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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:03,339

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00:00:03,339 --> 00:00:04,293
Camera roll.

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00:00:04,293 --> 00:00:08,119

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00:00:08,119 --> 00:00:11,510
This is a United States
Holocaust Memorial Museum

5
00:00:11,510 --> 00:00:19,760
interview with Mrs. Natalie Kent
Kempner on December 7th, 2018,

6
00:00:19,760 --> 00:00:22,010
in Woolwich, Maine.

7
00:00:22,010 --> 00:00:24,590
Thank you, Mrs.
Kempner for agreeing

8
00:00:24,590 --> 00:00:28,130
to speak with us to
share your experiences,

9
00:00:28,130 --> 00:00:31,250
to tell us a little
bit about your life.

10
00:00:31,250 --> 00:00:34,490
I'm going to start with
the most basic questions.

11
00:00:34,490 --> 00:00:38,480
And from there, we'll
develop your story.

12
00:00:38,480 --> 00:00:42,380

Can you tell me, what is
the date of your birth?

13
00:00:42,380 --> 00:00:46,220
January 18, 1924.

14
00:00:46,220 --> 00:00:48,080
And where were you born?

15
00:00:48,080 --> 00:00:49,940
In Philadelphia.

16
00:00:49,940 --> 00:00:54,380
And what was your name at birth?

17
00:00:54,380 --> 00:00:56,627
Natalie Faith Pierce.

18
00:00:56,627 --> 00:00:57,710
That was your maiden name?

19
00:00:57,710 --> 00:00:58,320
Mm-hmm.

20
00:00:58,320 --> 00:00:59,360
Pierce?

21
00:00:59,360 --> 00:01:00,800
Did you have
brothers and sisters?

22
00:01:00,800 --> 00:01:01,670
None.

23
00:01:01,670 --> 00:01:02,780
You're an only child?

24
00:01:02,780 --> 00:01:03,280
Mm.

25
00:01:03,280 --> 00:01:04,280

OK.

26

00:01:04,280 --> 00:01:06,680

What was your mother's name?

27

00:01:06,680 --> 00:01:09,260

Gertrude Lindahl.

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00:01:09,260 --> 00:01:10,880

Lindahl was her maiden name?

29

00:01:10,880 --> 00:01:11,810

Maiden name.

30

00:01:11,810 --> 00:01:12,800

OK.

31

00:01:12,800 --> 00:01:14,300

And your father's?

32

00:01:14,300 --> 00:01:16,280

George Pierce.

33

00:01:16,280 --> 00:01:19,880

Can you tell me the years
that they were born?

34

00:01:19,880 --> 00:01:20,600

Yes.

35

00:01:20,600 --> 00:01:23,180

He was born in 1890.

36

00:01:23,180 --> 00:01:25,790

She was born in 1895.

37

00:01:25,790 --> 00:01:28,040

Are they both from Philadelphia?

38

00:01:28,040 --> 00:01:30,410

Oh, no.

39
00:01:30,410 --> 00:01:32,220
OK, where do they come from?

40
00:01:32,220 --> 00:01:35,250
He was from Iowa.

41
00:01:35,250 --> 00:01:37,190
She was from Illinois.

42
00:01:37,190 --> 00:01:40,760
She was from a Swedish
immigrant family.

43
00:01:40,760 --> 00:01:41,930
And--

44
00:01:41,930 --> 00:01:44,000
Did she speak Swedish?

45
00:01:44,000 --> 00:01:45,530
As a child, yes.

46
00:01:45,530 --> 00:01:47,660
She went to Swedish school.

47
00:01:47,660 --> 00:01:50,070
They only spoke Swedish at home.

48
00:01:50,070 --> 00:01:52,880
But by the time
I knew her, she'd

49
00:01:52,880 --> 00:01:55,370
forgotten her
Swedish, more or less.

50
00:01:55,370 --> 00:01:58,960
Did you know your
maternal grandparents?

51

00:01:58,960 --> 00:01:59,710
Did you know them?

52
00:01:59,710 --> 00:02:01,170
Did I know my pater--

53
00:02:01,170 --> 00:02:03,160
my ma-- no.

54
00:02:03,160 --> 00:02:04,210
No, I didn't.

55
00:02:04,210 --> 00:02:07,900
They-- he died when she was 17.

56
00:02:07,900 --> 00:02:10,300
Her mother died
when she was seven.

57
00:02:10,300 --> 00:02:13,720
But she was the last
of the children.

58
00:02:13,720 --> 00:02:15,820
She was the 14th child.

59
00:02:15,820 --> 00:02:16,605
Oh my goodness.

60
00:02:16,605 --> 00:02:17,350
Yeah.

61
00:02:17,350 --> 00:02:21,970
Some of them were born in
Sweden before they came,

62
00:02:21,970 --> 00:02:25,360
and they went to
a Swedish school.

63
00:02:25,360 --> 00:02:27,190
Did you know your

aunts and uncles from--

64

00:02:27,190 --> 00:02:27,700

Oh, yes.

65

00:02:27,700 --> 00:02:31,030

I knew some of them, not all 14.

66

00:02:31,030 --> 00:02:32,470

I knew seven of them.

67

00:02:32,470 --> 00:02:34,520

Did they live in the
Philadelphia area?

68

00:02:34,520 --> 00:02:35,020

No.

69

00:02:35,020 --> 00:02:36,520

Nobody was in Philadelphia.

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00:02:36,520 --> 00:02:37,870

They were all in Illinois.

71

00:02:37,870 --> 00:02:39,970

Ah, OK.

72

00:02:39,970 --> 00:02:41,650

And your father's
side of the family,

73

00:02:41,650 --> 00:02:43,070

did he have brothers
and sisters?

74

00:02:43,070 --> 00:02:44,800

He had one sister.

75

00:02:44,800 --> 00:02:53,420

OK, and were they from Iowa
for several generations?

76
00:02:53,420 --> 00:02:54,380
How did they get there?

77
00:02:54,380 --> 00:02:54,880
Do you know?

78
00:02:54,880 --> 00:02:57,460

79
00:02:57,460 --> 00:03:05,030
They came-- his grandmother
came in a covered wagon

80
00:03:05,030 --> 00:03:07,640
to Iowa from the East.

