230
And I was in the German army.

1081
00:52:20,230 --> 00:52:21,700
You were in the German army?

1082
00:52:21,700 --> 00:52:23,250
I had a rise--

1083

00:52:23,250 --> 00:52:28,000

I had [GERMAN] just
like any other German.

1084

00:52:28,000 --> 00:52:31,020

Were there many other Jewish
boys who were in the army?

1085

00:52:31,020 --> 00:52:35,133

Any other one who was born in
'14 was in the same category.

1086

00:52:35,133 --> 00:52:35,800

Oh, my goodness.

1087

00:52:35,800 --> 00:52:41,050

We were not active but reserves.

1088

00:52:41,050 --> 00:52:44,920

But we were in the
German so-called army.

1089

00:52:44,920 --> 00:52:46,750

So you were drafted.

1090

00:52:46,750 --> 00:52:47,860

Drafted.

1091

00:52:47,860 --> 00:52:51,400

Can you tell me about that
experience of being drafted?

1092

00:52:51,400 --> 00:52:55,210

Well, I mean, we did
not have much to doing

1093

00:52:55,210 --> 00:53:01,750

because the Allies also
did not want this German,

1094

00:53:01,750 --> 00:53:05,950

any army or anything

like this at the time.

1095
00:53:05,950 --> 00:53:11,690
We were just practicing
with wooden rifles

1096
00:53:11,690 --> 00:53:18,810
and with make-believe
machinery and tanks.

1097
00:53:18,810 --> 00:53:20,440
The little things.

1098
00:53:20,440 --> 00:53:24,160
Not that we have anything
officially available,

1099
00:53:24,160 --> 00:53:32,150
but in that pass which I
had, it says Jews in it.

1100
00:53:32,150 --> 00:53:34,460
It was mentioned
that I was Jewish.

1101
00:53:34,460 --> 00:53:37,660
But I was nevertheless
in the German army.

1102
00:53:37,660 --> 00:53:40,820
And what year were you drafted?

1103
00:53:40,820 --> 00:53:42,670
Right after Hitler got power.

1104
00:53:42,670 --> 00:53:43,750
So 1933.

1105
00:53:43,750 --> 00:53:44,750
Right.

1106
00:53:44,750 --> 00:53:45,730

1933.

1107

00:53:45,730 --> 00:53:49,110

And that means
you're 19 years old.

1108

00:53:49,110 --> 00:53:51,010

At that time, I applied.

1109

00:53:51,010 --> 00:53:55,070

Then I said, I'm not going
to stay here in this country.

1110

00:53:55,070 --> 00:53:56,830

That is pretty early on.

1111

00:53:56,830 --> 00:53:57,350

Yeah.

1112

00:53:57,350 --> 00:54:02,610

So I went to Stuttgart
where there was an American

1113

00:54:02,610 --> 00:54:04,190

Consulate.

1114

00:54:04,190 --> 00:54:08,960

And I applied for immigration.

1115

00:54:08,960 --> 00:54:13,160

And naturally, it was extremely
difficult to get somebody

1116

00:54:13,160 --> 00:54:14,720

to sponsor me.

1117

00:54:14,720 --> 00:54:17,540

Did you have any relatives
in the United States?

1118

00:54:17,540 --> 00:54:19,490

Not known.

1119
00:54:19,490 --> 00:54:22,170
Even so, there
were, I was told--

1120
00:54:22,170 --> 00:54:26,240
I mean, you hear this
always later on more so.

1121
00:54:26,240 --> 00:54:31,280
There were some Davids who,
for what reason I don't know,

1122
00:54:31,280 --> 00:54:36,530
emigrated to the United
States, and lived in Chicago.

1123
00:54:36,530 --> 00:54:41,240
And by hook and
crook I found out,

1124
00:54:41,240 --> 00:54:45,110
and I don't know how it went.

1125
00:54:45,110 --> 00:54:48,470
They finally-- they
were nice enough,

1126
00:54:48,470 --> 00:54:52,580
even they did not want
to do it originally.

1127
00:54:52,580 --> 00:54:57,470
They gave me an
affidavit to come,

1128
00:54:57,470 --> 00:55:00,740
but they did not want
me to come to them.

1129
00:55:00,740 --> 00:55:03,230
Of course.

1130

00:55:03,230 --> 00:55:06,860

They said they had some other relatives who lived here

1131

00:55:06,860 --> 00:55:09,740

on the coast, near West Point.

1132

00:55:09,740 --> 00:55:16,820

And when I came finally then to the United States, those people

1133

00:55:16,820 --> 00:55:18,350

who lived in Newburgh.

1134

00:55:18,350 --> 00:55:19,930

I don't know if you know where it is.

1135

00:55:19,930 --> 00:55:20,750

No.

1136

00:55:20,750 --> 00:55:22,450

West Point is--

1137

00:55:22,450 --> 00:55:23,720

West Point is the army.

1138

00:55:23,720 --> 00:55:24,803

Yeah.

1139

00:55:24,803 --> 00:55:25,590

Right.

1140

00:55:25,590 --> 00:55:27,950

Army, what do you call it?

1141

00:55:27,950 --> 00:55:29,090

Where the cadets--

1142

00:55:29,090 --> 00:55:29,750

Yes.

1143
00:55:29,750 --> 00:55:33,130
Army cadets have
to graduate from.

1144
00:55:33,130 --> 00:55:37,430
It's outside from West Point.

1145
00:55:37,430 --> 00:55:41,990
I went to Newburgh and stayed
with them, and I came here.

1146
00:55:41,990 --> 00:55:45,590
And when I left
Germany, I never forget,

1147
00:55:45,590 --> 00:55:48,180
I was still in the
army, the German army.

1148
00:55:48,180 --> 00:55:57,260
I had to resign by the
Office of the Military.

1149
00:55:57,260 --> 00:56:01,670
And they made it very firm
and told me that as soon

1150
00:56:01,670 --> 00:56:03,210
as I get off the ship--

1151
00:56:03,210 --> 00:56:04,550
I mean, we had to go by ship.

1152
00:56:04,550 --> 00:56:07,130
There were no planes--

1153
00:56:07,130 --> 00:56:11,870
we have to sign up to the German
Consulate here in New York

1154
00:56:11,870 --> 00:56:16,220

to let the consulate know
in New York where I am.

1155
00:56:16,220 --> 00:56:18,290
I said, yes sir, I
will do the first thing

1156
00:56:18,290 --> 00:56:20,620
when I get off the ship, let
the German chancellor know

1157
00:56:20,620 --> 00:56:21,700
where I am.

1158
00:56:21,700 --> 00:56:23,383
And he's still waiting.

1159
00:56:23,383 --> 00:56:25,275
[LAUGHS]

1160
00:56:25,275 --> 00:56:29,060

1161
00:56:29,060 --> 00:56:32,480
Sometimes the absurdity of
those rules and the absurdity,

1162
00:56:32,480 --> 00:56:36,260
given what we know now about
the context in which all of this

1163
00:56:36,260 --> 00:56:37,850
took place.

1164
00:56:37,850 --> 00:56:39,210
Let me step back a little bit.

1165
00:56:39,210 --> 00:56:44,210
Before this all happens,
your, quote, "basic training"

1166
00:56:44,210 --> 00:56:50,390

with wooden rifles and sort
of like play equipment,

1167
00:56:50,390 --> 00:56:53,710
how long did it last, and
where did it take place?

1168
00:56:53,710 --> 00:56:55,040
In Mannheim.

1169
00:56:55,040 --> 00:56:55,590
In Mannheim.

1170
00:56:55,590 --> 00:56:56,190
Yeah.

1171
00:56:56,190 --> 00:56:56,700
OK.

1172
00:56:56,700 --> 00:57:00,530
They had local little
department where

1173
00:57:00,530 --> 00:57:06,830
they had places where
you had to assemble

1174
00:57:06,830 --> 00:57:09,260
every week for a few hours.

1175
00:57:09,260 --> 00:57:10,210
OK.

1176
00:57:10,210 --> 00:57:16,670
And was it a politicized
kind of atmosphere, not just

1177
00:57:16,670 --> 00:57:17,690
a military one?

1178
00:57:17,690 --> 00:57:21,410
In other words, were the

ideals of national socialism--

1179

00:57:21,410 --> 00:57:24,360

Well, more so, it
became like this.

1180

00:57:24,360 --> 00:57:25,300

OK.

1181

00:57:25,300 --> 00:57:31,700

More so, but it was actually
originally a military draft.

1182

00:57:31,700 --> 00:57:34,750

For that, he took
naturally the--

1183

00:57:34,750 --> 00:57:39,570

So what was the point when
you said, I'm outta here,

1184

00:57:39,570 --> 00:57:41,570

I'm leaving?

1185

00:57:41,570 --> 00:57:43,410

I was able to get out.

1186

00:57:43,410 --> 00:57:43,910

I know.

1187

00:57:43,910 --> 00:57:45,830

I'm talking about
earlier than that.

1188

00:57:45,830 --> 00:57:47,840

I'm talking when you
come to the decision,

1189

00:57:47,840 --> 00:57:52,430

I'm not staying in this country,
was there something that came--

1190

00:57:52,430 --> 00:57:55,880
that happened that
brought you to that?

1191
00:57:55,880 --> 00:57:56,810
I don't know.

1192
00:57:56,810 --> 00:57:58,520
I saw that--

1193
00:57:58,520 --> 00:58:02,190
I mean, by then, I
was a grown-up person.

1194
00:58:02,190 --> 00:58:05,020
I was old enough to
understand what's going on.

1195
00:58:05,020 --> 00:58:08,110
And I saw that Germany
was in such dire--

1196
00:58:08,110 --> 00:58:12,680
in such a bad shape,
and I saw Hitler.

1197
00:58:12,680 --> 00:58:15,570
And I thought, this is
not going to go away.

1198
00:58:15,570 --> 00:58:17,600
This is not going to help us.

1199
00:58:17,600 --> 00:58:22,040
And my parents were very much
against that I should leave.

1200
00:58:22,040 --> 00:58:24,710
Because that is one
of my next questions.

1201
00:58:24,710 --> 00:58:27,550
It's unusual that somebody--

1202
00:58:27,550 --> 00:58:29,330
I mean, from the
stories that I hear

1203
00:58:29,330 --> 00:58:31,430
and the people that
I talk to, I've

1204
00:58:31,430 --> 00:58:35,060
interviewed people who
left as late as 1940.

1205
00:58:35,060 --> 00:58:38,810
And certainly in
1933, there were--

1206
00:58:38,810 --> 00:58:41,390
nobody liked what was happening,
of the people that I've

1207
00:58:41,390 --> 00:58:48,140
interviewed, but they didn't at
that point say it's time to go,

1208
00:58:48,140 --> 00:58:48,740
you know?

1209
00:58:48,740 --> 00:58:51,660
They said it was too
early at that point.

1210
00:58:51,660 --> 00:58:54,750
And there always was
pressure not to go.

1211
00:58:54,750 --> 00:58:59,500
So I want to find out how was
it for you and your family.

1212
00:58:59,500 --> 00:59:03,730
Well, as I said, my parents
were definitely saying,

1213
00:59:03,730 --> 00:59:05,650
this will pass.

1214
00:59:05,650 --> 00:59:11,140
Like most Jewish people thought,
Hitler comes and Hitler goes.

1215
00:59:11,140 --> 00:59:15,100
But I personally
didn't believe that.

1216
00:59:15,100 --> 00:59:17,980
I just said that is
not going to work.

1217
00:59:17,980 --> 00:59:19,390
And I wanted to get out.

1218
00:59:19,390 --> 00:59:20,530
What about Fritz?

1219
00:59:20,530 --> 00:59:21,850
What did he think?

1220
00:59:21,850 --> 00:59:23,140
He didn't go on out.

1221
00:59:23,140 --> 00:59:25,660
He was married.

1222
00:59:25,660 --> 00:59:31,680
And he was older, and
he had a business.

1223
00:59:31,680 --> 00:59:34,000
And he-- I don't know.

1224
00:59:34,000 --> 00:59:35,578
He didn't go.

1225

00:59:35,578 --> 00:59:36,820
OK.

1226
00:59:36,820 --> 00:59:38,190
Did he still live in Mannheim?

1227
00:59:38,190 --> 00:59:39,030
Yeah.

1228
00:59:39,030 --> 00:59:39,790
OK.

1229
00:59:39,790 --> 00:59:42,700
And aunts and uncles,
and did you have--

1230
00:59:42,700 --> 00:59:43,270
Yes.

1231
00:59:43,270 --> 00:59:44,200
Did they--

1232
00:59:44,200 --> 00:59:45,680
They all stayed.

1233
00:59:45,680 --> 00:59:47,310
They all stayed.

1234
00:59:47,310 --> 00:59:49,320
But I said, I will--

1235
00:59:49,320 --> 00:59:51,910
I'm not going to stay.

1236
00:59:51,910 --> 00:59:54,880
And it was quite a
decision for me to make.

1237
00:59:54,880 --> 00:59:55,630
Yes.

1238

00:59:55,630 --> 00:59:57,120
And it took two years.

1239
00:59:57,120 --> 01:00:01,780
I mean, '33 I applied and
'35 I only got the visa.

1240
01:00:01,780 --> 01:00:02,970
And why two years?

1241
01:00:02,970 --> 01:00:03,970
Why did it take so long?

1242
01:00:03,970 --> 01:00:06,880
Because the United States
government did only

1243
01:00:06,880 --> 01:00:13,590
allow X amount of people from
each country to emigrate.

1244
01:00:13,590 --> 01:00:16,990
And if you had a
quota or a number,

1245
01:00:16,990 --> 01:00:19,637
you had to wait for
your number to come up.

1246
01:00:19,637 --> 01:00:20,970
And do you remember your number?

1247
01:00:20,970 --> 01:00:21,470
No.

1248
01:00:21,470 --> 01:00:23,872

1249
01:00:23,872 --> 01:00:25,720
I have no idea.

1250
01:00:25,720 --> 01:00:30,970

Did you, between 1933 and '35,
experience any physical danger?

1251
01:00:30,970 --> 01:00:34,180

1252
01:00:34,180 --> 01:00:35,620
Physically, no.

1253
01:00:35,620 --> 01:00:39,590
I was never injured or anything.

1254
01:00:39,590 --> 01:00:44,350
But I was uncomfortable.

1255
01:00:44,350 --> 01:00:49,330
When you went someplace and
everybody said Heil Hitler,

1256
01:00:49,330 --> 01:00:53,260
and I didn't put my hands up.

1257
01:00:53,260 --> 01:00:57,550
Or when you went someplace,
they spoke openly

1258
01:00:57,550 --> 01:01:02,440
about the political thing and
what they feel, what they--

1259
01:01:02,440 --> 01:01:08,450
and I certainly didn't
explain my opinion

1260
01:01:08,450 --> 01:01:17,170
because they would
maybe take an example

1261
01:01:17,170 --> 01:01:20,230
and maybe start something
with me, which I didn't want.

1262

01:01:20,230 --> 01:01:22,830
So I kept quiet.

1263
01:01:22,830 --> 01:01:30,310
I mean, physically I was
not in any way set up.

1264
01:01:30,310 --> 01:01:33,140
Did you lose friends?

1265
01:01:33,140 --> 01:01:41,630
Most of my friends in same
age wanted to get out too.

1266
01:01:41,630 --> 01:01:45,680

1267
01:01:45,680 --> 01:01:50,300
Some did go out and went--

1268
01:01:50,300 --> 01:01:55,420
some friends went to Brazil,
was able to take people up

1269
01:01:55,420 --> 01:02:00,450
and made it maybe easier to
get into Brazil than to go

1270
01:02:00,450 --> 01:02:03,260
to the United States.

1271
01:02:03,260 --> 01:02:07,460
Some people emigrated to
England or some other country.

1272
01:02:07,460 --> 01:02:08,450
I don't know.

1273
01:02:08,450 --> 01:02:12,110
But the United States
was very difficult.

1274

01:02:12,110 --> 01:02:14,150
Why did you want to go
to the United States?

1275
01:02:14,150 --> 01:02:18,970

1276
01:02:18,970 --> 01:02:23,150
I thought it was my future.

1277
01:02:23,150 --> 01:02:24,290
I wanted to go to--

1278
01:02:24,290 --> 01:02:26,920
I wanted to go to
the United States.

1279
01:02:26,920 --> 01:02:29,410
Without much thinking, but
this is where you felt this--

1280
01:02:29,410 --> 01:02:32,860
I felt, I mean, if
anything, I always

1281
01:02:32,860 --> 01:02:35,350
read a lot of books
about the United States

1282
01:02:35,350 --> 01:02:37,510
and about what's going on.

1283
01:02:37,510 --> 01:02:41,080
And there's no such thing
that you are handicapped.

1284
01:02:41,080 --> 01:02:45,280
You have a free way of
doing, and you're not

1285
01:02:45,280 --> 01:02:48,610
handicapped in any way.

1286

01:02:48,610 --> 01:02:52,210

You can express yourself.

1287

01:02:52,210 --> 01:02:54,702

You can leave and go
wherever you want.

1288

01:02:54,702 --> 01:02:55,535

You can be yourself.

1289

01:02:55,535 --> 01:02:56,680

Yeah.

1290

01:02:56,680 --> 01:02:59,440

I said that that's where
I would like to be.

1291

01:02:59,440 --> 01:03:03,790

But naturally, it was, like
I said, you get an affidavit.

1292

01:03:03,790 --> 01:03:07,670

And during those two
years, were your parents--

1293

01:03:07,670 --> 01:03:11,030

I mean, was that a constant
conversation, don't go,

1294

01:03:11,030 --> 01:03:12,015

don't go?

1295

01:03:12,015 --> 01:03:14,610

Well, not constantly,
but I'm naturally

1296

01:03:14,610 --> 01:03:18,890

they knew that that
was the ultimate thing

1297

01:03:18,890 --> 01:03:20,560

would be that I would leave.

1298
01:03:20,560 --> 01:03:21,230
OK.

1299
01:03:21,230 --> 01:03:24,440
Can you describe leaving
to me and the detail

1300
01:03:24,440 --> 01:03:25,550
how you said goodbye?

1301
01:03:25,550 --> 01:03:27,350
Did you say goodbye
to the larger family?

1302
01:03:27,350 --> 01:03:31,140

1303
01:03:31,140 --> 01:03:32,940
Well, look.

1304
01:03:32,940 --> 01:03:38,110
I didn't think that I
would not see them again.

1305
01:03:38,110 --> 01:03:41,380
I mean, at the time when
I left, I said look,

1306
01:03:41,380 --> 01:03:43,060
we will see each other somehow.

1307
01:03:43,060 --> 01:03:44,560
When I get to the
United States, I

1308
01:03:44,560 --> 01:03:46,730
will see that I get
an affidavit for you

1309
01:03:46,730 --> 01:03:52,090
too, saying that maybe I

will be able to do this,

1310
01:03:52,090 --> 01:03:54,420
not knowing anything.

1311
01:03:54,420 --> 01:03:55,105
I have no idea.

1312
01:03:55,105 --> 01:03:58,580

1313
01:03:58,580 --> 01:04:03,470
As it turned out, things
did not go like this.

1314
01:04:03,470 --> 01:04:05,160
What happened?

1315
01:04:05,160 --> 01:04:09,360
My parents went to the
concentration camp.

1316
01:04:09,360 --> 01:04:12,320
The relatives?

1317
01:04:12,320 --> 01:04:17,120
My brother was able to
get out before they were

1318
01:04:17,120 --> 01:04:20,730
caught after Kristallnacht.

1319
01:04:20,730 --> 01:04:26,500
He was affected by
the Kristallnacht.

1320
01:04:26,500 --> 01:04:30,670
They came to his apartment, and
they demolished the hold damn

1321
01:04:30,670 --> 01:04:32,310
thing there.

1322
01:04:32,310 --> 01:04:34,200
They didn't manage to hold him?

1323
01:04:34,200 --> 01:04:36,270
They demolished the
whole apartment.

1324
01:04:36,270 --> 01:04:38,140
Oh, they damaged
the whole apartment.

1325
01:04:38,140 --> 01:04:41,040
They smashed everything.

1326
01:04:41,040 --> 01:04:48,550
So then he realized that
it's time to get out.

1327
01:04:48,550 --> 01:04:50,640
But then it was already late.

1328
01:04:50,640 --> 01:04:51,680
Yeah.

1329
01:04:51,680 --> 01:04:52,180
Yeah.

1330
01:04:52,180 --> 01:04:58,770
And I was here in
America, and I really

1331
01:04:58,770 --> 01:05:01,120
tried to get things going.

1332
01:05:01,120 --> 01:05:05,550
But I had a tough time to
get people to help me out

1333
01:05:05,550 --> 01:05:08,610
because they were
not that anxious.