81
00:03:07,640 --> 00:03:08,870
I don't know where.

82
00:03:08,870 --> 00:03:17,120
And they were pretty
thoroughly US people, American.

83
00:03:17,120 --> 00:03:20,090
So part of our history,
part of the US history

84
00:03:20,090 --> 00:03:23,480
from the 19th century
for sure onwards?

85
00:03:23,480 --> 00:03:24,140
Yeah.

86
00:03:24,140 --> 00:03:27,860
OK, were they a
farming family in Iowa?

87
00:03:27,860 --> 00:03:28,820
Yeah.

88

00:03:28,820 --> 00:03:29,960
More or less, yes.

89
00:03:29,960 --> 00:03:30,800
Yes.

90
00:03:30,800 --> 00:03:33,020
My mother's family, definitely.

91
00:03:33,020 --> 00:03:37,460
My father's family-- my
grandfather, his father

92
00:03:37,460 --> 00:03:40,870
was a postman.

93
00:03:40,870 --> 00:03:46,090
He rode a horse and
buggy and delivered mail.

94
00:03:46,090 --> 00:03:47,140
Did you know him?

95
00:03:47,140 --> 00:03:48,490
Oh, yes.

96
00:03:48,490 --> 00:03:50,840
He lived to be 96.

97
00:03:50,840 --> 00:03:51,670
And I--

98
00:03:51,670 --> 00:03:55,450
And your paternal
grandmother, did you know her?

99
00:03:55,450 --> 00:03:56,170
Yes.

100
00:03:56,170 --> 00:03:58,990
She lived to be in her 70s.

101

00:03:58,990 --> 00:04:01,180

I knew them both.

102

00:04:01,180 --> 00:04:03,010

They lived in Iowa.

103

00:04:03,010 --> 00:04:06,100

And what was it that--

104

00:04:06,100 --> 00:04:09,220

why is it that you were
born in Philadelphia?

105

00:04:09,220 --> 00:04:11,680

Oh, because my parents
were living there.

106

00:04:11,680 --> 00:04:13,360

And what had brought them there?

107

00:04:13,360 --> 00:04:13,890

And what?

108

00:04:13,890 --> 00:04:17,040

What had brought
them to Philadelphia?

109

00:04:17,040 --> 00:04:24,510

Oh, my mother, as a teenager,
left Iowa with a friend.

110

00:04:24,510 --> 00:04:26,160

She'd gone to a kind of--

111

00:04:26,160 --> 00:04:28,620

she'd learn typing in shorthand.

112

00:04:28,620 --> 00:04:31,110

She had only gone
through eighth grade.

113

00:04:31,110 --> 00:04:36,240
But she was-- somebody
took interest in her

114
00:04:36,240 --> 00:04:39,990
and gave her this education
in typing and shorthand,

115
00:04:39,990 --> 00:04:44,850
and she and her friend got on
a train and went to New York,

116
00:04:44,850 --> 00:04:46,530
and they went to Brooklyn.

117
00:04:46,530 --> 00:04:50,940
And they found jobs with
the Long Island Rail Road.

118
00:04:50,940 --> 00:04:54,100
And they loved it.

119
00:04:54,100 --> 00:04:55,020
They were there.

120
00:04:55,020 --> 00:05:00,300
The war began, and they
had lots of boyfriends

121
00:05:00,300 --> 00:05:02,220
who were in the Army.

122
00:05:02,220 --> 00:05:05,940
And I think, though, that
she met my father through one

123
00:05:05,940 --> 00:05:08,010
of her sisters in Iowa.

124
00:05:08,010 --> 00:05:10,260
But he was in the service.

125

00:05:10,260 --> 00:05:15,720
I mean, he was a GI
but hadn't gone to war.

126
00:05:15,720 --> 00:05:17,640
He was just getting trained.

127
00:05:17,640 --> 00:05:18,750
And--

128
00:05:18,750 --> 00:05:20,010
This was World War I.

129
00:05:20,010 --> 00:05:22,770
This was World War I, yeah.

130
00:05:22,770 --> 00:05:23,820
Yeah.

131
00:05:23,820 --> 00:05:27,310
It was 1918 or so.

132
00:05:27,310 --> 00:05:31,490
We hadn't-- I think we
were just entering the war.

133
00:05:31,490 --> 00:05:33,210
My father never got to Europe.

134
00:05:33,210 --> 00:05:37,210
He only got trained and got
halfway across the ocean,

135
00:05:37,210 --> 00:05:38,620
and the war ended.

136
00:05:38,620 --> 00:05:40,510
So he came back.

137
00:05:40,510 --> 00:05:49,540
But she-- they were pretty
steady, I think, all

138
00:05:49,540 --> 00:05:51,600
through that time.

139
00:05:51,600 --> 00:05:56,250
And they just ran off and
got married one night.

140
00:05:56,250 --> 00:05:58,980

141
00:05:58,980 --> 00:06:04,140
And from Brooklyn
to Philadelphia,

142
00:06:04,140 --> 00:06:05,530
what brought them there?

143
00:06:05,530 --> 00:06:06,030
Oh.

144
00:06:06,030 --> 00:06:08,860

145
00:06:08,860 --> 00:06:11,390
I suppose my father's job.

146
00:06:11,390 --> 00:06:13,610
He was working for--

147
00:06:13,610 --> 00:06:15,850
he sold farm equipment.

148
00:06:15,850 --> 00:06:19,930
He was a good person
to teach farmers

149
00:06:19,930 --> 00:06:24,100
how to use the new equipment,
the new plows and so on.

150

00:06:24,100 --> 00:06:29,300
And his company had a--

151
00:06:29,300 --> 00:06:32,750
their main office must have
been in Philadelphia, I think.

152
00:06:32,750 --> 00:06:37,272
But I think that's the reason.

153
00:06:37,272 --> 00:06:38,800
I don't really know.

154
00:06:38,800 --> 00:06:40,780
Did you grow up in Philadelphia?

155
00:06:40,780 --> 00:06:41,590
No.

156
00:06:41,590 --> 00:06:44,060
We left there when I was three.