1334
01:05:08,610 --> 01:05:11,940
People here in
America understood,

1335
01:05:11,940 --> 01:05:14,610
but in order to
give an affidavit,

1336
01:05:14,610 --> 01:05:20,610
they have to show their
income, what they owed,

1337
01:05:20,610 --> 01:05:23,160
what they owned,
and everything else.

1338
01:05:23,160 --> 01:05:26,820
And they didn't want
to show the government

1339
01:05:26,820 --> 01:05:29,070
all this personal stuff.

1340
01:05:29,070 --> 01:05:33,060
They didn't want to give
that information out.

1341
01:05:33,060 --> 01:05:35,310
Are you talking
mostly American Jews?

1342
01:05:35,310 --> 01:05:36,010
Yeah.

1343
01:05:36,010 --> 01:05:36,690
OK.

1344
01:05:36,690 --> 01:05:38,500
They didn't want to do it.

1345
01:05:38,500 --> 01:05:39,580

OK.

1346
01:05:39,580 --> 01:05:42,050
It was too much risk for
them and too much exposure?

1347
01:05:42,050 --> 01:05:43,380
Not so much a risk.

1348
01:05:43,380 --> 01:05:44,670
They just-- look.

1349
01:05:44,670 --> 01:05:48,630
There was no income
tax or at least that I

1350
01:05:48,630 --> 01:05:51,100
know there was no income tax.

1351
01:05:51,100 --> 01:05:54,210
And if you own or if you had X--

1352
01:05:54,210 --> 01:05:56,910
I don't know exactly
how it was anymore--

1353
01:05:56,910 --> 01:05:58,710
you had to pay.

1354
01:05:58,710 --> 01:06:01,110
I suppose if you
had a certain amount

1355
01:06:01,110 --> 01:06:06,010
or if you were the owner of
buildings or had income--

1356
01:06:06,010 --> 01:06:07,470
I don't know the details--

1357
01:06:07,470 --> 01:06:11,220
they would have to pay

the government something.

1358
01:06:11,220 --> 01:06:12,420
And if they didn't--

1359
01:06:12,420 --> 01:06:13,160
if they don't--

1360
01:06:13,160 --> 01:06:13,660
Declare it.

1361
01:06:13,660 --> 01:06:16,970
--declare it, they don't owe.

1362
01:06:16,970 --> 01:06:19,170
And in order to
give an affidavit,

1363
01:06:19,170 --> 01:06:21,750
you will have to
declare that you

1364
01:06:21,750 --> 01:06:26,790
are able to let that
person come from Europe,

1365
01:06:26,790 --> 01:06:31,930
you are financially able to pay
for it if anything comes up.

1366
01:06:31,930 --> 01:06:34,800
They didn't-- the American
government didn't want to have

1367
01:06:34,800 --> 01:06:42,750
the person who comes from Europe
come and is going to be not

1368
01:06:42,750 --> 01:06:45,190
able to get a job or
doesn't know what to do.

1369

01:06:45,190 --> 01:06:47,040
And the government
has to support him

1370
01:06:47,040 --> 01:06:50,070
or has to pay for
his livelihood.

1371
01:06:50,070 --> 01:06:51,160
They didn't want that.

1372
01:06:51,160 --> 01:06:54,630
They want to make sure that
the person who sponsored them

1373
01:06:54,630 --> 01:06:57,220
is financially able to do it.

1374
01:06:57,220 --> 01:07:01,730
And they did not want to give
that information out at first.

1375
01:07:01,730 --> 01:07:03,870
They did not want to do it.

1376
01:07:03,870 --> 01:07:06,780
That was your experience,
when you were trying

1377
01:07:06,780 --> 01:07:09,220
to do this for your family.

1378
01:07:09,220 --> 01:07:09,720
Yeah.

1379
01:07:09,720 --> 01:07:10,920
OK.

1380
01:07:10,920 --> 01:07:14,000
So you leave in 1935?

1381
01:07:14,000 --> 01:07:15,600

Yeah.

1382
01:07:15,600 --> 01:07:16,950
And you live from Mannheim.

1383
01:07:16,950 --> 01:07:18,450
Yeah.

1384
01:07:18,450 --> 01:07:19,960
By train?

1385
01:07:19,960 --> 01:07:21,900
By train to a Hamburg.

1386
01:07:21,900 --> 01:07:23,660
And then from Hamburg?

1387
01:07:23,660 --> 01:07:24,420
Ship.

1388
01:07:24,420 --> 01:07:25,573
OK.

1389
01:07:25,573 --> 01:07:27,240
You don't remember
the name of the ship.

1390
01:07:27,240 --> 01:07:28,140
Columbus.

1391
01:07:28,140 --> 01:07:29,130
You do.

1392
01:07:29,130 --> 01:07:30,240
Columbus.

1393
01:07:30,240 --> 01:07:31,630
Was it a passenger ship?

1394
01:07:31,630 --> 01:07:32,460
Yeah.

1395
01:07:32,460 --> 01:07:33,540
OK.

1396
01:07:33,540 --> 01:07:36,300
And were there many other
people in your situation?

1397
01:07:36,300 --> 01:07:41,160
There were a couple
of Jewish people, who

1398
01:07:41,160 --> 01:07:45,360
also were on the same ship,
who were fortunate enough

1399
01:07:45,360 --> 01:07:46,490
also to leave, right.

1400
01:07:46,490 --> 01:07:49,340

1401
01:07:49,340 --> 01:07:53,210
And how long did
the journey last?

1402
01:07:53,210 --> 01:07:54,090
A week or more.

1403
01:07:54,090 --> 01:07:55,870
I don't remember.

1404
01:07:55,870 --> 01:07:57,465
It was not the fastest.

1405
01:07:57,465 --> 01:07:59,640
OK.

1406
01:07:59,640 --> 01:08:02,660
We got in August here.

1407

01:08:02,660 --> 01:08:06,700

We got here in August,
and it was a heat wave.

1408

01:08:06,700 --> 01:08:08,957

It was no air conditioning.

1409

01:08:08,957 --> 01:08:12,160

1410

01:08:12,160 --> 01:08:16,660

So you can imagine for somebody
who was not used to this heat,

1411

01:08:16,660 --> 01:08:19,380

I really didn't
like the climate.

1412

01:08:19,380 --> 01:08:20,210

Yeah.

1413

01:08:20,210 --> 01:08:20,970

Yeah.

1414

01:08:20,970 --> 01:08:23,590

Germany is in a
northern parallel,

1415

01:08:23,590 --> 01:08:27,460

not as far south as here.

1416

01:08:27,460 --> 01:08:30,279

Did you have anybody
meet you at the pier?

1417

01:08:30,279 --> 01:08:33,310

Those people who lived in
Newburgh, which is outside

1418

01:08:33,310 --> 01:08:35,620

of West Point, they came.

1419

01:08:35,620 --> 01:08:38,399
And we had to have somebody.

1420
01:08:38,399 --> 01:08:45,340
They didn't know me,
and they took me in.

1421
01:08:45,340 --> 01:08:47,770
And they took me up to Newburgh.

1422
01:08:47,770 --> 01:08:56,319
They were also, from those
people from Chicago, relatives.

1423
01:08:56,319 --> 01:08:57,850
So this would have been--

1424
01:08:57,850 --> 01:08:59,770
Yeah.

1425
01:08:59,770 --> 01:09:04,300
The owner of those people in
Newburgh had a big factory.

1426
01:09:04,300 --> 01:09:06,210
They made clothing.

1427
01:09:06,210 --> 01:09:11,590
They made men's suits and men's
overcoats and things like that.

1428
01:09:11,590 --> 01:09:17,660
And they had a lot
of people work there.

1429
01:09:17,660 --> 01:09:22,090
And I was supposed
to work there too.

1430
01:09:22,090 --> 01:09:29,080
And not having air conditioning
in a place like this

1431

01:09:29,080 --> 01:09:31,850
and the lint when
you cut clothing

1432

01:09:31,850 --> 01:09:33,850
and, like I said,
not had machinery

1433

01:09:33,850 --> 01:09:36,790
to cut the clothing to make
suits and overcoats and all

1434

01:09:36,790 --> 01:09:43,600
this, the lint and perspiration,
it stuck to your skin,

1435

01:09:43,600 --> 01:09:47,020
and it makes it itch.

1436

01:09:47,020 --> 01:09:50,410
I didn't like this one bit.

1437

01:09:50,410 --> 01:09:53,103
And they called me a greenhorn.

1438

01:09:53,103 --> 01:09:54,520
They says, look
at this greenhorn.

1439

01:09:54,520 --> 01:09:57,990
He's here only a few weeks,
already he's complaining.

1440

01:09:57,990 --> 01:09:59,788
I mean-- I mean--

1441

01:09:59,788 --> 01:10:01,330
Did you already
speak English because

1442

01:10:01,330 --> 01:10:02,630
of your English classes?

1443
01:10:02,630 --> 01:10:07,390
I spoke English, not
American English.

1444
01:10:07,390 --> 01:10:09,600
English, like in England.

1445
01:10:09,600 --> 01:10:11,410
You know, the typical English.

1446
01:10:11,410 --> 01:10:12,980
But you lose that after a while.

1447
01:10:12,980 --> 01:10:16,960

1448
01:10:16,960 --> 01:10:22,160
So they told me I was
a greenhorn, you know.

1449
01:10:22,160 --> 01:10:25,270
So I stayed with them
for a little while.

1450
01:10:25,270 --> 01:10:29,380
I mean, I didn't know the first
thing anything about America,

1451
01:10:29,380 --> 01:10:31,690
but they were--

1452
01:10:31,690 --> 01:10:35,920
they actually also lost a
fortune during the crash here.

1453
01:10:35,920 --> 01:10:38,550
There was a crash
here in America.

1454
01:10:38,550 --> 01:10:43,690
And in '35 when I came here,

they were again able to--

1455

01:10:43,690 --> 01:10:44,650

they did pretty good.

1456

01:10:44,650 --> 01:10:46,180

They had a very nice home.

1457

01:10:46,180 --> 01:10:47,170

They had a car.

1458

01:10:47,170 --> 01:10:50,050

matter of fact,
they had two cars.

1459

01:10:50,050 --> 01:10:54,710

I learned to live a little
bit American style of living

1460

01:10:54,710 --> 01:10:57,190

and did very good.

1461

01:10:57,190 --> 01:10:59,050

And I looked around.

1462

01:10:59,050 --> 01:11:02,800

I said, I'm not going to
stay the company which

1463

01:11:02,800 --> 01:11:08,510

they had because this
making suits over overcoats,

1464

01:11:08,510 --> 01:11:10,510

it's not for me.

1465

01:11:10,510 --> 01:11:17,290

And I looked for a place in
New York-- in New York City--

1466

01:11:17,290 --> 01:11:24,300

and I found a place which

had a lumber company.

1467

01:11:24,300 --> 01:11:29,500

And I moved from
Newburgh to New York.

1468

01:11:29,500 --> 01:11:32,080

And I worked for a
lumber company there.

1469

01:11:32,080 --> 01:11:35,170

So when you got the
affidavit and the visa,

1470

01:11:35,170 --> 01:11:37,580

you got the right to work.

1471

01:11:37,580 --> 01:11:39,420

So you were able
to-- you know, you

1472

01:11:39,420 --> 01:11:42,430

had freedom to go and
find work anywhere.

1473

01:11:42,430 --> 01:11:45,280

I mean, you see, this
is the difference.

1474

01:11:45,280 --> 01:11:55,180

When I came here, naturally so
I was not tied down by anything.

1475

01:11:55,180 --> 01:11:57,880

I had my freedom.

1476

01:11:57,880 --> 01:12:03,430

And even so, I knew there
was problems and my parents

1477

01:12:03,430 --> 01:12:05,830

and my brother and all this.

1478

01:12:05,830 --> 01:12:09,340

And I tried to explain
it to those people here.

1479

01:12:09,340 --> 01:12:13,360

They listened, but
they don't act.

1480

01:12:13,360 --> 01:12:16,320

They listened, but
they didn't act.

1481

01:12:16,320 --> 01:12:18,970

Just like Roosevelt,
I don't know.

1482

01:12:18,970 --> 01:12:22,590

He also had that ship
here in the harbor.

1483

01:12:22,590 --> 01:12:23,540

St. Louis.

1484

01:12:23,540 --> 01:12:24,040

Yeah.

1485

01:12:24,040 --> 01:12:27,550

And refused to let the
people get off the ship

1486

01:12:27,550 --> 01:12:29,350

and sent it back.

1487

01:12:29,350 --> 01:12:34,990

I mean, this is what was the
attitude people had here.

1488

01:12:34,990 --> 01:12:38,770

They didn't
understand how serious

1489

01:12:38,770 --> 01:12:44,650

this Hitler socialism,
Nazi antisemitism, all this

1490
01:12:44,650 --> 01:12:46,250
was already.

1491
01:12:46,250 --> 01:12:51,050
They thought, oh, it's on
the other side of the ocean.

1492
01:12:51,050 --> 01:12:53,380
We don't want to get involved.

1493
01:12:53,380 --> 01:12:57,250
Did you learn of the St.
Louis as it was happening?

1494
01:12:57,250 --> 01:13:00,380
I read about it, but I mean,
what could I do about it?

1495
01:13:00,380 --> 01:13:02,580
No, but did you see
the ship in the harbor?

1496
01:13:02,580 --> 01:13:04,030
No, I didn't see it myself.

1497
01:13:04,030 --> 01:13:05,137
I saw it on tel--

1498
01:13:05,137 --> 01:13:06,720
I don't know if I
saw it on television

1499
01:13:06,720 --> 01:13:08,390
or I saw it in newspaper.

1500
01:13:08,390 --> 01:13:11,960
Papers, yeah. yeah.

1501
01:13:11,960 --> 01:13:15,220

Now, when you came down and looked for a lumber company

1502
01:13:15,220 --> 01:13:19,990
in New York City,
where did you live?

1503
01:13:19,990 --> 01:13:23,010
Well, I mean, when I did
get a job in New York,

1504
01:13:23,010 --> 01:13:28,420
I rented a room in
the neighborhood

1505
01:13:28,420 --> 01:13:30,490
where the place was and--

1506
01:13:30,490 --> 01:13:32,050
Where was that?

1507
01:13:32,050 --> 01:13:36,645
On the West side, on West
72nd Street, somewheres--

1508
01:13:36,645 --> 01:13:38,380
Oh, so you were on
the Upper West Side.

1509
01:13:38,380 --> 01:13:40,390
And there was a lumber
company that was also--

1510
01:13:40,390 --> 01:13:44,530
Well, the lumber company,
actually they had two places.

1511
01:13:44,530 --> 01:13:49,780
There was one on the East
side and one on the West side.

1512
01:13:49,780 --> 01:13:53,140
The East side was where

the main office was,

1513
01:13:53,140 --> 01:13:57,100
and they had one on the West
side, which they gave me.

1514
01:13:57,100 --> 01:13:59,500
They told, you are
in charge of that.

1515
01:13:59,500 --> 01:14:02,873
So I took care of the
West side lumber yard.

1516
01:14:02,873 --> 01:14:03,640
OK.

1517
01:14:03,640 --> 01:14:06,820
But it was nothing to
speak-- it was a small lumber

1518
01:14:06,820 --> 01:14:08,380
yard, not big.

1519
01:14:08,380 --> 01:14:10,810
We sold whatever
in the lumber yard,

1520
01:14:10,810 --> 01:14:13,630
you know, here to--
same thing like this.

1521
01:14:13,630 --> 01:14:14,440
But you had some--

1522
01:14:14,440 --> 01:14:15,000
Retail.

1523
01:14:15,000 --> 01:14:16,090
A retail lumber yard.

1524
01:14:16,090 --> 01:14:18,850

People come for this or for
that, for a piece of plywood,

1525
01:14:18,850 --> 01:14:23,240
for the [GERMAN],, for
whatever there is.

1526
01:14:23,240 --> 01:14:23,770
Yeah.

1527
01:14:23,770 --> 01:14:24,940
But it was a foothold.

1528
01:14:24,940 --> 01:14:27,610
See, this is the interesting--
for me, an interesting point.

1529
01:14:27,610 --> 01:14:32,500
You had background and some
experience from Europe,

1530
01:14:32,500 --> 01:14:39,680
and it gave you the foothold in
New York City to then go for--

1531
01:14:39,680 --> 01:14:41,250
I knew something.

1532
01:14:41,250 --> 01:14:41,890
Yeah.

1533
01:14:41,890 --> 01:14:43,110
Yeah.

1534
01:14:43,110 --> 01:14:44,920
Were there letters
back and forth

1535
01:14:44,920 --> 01:14:46,220
between you and your family?

1536
01:14:46,220 --> 01:14:47,140

Yes.

1537

01:14:47,140 --> 01:14:50,510

What did the letters
from your parents say?

1538

01:14:50,510 --> 01:14:54,280

Well, I cannot go--

1539

01:14:54,280 --> 01:14:55,227

tell you each--

1540

01:14:55,227 --> 01:14:55,810

Of course not.

1541

01:14:55,810 --> 01:14:58,210

--individual letter anymore.

1542

01:14:58,210 --> 01:15:00,240

But they told us--

1543

01:15:00,240 --> 01:15:03,560

told me that things
are not going well,

1544

01:15:03,560 --> 01:15:06,050

and it's getting
worse, and so forth.

1545

01:15:06,050 --> 01:15:11,260

And then finally, I found out
that all the Jewish people

1546

01:15:11,260 --> 01:15:14,220

in that area from
Mannheim, all the way down

1547

01:15:14,220 --> 01:15:18,370

to the Swiss border, which
is clear to the bottom,

1548

01:15:18,370 --> 01:15:23,320

were taken by train one day--

1549
01:15:23,320 --> 01:15:25,570
I don't know what day
it was, I don't know--

1550
01:15:25,570 --> 01:15:30,400
and sent to a concentration
camp in France.

1551
01:15:30,400 --> 01:15:33,100
And it was called Gurs.

1552
01:15:33,100 --> 01:15:34,330
Yeah.

1553
01:15:34,330 --> 01:15:35,110
You know it?

1554
01:15:35,110 --> 01:15:36,200
I've heard of it.

1555
01:15:36,200 --> 01:15:37,630
I've heard of it.

1556
01:15:37,630 --> 01:15:39,610
Actually, they first
went to a place

1557
01:15:39,610 --> 01:15:47,560
called Rechedou, which
was during the Franco

1558
01:15:47,560 --> 01:15:53,990
regime, a Spanish military
camp, and then abandoned.

1559
01:15:53,990 --> 01:15:55,870
And they took over
in the Pyrenees.

1560
01:15:55,870 --> 01:15:58,390

That was in the mountains,
in the Pyrenees Mountains,

1561
01:15:58,390 --> 01:16:01,130
which is between
Spain and France.

1562
01:16:01,130 --> 01:16:07,520
And there were all those Jewish
people were in that camp, Gurs.

1563
01:16:07,520 --> 01:16:11,660
And was this after
Kristallnacht?

1564
01:16:11,660 --> 01:16:12,160
Yes.

1565
01:16:12,160 --> 01:16:13,100
You think they were taken?

1566
01:16:13,100 --> 01:16:13,600
Yes.

1567
01:16:13,600 --> 01:16:15,400
OK.

1568
01:16:15,400 --> 01:16:23,490
My brother was able
to leave Germany--

1569
01:16:23,490 --> 01:16:25,590
Mannheim.

1570
01:16:25,590 --> 01:16:29,718
Actually, I wanted him to
come to New York before,

1571
01:16:29,718 --> 01:16:30,510
but it didn't work.

1572
01:16:30,510 --> 01:16:33,810

I wanted him to go
to I, to go to China,

1573
01:16:33,810 --> 01:16:39,750
and come over the East
Coast to the United States.

1574
01:16:39,750 --> 01:16:41,150
Didn't work.

1575
01:16:41,150 --> 01:16:46,380
Somehow neither did-- it
was extremely difficult.

1576
01:16:46,380 --> 01:16:50,130
But he was able to
get out of Mannheim.

1577
01:16:50,130 --> 01:16:54,420
He was able to go
to Portugal somehow,

1578
01:16:54,420 --> 01:17:01,890
and I got him a crossing
from Lisbon to New York.

1579
01:17:01,890 --> 01:17:06,190

1580
01:17:06,190 --> 01:17:14,550
And in I would say
about '40, 1940.

1581
01:17:14,550 --> 01:17:16,020
What about his wife?

1582
01:17:16,020 --> 01:17:17,370
She with him as well.

1583
01:17:17,370 --> 01:17:18,540
With him, both of them.

1584

01:17:18,540 --> 01:17:19,590
Did they have children?

1585
01:17:19,590 --> 01:17:20,260
No.

1586
01:17:20,260 --> 01:17:21,360
OK.

1587
01:17:21,360 --> 01:17:22,890
It was the two of them.

1588
01:17:22,890 --> 01:17:29,430
So they came on one of the
large ships, which actually

1589
01:17:29,430 --> 01:17:32,010
left Lisbon or Portugal.

1590
01:17:32,010 --> 01:17:33,940
He came to New York.

1591
01:17:33,940 --> 01:17:38,030
And when he settled
actually with me

1592
01:17:38,030 --> 01:17:40,590
because he had no place to go.

1593
01:17:40,590 --> 01:17:41,670
He had no place to go.

1594
01:17:41,670 --> 01:17:43,590
He and his wife settled with me.

1595
01:17:43,590 --> 01:17:46,200
I made arrangements that
he could stay with somebody

1596
01:17:46,200 --> 01:17:48,180
in my neighborhood.

1597

01:17:48,180 --> 01:17:50,550

And I took care of
them until he was

1598

01:17:50,550 --> 01:17:55,170

able to find also something
in his line in the wood

1599

01:17:55,170 --> 01:17:57,990

business in Washington, DC.

1600

01:17:57,990 --> 01:17:58,970

I see.

1601

01:17:58,970 --> 01:18:04,500

And he moved to Washington,
DC, and he actually

1602

01:18:04,500 --> 01:18:10,230

was in Chevy Chase for
the rest of his life.

1603

01:18:10,230 --> 01:18:15,450

And did you then provide the
affidavit for him and his wife?

1604

01:18:15,450 --> 01:18:20,100

I was able, together-- somebody
else, with mine together--

1605

01:18:20,100 --> 01:18:21,820

to get him out.

1606

01:18:21,820 --> 01:18:22,320

Yeah.

1607

01:18:22,320 --> 01:18:23,160

OK.

1608

01:18:23,160 --> 01:18:24,442

And for your parents?

1609

01:18:24,442 --> 01:18:25,275

Had they been taken?

1610

01:18:25,275 --> 01:18:25,858

What happened?

1611

01:18:25,858 --> 01:18:29,190

That is a story by itself.

1612

01:18:29,190 --> 01:18:32,950

My parents were in the Gurs.

1613

01:18:32,950 --> 01:18:36,550

And there is no
way of escaping it.

1614

01:18:36,550 --> 01:18:44,490

They were all booked to
go by one of the trains

1615

01:18:44,490 --> 01:18:48,060

to get to the--

1616

01:18:48,060 --> 01:18:48,690

Auschwitz?

1617

01:18:48,690 --> 01:18:51,630

Auschwitz or someplace.

1618

01:18:51,630 --> 01:18:54,660

And I knew a senator--

1619

01:18:54,660 --> 01:18:56,250

no, I didn't know--

1620

01:18:56,250 --> 01:18:59,040

the person I lived
with in Newburgh

1621

01:18:59,040 --> 01:19:06,030

was a very strong Republican

political influence,

1622
01:19:06,030 --> 01:19:11,260
knew a senator, who was
a Republican senator,

1623
01:19:11,260 --> 01:19:12,530
in his area.

1624
01:19:12,530 --> 01:19:13,570
So in New York--

1625
01:19:13,570 --> 01:19:15,950
nevertheless, in New
York or Maryland.

1626
01:19:15,950 --> 01:19:21,310
And he lived right next
to Franklin Roosevelt.

1627
01:19:21,310 --> 01:19:22,730
Yeah.

1628
01:19:22,730 --> 01:19:28,750
And he took me one
day to this senator,

1629
01:19:28,750 --> 01:19:32,590
who lived not far from us, from
Newburgh, was a half an hour

1630
01:19:32,590 --> 01:19:34,640
by car.

1631
01:19:34,640 --> 01:19:38,860
And the senator was nice
enough to listen to my story.

1632
01:19:38,860 --> 01:19:45,220
Long and so behold, he
arranged, that senator--

1633

01:19:45,220 --> 01:19:51,490
his name was Howard
Lufisch, a very old

1634
01:19:51,490 --> 01:19:54,610
English immigrant
family who was already

1635
01:19:54,610 --> 01:19:58,000
for three generations at least--

1636
01:19:58,000 --> 01:20:02,050
very strong Republicans.

1637
01:20:02,050 --> 01:20:13,900
He arranged to get
Marseilles consul

1638
01:20:13,900 --> 01:20:18,010
to get to the government--
of the French government

1639
01:20:18,010 --> 01:20:25,060
of something in Gurs, get
my parents out of this Gurs.

1640
01:20:25,060 --> 01:20:27,730
And we were-- and
he arranged it.

1641
01:20:27,730 --> 01:20:29,680
I don't know
exactly how it went.

1642
01:20:29,680 --> 01:20:34,050
And they went from
Gurs to Marseilles,

1643
01:20:34,050 --> 01:20:37,140
went over to Africa
to Casablanca,

1644
01:20:37,140 --> 01:20:41,230

and stayed in Casablanca 'til I
was able to get a ship for them

1645
01:20:41,230 --> 01:20:43,030
from Casablanca to
come to New York.

1646
01:20:43,030 --> 01:20:44,960
Hah, so you saved your parents.

1647
01:20:44,960 --> 01:20:45,460
Right.

1648
01:20:45,460 --> 01:20:48,100

1649
01:20:48,100 --> 01:20:51,130
Oh, my goodness.

1650
01:20:51,130 --> 01:20:54,335
My parents came here in '44--

1651
01:20:54,335 --> 01:20:54,835
'43.

1652
01:20:54,835 --> 01:20:57,740

1653
01:20:57,740 --> 01:20:59,300
I was in the army already.

1654
01:20:59,300 --> 01:21:04,160
I was already in the American
army, ready to go to Europe.

1655
01:21:04,160 --> 01:21:07,760

1656
01:21:07,760 --> 01:21:09,800
Congratulations.

1657

01:21:09,800 --> 01:21:11,750
Congratulations.

1658
01:21:11,750 --> 01:21:16,500
The youngest child
gets everybody out.

1659
01:21:16,500 --> 01:21:23,500
And my parents lived here in
New York, Washington Heights,

1660
01:21:23,500 --> 01:21:25,710
where most of the
German people live.

1661
01:21:25,710 --> 01:21:28,630

1662
01:21:28,630 --> 01:21:31,450
And they died, and
my father died first,

1663
01:21:31,450 --> 01:21:35,790
and my mother followed
10 years later.

1664
01:21:35,790 --> 01:21:40,350
Did they tell you of what had
happened since you had left?

1665
01:21:40,350 --> 01:21:44,710
Well, the detail part I
don't want to hear anymore.

1666
01:21:44,710 --> 01:21:49,920
But all of my uncles and aunts
who were in that same camp,

1667
01:21:49,920 --> 01:21:52,330
I couldn't get them out.

1668
01:21:52,330 --> 01:21:54,060
I could not get them out.

1669
01:21:54,060 --> 01:21:55,772
They all died.

1670
01:21:55,772 --> 01:21:56,925
They all were killed.

1671
01:21:56,925 --> 01:21:59,435
They all were killed.

1672
01:21:59,435 --> 01:21:59,935
Yeah.

1673
01:21:59,935 --> 01:22:06,190

1674
01:22:06,190 --> 01:22:07,690
It had been almost--

1675
01:22:07,690 --> 01:22:10,810
when they finally
arrived in 1944,

1676
01:22:10,810 --> 01:22:13,720
it had been almost 10 years
since you-- nine years,

1677
01:22:13,720 --> 01:22:14,710
eight years--

1678
01:22:14,710 --> 01:22:17,830
since you had left Germany.

1679
01:22:17,830 --> 01:22:21,940
Did they look different to you?

1680
01:22:21,940 --> 01:22:26,880
Well, they didn't
have much to eat.

1681
01:22:26,880 --> 01:22:30,510

They look-- you know, they
lost weight, lost-- and aged

1682
01:22:30,510 --> 01:22:32,170
in something fierce.

1683
01:22:32,170 --> 01:22:40,360
But somehow they didn't actually
have any physical problems

1684
01:22:40,360 --> 01:22:42,280
later on here.

1685
01:22:42,280 --> 01:22:45,165
And things worked
out pretty good.

1686
01:22:45,165 --> 01:22:47,925

1687
01:22:47,925 --> 01:22:48,550
Did they ever--

1688
01:22:48,550 --> 01:22:50,500
I was fortunate
enough to get them--

1689
01:22:50,500 --> 01:22:54,310
with this help of the
senator, otherwise I

1690
01:22:54,310 --> 01:22:57,290
wouldn't have been
able to get them out.

1691
01:22:57,290 --> 01:23:02,050
But it took a lot of
doing to do all this.

1692
01:23:02,050 --> 01:23:05,710
What was the name of the
man who owned the factory up

1693
01:23:05,710 --> 01:23:06,340
in Newburgh?

1694
01:23:06,340 --> 01:23:07,330
Do you remember?

1695
01:23:07,330 --> 01:23:09,850
Scott, his last name.

1696
01:23:09,850 --> 01:23:12,560
The name of the company--
that I never forget--

1697
01:23:12,560 --> 01:23:18,490
it was LBS, Lehman,
Berkowitz, and Scott.

1698
01:23:18,490 --> 01:23:20,920
They had a very big company.

1699
01:23:20,920 --> 01:23:24,130
I mean, it was big in clothing.

1700
01:23:24,130 --> 01:23:29,120
They had at least maybe 100
or more people working there.

1701
01:23:29,120 --> 01:23:30,310
Very big company.

1702
01:23:30,310 --> 01:23:31,640
And his name was--

1703
01:23:31,640 --> 01:23:35,520
And they made men's
suits an overcoats.

1704
01:23:35,520 --> 01:23:37,440
And his name was
Scott, Mr. Scott.

1705

01:23:37,440 --> 01:23:38,200
Yeah.

1706
01:23:38,200 --> 01:23:43,360
Now, he never told
me that he was--

1707
01:23:43,360 --> 01:23:45,770
he never said he was Jewish.

1708
01:23:45,770 --> 01:23:48,120
And he never told me
where he came from.

1709
01:23:48,120 --> 01:23:51,460
And he never told me
where his family was from.

1710
01:23:51,460 --> 01:23:55,730
Somehow or another,
people here in this--

1711
01:23:55,730 --> 01:23:57,755
it's the funniest thing--

1712
01:23:57,755 --> 01:24:00,130
somehow people, somehow, if
they didn't want to tell you,

1713
01:24:00,130 --> 01:24:01,005
they didn't tell you.

1714
01:24:01,005 --> 01:24:04,770

1715
01:24:04,770 --> 01:24:15,810
I have not-- I mean, maybe his
name was Schott in Germany,

1716
01:24:15,810 --> 01:24:20,760
but he was here,
and he says his--

1717

01:24:20,760 --> 01:24:24,630

sometimes he told me
once he is Italian.

1718

01:24:24,630 --> 01:24:27,660

He comes from an Italian family.

1719

01:24:27,660 --> 01:24:31,360

And because he told me once,
this lady or this family,

1720

01:24:31,360 --> 01:24:33,850

which was they were Italians.

1721

01:24:33,850 --> 01:24:36,330

They are relatives of mine.

1722

01:24:36,330 --> 01:24:39,330

So I said, how come
they're Italians?

1723

01:24:39,330 --> 01:24:43,020

Well, I don't know
how he explained it.

1724

01:24:43,020 --> 01:24:44,340

And yet, you saw--

1725

01:24:44,340 --> 01:24:47,340

you knew that it was
some sort of family

1726

01:24:47,340 --> 01:24:50,730

connection between them
and the Davids in Chicago.

1727

01:24:50,730 --> 01:24:54,030

Well, his wife was a David.

1728

01:24:54,030 --> 01:24:57,820

His wife was David,
who married a Scott.

1729
01:24:57,820 --> 01:24:58,340
I see.

1730
01:24:58,340 --> 01:24:58,840
I see.

1731
01:24:58,840 --> 01:25:01,390

1732
01:25:01,390 --> 01:25:02,420
Wow.

1733
01:25:02,420 --> 01:25:02,920
Wow.

1734
01:25:02,920 --> 01:25:05,450

1735
01:25:05,450 --> 01:25:07,590
Let's at this
point take a break.

1736
01:25:07,590 --> 01:25:11,210

1737
01:25:11,210 --> 01:25:13,420
All right.

1738
01:25:13,420 --> 01:25:14,240
OK.

1739
01:25:14,240 --> 01:25:17,990
So let's focus now a little
bit on your life in the United

1740
01:25:17,990 --> 01:25:23,120
States, starting with the
small lumber yard retail

1741
01:25:23,120 --> 01:25:26,390

that you're working at
on the Upper West Side,

1742
01:25:26,390 --> 01:25:30,240
and you rent a room in an
apartment close by, you said?

1743
01:25:30,240 --> 01:25:30,920
Mm-hmm.

1744
01:25:30,920 --> 01:25:33,590
How long did this
particular job last?

1745
01:25:33,590 --> 01:25:37,700

1746
01:25:37,700 --> 01:25:39,800
Until I was inducted
in the army.

1747
01:25:39,800 --> 01:25:41,480
Oh, so a good number of years.

1748
01:25:41,480 --> 01:25:41,980
Yes.

1749
01:25:41,980 --> 01:25:44,840

1750
01:25:44,840 --> 01:25:46,650
Well, can you tell me
about how many years

1751
01:25:46,650 --> 01:25:47,525
that would have been?

1752
01:25:47,525 --> 01:25:48,350
Five years.

1753
01:25:48,350 --> 01:25:50,882
Wait a minute.

1754
01:25:50,882 --> 01:25:53,130
I got the army in '42--

1755
01:25:53,130 --> 01:25:55,940
'43.

1756
01:25:55,940 --> 01:25:57,452
Five, six years.

1757
01:25:57,452 --> 01:25:58,750
OK.

1758
01:25:58,750 --> 01:26:02,150
That was-- no, I changed once.

1759
01:26:02,150 --> 01:26:04,910
That place was so
small, it didn't give me

1760
01:26:04,910 --> 01:26:09,820
much of a challenge, and I
didn't see a future in it.

1761
01:26:09,820 --> 01:26:12,170
And I didn't make enough money.

1762
01:26:12,170 --> 01:26:14,120
And I want to make more money.

1763
01:26:14,120 --> 01:26:17,780
And I wanted to be
developing and things.

1764
01:26:17,780 --> 01:26:21,090
So I went with a bigger
company in Brooklyn.

1765
01:26:21,090 --> 01:26:24,020
And I naturally also had to
move in a different place

1766

01:26:24,020 --> 01:26:25,900
in Brooklyn.

1767

01:26:25,900 --> 01:26:28,370
But they were much, much bigger.

1768

01:26:28,370 --> 01:26:29,520
And it helped me.

1769

01:26:29,520 --> 01:26:30,020
OK.

1770

01:26:30,020 --> 01:26:33,680
What neighborhood in
Brooklyn was this?

1771

01:26:33,680 --> 01:26:36,020
The name, I think it was Lutz.

1772

01:26:36,020 --> 01:26:37,140
The name of the company.

1773

01:26:37,140 --> 01:26:37,670
Yeah.

1774

01:26:37,670 --> 01:26:38,477
Lutz.

1775

01:26:38,477 --> 01:26:39,610
OK.

1776

01:26:39,610 --> 01:26:43,440
And was this Bensonhurst,
Brooklyn Heights?

1777

01:26:43,440 --> 01:26:47,050
No, it was in Williamsburg.

1778

01:26:47,050 --> 01:26:48,050
In Williamsburg.

1779

01:26:48,050 --> 01:26:49,130

OK.

1780

01:26:49,130 --> 01:26:51,020

And you lived then close by?

1781

01:26:51,020 --> 01:26:53,420

I lived-- I don't know know
anything about a street,

1782

01:26:53,420 --> 01:26:55,550

unfortunately.

1783

01:26:55,550 --> 01:26:58,340

Also I stayed nearby, right.

1784

01:26:58,340 --> 01:26:59,150

OK.

1785

01:26:59,150 --> 01:27:03,290

Did you have your own apartment
or did you still rent a room?

1786

01:27:03,290 --> 01:27:06,710

No, I had a little apartment.

1787

01:27:06,710 --> 01:27:10,850

And can you describe
it for me a bit?

1788

01:27:10,850 --> 01:27:13,200

I don't know how I would
describe a little apartment.

1789

01:27:13,200 --> 01:27:15,380

It was not much to talk about.

1790

01:27:15,380 --> 01:27:17,030

Was it a one bedroom, studio?

1791

01:27:17,030 --> 01:27:19,560

One room studio, I
would call it nowadays.

1792
01:27:19,560 --> 01:27:20,440
Right.

1793
01:27:20,440 --> 01:27:21,290
OK.

1794
01:27:21,290 --> 01:27:22,730
But it was self-contained.

1795
01:27:22,730 --> 01:27:23,470
Yeah.

1796
01:27:23,470 --> 01:27:24,910
OK.

1797
01:27:24,910 --> 01:27:33,260
And I had and that already then
at that time some of the boys,

1798
01:27:33,260 --> 01:27:37,820
who I know from
Mannheim, came here.

1799
01:27:37,820 --> 01:27:43,550
And naturally, we got together
on weekends and so forth, which

1800
01:27:43,550 --> 01:27:46,020
was very nice.

1801
01:27:46,020 --> 01:27:51,430
And we went in many, many times
here and there and so forth.

1802
01:27:51,430 --> 01:27:53,570
It became a little club like.

1803
01:27:53,570 --> 01:27:56,420
You know, you anticipated

my next question

1804

01:27:56,420 --> 01:27:59,900
because since you came over
and you were truly alone,

1805

01:27:59,900 --> 01:28:04,940
you know, without close family
by and without a community,

1806

01:28:04,940 --> 01:28:08,030
I wondered what kind of social
life you were able to develop.

1807

01:28:08,030 --> 01:28:11,662

1808

01:28:11,662 --> 01:28:12,370
How should I say?

1809

01:28:12,370 --> 01:28:15,190

1810

01:28:15,190 --> 01:28:18,340
In Newburgh was very similar.

1811

01:28:18,340 --> 01:28:23,910
They had a daughter,
marriage in age,

1812

01:28:23,910 --> 01:28:30,240
and they had ideas that
maybe I would be interested.

1813

01:28:30,240 --> 01:28:33,750
I mean, she still
was in college.

1814

01:28:33,750 --> 01:28:36,930
And she came home for whatever.

1815

01:28:36,930 --> 01:28:38,715

They had vacation or whatever.

1816
01:28:38,715 --> 01:28:41,640

1817
01:28:41,640 --> 01:28:44,060
But I was not interested.

1818
01:28:44,060 --> 01:28:48,180
Not that she was not nice and
all this, but I just couldn't--

1819
01:28:48,180 --> 01:28:50,140
That was not your
life at that point.

1820
01:28:50,140 --> 01:28:51,030
No.

1821
01:28:51,030 --> 01:28:54,600
Actually, I wasn't
ready to marry.

1822
01:28:54,600 --> 01:28:56,470
You were already married?

1823
01:28:56,470 --> 01:28:57,220
I was not married.

1824
01:28:57,220 --> 01:28:57,780
No, no, no.

1825
01:28:57,780 --> 01:29:01,980
You said-- you said,
actually I was already--

1826
01:29:01,980 --> 01:29:02,810
something.

1827
01:29:02,810 --> 01:29:04,102
And I thought you said married.

1828

01:29:04,102 --> 01:29:05,090

I wasn't interested.

1829

01:29:05,090 --> 01:29:06,300

OK.

1830

01:29:06,300 --> 01:29:11,490

So anyhow, when we met with
the other young people who

1831

01:29:11,490 --> 01:29:14,885

came from Mannheim too,
we met here on weekends

1832

01:29:14,885 --> 01:29:18,150

and so forth, we
met other girls.

1833

01:29:18,150 --> 01:29:22,750

And we joined and did go
on excursion and so forth.

1834

01:29:22,750 --> 01:29:25,490

So we had a nice
social life, very nice.

1835

01:29:25,490 --> 01:29:28,470

1836

01:29:28,470 --> 01:29:31,810

Did you join any
kind of community?

1837

01:29:31,810 --> 01:29:32,400

Did you--

1838

01:29:32,400 --> 01:29:33,030

No.

1839

01:29:33,030 --> 01:29:36,540

We did not join any Jewish
congregation or nothing.

1840
01:29:36,540 --> 01:29:37,860
OK.

1841
01:29:37,860 --> 01:29:39,470
No.

1842
01:29:39,470 --> 01:29:43,530
You see, I don't
know what it is.

1843
01:29:43,530 --> 01:29:51,110
Even today, I'm not a--

1844
01:29:51,110 --> 01:29:55,565
I mean, I don't deny that
I'm Jewish, and I pay my dues

1845
01:29:55,565 --> 01:30:01,840
and I pay the congregation,
whatever is coming up.

1846
01:30:01,840 --> 01:30:04,620
But I don't like--

1847
01:30:04,620 --> 01:30:08,610
they are conservatives.