157
00:06:44,060 --> 00:06:48,190
But I was there very often.

158
00:06:48,190 --> 00:06:54,040
But then they moved to
Upstate New York to Binghamton

159
00:06:54,040 --> 00:07:00,100
where he worked as a traveling
salesman for John Deere.

160
00:07:00,100 --> 00:07:01,895
Oh, from John Deere equipment.

161
00:07:01,895 --> 00:07:02,490
Yeah.

162
00:07:02,490 --> 00:07:03,420
No kidding.

163

00:07:03,420 --> 00:07:07,110

John Deere, the inventor
of the steel plow.

164

00:07:07,110 --> 00:07:08,990

Wow.

165

00:07:08,990 --> 00:07:14,570

And I didn't realize John
Deere company was already

166

00:07:14,570 --> 00:07:16,970

in existence in the 1920s.

167

00:07:16,970 --> 00:07:17,480

Yeah.

168

00:07:17,480 --> 00:07:18,620

Oh, yes.

169

00:07:18,620 --> 00:07:22,730

It started in the
1800s, I think,

170

00:07:22,730 --> 00:07:24,425

when he invented the steel plow.

171

00:07:24,425 --> 00:07:27,710

172

00:07:27,710 --> 00:07:32,860

Tell me, you say you went
back to Philadelphia a lot.

173

00:07:32,860 --> 00:07:34,430

What brought you back?

174

00:07:34,430 --> 00:07:37,100

Were there family there
when you had left?

175

00:07:37,100 --> 00:07:40,760
Very close friends that I
called them aunts and uncles.

176
00:07:40,760 --> 00:07:43,820
And I loved going
to Philadelphia

177
00:07:43,820 --> 00:07:48,530
because there were
escalators and automats--

178
00:07:48,530 --> 00:07:51,050
I loved going to the automat--

179
00:07:51,050 --> 00:07:59,280
and these wonderful adults
in my life who made me

180
00:07:59,280 --> 00:08:02,070
feel very cared for.

181
00:08:02,070 --> 00:08:05,850
And my mother
loved Philadelphia.

182
00:08:05,850 --> 00:08:09,580
And they came off
and to visit us, too.

183
00:08:09,580 --> 00:08:12,370
And was it the
same with visiting

184
00:08:12,370 --> 00:08:14,470
your mother's family
and your father's

185
00:08:14,470 --> 00:08:18,010
that you would travel
to Illinois and to Iowa

186
00:08:18,010 --> 00:08:19,850

to visit them?

187

00:08:19,850 --> 00:08:21,680

Or-- because it's
really far away.

188

00:08:21,680 --> 00:08:23,180

Everything is very far away.

189

00:08:23,180 --> 00:08:24,620

Oh, very far away.

190

00:08:24,620 --> 00:08:26,050

Yeah, it took a long time.

191

00:08:26,050 --> 00:08:29,780

We had to sleep on a sleeper
when we went on the train.

192

00:08:29,780 --> 00:08:37,440

But during the Depression, my
father used to quit his job.

193

00:08:37,440 --> 00:08:42,179

I mean, they didn't
need any salesmen,

194

00:08:42,179 --> 00:08:44,580

so he would go work on a farm.

195

00:08:44,580 --> 00:08:46,590

And my mother and I
would get on a train

196

00:08:46,590 --> 00:08:50,670

and go to Illinois to one
of her sisters or to Iowa

197

00:08:50,670 --> 00:08:55,740

and stay for the
summer, which was nice.

198

00:08:55,740 --> 00:08:57,960

Does that mean
that you no longer

199

00:08:57,960 --> 00:08:59,980

had a home in
Binghamton of your own?

200

00:08:59,980 --> 00:09:00,480

Or--

201

00:09:00,480 --> 00:09:02,430

Well, we always rented.

202

00:09:02,430 --> 00:09:06,310

We had an apartment in
Binghamton all the time.

203

00:09:06,310 --> 00:09:12,300

I did-- I went all the way
through school in Binghamton.

204

00:09:12,300 --> 00:09:15,150

How did the Depression--

205

00:09:15,150 --> 00:09:17,480

[PHONE RINGS] OK,
let's cut for a second.

206

00:09:17,480 --> 00:09:19,898

207

00:09:19,898 --> 00:09:20,440

How did the--

208

00:09:20,440 --> 00:09:22,040

209

00:09:22,040 --> 00:09:22,540

Fine?

210

00:09:22,540 --> 00:09:26,380

211
00:09:26,380 --> 00:09:29,095
How did the Depression
affect your family?

212
00:09:29,095 --> 00:09:31,860

213
00:09:31,860 --> 00:09:37,340
Well, looking back, I
know we were very poor.

214
00:09:37,340 --> 00:09:39,280
But it didn't affect
me in the slightest.

215
00:09:39,280 --> 00:09:40,990
I felt cared for.

216
00:09:40,990 --> 00:09:42,440
I never felt--

217
00:09:42,440 --> 00:09:44,410
I mean, it didn't
affect me in the way

218
00:09:44,410 --> 00:09:46,420
that I was hungry or anything.

219
00:09:46,420 --> 00:09:50,080
I just know how hard it
was when I think about it.

220
00:09:50,080 --> 00:09:52,000
I didn't think about it then.

221
00:09:52,000 --> 00:10:03,230
And they-- my mother used to
save postage stamps by walking

222
00:10:03,230 --> 00:10:06,110

to all the places where
she had to pay bills,

223

00:10:06,110 --> 00:10:10,190
like the electric and the
gas and the fish market,

224

00:10:10,190 --> 00:10:15,530
and we'd walk because
she'd never learn to drive

225

00:10:15,530 --> 00:10:19,370
and she didn't
want to buy stamps.

226

00:10:19,370 --> 00:10:20,300
What were stamps?

227

00:10:20,300 --> 00:10:22,850
Like, \$0.01, \$0.02.

228

00:10:22,850 --> 00:10:30,840
But she was very frugal
and very good, very savvy

229

00:10:30,840 --> 00:10:33,160
about saving money.

230

00:10:33,160 --> 00:10:35,880
So that became part of me.

231

00:10:35,880 --> 00:10:41,670
I'm really-- frugality
is part of me, and I--

232

00:10:41,670 --> 00:10:47,790
there were no such things as
charge cards and plastic and--

233

00:10:47,790 --> 00:10:48,690
we paid.

234

00:10:48,690 --> 00:10:49,470
They never bought.

235
00:10:49,470 --> 00:10:53,010
That's why we didn't own a
house until I was in college,

236
00:10:53,010 --> 00:10:55,080
because they never
wanted a debt.

237
00:10:55,080 --> 00:10:56,850
So they waited till
they had enough money

238
00:10:56,850 --> 00:10:59,400
to buy a house
because-- and they never

239
00:10:59,400 --> 00:11:01,170
had a debt in anything.

240
00:11:01,170 --> 00:11:05,700
So I grew up sort of
feeling very stingy.

241
00:11:05,700 --> 00:11:06,660
I mean--

242
00:11:06,660 --> 00:11:08,430
But that's also freedom.

243
00:11:08,430 --> 00:11:09,150
Hmm?

244
00:11:09,150 --> 00:11:10,690
That's also freedom that--

245
00:11:10,690 --> 00:11:11,190
Yeah.

246
00:11:11,190 --> 00:11:12,960

Oh, it was-- yeah.

247
00:11:12,960 --> 00:11:14,580
And it also--

248
00:11:14,580 --> 00:11:16,800
I never knew we were poor.

249
00:11:16,800 --> 00:11:22,450
I had many friends whose
fathers were lawyers and doctors

250
00:11:22,450 --> 00:11:24,280
and they were better off.

251
00:11:24,280 --> 00:11:26,680
But they're worried
about money all the time,

252
00:11:26,680 --> 00:11:30,670
and I never understood
whether my father

253
00:11:30,670 --> 00:11:32,830
can't sleep at
night because he's

254
00:11:32,830 --> 00:11:34,555
so worried about this and that.

255
00:11:34,555 --> 00:11:37,120
And I didn't know.

256
00:11:37,120 --> 00:11:39,010
They kept it all from me.

257
00:11:39,010 --> 00:11:40,700
Were they worried,
do you think, though?

258
00:11:40,700 --> 00:11:41,200
Hmm?

259
00:11:41,200 --> 00:11:44,160
Were your parents
worried, however?

260
00:11:44,160 --> 00:11:45,780
I don't know.

261
00:11:45,780 --> 00:11:48,600
My mother was confident.

262
00:11:48,600 --> 00:11:55,170
She was a very strong woman,
and she liked good things.

263
00:11:55,170 --> 00:12:00,240
So she always bought
quality things that lasted.

264
00:12:00,240 --> 00:12:07,950
She would have loved LL Bean
where you can return things.

265
00:12:07,950 --> 00:12:11,100
But, no, she was--

266
00:12:11,100 --> 00:12:13,360
and my father went
along with it.

267
00:12:13,360 --> 00:12:16,270
They were both frugal.

268
00:12:16,270 --> 00:12:18,790
And it was just part of us.

269
00:12:18,790 --> 00:12:20,540
So tell me--

270
00:12:20,540 --> 00:12:21,040
[COUGHS]

271
00:12:21,040 --> 00:12:21,790
I beg your pardon.

272
00:12:21,790 --> 00:12:22,820
That's OK.

273
00:12:22,820 --> 00:12:23,630
That's OK.

274
00:12:23,630 --> 00:12:24,490
We're fine.

275
00:12:24,490 --> 00:12:26,044
Don't keep it in.

276
00:12:26,044 --> 00:12:26,998
Thank you.

277
00:12:26,998 --> 00:12:30,340

278
00:12:30,340 --> 00:12:33,250
Your father, you said,
ended up working on farms

279
00:12:33,250 --> 00:12:37,380
after he no longer had
a job with John Deere.

280
00:12:37,380 --> 00:12:40,870
No, he had a job all the time,
but they would lay him off

281
00:12:40,870 --> 00:12:42,310
for the summer.

282
00:12:42,310 --> 00:12:45,760
And so he would go work on a
farm with one of the farmers

283
00:12:45,760 --> 00:12:48,430

that he was trying to
sell the tractor to.

284
00:12:48,430 --> 00:12:50,200
But he was a good farmer.

285
00:12:50,200 --> 00:12:55,420
So-- and then we were taken care
of because my relatives were--

286
00:12:55,420 --> 00:12:57,830
they were much more
poor than we were.

287
00:12:57,830 --> 00:13:00,910
They used to get my
hand-me-down clothes.

288
00:13:00,910 --> 00:13:07,630
But they had pigs and cows
and milk, and I loved it.

289
00:13:07,630 --> 00:13:09,780
I mean, it was a good life.

290
00:13:09,780 --> 00:13:10,430
Well, yeah.

291
00:13:10,430 --> 00:13:10,930
Yeah.

292
00:13:10,930 --> 00:13:12,460
Yeah, I mean, it--

293
00:13:12,460 --> 00:13:15,670
when times are tough
and people are hungry,

294
00:13:15,670 --> 00:13:18,850
it is usually the city folk
who are hungry but not so much

295

00:13:18,850 --> 00:13:19,870
the country folk.

296
00:13:19,870 --> 00:13:20,560
Exactly.

297
00:13:20,560 --> 00:13:22,450
Because the country
feeds the city.

298
00:13:22,450 --> 00:13:28,300
And if you have somebody
who has a cow or a pig

299
00:13:28,300 --> 00:13:34,630
or something like that or
honey or bees, you're OK.

300
00:13:34,630 --> 00:13:35,380
Or you're better.

301
00:13:35,380 --> 00:13:36,140
You're better off.

302
00:13:36,140 --> 00:13:36,640
Yeah.

303
00:13:36,640 --> 00:13:41,410
And my mother was a good
gardener, so she grew things.

304
00:13:41,410 --> 00:13:44,170
Did you have-- so the place
that you rented, was it a house?

305
00:13:44,170 --> 00:13:45,460
Was it an apartment?

306
00:13:45,460 --> 00:13:49,160
It was like a two-family house.