1848
01:30:08,610 --> 01:30:12,470
And I don't particularly
care for the services

1849
01:30:12,470 --> 01:30:16,370
and especially I didn't
even care for the rabbi.

1850
01:30:16,370 --> 01:30:17,743
So I just--

1851
01:30:17,743 --> 01:30:18,910
You don't have a connection.

1852
01:30:18,910 --> 01:30:19,700
No.

1853
01:30:19,700 --> 01:30:22,030
I just never feel like it.

1854
01:30:22,030 --> 01:30:25,940
And I know it's
maybe unfortunate,

1855
01:30:25,940 --> 01:30:27,740
but that's the way it is.

1856
01:30:27,740 --> 01:30:29,240
That's OK.

1857
01:30:29,240 --> 01:30:35,900
Every individual has that right
to know their own soul and know

1858
01:30:35,900 --> 01:30:40,000
what fits with them
and what doesn't.

1859
01:30:40,000 --> 01:30:52,120
I mean, this reform movement
became very popular.

1860
01:30:52,120 --> 01:30:56,920
And I know more people who
are thinking similar what

1861
01:30:56,920 --> 01:31:03,860
I do than I ever had before.

1862
01:31:03,860 --> 01:31:13,440
So they just don't
do more than just

1863
01:31:13,440 --> 01:31:17,130
what is necessary, so to speak.

1864

01:31:17,130 --> 01:31:20,580

Did you meet your
wife at this time?

1865

01:31:20,580 --> 01:31:23,560

I met her before
I went overseas.

1866

01:31:23,560 --> 01:31:32,555

I was married in '43, and I
went overseas a few months later

1867

01:31:32,555 --> 01:31:33,950

to Europe.

1868

01:31:33,950 --> 01:31:36,050

Tell me how you met.

1869

01:31:36,050 --> 01:31:37,160

Blind date.

1870

01:31:37,160 --> 01:31:39,740

Really?

1871

01:31:39,740 --> 01:31:42,260

Like I said, we met,
and those people

1872

01:31:42,260 --> 01:31:47,750

who came from the other
side had always friends

1873

01:31:47,750 --> 01:31:50,450

and so on and so forth.

1874

01:31:50,450 --> 01:31:54,800

And on weekends, we met
here and so forth and so on.

1875

01:31:54,800 --> 01:31:59,210

And one day, I was
introduced to her.

1876
01:31:59,210 --> 01:32:01,940
And she seems to be very nice.

1877
01:32:01,940 --> 01:32:05,210
I thought to myself,
very nice young lady.

1878
01:32:05,210 --> 01:32:07,790
And we stuck together.

1879
01:32:07,790 --> 01:32:10,310
And did she tell you
much of her story?

1880
01:32:10,310 --> 01:32:12,410
She lost her whole parents.

1881
01:32:12,410 --> 01:32:14,010
She lost them all.

1882
01:32:14,010 --> 01:32:14,510
All.

1883
01:32:14,510 --> 01:32:16,500
How is it that she
ended up in the United?

1884
01:32:16,500 --> 01:32:19,890
She went under Kindertransport.

1885
01:32:19,890 --> 01:32:21,660
She left Cologne with--

1886
01:32:21,660 --> 01:32:23,220
you know what a
Kindertransport is?

1887
01:32:23,220 --> 01:32:24,380
Tell us.

1888

01:32:24,380 --> 01:32:24,880
Sure.

1889
01:32:24,880 --> 01:32:25,380
Tell us.

1890
01:32:25,380 --> 01:32:32,670
She went to England and was
on a Kindertransport also.

1891
01:32:32,670 --> 01:32:35,130
Her parents said,
you've got to get out.

1892
01:32:35,130 --> 01:32:38,810
You have to get out because it's
not good for you to stay here.

1893
01:32:38,810 --> 01:32:41,220
And they let her go on
the Kindertransport.

1894
01:32:41,220 --> 01:32:47,280
And she went to England, and she
worked as a governess or kinder

1895
01:32:47,280 --> 01:32:49,080
or what do you call it?

1896
01:32:49,080 --> 01:32:49,860
A nanny?

1897
01:32:49,860 --> 01:32:55,230
Nanny for some English
family someplace--

1898
01:32:55,230 --> 01:32:59,130
I forgot where-- until
she got her visa,

1899
01:32:59,130 --> 01:33:02,040
which also took a long time.

1900

01:33:02,040 --> 01:33:05,700

And then she
emigrated to New York.

1901

01:33:05,700 --> 01:33:09,800

I think she came in
1940 or '41 to New York.

1902

01:33:09,800 --> 01:33:13,070

And what was her first
name and maiden name?

1903

01:33:13,070 --> 01:33:15,590

1904

01:33:15,590 --> 01:33:19,900

Her first name was Hilda,
last name Katzenberg

1905

01:33:19,900 --> 01:33:23,160

Katzenberg and then Bloch.

1906

01:33:23,160 --> 01:33:24,310

Well, came Bloch.

1907

01:33:24,310 --> 01:33:26,170

You know, Katzenberg
is that, you ever

1908

01:33:26,170 --> 01:33:28,480

heard of Jeffrey Katzenberg?

1909

01:33:28,480 --> 01:33:29,500

Yeah, I have.

1910

01:33:29,500 --> 01:33:30,850

But I don't--

1911

01:33:30,850 --> 01:33:31,810

It's that movie--

1912

01:33:31,810 --> 01:33:33,230
That's right.

1913
01:33:33,230 --> 01:33:37,780
--mogul who has the--

1914
01:33:37,780 --> 01:33:39,970
well, there are three
guys together now.

1915
01:33:39,970 --> 01:33:42,370
It's the Disney on the thing.

1916
01:33:42,370 --> 01:33:43,880
He is one of them.

1917
01:33:43,880 --> 01:33:46,960
And we found out
indirectly there

1918
01:33:46,960 --> 01:33:54,005
is a little bit stretched this
cousin of what her name was.

1919
01:33:54,005 --> 01:33:54,505
OK.

1920
01:33:54,505 --> 01:33:56,470
Of Hilda.

1921
01:33:56,470 --> 01:33:57,580
And when was she born?

1922
01:33:57,580 --> 01:33:58,600
Do you know?

1923
01:33:58,600 --> 01:34:00,080
1920.

1924
01:34:00,080 --> 01:34:00,580
OK.

1925

01:34:00,580 --> 01:34:02,330

So she was six years
younger than you?

1926

01:34:02,330 --> 01:34:04,300

Yeah.

1927

01:34:04,300 --> 01:34:05,850

And she passed away.

1928

01:34:05,850 --> 01:34:09,070

In '14, 2014.

1929

01:34:09,070 --> 01:34:09,910

2014.

1930

01:34:09,910 --> 01:34:17,020

She also came here, and she
also took an apprenticeship

1931

01:34:17,020 --> 01:34:22,780

in Germany before she left.

1932

01:34:22,780 --> 01:34:26,160

She had an affidavit in the
booklet and everything else,

1933

01:34:26,160 --> 01:34:28,990

where she was qualified as a--

1934

01:34:28,990 --> 01:34:31,540

1935

01:34:31,540 --> 01:34:32,620

not as a tailor.

1936

01:34:32,620 --> 01:34:33,530

What do you call it?

1937

01:34:33,530 --> 01:34:34,410

Seamstress?

1938
01:34:34,410 --> 01:34:36,850
No, not a seamstress.

1939
01:34:36,850 --> 01:34:39,940
She could make the clothing.

1940
01:34:39,940 --> 01:34:42,910
And when she came here, I don't
know what the heck is the name.

1941
01:34:42,910 --> 01:34:43,780
It's not clothing.

1942
01:34:43,780 --> 01:34:47,620
It's a-- she was a certified--

1943
01:34:47,620 --> 01:34:50,330

1944
01:34:50,330 --> 01:34:53,020
I can't think of the
name what she was.

1945
01:34:53,020 --> 01:34:55,740
Anyhow, she came
here to the country.

1946
01:34:55,740 --> 01:34:59,160
She went to Bergdorf Goodman.

1947
01:34:59,160 --> 01:35:02,790
She showed this
letter to the owner.

1948
01:35:02,790 --> 01:35:05,520
They hired her to be there.

1949
01:35:05,520 --> 01:35:09,360
She was in charge of
made-to-order dresses

1950

01:35:09,360 --> 01:35:14,010

for all the well-to-do people
who came the Bergdorf Goodman.

1951

01:35:14,010 --> 01:35:14,715

Custom.

1952

01:35:14,715 --> 01:35:15,215

Custom.

1953

01:35:15,215 --> 01:35:15,930

Custom clothing.

1954

01:35:15,930 --> 01:35:18,090

Custom-made clothing.

1955

01:35:18,090 --> 01:35:20,880

Bespoke is, I think, the
way the British would say.

1956

01:35:20,880 --> 01:35:22,050

Bespoke clothing.

1957

01:35:22,050 --> 01:35:23,350

Bespoke suits.

1958

01:35:23,350 --> 01:35:23,850

Bespoke.

1959

01:35:23,850 --> 01:35:26,426

She worked for Bergdorf Goodman.

1960

01:35:26,426 --> 01:35:28,910

God, that was so long.

1961

01:35:28,910 --> 01:35:30,066

OK.

1962

01:35:30,066 --> 01:35:31,980

It was a very good job for her.

1963

01:35:31,980 --> 01:35:33,950

OK.

1964

01:35:33,950 --> 01:35:42,900

So when you-- your work life
was at this Lutz company--

1965

01:35:42,900 --> 01:35:46,890

That was before the war.

1966

01:35:46,890 --> 01:35:47,520

That's right.

1967

01:35:47,520 --> 01:35:48,570

In Brooklyn.

1968

01:35:48,570 --> 01:35:49,780

In Brooklyn.

1969

01:35:49,780 --> 01:35:56,040

And when the war
starts, do you remember?

1970

01:35:56,040 --> 01:35:58,230

Oh, let me-- before
we start the war,

1971

01:35:58,230 --> 01:36:00,690

were you reading
newspapers about what

1972

01:36:00,690 --> 01:36:03,220

was going on in Germany
during your time here?

1973

01:36:03,220 --> 01:36:04,600

Sure.

1974

01:36:04,600 --> 01:36:06,210

Which newspapers would you read?

1975

01:36:06,210 --> 01:36:07,030
Well, I don't know.

1976
01:36:07,030 --> 01:36:08,490
The Times mostly.

1977
01:36:08,490 --> 01:36:09,840
So English language newspapers.

1978
01:36:09,840 --> 01:36:15,720
I always was very
much a Times reader.

1979
01:36:15,720 --> 01:36:16,800
OK.

1980
01:36:16,800 --> 01:36:19,290
So you were all--

1981
01:36:19,290 --> 01:36:22,380
was it that you were following
the news of what was going on

1982
01:36:22,380 --> 01:36:24,507
in Germany in an active way?

1983
01:36:24,507 --> 01:36:25,590
That's really my question.

1984
01:36:25,590 --> 01:36:26,430
Yeah.

1985
01:36:26,430 --> 01:36:27,480
All right.

1986
01:36:27,480 --> 01:36:32,520
And the source of this
was mostly The Times.

1987
01:36:32,520 --> 01:36:36,120
Well, I mean, you hear
from other people too.

1988
01:36:36,120 --> 01:36:38,630
But mostly The Times or radio.

1989
01:36:38,630 --> 01:36:41,460
Now, radio was
already available.

1990
01:36:41,460 --> 01:36:41,960
OK.

1991
01:36:41,960 --> 01:36:44,610
There were a couple of very
famous American journalists

1992
01:36:44,610 --> 01:36:46,950
who were in Germany
during those years,

1993
01:36:46,950 --> 01:36:49,083
William Shiver was there.

1994
01:36:49,083 --> 01:36:50,250
Did you hear his broadcasts?

1995
01:36:50,250 --> 01:36:51,400
Sure.

1996
01:36:51,400 --> 01:36:52,440
OK.

1997
01:36:52,440 --> 01:36:54,330
And then, of course,
after the war, it was--

1998
01:36:54,330 --> 01:36:56,990

1999
01:36:56,990 --> 01:37:00,350
his name escapes me now, but
he had that very famous report

2000

01:37:00,350 --> 01:37:03,570
from Buchenwald.

2001

01:37:03,570 --> 01:37:05,270
He's on 20 minutes.

2002

01:37:05,270 --> 01:37:06,290
Murrow?

2003

01:37:06,290 --> 01:37:07,280
Was it--

2004

01:37:07,280 --> 01:37:08,030
Ed Murrow.

2005

01:37:08,030 --> 01:37:08,570
Ed Murrow.

2006

01:37:08,570 --> 01:37:09,070
Right.

2007

01:37:09,070 --> 01:37:09,660
Yeah.

2008

01:37:09,660 --> 01:37:10,160
Yeah.

2009

01:37:10,160 --> 01:37:12,560

2010

01:37:12,560 --> 01:37:14,960
Did you read German
language newspapers?

2011

01:37:14,960 --> 01:37:15,680
No.

2012

01:37:15,680 --> 01:37:16,490
OK.

2013

01:37:16,490 --> 01:37:18,050
You know, it's a funny thing.

2014
01:37:18,050 --> 01:37:22,440

2015
01:37:22,440 --> 01:37:27,920
We never spoke German
in our household.

2016
01:37:27,920 --> 01:37:31,600
Even though my parents--

2017
01:37:31,600 --> 01:37:34,510
I had to speak somehow--

2018
01:37:34,510 --> 01:37:42,830
my daughter, she can understand
and speaks haltingly German.

2019
01:37:42,830 --> 01:37:48,320
Our son can understand
it but not speak it, no.

2020
01:37:48,320 --> 01:37:54,310
Now, I not only spoke
French and English,

2021
01:37:54,310 --> 01:37:57,070
but the army made
me learn Russian.

2022
01:37:57,070 --> 01:37:59,580

2023
01:37:59,580 --> 01:38:00,690
I went to the--

2024
01:38:00,690 --> 01:38:02,400
when I came here--

2025
01:38:02,400 --> 01:38:05,490

before I went
overseas, I should say,

2026
01:38:05,490 --> 01:38:10,620
they drafted me and made
me go to the University

2027
01:38:10,620 --> 01:38:11,940
of Pittsburgh.

2028
01:38:11,940 --> 01:38:13,500
Oh, really?

2029
01:38:13,500 --> 01:38:17,900
And I went to University of
Pittsburgh for nine months.

2030
01:38:17,900 --> 01:38:21,630
And there were a lot
of Russian immigrants,

2031
01:38:21,630 --> 01:38:24,240
teachers, and so forth.

2032
01:38:24,240 --> 01:38:28,620
And I had to learn Russian
from morning to night.

2033
01:38:28,620 --> 01:38:30,090
Oh, my.

2034
01:38:30,090 --> 01:38:33,270
And when I was
finished, I could--

2035
01:38:33,270 --> 01:38:36,360
I should say not
really speak it,

2036
01:38:36,360 --> 01:38:38,415
but I made myself
understood in Russian.

2037

01:38:38,415 --> 01:38:41,460

2038

01:38:41,460 --> 01:38:44,430

I don't know why of all--

2039

01:38:44,430 --> 01:38:52,650

I had with me a lot of young
boys who came from Yugoslavia.

2040

01:38:52,650 --> 01:38:53,430

That's right.

2041

01:38:53,430 --> 01:39:01,650

Who came from, maybe from
Hungary or from Poland

2042

01:39:01,650 --> 01:39:05,430

or from someplace in the
eastern part of Europe, who

2043

01:39:05,430 --> 01:39:09,840

had the alphabet, the
Russian alphabet, and also

2044

01:39:09,840 --> 01:39:12,480

their language is
a little bit better

2045

01:39:12,480 --> 01:39:16,440

than German or
English or French.

2046

01:39:16,440 --> 01:39:21,000

They had it a lot
easier to learn it.

2047

01:39:21,000 --> 01:39:23,700

For me, it was a tough,
tough thing to learn.

2048

01:39:23,700 --> 01:39:25,890

It is a different sensibility.

2049

01:39:25,890 --> 01:39:26,640

Learning Russian--

2050

01:39:26,640 --> 01:39:27,840

You spoke Russian.

2051

01:39:27,840 --> 01:39:31,080

[SPEAKING RUSSIAN]

He speaks Russian.

2052

01:39:31,080 --> 01:39:31,620

Oh, yeah?

2053

01:39:31,620 --> 01:39:32,130

Yeah.

2054

01:39:32,130 --> 01:39:33,463

Our videographer speaks Russian.

2055

01:39:33,463 --> 01:39:34,088

[PHONE RINGING]

2056

01:39:34,088 --> 01:39:35,050

Let's cut the camera.

2057

01:39:35,050 --> 01:39:37,770

OK.

2058

01:39:37,770 --> 01:39:39,030

Let's step back a bit.

2059

01:39:39,030 --> 01:39:41,670

Were you drafted or
did you volunteer?

2060

01:39:41,670 --> 01:39:47,520

I was drafted because I--

2061

01:39:47,520 --> 01:39:49,080

actually, I could
have volunteered,

2062
01:39:49,080 --> 01:39:54,960
but I had at this time all
the work to do for my parents.

2063
01:39:54,960 --> 01:39:58,710
And I couldn't go in the army
and do this from the army.

2064
01:39:58,710 --> 01:40:01,080
And my brother and all
the same kind of thing

2065
01:40:01,080 --> 01:40:05,370
while I was still able
to do it on my own.

2066
01:40:05,370 --> 01:40:09,680
Once in the army, you have to
do what the army tells you.

2067
01:40:09,680 --> 01:40:12,910
And I couldn't do this anymore.

2068
01:40:12,910 --> 01:40:14,340
So you were drafted.

2069
01:40:14,340 --> 01:40:18,360
I was drafted in '43.

2070
01:40:18,360 --> 01:40:21,630
So '43 means that you
were then 30 years old?

2071
01:40:21,630 --> 01:40:22,490
29, 30 years old?

2072
01:40:22,490 --> 01:40:23,190
Right.

2073

01:40:23,190 --> 01:40:23,710
Right.

2074
01:40:23,710 --> 01:40:24,210
OK.

2075
01:40:24,210 --> 01:40:26,720

2076
01:40:26,720 --> 01:40:29,220
And I was-- not only was--

2077
01:40:29,220 --> 01:40:32,760
once I was finished with
the Russian business,

2078
01:40:32,760 --> 01:40:35,920
then they pulled
me over to Ritchie.

2079
01:40:35,920 --> 01:40:36,420
OK.

2080
01:40:36,420 --> 01:40:38,440
Tell us what is Ritchie.

2081
01:40:38,440 --> 01:40:41,110
Ritchie is outside
of Washington.

2082
01:40:41,110 --> 01:40:41,610
OK.

2083
01:40:41,610 --> 01:40:43,290
And what was it?

2084
01:40:43,290 --> 01:40:46,980
It was a camp, just
like any other camp is,

2085
01:40:46,980 --> 01:40:51,180
where I think there were 2,000.

2086
01:40:51,180 --> 01:40:53,320
I read it some someplace lately.

2087
01:40:53,320 --> 01:41:00,310
All together, 2,000 immigrants
from Europe, mostly Germans

2088
01:41:00,310 --> 01:41:02,380
and other countries as well.

2089
01:41:02,380 --> 01:41:03,040
So young men.

2090
01:41:03,040 --> 01:41:03,540
Yeah.

2091
01:41:03,540 --> 01:41:05,040
All young men.

2092
01:41:05,040 --> 01:41:12,630
And we were taught the German
regulations and the German

2093
01:41:12,630 --> 01:41:19,530
Army's insignia and whatever
we to know and to learn

2094
01:41:19,530 --> 01:41:23,340
to identify and to
keep information

2095
01:41:23,340 --> 01:41:31,130
because once we were overseas,
we were always with the troops

2096
01:41:31,130 --> 01:41:36,200
right in front in order
to capture somebody

2097
01:41:36,200 --> 01:41:40,910
from the Germans, who we

could interrogate and give

2098

01:41:40,910 --> 01:41:45,760

that information
to our headquarters

2099

01:41:45,760 --> 01:41:49,000

so they know what
they have to face.

2100

01:41:49,000 --> 01:41:51,000

So you were intelligence.

2101

01:41:51,000 --> 01:41:51,500

Yes.

2102

01:41:51,500 --> 01:41:56,040

2103

01:41:56,040 --> 01:41:59,190

Did they know that you had been
drafted into the German Army?

2104

01:41:59,190 --> 01:42:02,400

2105

01:42:02,400 --> 01:42:04,410

I don't know if I
told them or not.

2106

01:42:04,410 --> 01:42:05,630

I don't know.

2107

01:42:05,630 --> 01:42:07,080

Because I find that really--

2108

01:42:07,080 --> 01:42:11,310

I just find that so unique,
that here you start with this

2109

01:42:11,310 --> 01:42:13,440

and then you end up

in the American Army.

2110
01:42:13,440 --> 01:42:14,040
Right.