307
00:13:49,160 --> 00:13:52,330

We had sometimes the
first floor, sometimes

308
00:13:52,330 --> 00:13:53,560
the second floor.

309
00:13:53,560 --> 00:13:55,090
Different places in Binghamton?

310
00:13:55,090 --> 00:13:57,830
No, they were mostly
on the same street.

311
00:13:57,830 --> 00:14:01,360
And sometimes we
would move downstairs,

312
00:14:01,360 --> 00:14:03,040
and then we'd move up.

313
00:14:03,040 --> 00:14:09,630
And it was-- my mother was
very keen to not interrupt

314
00:14:09,630 --> 00:14:10,500
my schooling.

315
00:14:10,500 --> 00:14:16,740
So she found what was supposed
to be the best school,

316
00:14:16,740 --> 00:14:19,660
and that's where we lived.

317
00:14:19,660 --> 00:14:21,780
And whenever-- I
used to kind of dream

318
00:14:21,780 --> 00:14:26,130
of moving to a big city
like Philadelphia or Boston.

319

00:14:26,130 --> 00:14:28,800
And she said, you
better stay here.

320
00:14:28,800 --> 00:14:29,760
You've got friends.

321
00:14:29,760 --> 00:14:31,680
You've got a community.

322
00:14:31,680 --> 00:14:32,820
And she was right.

323
00:14:32,820 --> 00:14:36,120
I mean, it was a
very safe, wonderful

324
00:14:36,120 --> 00:14:39,510
growing up in the
'30s, '20s and '30s.

325
00:14:39,510 --> 00:14:42,320

326
00:14:42,320 --> 00:14:44,940
What else did I want to
ask about those times?

327
00:14:44,940 --> 00:14:48,380
Tell me a little bit about
your parents' personalities.

328
00:14:48,380 --> 00:14:50,240
What kind of a person
was your mother?

329
00:14:50,240 --> 00:14:52,460
You've given me some indication.

330
00:14:52,460 --> 00:14:54,982
What are the things
that she liked to do?

331

00:14:54,982 --> 00:14:56,315

What were some of her interests?

332

00:14:56,315 --> 00:14:58,590

She loved to travel.

333

00:14:58,590 --> 00:15:00,980

She wanted to go
everywhere, and she ended up

334

00:15:00,980 --> 00:15:03,290

doing quite a bit of it.

335

00:15:03,290 --> 00:15:05,390

And she loved adventure.

336

00:15:05,390 --> 00:15:08,080

337

00:15:08,080 --> 00:15:11,900

She had a great sense of fun.

338

00:15:11,900 --> 00:15:15,560

And she was a very hard worker.

339

00:15:15,560 --> 00:15:19,130

As soon as I grew up and--

340

00:15:19,130 --> 00:15:21,530

she got a job in a bank.

341

00:15:21,530 --> 00:15:26,090

And she was the only
one of her friends

342

00:15:26,090 --> 00:15:29,180

who all played-- they spent
their afternoons playing

343

00:15:29,180 --> 00:15:32,540

bridge, which she had

done, too, because she

344
00:15:32,540 --> 00:15:33,920
wanted to watch over me.

345
00:15:33,920 --> 00:15:38,210
But when I finally
got off a bit,

346
00:15:38,210 --> 00:15:40,220
then she got this
job, which she loved.

347
00:15:40,220 --> 00:15:41,750
She loved working.

348
00:15:41,750 --> 00:15:43,580
And she loved being
in the business world.

349
00:15:43,580 --> 00:15:46,250
And she worked in a bank.

350
00:15:46,250 --> 00:15:48,800
She considered herself a banker.

351
00:15:48,800 --> 00:15:55,010
And she loved good
clothes, quality clothes.

352
00:15:55,010 --> 00:15:59,550
And she would--
she was a very sort

353
00:15:59,550 --> 00:16:04,430
of unusual, independent
woman for her time, I think.

354
00:16:04,430 --> 00:16:10,070
She would have loved to have
done more, only it wasn't done,

355

00:16:10,070 --> 00:16:10,850
you know?

356
00:16:10,850 --> 00:16:13,580
And my father, on
the other hand,

357
00:16:13,580 --> 00:16:16,500
was just a kind of
a laid-back guy.

358
00:16:16,500 --> 00:16:17,690
He didn't like to travel.

359
00:16:17,690 --> 00:16:19,940
He'd like to be at home.

360
00:16:19,940 --> 00:16:22,880
Well, you know, if you're a
salesman, you travel a lot.

361
00:16:22,880 --> 00:16:26,720
And you want to
be at home, then,

362
00:16:26,720 --> 00:16:28,460
because you're on
the road so much.

363
00:16:28,460 --> 00:16:30,680
Yeah.

364
00:16:30,680 --> 00:16:32,448
But maybe that's not what was--

365
00:16:32,448 --> 00:16:33,240
No, say that again.

366
00:16:33,240 --> 00:16:35,250
I said, if you a
traveling salesman--

367

00:16:35,250 --> 00:16:35,750
Oh yeah.

368
00:16:35,750 --> 00:16:36,560
--you're on the road.

369
00:16:36,560 --> 00:16:37,070
Right.

370
00:16:37,070 --> 00:16:37,760
And so then--

371
00:16:37,760 --> 00:16:39,350
He was always glad to get home.

372
00:16:39,350 --> 00:16:41,810
Yeah, yeah.

373
00:16:41,810 --> 00:16:44,780
But you say he was
more laid-back person.

374
00:16:44,780 --> 00:16:47,180
Yeah, well, he-- yeah.

375
00:16:47,180 --> 00:16:48,250
He was quiet.

376
00:16:48,250 --> 00:16:50,090
He loved music.

377
00:16:50,090 --> 00:16:52,990
He had a great singing voice.

378
00:16:52,990 --> 00:16:54,460
And--

379
00:16:54,460 --> 00:16:55,960
Did he sing songs to you?

380
00:16:55,960 --> 00:16:58,420

Oh, yes, lots of times.

381
00:16:58,420 --> 00:17:00,400
We'd go and-- when
I'd go traveling

382
00:17:00,400 --> 00:17:04,480
with him and his salesman
job, he would sing songs.