2111
01:42:14,040 --> 01:42:16,220
There aren't many
stories like that.

2112
01:42:16,220 --> 01:42:17,580
Right.

2113
01:42:17,580 --> 01:42:19,980
So what was the training course?

2114
01:42:19,980 --> 01:42:21,870
How long did it
last at Ritchie--

2115
01:42:21,870 --> 01:42:24,820
Camp Ritchie?

2116
01:42:24,820 --> 01:42:27,870
I think about three months.

2117
01:42:27,870 --> 01:42:28,650
OK.

2118
01:42:28,650 --> 01:42:36,902
So you were inducted or you're
drafted in what month of 1943?

2119
01:42:36,902 --> 01:42:38,365
Now, the month I don't remember.

2120
01:42:38,365 --> 01:42:39,160
Don't remember.

2121
01:42:39,160 --> 01:42:39,790
OK.

2122

01:42:39,790 --> 01:42:42,310
But at any rate, nine
months Pittsburgh,

2123
01:42:42,310 --> 01:42:43,780
three months Camp Ritchie.

2124
01:42:43,780 --> 01:42:47,380

2125
01:42:47,380 --> 01:42:49,030
And then what happens?

2126
01:42:49,030 --> 01:42:53,530
Then, I think in '44, we--

2127
01:42:53,530 --> 01:42:57,900
I don't know what year,
but a month and a half

2128
01:42:57,900 --> 01:43:00,340
before the invasion,
we went to England.

2129
01:43:00,340 --> 01:43:00,840
OK.

2130
01:43:00,840 --> 01:43:04,730
So the invasion
was June 6, 1944.

2131
01:43:04,730 --> 01:43:05,900
What was it, '44?

2132
01:43:05,900 --> 01:43:06,400
'44.

2133
01:43:06,400 --> 01:43:07,740
June 1944.

2134
01:43:07,740 --> 01:43:09,240
So that would have

been about April.

2135
01:43:09,240 --> 01:43:09,780
Yeah.

2136
01:43:09,780 --> 01:43:13,300
Sometime in April '44,
you were sent to England.

2137
01:43:13,300 --> 01:43:13,800
Right.

2138
01:43:13,800 --> 01:43:14,790
On a troop ship?

2139
01:43:14,790 --> 01:43:15,520
Yes.

2140
01:43:15,520 --> 01:43:16,020
OK.

2141
01:43:16,020 --> 01:43:17,060
It was a convoy.

2142
01:43:17,060 --> 01:43:19,080
It was a bit convoy.

2143
01:43:19,080 --> 01:43:21,530
And where did you land?

2144
01:43:21,530 --> 01:43:24,470

2145
01:43:24,470 --> 01:43:26,980
That is a good question.

2146
01:43:26,980 --> 01:43:28,670
I don't know where
in England we landed.

2147
01:43:28,670 --> 01:43:30,980

I have no idea
anymore where we land.

2148
01:43:30,980 --> 01:43:32,490
Somewheres on the South Coast.

2149
01:43:32,490 --> 01:43:33,140
I don't know.

2150
01:43:33,140 --> 01:43:34,280
OK.

2151
01:43:34,280 --> 01:43:35,900
And did you stay
on the South Coast?

2152
01:43:35,900 --> 01:43:39,680
We stayed near-- not in London.

2153
01:43:39,680 --> 01:43:43,990
We stayed in a city near London.

2154
01:43:43,990 --> 01:43:48,950
All of us, we were in
a city near London.

2155
01:43:48,950 --> 01:43:51,920
Did you already belong to
a certain unit or division?

2156
01:43:51,920 --> 01:43:53,660
Oh, sure we were.

2157
01:43:53,660 --> 01:43:57,260
At that time, we
were six people.

2158
01:43:57,260 --> 01:43:59,460
We were a team.

2159
01:43:59,460 --> 01:44:01,350
I think our team was number 17.

2160
01:44:01,350 --> 01:44:05,990

2161
01:44:05,990 --> 01:44:11,810
There was two captains--
no two lieutenants,

2162
01:44:11,810 --> 01:44:18,230
myself is three, and three other
fellows, who also were with us.

2163
01:44:18,230 --> 01:44:20,780
We had two Jeeps.

2164
01:44:20,780 --> 01:44:27,320
And that was it, two Jeeps,
and a little wagon behind it.

2165
01:44:27,320 --> 01:44:32,390
And we were a separate
unit by itself.

2166
01:44:32,390 --> 01:44:35,274
And all of you had been
emigres, refugees from Germany?

2167
01:44:35,274 --> 01:44:41,540
All of those people had
been with German background.

2168
01:44:41,540 --> 01:44:43,880
Did you have a rank?

2169
01:44:43,880 --> 01:44:45,350
Did you have a rank?

2170
01:44:45,350 --> 01:44:48,460
Were you were a soldier,
a sergeant, a private, a--

2171
01:44:48,460 --> 01:44:51,620

Yeah, my-- that's
interesting too.

2172
01:44:51,620 --> 01:44:57,155
At one time, they offered it
to me when I was in the army.

2173
01:44:57,155 --> 01:45:00,810
They offered to me
to become an officer.

2174
01:45:00,810 --> 01:45:02,560
And they said I should go--

2175
01:45:02,560 --> 01:45:05,700
I should apply for it because
I have the qualifications

2176
01:45:05,700 --> 01:45:07,740
to become an officer.

2177
01:45:07,740 --> 01:45:11,220
So I said to myself,
if I become an officer,

2178
01:45:11,220 --> 01:45:14,700
I will end up as a lieutenant.

2179
01:45:14,700 --> 01:45:16,650
And a lieutenant,
first lieutenant,

2180
01:45:16,650 --> 01:45:19,110
or a second lieutenant,
and then maybe a captain,

2181
01:45:19,110 --> 01:45:21,450
and so forth, they
are the lowest

2182
01:45:21,450 --> 01:45:27,170
of all the ranking officers.

2183

01:45:27,170 --> 01:45:32,450

They all have to do what
the others tell them to do.

2184

01:45:32,450 --> 01:45:36,050

I became a master sergeant.

2185

01:45:36,050 --> 01:45:43,070

That's the highest rank in
the non-commissioned rank.

2186

01:45:43,070 --> 01:45:47,120

I mean, you cannot get
higher, is a master sergeant.

2187

01:45:47,120 --> 01:45:52,500

And I was able to tell
others what to do.

2188

01:45:52,500 --> 01:45:54,470

And I didn't have to do it.

2189

01:45:54,470 --> 01:45:57,750

So I said, I'm not going
to become an officer.

2190

01:45:57,750 --> 01:46:01,550

I am going to be
a master sergeant,

2191

01:46:01,550 --> 01:46:03,980

and nobody is going
to tell me what to do.

2192

01:46:03,980 --> 01:46:05,900

If something comes
up, I tell them,

2193

01:46:05,900 --> 01:46:09,620

the next one is sergeant or
the corporal or the private

2194

01:46:09,620 --> 01:46:14,030
to do this and this and this
because I know how it works.

2195
01:46:14,030 --> 01:46:14,822
So I--

2196
01:46:14,822 --> 01:46:15,580
Smart.

2197
01:46:15,580 --> 01:46:18,510
I refuse to become a lieutenant.

2198
01:46:18,510 --> 01:46:19,130
OK.

2199
01:46:19,130 --> 01:46:21,590
That's why I did
never become OCS.

2200
01:46:21,590 --> 01:46:22,850
OK.

2201
01:46:22,850 --> 01:46:24,720
So you were a master sergeant.

2202
01:46:24,720 --> 01:46:25,810
Master sergeant.

2203
01:46:25,810 --> 01:46:28,140
OK.

2204
01:46:28,140 --> 01:46:30,910
Now, the six of you--

2205
01:46:30,910 --> 01:46:32,250
And we split up.

2206
01:46:32,250 --> 01:46:33,240
OK.

2207

01:46:33,240 --> 01:46:36,150
There were three-- there was one
of-- there were two officers.

2208
01:46:36,150 --> 01:46:39,210
One officer went with three
and another of with three.

2209
01:46:39,210 --> 01:46:40,420
OK.

2210
01:46:40,420 --> 01:46:43,820
How long did you
stay in Britain?

2211
01:46:43,820 --> 01:46:45,380
Not long.

2212
01:46:45,380 --> 01:46:49,670
We were in a movie, and
they showed all kinds

2213
01:46:49,670 --> 01:46:56,210
of German equipment which
we had to identify in order

2214
01:46:56,210 --> 01:46:59,720
to know what it means and
what they're doing with it.

2215
01:46:59,720 --> 01:47:02,720
And the movies was going on.

2216
01:47:02,720 --> 01:47:06,170
And all of a sudden the
movie stopped, and the lights

2217
01:47:06,170 --> 01:47:09,440
go on in the movie house.

2218
01:47:09,440 --> 01:47:12,850
And here they call
out a few names,

2219
01:47:12,850 --> 01:47:15,590
and amongst them also my name.

2220
01:47:15,590 --> 01:47:19,130
That means we had
to be ready to go,

2221
01:47:19,130 --> 01:47:25,990
and within the next two hours,
we were shipped to the port.

2222
01:47:25,990 --> 01:47:30,850
And within the next few hours,
we were already on a ship

2223
01:47:30,850 --> 01:47:32,530
to Normandy.

2224
01:47:32,530 --> 01:47:34,120
Had the invasion started?

2225
01:47:34,120 --> 01:47:37,558
The invasion had just
started a week ago.

2226
01:47:37,558 --> 01:47:38,100
So you were--

2227
01:47:38,100 --> 01:47:44,640
And no sooner we got over there,
no sooner we got over there,

2228
01:47:44,640 --> 01:47:46,260
we didn't know anybody.

2229
01:47:46,260 --> 01:47:50,440
We didn't know-- you
don't know anything.

2230
01:47:50,440 --> 01:47:56,160
So we were told that we were

assigned to the French Army.

2231

01:47:56,160 --> 01:47:59,280

There was an army, which called
the Second French Armored

2232

01:47:59,280 --> 01:48:03,360

Division, which was
we had to be liaison

2233

01:48:03,360 --> 01:48:08,160

between the Americans
and the French,

2234

01:48:08,160 --> 01:48:11,740

and since we were able to
speak French and so forth.

2235

01:48:11,740 --> 01:48:14,910

So we were with the
French all the time.

2236

01:48:14,910 --> 01:48:16,590

And whatever was
going on, we had

2237

01:48:16,590 --> 01:48:18,830

to tell them in American
at the same time

2238

01:48:18,830 --> 01:48:22,290

so they knew was it coordinated.

2239

01:48:22,290 --> 01:48:27,300

And we went with the
French army for Normandy

2240

01:48:27,300 --> 01:48:34,080

'til it ended up in Strasbourg
at the end of the war.

2241

01:48:34,080 --> 01:48:35,660

So you were in France.

2242
01:48:35,660 --> 01:48:37,130
I was in France.

2243
01:48:37,130 --> 01:48:38,690
OK.

2244
01:48:38,690 --> 01:48:43,550
And we were with the
French Army all the time.

2245
01:48:43,550 --> 01:48:47,037
The name of this
General Leclerc.

2246
01:48:47,037 --> 01:48:48,620
I don't know if you
ever heard of him.

2247
01:48:48,620 --> 01:48:49,040
I've heard of him.

2248
01:48:49,040 --> 01:48:49,910
I've heard of him.

2249
01:48:49,910 --> 01:48:54,110
He was-- I mean, he was just
like-- he was sitting down

2250
01:48:54,110 --> 01:49:00,080
with you, it didn't matter
that he was the high general.

2251
01:49:00,080 --> 01:49:03,110
He was down to earth fellow.

2252
01:49:03,110 --> 01:49:05,120
And he also had--

2253
01:49:05,120 --> 01:49:07,730
he had troubles
before with de Gaulle

2254
01:49:07,730 --> 01:49:09,410
and all this kind of stuff.

2255
01:49:09,410 --> 01:49:12,350
But he was really
down to earth fellow.

2256
01:49:12,350 --> 01:49:14,960
And we got along very well.

2257
01:49:14,960 --> 01:49:19,250
But came lunchtime,
between 12:00 and 2:00,

2258
01:49:19,250 --> 01:49:21,620
there was no war.

2259
01:49:21,620 --> 01:49:23,460
This is the French army.

2260
01:49:23,460 --> 01:49:26,870
Between 12:00 and
2:00, he had dinner.

2261
01:49:26,870 --> 01:49:29,870
No matter where the
battle was on, he says,

2262
01:49:29,870 --> 01:49:32,840
that is dinner time.

2263
01:49:32,840 --> 01:49:33,950
I mean, it was--

2264
01:49:33,950 --> 01:49:37,660
I mean, it was a wonderful
guy, a wonderful guy.

2265
01:49:37,660 --> 01:49:41,180
But when it was serious,
he was really there.

2266

01:49:41,180 --> 01:49:44,000

And we went with him
through the whole campaign.

2267

01:49:44,000 --> 01:49:47,660

We were the ones who
entered Paris with him.

2268

01:49:47,660 --> 01:49:49,400

We were the only--

2269

01:49:49,400 --> 01:49:55,620

the Americans allowed the
French to liberate Paris,

2270

01:49:55,620 --> 01:49:58,400

even so the Americans
were ahead of us.

2271

01:49:58,400 --> 01:50:01,880

But they said, we
don't want to do it.

2272

01:50:01,880 --> 01:50:06,020

Let the French come
into Paris first.

2273

01:50:06,020 --> 01:50:08,630

So we went with them into Paris.

2274

01:50:08,630 --> 01:50:10,220

What was that like?

2275

01:50:10,220 --> 01:50:12,380

Oh, that was liberation.

2276

01:50:12,380 --> 01:50:15,110

You should see all
the women coming.

2277

01:50:15,110 --> 01:50:16,720

It was something.

2278

01:50:16,720 --> 01:50:22,030

Anyhow, well, one
of the things--

2279

01:50:22,030 --> 01:50:25,170

I know you told them
that I was at the--

2280

01:50:25,170 --> 01:50:31,010

one of the consuls here now
want to give me a decoration.

2281

01:50:31,010 --> 01:50:32,730

That's right.

2282

01:50:32,730 --> 01:50:33,690

So what is it?

2283

01:50:33,690 --> 01:50:35,385

The French Legion of Honor?

2284

01:50:35,385 --> 01:50:36,138

Is this it?

2285

01:50:36,138 --> 01:50:36,930

I don't know what--

2286

01:50:36,930 --> 01:50:40,350

I don't even know what kind of a
decoration he wants to give me.

2287

01:50:40,350 --> 01:50:42,220

But it is as a result
of serving with--

2288

01:50:42,220 --> 01:50:46,140

It was while we were serving
with the French, the Second

2289

01:50:46,140 --> 01:50:49,250

French Armored Division,
through all the campaign,

2290
01:50:49,250 --> 01:50:51,900
from the Normandy
'til Strasbourg.

2291
01:50:51,900 --> 01:50:56,760
So tell me, in this
campaign, what did you do,

2292
01:50:56,760 --> 01:51:00,720
and what kind of experiences
did you have in your role?

2293
01:51:00,720 --> 01:51:05,400
Each day, they sent
out with a Jeep

2294
01:51:05,400 --> 01:51:10,930
and so forth, armored
vehicles ahead of us.

2295
01:51:10,930 --> 01:51:12,690
I mean, we had to make progress.

2296
01:51:12,690 --> 01:51:13,860
We had to get ahead of us.

2297
01:51:13,860 --> 01:51:21,120
We had to get ahead
of the areas and had

2298
01:51:21,120 --> 01:51:24,570
to find the enemy, where
we have to get through.

2299
01:51:24,570 --> 01:51:34,720
We had to find German officers
or whoever was caught.

2300
01:51:34,720 --> 01:51:37,150
And we had to interrogate them.

2301

01:51:37,150 --> 01:51:40,990
And we knew how to do it
because even so sometimes they

2302

01:51:40,990 --> 01:51:44,980
didn't want to cooperate,
but we know how to do it.

2303

01:51:44,980 --> 01:51:47,830
And we were able to tell
them what equipment they had

2304

01:51:47,830 --> 01:51:50,890
and who was in charge,
where they were located,

2305

01:51:50,890 --> 01:51:51,890
and all this.

2306

01:51:51,890 --> 01:51:53,740
So we could tell
them behind so they

2307

01:51:53,740 --> 01:51:56,520
know where to send artillery
where they would bomb

2308

01:51:56,520 --> 01:51:58,150
and all this kind of stuff.

2309

01:51:58,150 --> 01:52:01,240
We were on the front
lines every day.

2310

01:52:01,240 --> 01:52:03,070
So you were in a danger zone.

2311

01:52:03,070 --> 01:52:05,090
Most of the time.

2312

01:52:05,090 --> 01:52:07,390

So when you would
capture someone,

2313

01:52:07,390 --> 01:52:10,570
and you say they didn't want
to tell you, how did you--

2314

01:52:10,570 --> 01:52:14,050
how were you able to get
information from them?

2315

01:52:14,050 --> 01:52:15,610
Some of them--

2316

01:52:15,610 --> 01:52:17,800
I tell you, some of
them were glad to--

2317

01:52:17,800 --> 01:52:20,470
I mean for them,
the war was over.

2318

01:52:20,470 --> 01:52:23,380
Once they were captured,
they were not sent back

2319

01:52:23,380 --> 01:52:25,540
to the Germans anymore.

2320

01:52:25,540 --> 01:52:28,110
They were sent back
to a prison camp.

2321

01:52:28,110 --> 01:52:31,090
And they didn't have it so bad.

2322

01:52:31,090 --> 01:52:37,390
Sometimes I told them,
you can go to a nice camp

2323

01:52:37,390 --> 01:52:39,670
or you can go to
a difficult camp.

2324
01:52:39,670 --> 01:52:47,080
And once we-- even I had once a
fellow that was in the Austrian

2325
01:52:47,080 --> 01:52:48,340
area--

2326
01:52:48,340 --> 01:52:51,880
I mean, that was already
later after France,

2327
01:52:51,880 --> 01:52:54,490
when we were over on the
other side of the river--

2328
01:52:54,490 --> 01:53:03,260
of the Rhine River, we called
some German major or colonel

2329
01:53:03,260 --> 01:53:04,130
or whatever he was.

2330
01:53:04,130 --> 01:53:05,720
I forgot.

2331
01:53:05,720 --> 01:53:06,740
He wouldn't budge.

2332
01:53:06,740 --> 01:53:10,100
He says-- you know,
he joked in German--

2333
01:53:10,100 --> 01:53:13,370
he says, according to the
German Geneva Convention,

2334
01:53:13,370 --> 01:53:19,650
I'm only obliged to give you
my name, rank, and that's all.

2335
01:53:19,650 --> 01:53:23,300

You know, according
to Geneva Convention,

2336
01:53:23,300 --> 01:53:26,090
all he is obliged
to tell me his name

2337
01:53:26,090 --> 01:53:30,170
and his rank and his number.

2338
01:53:30,170 --> 01:53:32,010
I said give me your Soldbuch.

2339
01:53:32,010 --> 01:53:33,140
You know, that's his book.

2340
01:53:33,140 --> 01:53:35,330
Everybody had a Soldbuch.

2341
01:53:35,330 --> 01:53:37,640
And once I looked at
this, I know exactly what

2342
01:53:37,640 --> 01:53:41,660
was going on because I know
the Germans are very, very

2343
01:53:41,660 --> 01:53:43,610
accurate.

2344
01:53:43,610 --> 01:53:45,440
I knew everything
I needed to know,

2345
01:53:45,440 --> 01:53:48,230
but I want him to tell me.

2346
01:53:48,230 --> 01:53:50,968
I said you want to talk
or you don't want to talk.

2347
01:53:50,968 --> 01:53:52,010

He wouldn't want to talk.

2348
01:53:52,010 --> 01:53:52,760
I said, listen.

2349
01:53:52,760 --> 01:53:55,700
If you don't want to talk, I'll
send you out to the Russians.

2350
01:53:55,700 --> 01:53:59,450
The Russians were coming
from the other side.

2351
01:53:59,450 --> 01:54:01,760
You know, he wouldn't budge.

2352
01:54:01,760 --> 01:54:03,740
He was so stubborn.

2353
01:54:03,740 --> 01:54:04,590
I said, look.

2354
01:54:04,590 --> 01:54:08,810
You can go to the
American prison camp

2355
01:54:08,810 --> 01:54:10,520
or you can go to the Russian.

2356
01:54:10,520 --> 01:54:13,346
You know how they'll treat you.

2357
01:54:13,346 --> 01:54:16,580
He didn't care.

2358
01:54:16,580 --> 01:54:17,750
He doesn't care.

2359
01:54:17,750 --> 01:54:20,550
So stubborn.

2360

01:54:20,550 --> 01:54:21,810
Wow.

2361
01:54:21,810 --> 01:54:23,580
But you had the
information from his--

2362
01:54:23,580 --> 01:54:24,220
I got it all.

2363
01:54:24,220 --> 01:54:26,980

2364
01:54:26,980 --> 01:54:29,020
Did you catch anybody who--

2365
01:54:29,020 --> 01:54:32,245
so most of the intelligence
was of a military nature.

2366
01:54:32,245 --> 01:54:32,950
All was.

2367
01:54:32,950 --> 01:54:35,650
That is, what is it
that you're bombing

2368
01:54:35,650 --> 01:54:38,620
and what kind of
equipment do they have,

2369
01:54:38,620 --> 01:54:40,440
and the strength of
that particular--

2370
01:54:40,440 --> 01:54:41,260
Right.

2371
01:54:41,260 --> 01:54:43,960
OK.

2372
01:54:43,960 --> 01:54:48,790

And were you in Strasbourg
when the war ended?

2373

01:54:48,790 --> 01:54:55,150

We were in Strasbourg where the
SS was there two hours before.

2374

01:54:55,150 --> 01:54:59,770

We got in the building where
the SS was two hours before.

2375

01:54:59,770 --> 01:55:02,660

The meals-- all the food
was still on the table.

2376

01:55:02,660 --> 01:55:05,430

2377

01:55:05,430 --> 01:55:07,280

And they fled across
the Rhine River

2378

01:55:07,280 --> 01:55:11,360

to go on the other side of
the river while we came in.

2379

01:55:11,360 --> 01:55:13,260

Wow.

2380

01:55:13,260 --> 01:55:13,820

Wow.

2381

01:55:13,820 --> 01:55:15,530

Really fast on their heels.

2382

01:55:15,530 --> 01:55:16,910

Yeah.

2383

01:55:16,910 --> 01:55:18,450

OK.

2384

01:55:18,450 --> 01:55:21,300

And did you go
beyond Strasbourg?

2385
01:55:21,300 --> 01:55:21,800
Sure.

2386
01:55:21,800 --> 01:55:24,680
We went up to Vienna.

2387
01:55:24,680 --> 01:55:25,880
With the French.

2388
01:55:25,880 --> 01:55:26,480
No.

2389
01:55:26,480 --> 01:55:27,980
The French stopped.

2390
01:55:27,980 --> 01:55:28,970
OK.

2391
01:55:28,970 --> 01:55:38,570
Once Strasbourg was taken,
the French Army, this General

2392
01:55:38,570 --> 01:55:45,050
Leclerc said, they
are going to rest now.

2393
01:55:45,050 --> 01:55:49,130
So we-- as we were three
and the other three,

2394
01:55:49,130 --> 01:55:53,600
we were then naturally
assigned again

2395
01:55:53,600 --> 01:55:57,020
to get back to the
American troops.

2396
01:55:57,020 --> 01:56:00,070

And we went back to--

2397

01:56:00,070 --> 01:56:01,046

what is his name?

2398

01:56:01,046 --> 01:56:03,980

2399

01:56:03,980 --> 01:56:07,760

What was this guy

who was killed--

2400

01:56:07,760 --> 01:56:09,550

General Patton.

2401

01:56:09,550 --> 01:56:11,160

General Patton.

2402

01:56:11,160 --> 01:56:15,430

Then we were with Patton

'til the end of the war.

2403

01:56:15,430 --> 01:56:15,930

OK.

2404

01:56:15,930 --> 01:56:18,320

And what month did

you get to Strasbourg?

2405

01:56:18,320 --> 01:56:19,830

Do you remember?

2406

01:56:19,830 --> 01:56:20,615

No.

2407

01:56:20,615 --> 01:56:21,490

I don't know anymore.

2408

01:56:21,490 --> 01:56:22,520

Well--

2409

01:56:22,520 --> 01:56:23,220
Was it fall?

2410
01:56:23,220 --> 01:56:23,720
Was it--

2411
01:56:23,720 --> 01:56:24,880
It was-- let me see.

2412
01:56:24,880 --> 01:56:27,500
The war was over--
when was it over?

2413
01:56:27,500 --> 01:56:29,830
May '45.

2414
01:56:29,830 --> 01:56:32,020
In May.

2415
01:56:32,020 --> 01:56:35,100
So Strasbourg, it must
have been in the fall.

2416
01:56:35,100 --> 01:56:43,265
Oh, we were in Belgium
before what, the Bulge.

2417
01:56:43,265 --> 01:56:44,640
You were the Battle
of the Bulge?

2418
01:56:44,640 --> 01:56:47,217
Yeah, sure.

2419
01:56:47,217 --> 01:56:48,300
That must have been tough.

2420
01:56:48,300 --> 01:56:51,370
We were-- oh, I tell you.

2421
01:56:51,370 --> 01:56:52,900
I had my share.

2422
01:56:52,900 --> 01:56:54,400
Tell me about that.

2423
01:56:54,400 --> 01:56:55,480
I had my share.

2424
01:56:55,480 --> 01:57:00,190
I mean, we were not expecting
the German to break through.

2425
01:57:00,190 --> 01:57:06,890
And the Americans were
not prepared for it.

2426
01:57:06,890 --> 01:57:10,270
And we didn't have the
equipment to hold them back.

2427
01:57:10,270 --> 01:57:13,780
So everybody, even
cooks, who were not

2428
01:57:13,780 --> 01:57:16,940
supposed to fight or
anybody who was not

2429
01:57:16,940 --> 01:57:23,440
able to do any artillery or
any tank or so, but everybody

2430
01:57:23,440 --> 01:57:27,420
was drafted to hold back
the Germans who were coming.

2431
01:57:27,420 --> 01:57:36,290
And the weather was bad, was
visibly bitter cold snow.

2432
01:57:36,290 --> 01:57:40,840
Then finally, two or three
days later, the wagons

2433

01:57:40,840 --> 01:57:43,660

were able to come
from the other side

2434

01:57:43,660 --> 01:57:48,940

and were able to break who and
captured us and could get us

2435

01:57:48,940 --> 01:57:51,160

out because we were surrounded 1

2436

01:57:51,160 --> 01:57:54,200

And this is when you're still
part of General Leclerc's--

2437

01:57:54,200 --> 01:57:56,560

[PHONE RINGING]

2438

01:57:56,560 --> 01:57:58,210

Let's cut.

2439

01:57:58,210 --> 01:58:00,820

So you were still part
of the French forces

2440

01:58:00,820 --> 01:58:02,560

during the Battle of the Bulge?

2441

01:58:02,560 --> 01:58:03,580

And it's the American--

2442

01:58:03,580 --> 01:58:05,680

No.

2443

01:58:05,680 --> 01:58:09,910

That was already after it.

2444

01:58:09,910 --> 01:58:13,460

That was with-- what's his name?

2445

01:58:13,460 --> 01:58:13,990

Patton.

2446

01:58:13,990 --> 01:58:14,680

Patton.

2447

01:58:14,680 --> 01:58:16,030

OK.

2448

01:58:16,030 --> 01:58:19,060

So you were part of the
American forces but surrounded.

2449

01:58:19,060 --> 01:58:19,960

Yeah.

2450

01:58:19,960 --> 01:58:21,898

And then the Americans
break through.

2451

01:58:21,898 --> 01:58:25,000

2452

01:58:25,000 --> 01:58:28,510

I got a piece of news in my
ear that I should ask you

2453

01:58:28,510 --> 01:58:32,980

about a particular instance
which sounds very, very unique.

2454

01:58:32,980 --> 01:58:36,130

Were you involved in
protecting the royal family

2455

01:58:36,130 --> 01:58:38,020

in some way in Belgium?

2456

01:58:38,020 --> 01:58:42,230

Well, of course, nothing unique.

2457

01:58:42,230 --> 01:58:45,940

Like I told you, we

always for some reason

2458
01:58:45,940 --> 01:58:48,700
or other, we had a fellow--

2459
01:58:48,700 --> 01:58:56,970
I mean, that lieutenant,
my age, a daredevil,

2460
01:58:56,970 --> 01:58:58,770
if you can call him.

2461
01:58:58,770 --> 01:59:03,200
He didn't care about
the regulations,

2462
01:59:03,200 --> 01:59:06,660
about what is
supposed to be and on.

2463
01:59:06,660 --> 01:59:11,090
He says, this is war,
and I keep it my way.

2464
01:59:11,090 --> 01:59:17,090
And he always wanted to be
there ahead of everybody

2465
01:59:17,090 --> 01:59:19,250
and see when they can get.

2466
01:59:19,250 --> 01:59:24,360
I mean, souvenirs of
all kinds of things.

2467
01:59:24,360 --> 01:59:28,050
So we are all of a sudden in--

2468
01:59:28,050 --> 01:59:30,390
that was in
somewheres in Austria.

2469

01:59:30,390 --> 01:59:32,940
I forgot exactly where it was.

2470
01:59:32,940 --> 01:59:37,200
We come to area, there is
a Nazi soldier standing

2471
01:59:37,200 --> 01:59:39,960
in front of some kind of a gate.

2472
01:59:39,960 --> 01:59:42,020
We come up there.

2473
01:59:42,020 --> 01:59:45,810
And naturally, he right
away puts his hand up

2474
01:59:45,810 --> 01:59:47,250
when he saw Americans coming.

2475
01:59:47,250 --> 01:59:49,200
He didn't want to go on to it.

2476
01:59:49,200 --> 01:59:50,910
So he was captured.

2477
01:59:50,910 --> 01:59:52,980
So we ask about, what are
you standing here for?

2478
01:59:52,980 --> 01:59:54,570
What's the thing?

2479
01:59:54,570 --> 01:59:57,090
So he told us that there
were some important people

2480
01:59:57,090 --> 01:59:58,130
in that castle.

2481
01:59:58,130 --> 02:00:02,550
It was a castle, which he

protected the entrance for.

2482
02:00:02,550 --> 02:00:04,800
So we didn't know.

2483
02:00:04,800 --> 02:00:07,890
So we just drove
in in that castle,

2484
02:00:07,890 --> 02:00:10,800
and here was the King
Leopold and his wife

2485
02:00:10,800 --> 02:00:16,250
and family from Belgium kept
prisoners by the Germans

2486
02:00:16,250 --> 02:00:17,210
all this time.

2487
02:00:17,210 --> 02:00:17,770
Oh, my gosh.

2488
02:00:17,770 --> 02:00:23,370
And we just came in there, and
we told them, what's-- what's--

2489
02:00:23,370 --> 02:00:25,750
he says, well, we were
not able to get out.

2490
02:00:25,750 --> 02:00:27,220
He says, now you can get out.

2491
02:00:27,220 --> 02:00:28,300
Now you get out.

2492
02:00:28,300 --> 02:00:31,690
And he later on gave us a
decoration of Fourragere.

2493
02:00:31,690 --> 02:00:34,810

2494
02:00:34,810 --> 02:00:38,690
I mean, we were just
always ahead of everything.

2495
02:00:38,690 --> 02:00:43,400
And at one time, unfortunately,
this is what I just can--

2496
02:00:43,400 --> 02:00:44,920
if I can remember--

2497
02:00:44,920 --> 02:00:48,800
there were certain things
in Austria, mines--

2498
02:00:48,800 --> 02:00:52,270

2499
02:00:52,270 --> 02:00:55,020
I don't know exactly
what kind of mines.

2500
02:00:55,020 --> 02:00:57,700
I should know, and I
can't think of the name--

2501
02:00:57,700 --> 02:01:04,540
where the Germans
had taken jewelry

2502
02:01:04,540 --> 02:01:10,620
of people who they killed or
they had accumulated somehow,

2503
02:01:10,620 --> 02:01:13,390
from where, I have no idea.

2504
02:01:13,390 --> 02:01:18,590
Now, if I can tell you,
the room is not big enough.

2505

02:01:18,590 --> 02:01:24,450

There were bar-- you know,
barrels full of diamonds

2506

02:01:24,450 --> 02:01:25,680

and jewel--

2507

02:01:25,680 --> 02:01:29,550

and valuable things.

2508

02:01:29,550 --> 02:01:30,890

So in these mines.

2509

02:01:30,890 --> 02:01:32,320

In the mines.

2510

02:01:32,320 --> 02:01:34,282

So we're not talking
about mines that explode.

2511

02:01:34,282 --> 02:01:36,240

We're talking about mines
that are underground.

2512

02:01:36,240 --> 02:01:37,620

Right.

2513

02:01:37,620 --> 02:01:40,330

I think it was--

2514

02:01:40,330 --> 02:01:40,950

what was it?

2515

02:01:40,950 --> 02:01:46,050

It was for reasons, those mines.

2516

02:01:46,050 --> 02:01:48,450

They kept food in those mines.

2517

02:01:48,450 --> 02:01:53,220

They keep it for coolness,

for the temperature there.

2518

02:01:53,220 --> 02:01:56,210

I forgot the name of it anymore.

2519

02:01:56,210 --> 02:02:00,660

And also, they had Germans
guarding it that all the time.

2520

02:02:00,660 --> 02:02:05,070

We come up there, and
we both, we jumped out.

2521

02:02:05,070 --> 02:02:07,930

This German-- those
German soldiers, they

2522

02:02:07,930 --> 02:02:10,410

were all glad it was over.

2523

02:02:10,410 --> 02:02:14,370

They gave up you
said to hell with it.

2524

02:02:14,370 --> 02:02:15,225

We went inside.

2525

02:02:15,225 --> 02:02:18,050

2526

02:02:18,050 --> 02:02:20,300

I cannot even explain to you.

2527

02:02:20,300 --> 02:02:25,810

This whole area full of
barrels and barrels and barrels

2528

02:02:25,810 --> 02:02:29,475

and barrels of nothing
but jewelry and diamonds

2529

02:02:29,475 --> 02:02:37,720

and so forth, where the Germans
had hidden for whatever reason,

2530
02:02:37,720 --> 02:02:43,000
for future, get it into money
or to sell it or something.

2531
02:02:43,000 --> 02:02:44,080
I don't know.

2532
02:02:44,080 --> 02:02:45,400
Oh, my gosh.

2533
02:02:45,400 --> 02:02:48,080
Oh, my gosh.

2534
02:02:48,080 --> 02:02:52,720
And then once you see this,
did the US Army take it over?

2535
02:02:52,720 --> 02:02:55,390
We immediately put soldiers--

2536
02:02:55,390 --> 02:02:58,370
American soldiers there--
and tell them, you got it.

2537
02:02:58,370 --> 02:03:00,220
You don't let anybody go in.

2538
02:03:00,220 --> 02:03:00,940
Yeah.

2539
02:03:00,940 --> 02:03:05,740
And we had naturally
right away reported back

2540
02:03:05,740 --> 02:03:08,950
to our headquarters,
and they came up.

2541
02:03:08,950 --> 02:03:11,860

And then I don't know exactly
what later on happened.

2542
02:03:11,860 --> 02:03:13,155
But just--

2543
02:03:13,155 --> 02:03:13,780
That's amazing.

2544
02:03:13,780 --> 02:03:18,160
--things like that,
you didn't expect.

2545
02:03:18,160 --> 02:03:21,620
Did you know by
that point about--

2546
02:03:21,620 --> 02:03:25,330
did you have news of what
had happened to the Jews?

2547
02:03:25,330 --> 02:03:26,040
In Auschwitz?

2548
02:03:26,040 --> 02:03:26,540
Mm-hmm.

2549
02:03:26,540 --> 02:03:28,030
Oh, sure.

2550
02:03:28,030 --> 02:03:29,400
We went to--

2551
02:03:29,400 --> 02:03:29,900
Dachau?

2552
02:03:29,900 --> 02:03:30,790
Dachau.

2553
02:03:30,790 --> 02:03:33,250
And we liberated the people.

2554

02:03:33,250 --> 02:03:35,530

We were actually in Dachau.

2555

02:03:35,530 --> 02:03:37,340

Tell me about that.

2556

02:03:37,340 --> 02:03:40,770

Well, what can I tell you?

2557

02:03:40,770 --> 02:03:46,690

To get to Dachau and saw the barracks and those people which

2558

02:03:46,690 --> 02:03:51,300

are practically skeleton,
more to speak of,

2559

02:03:51,300 --> 02:03:55,980

and we come in
there and tell them

2560

02:03:55,980 --> 02:04:05,140

you are now no longer prisoner,
they were emotionally,

2561

02:04:05,140 --> 02:04:10,220

you know, so taken that
they couldn't explain--

2562

02:04:10,220 --> 02:04:13,960

they couldn't even say anything.

2563

02:04:13,960 --> 02:04:15,020

That was not easy.

2564

02:04:15,020 --> 02:04:16,120

It was terrible.

2565

02:04:16,120 --> 02:04:17,140

It was terrible.

2566

02:04:17,140 --> 02:04:20,710

But you spoke German, and maybe
not all of them spoke German,

2567

02:04:20,710 --> 02:04:23,350

but you'd have more
ability to communicate

2568

02:04:23,350 --> 02:04:24,670

than most of the others.

2569

02:04:24,670 --> 02:04:25,790

We all knew German.

2570

02:04:25,790 --> 02:04:26,620

OK.

2571

02:04:26,620 --> 02:04:29,300

We, all of us, knew German.

2572

02:04:29,300 --> 02:04:31,520

The cap-- I mean, the
fellow with me and everybody

2573

02:04:31,520 --> 02:04:32,270

spoke German.

2574

02:04:32,270 --> 02:04:32,770

Yes.

2575

02:04:32,770 --> 02:04:35,220

But I mean, the regular US
soldiers who were liberated.

2576

02:04:35,220 --> 02:04:37,080

The regular US soldiers
didn't speak German.

2577

02:04:37,080 --> 02:04:37,580

No.

2578

02:04:37,580 --> 02:04:38,360

No.

2579

02:04:38,360 --> 02:04:40,520

So you could communicate
with the prisoners.

2580

02:04:40,520 --> 02:04:41,600

Oh, sure.

2581

02:04:41,600 --> 02:04:44,090

Well, what shall I-- should
I ask them how do you feel?

2582

02:04:44,090 --> 02:04:44,590

I mean--

2583

02:04:44,590 --> 02:04:45,340

No, of course not.

2584

02:04:45,340 --> 02:04:46,880

Silly to ask.

2585

02:04:46,880 --> 02:04:50,600

I mean, there were some so
weak, they couldn't even

2586

02:04:50,600 --> 02:04:52,540

get out of the bed anymore.

2587

02:04:52,540 --> 02:04:58,490

Some died even before they were
able to be liberated or taken

2588

02:04:58,490 --> 02:05:01,090

back in the hospital
or someplace

2589

02:05:01,090 --> 02:05:02,840

where they would take them.

2590

02:05:02,840 --> 02:05:08,700

There were hundreds of

them, hundreds of them.

2591
02:05:08,700 --> 02:05:11,100
Terrible situation, but--

2592
02:05:11,100 --> 02:05:15,000

2593
02:05:15,000 --> 02:05:19,680
Do you remember how
you arrived at Dachau?

2594
02:05:19,680 --> 02:05:22,470
Was it also ahead of
the Army in a Jeep?

2595
02:05:22,470 --> 02:05:26,430
Was it-- the circumstances
of how you got there.

2596
02:05:26,430 --> 02:05:31,350
Well, we asked some people.

2597
02:05:31,350 --> 02:05:32,700
We knew about it.

2598
02:05:32,700 --> 02:05:34,350
Only we didn't
know exactly where,

2599
02:05:34,350 --> 02:05:37,320
but then we found
somebody in that village

2600
02:05:37,320 --> 02:05:39,270
or nearby the village.

2601
02:05:39,270 --> 02:05:43,860
And we just took them along, and
he showed us which way to go.

2602
02:05:43,860 --> 02:05:45,390

So we know which way to go.

2603

02:05:45,390 --> 02:05:46,320

OK.

2604

02:05:46,320 --> 02:05:50,220

I mean, we had to

be aggressive too.

2605

02:05:50,220 --> 02:05:55,060

We couldn't be timid about it.

2606

02:05:55,060 --> 02:05:57,090

You do what we tell you or else.

2607

02:05:57,090 --> 02:05:58,082

Yeah.

2608

02:05:58,082 --> 02:06:00,070

Yeah.

2609

02:06:00,070 --> 02:06:04,190

And did you

encounter resistance?

2610

02:06:04,190 --> 02:06:06,200

Not really.

2611

02:06:06,200 --> 02:06:08,760

Not really.

2612

02:06:08,760 --> 02:06:14,270

And you said that that

lieutenant was not

2613

02:06:14,270 --> 02:06:16,280

a rule-book kind of person.

2614

02:06:16,280 --> 02:06:18,080

Was he with you at this point?

2615

02:06:18,080 --> 02:06:18,950

Yes.

2616

02:06:18,950 --> 02:06:22,790

And were you a head of the army
when you entered Dachau or were

2617

02:06:22,790 --> 02:06:24,040

there Americans already there?