383
00:17:04,480 --> 00:17:07,990
And I-- now, I sing
those songs while I'm

384
00:17:07,990 --> 00:17:13,900
walking on my treadmill
when nobody's in the house,

385
00:17:13,900 --> 00:17:15,940
'cause I can't carry a tune.

386
00:17:15,940 --> 00:17:21,890
That's-- in the second grade,
I was picked out with one other

387
00:17:21,890 --> 00:17:23,474
boy in my class--

388
00:17:23,474 --> 00:17:25,760
no, in first grade.

389
00:17:25,760 --> 00:17:27,650
We were called the bad singers.

390
00:17:27,650 --> 00:17:28,502
Oh, that's cruel.

391
00:17:28,502 --> 00:17:29,210
Isn't that cruel?

392
00:17:29,210 --> 00:17:30,095
That's very cruel.

393
00:17:30,095 --> 00:17:30,860
I mean, awful.

394
00:17:30,860 --> 00:17:32,150
I love to sing.

395
00:17:32,150 --> 00:17:34,910
And Miss Allen was
the music teacher.

396
00:17:34,910 --> 00:17:37,520
And she'd come
into our classroom.

397
00:17:37,520 --> 00:17:41,100
And she'd say, bad
singers forward.

398
00:17:41,100 --> 00:17:44,180
So Ben and I--

399
00:17:44,180 --> 00:17:46,550
Ben with a little boy--

400
00:17:46,550 --> 00:17:48,200
went forward.

401
00:17:48,200 --> 00:17:51,410
And she would pull Ben's
short hair like this

402
00:17:51,410 --> 00:17:52,820
to get them to sing--

403
00:17:52,820 --> 00:17:55,065
we had to sing the
scales up and down.

404
00:17:55,065 --> 00:17:57,190
So pulling the hair would
help him sing the scales?

405

00:17:57,190 --> 00:18:01,070

So that helped Ben get up,
but she didn't do that to me.

406

00:18:01,070 --> 00:18:03,620

But there we were in
front of the class

407

00:18:03,620 --> 00:18:05,390

having to sing scales.

408

00:18:05,390 --> 00:18:09,110

And it really kind of put
a damper on my feeling

409

00:18:09,110 --> 00:18:11,090

like singing in school.

410

00:18:11,090 --> 00:18:14,090

I was always called a
second soprano, which

411

00:18:14,090 --> 00:18:17,030

was like nowhere, I guess.

412

00:18:17,030 --> 00:18:22,940

But, still, my dad didn't mind.

413

00:18:22,940 --> 00:18:27,910

And he taught me all these
songs from the war and from--

414

00:18:27,910 --> 00:18:30,700

just hokey sort of songs that--

415

00:18:30,700 --> 00:18:35,500

and then I go in there and
sit-- they all come back.

416

00:18:35,500 --> 00:18:36,460

It's amazing.

417
00:18:36,460 --> 00:18:39,970
I sing these songs about
Young Johnny Steele

418
00:18:39,970 --> 00:18:46,560
and his old mother's
Oldsmobile and beautiful Katie

419
00:18:46,560 --> 00:18:49,480
and two little girls
and-- oh, they just

420
00:18:49,480 --> 00:18:51,220
go on and on in my head.

421
00:18:51,220 --> 00:18:54,040
And I look at the
river, and I sing,

422
00:18:54,040 --> 00:18:58,000
hoping nobody's in the house.

423
00:18:58,000 --> 00:19:02,620
And the thing is, having
been a bad singer, when

424
00:19:02,620 --> 00:19:08,620
I met my second husband
after I was a widow-- that's,

425
00:19:08,620 --> 00:19:11,810
of course, later on.

426
00:19:11,810 --> 00:19:15,590
He had never been married.

427
00:19:15,590 --> 00:19:19,730
And he had always
thought that he

428
00:19:19,730 --> 00:19:23,000

would marry someone who had
a beautiful singing voice

429

00:19:23,000 --> 00:19:26,720

and spoke many languages
because he spoke many languages.

430

00:19:26,720 --> 00:19:30,470

I spoke nothing but
English, some bad French,

431

00:19:30,470 --> 00:19:32,390

some bad German, and so on.

432

00:19:32,390 --> 00:19:34,910

And of course, I
couldn't sing a note.

433

00:19:34,910 --> 00:19:38,300

So he settled for me.

434

00:19:38,300 --> 00:19:40,970

So life is funny.

435

00:19:40,970 --> 00:19:43,280

Well, I'm sure
your father didn't

436

00:19:43,280 --> 00:19:44,600

think you were a bad singer.

437

00:19:44,600 --> 00:19:45,350

Oh, he didn't.

438

00:19:45,350 --> 00:19:47,450

He never complained.

439

00:19:47,450 --> 00:19:51,410

And I loved standing
next to him in church

440

00:19:51,410 --> 00:19:54,410

because we would
sing the thing that

441
00:19:54,410 --> 00:19:58,790
goes, "Praise God from
whom all blessings flow."

442
00:19:58,790 --> 00:20:00,380
And he would sing the bass.

443
00:20:00,380 --> 00:20:03,890
And to me, it sounded like
he was off tune a bit.

444
00:20:03,890 --> 00:20:06,410
But it was-- he had
a beautiful voice.

445
00:20:06,410 --> 00:20:10,760
He had sung solos in
church and so on and so--

446
00:20:10,760 --> 00:20:12,480
(SINGING) Praise Father.

447
00:20:12,480 --> 00:20:16,000
And it just-- it was wonderful.

448
00:20:16,000 --> 00:20:17,375
It also sounds
like it was happy.

449
00:20:17,375 --> 00:20:20,750
And he was also a very
fun kind of father.

450
00:20:20,750 --> 00:20:24,050
He loved to play
games, card games,

451
00:20:24,050 --> 00:20:28,010
and he could do all
kinds of magic tricks,

452
00:20:28,010 --> 00:20:31,070
like pull pennies
out of his ear.

453
00:20:31,070 --> 00:20:33,770
He was a good father.

454
00:20:33,770 --> 00:20:37,700
My mother didn't have time
for that kind of stuff.