2618

02:06:24,040 --> 02:06:25,490

I mean, he was with me.

2619

02:06:25,490 --> 02:06:27,120

He was with me.

2620

02:06:27,120 --> 02:06:27,620

Look.

2621

02:06:27,620 --> 02:06:29,930

You spread out, you know.

2622

02:06:29,930 --> 02:06:34,175

I mean, only with three people,
one went this way, one this way

2623

02:06:34,175 --> 02:06:35,810

or this way.

2624

02:06:35,810 --> 02:06:40,230

Different directions, but all
over they see the same thing.

2625

02:06:40,230 --> 02:06:44,260

There's very little
you can do as a person.

2626

02:06:44,260 --> 02:06:46,300

But they knew--

2627

02:06:46,300 --> 02:06:48,950

I mean, we told them in

German-- that we told them

2628

02:06:48,950 --> 02:06:53,480

that no longer any Germans
anymore around them.

2629

02:06:53,480 --> 02:06:59,790

We are hear, Americans now, and
that you no longer be afraid.

2630

02:06:59,790 --> 02:07:07,300

It was-- I tell you something.

2631

02:07:07,300 --> 02:07:10,050

Somehow, when you come
now, since you bring it

2632

02:07:10,050 --> 02:07:16,290

back more so than I ever
would have done otherwise,

2633

02:07:16,290 --> 02:07:19,320

it will fade.

2634

02:07:19,320 --> 02:07:21,210

It will fade.

2635

02:07:21,210 --> 02:07:27,930

All this will not longer
be so much on your mind

2636

02:07:27,930 --> 02:07:30,620

anymore as time goes on.

2637

02:07:30,620 --> 02:07:35,690

2638

02:07:35,690 --> 02:07:38,690

Is that a good thing?

2639

02:07:38,690 --> 02:07:41,160

It's a normal thing.

2640
02:07:41,160 --> 02:07:43,590
If it's a good
thing, I don't know.

2641
02:07:43,590 --> 02:07:46,120
But it's normal.

2642
02:07:46,120 --> 02:07:48,013
Are you saying that
because in some ways

2643
02:07:48,013 --> 02:07:50,180
you're not as affected by
it as you might have been?

2644
02:07:50,180 --> 02:07:50,680
Look.

2645
02:07:50,680 --> 02:07:52,810
I tell you something.

2646
02:07:52,810 --> 02:07:56,440
There were wars, when
you go back to the Romans

2647
02:07:56,440 --> 02:08:01,570
or by the Greeks or by any
other wars, whatever happened

2648
02:08:01,570 --> 02:08:05,800
in the world, there
were terrible things

2649
02:08:05,800 --> 02:08:07,990
happening in those places.

2650
02:08:07,990 --> 02:08:09,610
And it's history.

2651
02:08:09,610 --> 02:08:13,100
It's written down someplace,

and you read about it,

2652

02:08:13,100 --> 02:08:14,520

and you take a notice.

2653

02:08:14,520 --> 02:08:18,070

2654

02:08:18,070 --> 02:08:22,990

Things which happened the
last 10 years in Afghanistan

2655

02:08:22,990 --> 02:08:32,700

or in Iraq or in other places
all over the East there,

2656

02:08:32,700 --> 02:08:37,430

still not very, very
well known to everybody.

2657

02:08:37,430 --> 02:08:42,620

But surely, not very
pleasant to hear about it.

2658

02:08:42,620 --> 02:08:47,450

But in time, all this
will dis-- not disappear,

2659

02:08:47,450 --> 02:08:53,210

but it will not have the
same effect anymore as now.

2660

02:08:53,210 --> 02:09:00,040

This also, it will be history in
another 50 years or 100 years,

2661

02:09:00,040 --> 02:09:04,850

that the Holocaust or the
Kristallnacht or Hitler

2662

02:09:04,850 --> 02:09:10,200

itself was this and
this and so forth.

2663
02:09:10,200 --> 02:09:13,760
And you will read
it in the history.

2664
02:09:13,760 --> 02:09:16,100
And that is it.

2665
02:09:16,100 --> 02:09:19,430
It will not change anything.

2666
02:09:19,430 --> 02:09:20,974
It will not change anything.

2667
02:09:20,974 --> 02:09:26,410

2668
02:09:26,410 --> 02:09:30,220
That's kind of fatalistic.

2669
02:09:30,220 --> 02:09:31,740
I'm just-- I'm just responding.

2670
02:09:31,740 --> 02:09:34,450
I mean, I'm not challenging
or anything like that.

2671
02:09:34,450 --> 02:09:38,640
But it's-- but a lot of people
say the sort of activity that

2672
02:09:38,640 --> 02:09:43,480
we do is in the effort so that
it will never happen again.

2673
02:09:43,480 --> 02:09:46,770
And from hearing you say
this, I get the sense

2674
02:09:46,770 --> 02:09:48,970
that you're saying
it'll all happen again.

2675
02:09:48,970 --> 02:09:50,150
It will.

2676
02:09:50,150 --> 02:09:52,940
And not in the same way.

2677
02:09:52,940 --> 02:09:54,660
I tell you something.

2678
02:09:54,660 --> 02:10:01,440
When we fought the war, every
soldier had a uniform on.

2679
02:10:01,440 --> 02:10:04,540
The German were the German
uniform, the American uniform,

2680
02:10:04,540 --> 02:10:06,780
the English and so forth.

2681
02:10:06,780 --> 02:10:10,935
You knew your enemy
when you saw them.

2682
02:10:10,935 --> 02:10:14,090

2683
02:10:14,090 --> 02:10:16,130
You either took them
or you killed them

2684
02:10:16,130 --> 02:10:17,120
or whatever you did.

2685
02:10:17,120 --> 02:10:19,690
That was war.

2686
02:10:19,690 --> 02:10:23,730
The war is no longer
like this anymore.

2687

02:10:23,730 --> 02:10:27,210

Nobody's dressed in uniform.

2688

02:10:27,210 --> 02:10:32,310

The enemy can be dressed

as you and I am now

2689

02:10:32,310 --> 02:10:39,480

and are very seriously

our enemy or opponent

2690

02:10:39,480 --> 02:10:41,240

or God knows what

we can call it.

2691

02:10:41,240 --> 02:10:43,210

Just as much as if they

had another uniform.

2692

02:10:43,210 --> 02:10:43,960

Right.

2693

02:10:43,960 --> 02:10:44,460

Yeah.

2694

02:10:44,460 --> 02:10:49,260

This is not the same kind of a

war anymore like it used to be.

2695

02:10:49,260 --> 02:10:58,470

But it will happen in a

different way, I'm sure.

2696

02:10:58,470 --> 02:11:04,317

Things, people, will not change.

2697

02:11:04,317 --> 02:11:05,150

And you will see it.

2698

02:11:05,150 --> 02:11:07,940

You see it now over there.

2699

02:11:07,940 --> 02:11:09,890

And I'll tell this right now--

2700

02:11:09,890 --> 02:11:11,610

and you know what
is the cause of it?

2701

02:11:11,610 --> 02:11:14,330

2702

02:11:14,330 --> 02:11:15,165

What?

2703

02:11:15,165 --> 02:11:15,665

Religion.

2704

02:11:15,665 --> 02:11:18,870

2705

02:11:18,870 --> 02:11:22,970

Religion has caused more of
this than everything else.

2706

02:11:22,970 --> 02:11:26,090

2707

02:11:26,090 --> 02:11:27,890

If you're a different
religion, they

2708

02:11:27,890 --> 02:11:30,110

kill you because
they don't believe

2709

02:11:30,110 --> 02:11:33,140

that you are of the
same kind, and they

2710

02:11:33,140 --> 02:11:36,170

say you have to be killed
because you are not

2711
02:11:36,170 --> 02:11:38,470
the same as we are.

2712
02:11:38,470 --> 02:11:41,560
Well ISIS or whatever
is this name group?

2713
02:11:41,560 --> 02:11:42,340
ISIS.

2714
02:11:42,340 --> 02:11:50,855
They openly say, you are
not one of us, and the--

2715
02:11:50,855 --> 02:11:53,500

2716
02:11:53,500 --> 02:11:54,400
what do you call it?

2717
02:11:54,400 --> 02:11:59,070
Not the-- what is
their religion?

2718
02:11:59,070 --> 02:11:59,890
Islam.

2719
02:11:59,890 --> 02:12:03,520
Islam says you should be killed.

2720
02:12:03,520 --> 02:12:05,380
Well, many people
who are Muslim say

2721
02:12:05,380 --> 02:12:08,860
that that is a
bastardization of Islam,

2722
02:12:08,860 --> 02:12:11,410
that they are really just thugs.

2723

02:12:11,410 --> 02:12:14,510
And many of the victims
that ISIS has controlled

2724
02:12:14,510 --> 02:12:18,700
have been Muslim, other
Islam, other Muslims.

2725
02:12:18,700 --> 02:12:22,200
It gets complicated like that.

2726
02:12:22,200 --> 02:12:26,050
But I don't-- I'm not
arguing with your point.

2727
02:12:26,050 --> 02:12:29,040
I think that sometimes
we don't have

2728
02:12:29,040 --> 02:12:32,910
that perspective that we
should, that there has been war.

2729
02:12:32,910 --> 02:12:35,700
There is war, and
there will be war.

2730
02:12:35,700 --> 02:12:39,330
It will change in
its manifestations,

2731
02:12:39,330 --> 02:12:41,550
but we will not
do away with war.

2732
02:12:41,550 --> 02:12:45,000

2733
02:12:45,000 --> 02:12:46,730
We don't even know.

2734
02:12:46,730 --> 02:12:52,020
I mean, you read and

you turn the page.

2735
02:12:52,020 --> 02:12:56,700
You know, for
instance, in Chad in--

2736
02:12:56,700 --> 02:12:57,420
Africa.

2737
02:12:57,420 --> 02:13:00,000
--in Africa, it's--

2738
02:13:00,000 --> 02:13:03,180
I mean, you cannot
imagine how big it is.

2739
02:13:03,180 --> 02:13:05,190
It's bigger than Texas or even.

2740
02:13:05,190 --> 02:13:07,050
I don't even know.

2741
02:13:07,050 --> 02:13:10,470
And certain sections
which is South and North,

2742
02:13:10,470 --> 02:13:17,840
I don't know exactly, they
kill those people every day.

2743
02:13:17,840 --> 02:13:19,710
What do we do?

2744
02:13:19,710 --> 02:13:21,737
Yeah.

2745
02:13:21,737 --> 02:13:22,320
It's going on.

2746
02:13:22,320 --> 02:13:26,350

2747

02:13:26,350 --> 02:13:30,400

For what reasons
do they get killed?

2748

02:13:30,400 --> 02:13:33,940

Because the other ones
don't agree that they

2749

02:13:33,940 --> 02:13:35,790

are the same kind what we are.

2750

02:13:35,790 --> 02:13:37,570

And therefore, we have
to get rid of them.

2751

02:13:37,570 --> 02:13:40,340

2752

02:13:40,340 --> 02:13:48,950

It's the way people
live, the way things go.

2753

02:13:48,950 --> 02:13:52,700

Well, then how do
you go forward?

2754

02:13:52,700 --> 02:13:55,700

With that kind of knowledge,
how do you go forward?

2755

02:13:55,700 --> 02:13:58,550

2756

02:13:58,550 --> 02:14:03,630

I don't think we ever--
well, what can I say?

2757

02:14:03,630 --> 02:14:04,390

I'm not a--

2758

02:14:04,390 --> 02:14:07,040

2759
02:14:07,040 --> 02:14:09,740
I have no way of
explaining it or even

2760
02:14:09,740 --> 02:14:13,780
give you an answer to this,
which is almost impossible.

2761
02:14:13,780 --> 02:14:23,340
It's the nature in a
person that does this.

2762
02:14:23,340 --> 02:14:25,550
I don't know.

2763
02:14:25,550 --> 02:14:27,680
Did you feel that
kind of anger too?

2764
02:14:27,680 --> 02:14:30,310

2765
02:14:30,310 --> 02:14:34,810
Not at any time that I would
somebody-- that I would say

2766
02:14:34,810 --> 02:14:37,570
I would kill somebody.

2767
02:14:37,570 --> 02:14:41,800
When you crossed from
France into Germany,

2768
02:14:41,800 --> 02:14:45,370
as part of the American Army,
was it a different feeling

2769
02:14:45,370 --> 02:14:49,750
from you coming back
into the environment that

2770

02:14:49,750 --> 02:14:53,150
had been your home?

2771
02:14:53,150 --> 02:14:56,080
No.

2772
02:14:56,080 --> 02:15:01,330
You know, boundaries,
like you had

2773
02:15:01,330 --> 02:15:08,600
mentioned as Germany or France,
you don't see it physically.

2774
02:15:08,600 --> 02:15:11,230
No.

2775
02:15:11,230 --> 02:15:15,310
You go across an area, and
you say now you're in France

2776
02:15:15,310 --> 02:15:18,970
or you're in someplace else.

2777
02:15:18,970 --> 02:15:31,820
This is man-made comment, which
you either accept or don't.

2778
02:15:31,820 --> 02:15:35,930
But I'm talking the first time
you come into a village that

2779
02:15:35,930 --> 02:15:38,540
is German, a town
that is German,

2780
02:15:38,540 --> 02:15:43,280
a place where you were in
danger, and your family

2781
02:15:43,280 --> 02:15:47,870
was certainly in danger, and
most of it didn't survive,

2782
02:15:47,870 --> 02:15:50,720
did that have a different
response from you

2783
02:15:50,720 --> 02:15:56,100
than when you were with
General Leclerc through France?

2784
02:15:56,100 --> 02:15:58,700
You are-- how should I--

2785
02:15:58,700 --> 02:16:01,210
how should-- I don't
know how to put it.

2786
02:16:01,210 --> 02:16:06,030
You are maybe a little
bit more on guard.

2787
02:16:06,030 --> 02:16:14,070
You're more-- consider the
situation and give it maybe

2788
02:16:14,070 --> 02:16:15,120
some--

2789
02:16:15,120 --> 02:16:17,220
before you were nonchalant.

2790
02:16:17,220 --> 02:16:18,210
You didn't think of it.

2791
02:16:18,210 --> 02:16:23,010
Now, you are aware of it, and
you said, I'd better be careful

2792
02:16:23,010 --> 02:16:27,030
or I have to be more
guarded or something maybe.

2793
02:16:27,030 --> 02:16:27,630

Maybe.

2794

02:16:27,630 --> 02:16:30,840

I don't know if that's
the right answer or not.

2795

02:16:30,840 --> 02:16:35,250

You could say that, yes,
what you say now is true.

2796

02:16:35,250 --> 02:16:37,080

You could say that.

2797

02:16:37,080 --> 02:16:53,110

But not-- I mean, I have been
back in Germany many times.

2798

02:16:53,110 --> 02:16:57,100

And I spoke to people who
I know they were Nazis.

2799

02:16:57,100 --> 02:16:58,420

I mean, call them Nazis.

2800

02:16:58,420 --> 02:17:00,820

They were sympathizers.

2801

02:17:00,820 --> 02:17:04,780

And all of them,
they were Christian.

2802

02:17:04,780 --> 02:17:10,540

And I ask them, don't tell
me you didn't care for Hitler

2803

02:17:10,540 --> 02:17:12,580

and all this other thing.

2804

02:17:12,580 --> 02:17:16,629

Well, in one way, you
have to have the mentality

2805

02:17:16,629 --> 02:17:18,910
of the German now.

2806
02:17:18,910 --> 02:17:22,450
Germany, was down and finished.

2807
02:17:22,450 --> 02:17:26,170
He came along and brought it up.

2808
02:17:26,170 --> 02:17:28,450
And he unified it.

2809
02:17:28,450 --> 02:17:34,780
And he'd succeeded in
some way, hook or crook,

2810
02:17:34,780 --> 02:17:40,540
to get more out of
the other allies.

2811
02:17:40,540 --> 02:17:44,500
And he did more and
more for Germans.

2812
02:17:44,500 --> 02:17:48,340
And they naturally
lived through this,

2813
02:17:48,340 --> 02:17:51,100
and they saw what he's doing.

2814
02:17:51,100 --> 02:17:56,260
They wouldn't say
we didn't love him.

2815
02:17:56,260 --> 02:18:01,180
But we respect him because
he was their leader.

2816
02:18:01,180 --> 02:18:03,150
And they got along.

2817

02:18:03,150 --> 02:18:07,780
When I would ask them, what
about the Jewish people

2818
02:18:07,780 --> 02:18:09,100
who lived there?

2819
02:18:09,100 --> 02:18:11,320
Would you-- what you have--

2820
02:18:11,320 --> 02:18:13,719
they'd say, well, look.

2821
02:18:13,719 --> 02:18:19,030
We know his-- what
do you call his--

2822
02:18:19,030 --> 02:18:19,725
Policies?

2823
02:18:19,725 --> 02:18:20,225
Policies.

2824
02:18:20,225 --> 02:18:21,430
His ideology.

2825
02:18:21,430 --> 02:18:26,230
And that he hated the Jews
and wanted to get rid of it.

2826
02:18:26,230 --> 02:18:31,270
And we had to abide by
it because if we would

2827
02:18:31,270 --> 02:18:34,660
have done sympathizing
with the Jews,

2828
02:18:34,660 --> 02:18:37,100
they would have killed us.

2829
02:18:37,100 --> 02:18:39,540

They would.

2830
02:18:39,540 --> 02:18:41,670
They would have killed
them because they

2831
02:18:41,670 --> 02:18:43,740
were nice to the Jews.

2832
02:18:43,740 --> 02:18:50,219
So they were not sympathetic
one way and not helpful

2833
02:18:50,219 --> 02:18:52,290
on the other way either.

2834
02:18:52,290 --> 02:18:54,629
Did those answers satisfy you?

2835
02:18:54,629 --> 02:18:57,680

2836
02:18:57,680 --> 02:19:00,180
Now, you have to be objective.

2837
02:19:00,180 --> 02:19:04,459
Put yourself in their shoes.

2838
02:19:04,459 --> 02:19:06,240
I don't know.

2839
02:19:06,240 --> 02:19:11,790
There was a-- what
do you call it--

2840
02:19:11,790 --> 02:19:17,530
television program not
too long ago in Nuremberg.

2841
02:19:17,530 --> 02:19:19,200
I don't know if
you saw it or not.

2842
02:19:19,200 --> 02:19:20,100
About Nuremberg?

2843
02:19:20,100 --> 02:19:20,790
Yeah.

2844
02:19:20,790 --> 02:19:24,150
The trial of Nuremberg
or something.

2845
02:19:24,150 --> 02:19:29,490
And you'll see the scenes, which
this was an old movie, I guess.

2846
02:19:29,490 --> 02:19:33,049
You see the scenes,
which Tracy--

2847
02:19:33,049 --> 02:19:34,410
what his name?

2848
02:19:34,410 --> 02:19:36,180
Actor Tracy was the judge.

2849
02:19:36,180 --> 02:19:37,980
Oh, Spencer Tracy.

2850
02:19:37,980 --> 02:19:38,600
Spencer Tracy.

2851
02:19:38,600 --> 02:19:39,100
Oh, yeah.

2852
02:19:39,100 --> 02:19:40,270
Judgment at Nuremberg.

2853
02:19:40,270 --> 02:19:41,190
There is that film.

2854
02:19:41,190 --> 02:19:41,940

I knew that film.

2855
02:19:41,940 --> 02:19:42,750
Right.

2856
02:19:42,750 --> 02:19:43,379
You saw it?

2857
02:19:43,379 --> 02:19:44,040
Mm-hmm.

2858
02:19:44,040 --> 02:19:45,010
Years ago.

2859
02:19:45,010 --> 02:19:46,680
OK.

2860
02:19:46,680 --> 02:19:51,390
Now, those Germans
explain to them

2861
02:19:51,390 --> 02:19:53,550
exactly what I said just now.

2862
02:19:53,550 --> 02:19:56,880
You have to put
yourself in their shoes

2863
02:19:56,880 --> 02:19:59,520
and think, what
would you have done?

2864
02:19:59,520 --> 02:20:03,620

2865
02:20:03,620 --> 02:20:07,440
That's the way it looks.

2866
02:20:07,440 --> 02:20:09,930
They wouldn't have helped
the Jews, it's true.

2867

02:20:09,930 --> 02:20:12,770

2868

02:20:12,770 --> 02:20:14,764

But that's the way it is.

2869

02:20:14,764 --> 02:20:19,810

2870

02:20:19,810 --> 02:20:23,560

And your point of
view is one that I

2871

02:20:23,560 --> 02:20:28,420

would say not many share
who were direct victims.

2872

02:20:28,420 --> 02:20:29,050

Some do.

2873

02:20:29,050 --> 02:20:32,440

2874

02:20:32,440 --> 02:20:37,630

I mean, take for instance,
it's very hard for me

2875

02:20:37,630 --> 02:20:40,220

to get this across.