455
00:20:37,700 --> 00:20:40,490
Well, it often happens
that the fathers end up

456
00:20:40,490 --> 00:20:43,250
playing with their
kids and mothers end up

457
00:20:43,250 --> 00:20:44,460
having to do all the work.

458
00:20:44,460 --> 00:20:45,300
All the work, yeah.

459
00:20:45,300 --> 00:20:48,110
All the work, yeah, and
being the disciplinarians.

460
00:20:48,110 --> 00:20:49,340
And she was a good cook.

461
00:20:49,340 --> 00:20:51,680
She loved to cook.

462
00:20:51,680 --> 00:20:54,570
Yeah, she often-- she was the
only one that ever spanked me.

463
00:20:54,570 --> 00:20:55,070
Oh.

464
00:20:55,070 --> 00:20:58,910

465
00:20:58,910 --> 00:21:01,700
But were they strict parents.

466
00:21:01,700 --> 00:21:05,648
No, not at all.

467
00:21:05,648 --> 00:21:07,210
Not in the slightest.

468
00:21:07,210 --> 00:21:12,480

469
00:21:12,480 --> 00:21:14,640
You mentioned-- let's
hold on a second

470
00:21:14,640 --> 00:21:16,110
while you can put
the glass down.

471
00:21:16,110 --> 00:21:18,310
I know it's a little hard.

472
00:21:18,310 --> 00:21:18,950
There we go.

473
00:21:18,950 --> 00:21:21,930

474
00:21:21,930 --> 00:21:24,120
You mentioned church.

475
00:21:24,120 --> 00:21:26,160
Were your parents
religious people?

476
00:21:26,160 --> 00:21:28,800

Not particularly,
but they usually

477
00:21:28,800 --> 00:21:30,540
went to church on Sunday.

478
00:21:30,540 --> 00:21:33,090
They sent me to Sunday school.

479
00:21:33,090 --> 00:21:34,830
I loved Sunday--

480
00:21:34,830 --> 00:21:36,030
I loved school.

481
00:21:36,030 --> 00:21:39,360
So I loved Sunday school
because these bright rooms

482
00:21:39,360 --> 00:21:43,410
and we sang these songs
about Jesus loves me.

483
00:21:43,410 --> 00:21:45,000
I had no doubt he loved me.

484
00:21:45,000 --> 00:21:48,720
Just to me it was
like another parent.

485
00:21:48,720 --> 00:21:52,050
He loved me the way my
parents did, without judgment.

486
00:21:52,050 --> 00:21:54,650
And it was just a kind
of happy religion.

487
00:21:54,650 --> 00:21:56,610
It was Methodist.

488
00:21:56,610 --> 00:22:00,570

They were not-- she
was Swedish Lutheran.

489
00:22:00,570 --> 00:22:02,520
And he was--

490
00:22:02,520 --> 00:22:04,500
I don't know if he
was much of anything

491
00:22:04,500 --> 00:22:06,560
when he was growing up.

492
00:22:06,560 --> 00:22:09,048
But the church that
you were introduced to

493
00:22:09,048 --> 00:22:10,090
was the Methodist church.

494
00:22:10,090 --> 00:22:11,670
It was a Methodist church, yeah.

495
00:22:11,670 --> 00:22:12,930
OK.

496
00:22:12,930 --> 00:22:18,150
And you're saying they weren't
particularly religious,

497
00:22:18,150 --> 00:22:19,800
but you did go every Sunday?

498
00:22:19,800 --> 00:22:22,110
Oh, I did, yeah.

499
00:22:22,110 --> 00:22:24,330
I liked rel-- I got
kind of religious

500
00:22:24,330 --> 00:22:26,820
when I was a young teenager.

501
00:22:26,820 --> 00:22:29,520
I was interested in it.

502
00:22:29,520 --> 00:22:33,310
But then I began
to feel that people

503
00:22:33,310 --> 00:22:37,600
were sort of hypocritical,
that they dressed up for Easter

504
00:22:37,600 --> 00:22:42,130
and didn't sort of
live their religion,

505
00:22:42,130 --> 00:22:44,060
but they showed it off.

506
00:22:44,060 --> 00:22:44,955
I don't know.

507
00:22:44,955 --> 00:22:45,580
It bothered me.

508
00:22:45,580 --> 00:22:46,790
Well, that's true.

509
00:22:46,790 --> 00:22:47,290
Hmm?

510
00:22:47,290 --> 00:22:48,130
It's true.

511
00:22:48,130 --> 00:22:54,610
It's been true through the ages
that some people go to church,

512
00:22:54,610 --> 00:22:58,540
but they have no sense
of spirituality in them.

513

00:22:58,540 --> 00:23:01,510

They go to church for
reasons other than those

514

00:23:01,510 --> 00:23:02,765

that one thinks--

515

00:23:02,765 --> 00:23:03,640

It's the thing to do.

516

00:23:03,640 --> 00:23:04,140

Yeah.

517

00:23:04,140 --> 00:23:08,640

518

00:23:08,640 --> 00:23:12,830

What was regular school like?

519

00:23:12,830 --> 00:23:14,810

You said you liked
going to school.

520

00:23:14,810 --> 00:23:18,260

I loved going to school
except for Miss Allen.

521

00:23:18,260 --> 00:23:20,410

Well, I could understand why.

522

00:23:20,410 --> 00:23:22,490

And she was always there.

523

00:23:22,490 --> 00:23:26,540

And I had a little
part in a play when

524

00:23:26,540 --> 00:23:28,440

I was in about fifth grade.

525

00:23:28,440 --> 00:23:30,830

And I had to sing a solo.

526

00:23:30,830 --> 00:23:35,720

And she was quite amazed
that I could sing this song.

527

00:23:35,720 --> 00:23:37,610

So maybe you weren't
a bad singer?

528

00:23:37,610 --> 00:23:38,720

Maybe I wasn't.

529

00:23:38,720 --> 00:23:40,940

I mean, I don't know.

530

00:23:40,940 --> 00:23:45,440

Every now and then, I think,
hey, I can carry a tune.

531

00:23:45,440 --> 00:23:47,690

But I never thought
I could then.