2876

02:20:40,220 --> 02:20:44,080

There were people were
told shoot this guy.

2877

02:20:44,080 --> 02:20:46,720

2878

02:20:46,720 --> 02:20:48,270

He's a commanding officer.

2879

02:20:48,270 --> 02:20:49,570

You are the soldier.

2880
02:20:49,570 --> 02:20:51,110
There is the person.

2881
02:20:51,110 --> 02:20:53,970
I tell you, you shoot this guy.

2882
02:20:53,970 --> 02:20:55,890
If you say, why should
I shoot this guy?

2883
02:20:55,890 --> 02:20:57,900
He didn't do-- you
know what I mean?

2884
02:20:57,900 --> 02:20:59,930
You don't want to do it.

2885
02:20:59,930 --> 02:21:01,680
If you don't want to
do it, he said, well,

2886
02:21:01,680 --> 02:21:07,020
I will shoot you because
you refused his orders.

2887
02:21:07,020 --> 02:21:08,722
What would you do?

2888
02:21:08,722 --> 02:21:09,222
Yeah.

2889
02:21:09,222 --> 02:21:13,400

2890
02:21:13,400 --> 02:21:17,330
You have to be sometimes
saying, what would I

2891
02:21:17,330 --> 02:21:19,850
do under the circumstances?

2892
02:21:19,850 --> 02:21:25,250
That was the answer the
Germans gave the Allies.

2893
02:21:25,250 --> 02:21:27,560
We didn't want this.

2894
02:21:27,560 --> 02:21:30,140
We didn't want to
have the pogroms.

2895
02:21:30,140 --> 02:21:33,680
We didn't want to have all
this Holocaust business

2896
02:21:33,680 --> 02:21:37,070
or we didn't want to
have everybody killed.

2897
02:21:37,070 --> 02:21:38,270
But we had no choice.

2898
02:21:38,270 --> 02:21:42,020
If we wouldn't have done it,
we would have been killed.

2899
02:21:42,020 --> 02:21:46,430
He-- or the Nazis or
whoever told us you go ahead

2900
02:21:46,430 --> 02:21:48,254
and do this and that, et cetera.

2901
02:21:48,254 --> 02:21:51,140

2902
02:21:51,140 --> 02:21:54,680
This makes sense
to you, this point

2903
02:21:54,680 --> 02:21:57,430

of view, this explanation.

2904

02:21:57,430 --> 02:21:59,210

I'm just asking.

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02:21:59,210 --> 02:22:01,290

I'm not challenging it
or anything like that.

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02:22:01,290 --> 02:22:04,610

I'm just asking because many
people wouldn't accept it.

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02:22:04,610 --> 02:22:07,380

Many people wouldn't
accept that explanation.

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02:22:07,380 --> 02:22:08,420

Well, tell me why.

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02:22:08,420 --> 02:22:11,060

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02:22:11,060 --> 02:22:16,250

I mean, if you're
are sensible and you

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02:22:16,250 --> 02:22:19,660

have to be able to put yourself
in somebody else's shoes

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02:22:19,660 --> 02:22:28,553

in that same setup,
what would you do?

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02:22:28,553 --> 02:22:29,345

You have no choice.

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02:22:29,345 --> 02:22:34,430

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02:22:34,430 --> 02:22:38,930

And that is exactly why a lot of those people, when I went back

2916
02:22:38,930 --> 02:22:43,640
to a small village and it told them how could you be a Nazi?

2917
02:22:43,640 --> 02:22:46,520
How could you have done this and this and so forth?

2918
02:22:46,520 --> 02:22:47,690
They said, listen.

2919
02:22:47,690 --> 02:22:51,250
If we wouldn't have said everything yes, OK,

2920
02:22:51,250 --> 02:22:54,320
they would have ruined our business.

2921
02:22:54,320 --> 02:22:59,930
That would have destroyed our home or whatever

2922
02:22:59,930 --> 02:23:02,960
they could have done physically to me or my wife

2923
02:23:02,960 --> 02:23:05,100
or to the children.

2924
02:23:05,100 --> 02:23:06,530
Simple.

2925
02:23:06,530 --> 02:23:09,490
So we just said, we didn't say no.

2926
02:23:09,490 --> 02:23:10,430
We didn't say yes.

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02:23:10,430 --> 02:23:15,410

We just said OK or
we said nothing even.

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02:23:15,410 --> 02:23:20,690

But in their own heart,
if you can say it,

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02:23:20,690 --> 02:23:22,610

I don't know if they
were Nazis or not.

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02:23:22,610 --> 02:23:28,420

But openly, you would consider
them, yes, they were all Nazis.

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02:23:28,420 --> 02:23:36,400

You know, people who grow up
in societies that have freedom

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02:23:36,400 --> 02:23:40,930

of expression often don't
realize the pressure that

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02:23:40,930 --> 02:23:43,780

people who grew up in
societies where their freedom

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02:23:43,780 --> 02:23:45,540

of-- there's no
freedom of expression--

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02:23:45,540 --> 02:23:46,930

Exactly.

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02:23:46,930 --> 02:23:51,280

--what compromises you make,
what kind of such choices

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02:23:51,280 --> 02:23:52,090

you have to make.

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02:23:52,090 --> 02:23:54,050
Exactly.

2939
02:23:54,050 --> 02:23:55,850
And that is--

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02:23:55,850 --> 02:24:00,140
I've often heard Europeans
say about Americans that you

2941
02:24:00,140 --> 02:24:02,630
don't know what war is.

2942
02:24:02,630 --> 02:24:06,350
You see, I don't know
if you understand me.

2943
02:24:06,350 --> 02:24:09,750
I am very much like that.

2944
02:24:09,750 --> 02:24:11,000
Yeah.

2945
02:24:11,000 --> 02:24:16,820
I can see what they tell
me, and I understand it.

2946
02:24:16,820 --> 02:24:20,480
I don't always agree
with everything,

2947
02:24:20,480 --> 02:24:27,080
but I can also feel
why they did this.

2948
02:24:27,080 --> 02:24:29,150
I mean, there were people--

2949
02:24:29,150 --> 02:24:35,210
I mean, there was a fellow
who went to school with me.

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02:24:35,210 --> 02:24:39,030
We sit on the same rank
next to each other.

2951
02:24:39,030 --> 02:24:43,220
We copy things of every--

2952
02:24:43,220 --> 02:24:47,510
I mean, we did whatever
normal people do.

2953
02:24:47,510 --> 02:24:51,590
Never was there anything
said about religion

2954
02:24:51,590 --> 02:24:53,240
or so that we had.

2955
02:24:53,240 --> 02:24:56,915
But later, he became a
big shot in the Nazis.

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02:24:56,915 --> 02:24:59,900

2957
02:24:59,900 --> 02:25:01,440
Why?

2958
02:25:01,440 --> 02:25:04,680
Because somebody
higher told him, look.

2959
02:25:04,680 --> 02:25:09,630
From now on, you are
going to be the police

2960
02:25:09,630 --> 02:25:11,700
officer of this town.

2961
02:25:11,700 --> 02:25:14,550
And you have the
qualifications, and you have

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02:25:14,550 --> 02:25:17,410
to do such and such and such.

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02:25:17,410 --> 02:25:21,150
So now think about it.

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02:25:21,150 --> 02:25:22,830
They come up and says, look.

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02:25:22,830 --> 02:25:27,090
Tomorrow, you arrest
this Jew over there.

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02:25:27,090 --> 02:25:31,470
He knows that this Jew didn't--
this fellow didn't do anything

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02:25:31,470 --> 02:25:32,310
to him.

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02:25:32,310 --> 02:25:34,200
And why should he arrest him?

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02:25:34,200 --> 02:25:38,040
But he is told we
want him arrested

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02:25:38,040 --> 02:25:41,390
for whatever reasons they have.

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02:25:41,390 --> 02:25:43,380
And these are policeman.

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02:25:43,380 --> 02:25:45,270
He has no choice.

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02:25:45,270 --> 02:25:50,690
If he says, I'm not going
to do it, they said why?

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02:25:50,690 --> 02:25:53,020

He has to say, I'm
not going to do it.

2975
02:25:53,020 --> 02:25:54,110
Why are you not?

2976
02:25:54,110 --> 02:25:57,710
Because I-- he can't
say he's my friend.

2977
02:25:57,710 --> 02:25:59,380
But he can say, why should I?

2978
02:25:59,380 --> 02:26:01,330
He didn't do anything.

2979
02:26:01,330 --> 02:26:05,840
But the other one says, I
am telling you you'll do it.

2980
02:26:05,840 --> 02:26:07,420
Will you do it?

2981
02:26:07,420 --> 02:26:07,940
Good.

2982
02:26:07,940 --> 02:26:11,270
If you don't do
it, they give him

2983
02:26:11,270 --> 02:26:14,220
whatever they will do with him.

2984
02:26:14,220 --> 02:26:16,870
What are you going to say?

2985
02:26:16,870 --> 02:26:20,170
Do you think that
as time goes on,

2986
02:26:20,170 --> 02:26:24,700
each generation understands

this less and less,

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02:26:24,700 --> 02:26:27,070

this kind of situation?

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02:26:27,070 --> 02:26:31,450

Because you're one of the
people who was an adult already

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02:26:31,450 --> 02:26:33,520

before the war started.

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02:26:33,520 --> 02:26:37,720

And I wonder whether-- you
know, you have the perspective

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02:26:37,720 --> 02:26:41,230

to see how people talked
about it right after the war,

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02:26:41,230 --> 02:26:45,520

how they talked about it in
the '60s, the '80s, and so on.

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02:26:45,520 --> 02:26:50,000

I can tell you that
in 100 years from now,

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02:26:50,000 --> 02:26:53,410

there will be very
few people alive, who

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02:26:53,410 --> 02:26:55,420

lived through this Holocaust.

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02:26:55,420 --> 02:26:57,490

Oh, of course.

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02:26:57,490 --> 02:27:01,340

And the people who hear
about the Holocaust,

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02:27:01,340 --> 02:27:05,290
oh, they say, oh,
we heard about it.

2999
02:27:05,290 --> 02:27:06,950
And we read about it.

3000
02:27:06,950 --> 02:27:08,530
And we know about it.

3001
02:27:08,530 --> 02:27:14,410
But it will go in one ear and
out the other and nothing more.

3002
02:27:14,410 --> 02:27:15,820
And they couldn't care less.

3003
02:27:15,820 --> 02:27:18,483

3004
02:27:18,483 --> 02:27:20,400
And you're saying that's
the way of the world.

3005
02:27:20,400 --> 02:27:21,690
And that's the way it will be.

3006
02:27:21,690 --> 02:27:26,980

3007
02:27:26,980 --> 02:27:28,990
You went back to Mannheim?

3008
02:27:28,990 --> 02:27:30,130
Yes.

3009
02:27:30,130 --> 02:27:34,420
Right as a-- while you
were still in the military?

3010
02:27:34,420 --> 02:27:35,410
No.

3011
02:27:35,410 --> 02:27:37,300
When did you go back?

3012
02:27:37,300 --> 02:27:38,650
A civilian.

3013
02:27:38,650 --> 02:27:39,970
As a civilian.

3014
02:27:39,970 --> 02:27:41,860
I was there many times.

3015
02:27:41,860 --> 02:27:43,540
OK.

3016
02:27:43,540 --> 02:27:47,080
I have some friends
there, Germans.

3017
02:27:47,080 --> 02:27:50,920
Matter of fact, they're
big shots with BASF.

3018
02:27:50,920 --> 02:27:52,990
I go to Ludwigshafen
and Mannheim

3019
02:27:52,990 --> 02:27:58,510
very often because
they are big shots.

3020
02:27:58,510 --> 02:28:03,970
They work for BASF, and they
have something to show for.

3021
02:28:03,970 --> 02:28:07,590
Anyhow, they tell
me the same thing.

3022
02:28:07,590 --> 02:28:09,310
I know they're not Nazis.

3023
02:28:09,310 --> 02:28:13,030
They tell me openly
now, we are not Nazis.

3024
02:28:13,030 --> 02:28:17,230
But they explained it to me
just like I explained it to you.

3025
02:28:17,230 --> 02:28:20,317
What would you
have done if your--

3026
02:28:20,317 --> 02:28:20,817
Yeah.

3027
02:28:20,817 --> 02:28:25,810

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02:28:25,810 --> 02:28:30,440
I mean, that's the way of life.

3029
02:28:30,440 --> 02:28:35,100
Things go on and pass.

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02:28:35,100 --> 02:28:39,480
It will go on, and yes, the
combat will just be history.

3031
02:28:39,480 --> 02:28:41,990

3032
02:28:41,990 --> 02:28:44,870
Is there-- I feel
like we've come

3033
02:28:44,870 --> 02:28:48,980
to the end of our interview.

3034
02:28:48,980 --> 02:28:50,900
Is there something
I haven't asked you

3035
02:28:50,900 --> 02:28:54,320
about that you think is
important that we should--

3036
02:28:54,320 --> 02:28:55,940
because what you
just told me, I think

3037
02:28:55,940 --> 02:28:59,330
is something that's very
important, what we've just

3038
02:28:59,330 --> 02:29:00,080
talked about.

3039
02:29:00,080 --> 02:29:02,540
Is there something else that
you would like to share?

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02:29:02,540 --> 02:29:06,360

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02:29:06,360 --> 02:29:16,180
Well, I mean to help the
Jewish people in a way

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02:29:16,180 --> 02:29:18,210
like we are doing--

3043
02:29:18,210 --> 02:29:21,640
I don't know-- here
in this country

3044
02:29:21,640 --> 02:29:26,830
or overseas is commendable.

3045
02:29:26,830 --> 02:29:31,210
I mean, it's very nice to help
out and all these other things.

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02:29:31,210 --> 02:29:35,530

But in many cases,
in many cases,

3047
02:29:35,530 --> 02:29:40,510
I sometimes also blame the
Jewish people themselves.

3048
02:29:40,510 --> 02:29:41,980
For what?

3049
02:29:41,980 --> 02:29:48,700
That sometimes they
are taking a viewpoint

3050
02:29:48,700 --> 02:29:52,210
or they express
themselves in such a way

3051
02:29:52,210 --> 02:29:56,730
that is offending others.

3052
02:29:56,730 --> 02:30:00,560
It's sometimes not appropriate.

3053
02:30:00,560 --> 02:30:03,200
I mean, I tell--

3054
02:30:03,200 --> 02:30:05,430
I don't know how
much this would--

3055
02:30:05,430 --> 02:30:07,580
Well, do you have an
example to illustrate?

3056
02:30:07,580 --> 02:30:09,022
You know Mr. Bloomberg.

3057
02:30:09,022 --> 02:30:10,510
Mm-hmm.

3058
02:30:10,510 --> 02:30:11,790

The former mayor.

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02:30:11,790 --> 02:30:12,910

He used to be mayor.

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02:30:12,910 --> 02:30:16,860

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02:30:16,860 --> 02:30:19,830

He's a billionaire,
whatever he is.

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02:30:19,830 --> 02:30:22,770

He doesn't need the money.

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02:30:22,770 --> 02:30:30,745

He could have been, if
he wanted to, president.

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02:30:30,745 --> 02:30:33,420

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02:30:33,420 --> 02:30:35,540

And he declined.

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02:30:35,540 --> 02:30:39,450

He said-- he's Jewish, not--

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02:30:39,450 --> 02:30:42,090

I mean, he's made these
assurances, or maybe less.

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02:30:42,090 --> 02:30:45,060

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02:30:45,060 --> 02:30:52,380

He doesn't show it or he
doesn't say anything about it.

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02:30:52,380 --> 02:30:59,070

It would be catastrophe for a
Jewish person to be president.

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02:30:59,070 --> 02:31:00,480
He said that?

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02:31:00,480 --> 02:31:03,120
Indirectly, he said it, yes.

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02:31:03,120 --> 02:31:08,580
I would never hope that a
country like the United States

3074
02:31:08,580 --> 02:31:10,830
will have a Jewish president.

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02:31:10,830 --> 02:31:13,050
God forbid.

3076
02:31:13,050 --> 02:31:17,550
That would be the worst
thing that Jews could expect.

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02:31:17,550 --> 02:31:18,230
And why?

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02:31:18,230 --> 02:31:21,600

3079
02:31:21,600 --> 02:31:31,890
Because if things are not going
good, it's the Jews' fault.

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02:31:31,890 --> 02:31:32,720
They're scapegoat.

3081
02:31:32,720 --> 02:31:35,870

3082
02:31:35,870 --> 02:31:39,010
If it is-- why?

3083
02:31:39,010 --> 02:31:41,620

Don't we-- I don't understand.

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02:31:41,620 --> 02:31:48,240

The Jewish people are a
minority in the world.

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02:31:48,240 --> 02:31:51,480

I don't know how many is the
percentage, but what it is.

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02:31:51,480 --> 02:31:53,310

We are a minority.

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02:31:53,310 --> 02:31:59,660

And we have to somehow say
to ourselves we cannot be--

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02:31:59,660 --> 02:32:02,960

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02:32:02,960 --> 02:32:05,900

tell other people
how to run themselves

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02:32:05,900 --> 02:32:08,450

or do other things
which we tell them.

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02:32:08,450 --> 02:32:12,370

We have to be considering
also their viewpoint

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02:32:12,370 --> 02:32:14,820

more so than ours.

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02:32:14,820 --> 02:32:18,950

I think that's very much
what we have to be aware of.

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02:32:18,950 --> 02:32:21,860

You cannot do it.

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02:32:21,860 --> 02:32:24,840
I don't think it would be
a good idea that ever--

3096
02:32:24,840 --> 02:32:29,060
you would have, God
forbid, a Jewish president.

3097
02:32:29,060 --> 02:32:32,630
Because if-- and being
president is often things

3098
02:32:32,630 --> 02:32:34,910
are out of your
control, you know,

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02:32:34,910 --> 02:32:39,380
whether you're coming in
at good times or bad times.

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02:32:39,380 --> 02:32:46,590
Look, I don't know if it
ever would come to something

3101
02:32:46,590 --> 02:32:49,180
like this, which I doubt.

3102
02:32:49,180 --> 02:32:54,270
But I hope never that
America would vote

3103
02:32:54,270 --> 02:32:59,970
or would select a person who is
a Jewish to run this country.

3104
02:32:59,970 --> 02:33:01,320
God forbid.

3105
02:33:01,320 --> 02:33:03,610
Things would not go just
the way it should be

3106
02:33:03,610 --> 02:33:07,620

or something goes wrong,
it would be the Jews.

3107
02:33:07,620 --> 02:33:10,810
That's exactly what
they need, a scapegoat.

3108
02:33:10,810 --> 02:33:13,490

3109
02:33:13,490 --> 02:33:15,570
Mr. Bloch, thank you.

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02:33:15,570 --> 02:33:20,050
Thank you very much for
what you've shared today.

3111
02:33:20,050 --> 02:33:22,350
I appreciate your honesty.

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02:33:22,350 --> 02:33:25,470
I appreciate your
forthrightness.

3113
02:33:25,470 --> 02:33:34,020
I am awed that at 103 you are
as with it as anybody half

3114
02:33:34,020 --> 02:33:38,770
your age and
sometimes even more.

3115
02:33:38,770 --> 02:33:40,500
I hope that you're--

3116
02:33:40,500 --> 02:33:41,820
you're a hope for all of us.

3117
02:33:41,820 --> 02:33:45,140

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02:33:45,140 --> 02:33:47,450

Thank you very much
for this interview.

3119
02:33:47,450 --> 02:33:52,090
Well let me, on the other hand,
also thank you, and your help

3120
02:33:52,090 --> 02:33:58,660
too, for coming
and interviewing me

3121
02:33:58,660 --> 02:34:02,800
and give me the
opportunity to talk

3122
02:34:02,800 --> 02:34:08,800
about what is done,
very easily to be done

3123
02:34:08,800 --> 02:34:13,990
and common and appreciated,
that you took it

3124
02:34:13,990 --> 02:34:17,870
on notice that will be
on the record even--

3125
02:34:17,870 --> 02:34:19,860
It will be on record.

3126
02:34:19,860 --> 02:34:26,200
Of what value, I have no idea,
but certainly it was so good

3127
02:34:26,200 --> 02:34:29,590
and especially appreciate it.

3128
02:34:29,590 --> 02:34:30,460
Thank you.

3129
02:34:30,460 --> 02:34:32,380
Thank you very much.

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02:34:32,380 --> 02:34:34,870

And I will say that
with this, this

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02:34:34,870 --> 02:34:39,700

concludes the United States
Holocaust Memorial Museum

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02:34:39,700 --> 02:34:47,840

interview with Mr. Henry
Bloch on May 2, 2017

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02:34:47,840 --> 02:34:50,560

in Fresh Meadows, New York.

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02:34:50,560 --> 02:34:52,410

Thanks again.