532

00:23:47,690 --> 00:23:50,480

So it really killed my--

533

00:23:50,480 --> 00:23:53,990

and Ben, he was
braver than I was.

534

00:23:53,990 --> 00:23:59,000

When he went to college,
he went to Union College

535

00:23:59,000 --> 00:24:03,890

in Upstate New York, and he
was in the choir and the boys

536

00:24:03,890 --> 00:24:04,460

chorus--

537

00:24:04,460 --> 00:24:06,140
the men's chorus.

538
00:24:06,140 --> 00:24:10,940
So he ended up having
a good time singing.

539
00:24:10,940 --> 00:24:13,890
I didn't ever do that, but--

540
00:24:13,890 --> 00:24:17,190
But, you know, I'm
saying it sort of

541
00:24:17,190 --> 00:24:20,430
like in a more lighthearted way.

542
00:24:20,430 --> 00:24:23,580
But seriously, when
we think about it,

543
00:24:23,580 --> 00:24:26,387
to put such a label on a child--

544
00:24:26,387 --> 00:24:26,970
It's terrible.

545
00:24:26,970 --> 00:24:28,440
--at such an age.

546
00:24:28,440 --> 00:24:32,580
It's-- and to know that that's
something that you still

547
00:24:32,580 --> 00:24:37,470
carried as a doubt for
decades, it sounds like.

548
00:24:37,470 --> 00:24:40,890
That's exactly what
I learned from that,

549

00:24:40,890 --> 00:24:43,620
because when I taught school
and when I taught little kids,

550
00:24:43,620 --> 00:24:46,410
it would never occur
to me to tell them

551
00:24:46,410 --> 00:24:49,440
they were bad at
something, really bad.

552
00:24:49,440 --> 00:24:51,540
A bad singer-- oh!

553
00:24:51,540 --> 00:24:52,470
Yeah, yeah.

554
00:24:52,470 --> 00:24:53,790
It's sort of final.

555
00:24:53,790 --> 00:24:55,510
There's nothing you
can do about it.

556
00:24:55,510 --> 00:24:56,550
Yeah, that's it.

557
00:24:56,550 --> 00:24:59,100
So you're set for life.

558
00:24:59,100 --> 00:25:03,600
And I remember being at an
office Christmas party once

559
00:25:03,600 --> 00:25:09,430
in Ithaca, and we were
singing Christmas songs.

560
00:25:09,430 --> 00:25:11,610
And one of the workers
sitting next to me

561

00:25:11,610 --> 00:25:14,430

said, oh, she has
a beautiful voice.

562

00:25:14,430 --> 00:25:15,510

Listen to her.

563

00:25:15,510 --> 00:25:17,700

I thought, oh, me?

564

00:25:17,700 --> 00:25:19,620

I mean, it was such a shock.

565

00:25:19,620 --> 00:25:21,780

Yeah, yeah.

566

00:25:21,780 --> 00:25:23,280

And I always loved to sing.

567

00:25:23,280 --> 00:25:26,850

I loved the peace songs
and the war songs and--

568

00:25:26,850 --> 00:25:29,660

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00:25:29,660 --> 00:25:32,750

Were there other subjects that
you really liked in school?

570

00:25:32,750 --> 00:25:33,800

Social studies.

571

00:25:33,800 --> 00:25:34,900

You liked social studies?

572

00:25:34,900 --> 00:25:35,480

Yeah.

573

00:25:35,480 --> 00:25:39,470

What about social studies

was interesting for you?

574

00:25:39,470 --> 00:25:43,490

Oh, the maps, reading
about the people

575

00:25:43,490 --> 00:25:45,920

and the different
places in the world.

576

00:25:45,920 --> 00:25:50,000

And we had some pretty
good innovative teachers

577

00:25:50,000 --> 00:25:52,820

for the '30s.

578

00:25:52,820 --> 00:25:57,290

When we studied Arabia, we
all wore sheets to school

579

00:25:57,290 --> 00:25:58,700

and ate dates.

580

00:25:58,700 --> 00:26:00,470

Oh, really?

581

00:26:00,470 --> 00:26:05,600

And when we studied Norway,
we ate sardines out of cans.

582

00:26:05,600 --> 00:26:09,740

And we sort of really--

583

00:26:09,740 --> 00:26:12,260

and we made little dioramas.

584

00:26:12,260 --> 00:26:14,540

And I loved--

585

00:26:14,540 --> 00:26:18,260

I just loved hearing about

other people in other countries.

586

00:26:18,260 --> 00:26:20,600

That was my favorite--
reading, too.

587

00:26:20,600 --> 00:26:28,160

And my mother valued books
so highly that she took me

588

00:26:28,160 --> 00:26:30,980

at least once a
week to the library,

589

00:26:30,980 --> 00:26:33,200

and I'd get a stack of books.

590

00:26:33,200 --> 00:26:36,620

And she also joined
me to something

591

00:26:36,620 --> 00:26:39,890

like a kind of
literary club where

592

00:26:39,890 --> 00:26:41,920

I got a new book every month.

593

00:26:41,920 --> 00:26:43,100

It was so exciting.

594

00:26:43,100 --> 00:26:44,130

Well, that's huge.

595

00:26:44,130 --> 00:26:44,630

Hmm?

596

00:26:44,630 --> 00:26:45,710

That's huge for this--

597

00:26:45,710 --> 00:26:46,660

That's huge, yes.

598
00:26:46,660 --> 00:26:47,410
That's huge, yeah.

599
00:26:47,410 --> 00:26:52,220
Yes, I love-- you can
tell I love books.

600
00:26:52,220 --> 00:26:53,540
They pile up.

601
00:26:53,540 --> 00:26:57,740
But-- and she didn't
read much herself.

602
00:26:57,740 --> 00:27:01,190
But when she read,
she read intensely.

603
00:27:01,190 --> 00:27:07,430
I remember her reading Gone
With the Wind when that first

604
00:27:07,430 --> 00:27:10,700
came out, and she'd be
reading late at night

605
00:27:10,700 --> 00:27:14,990
when I'd see her in the
living room reading.

606
00:27:14,990 --> 00:27:19,160
And she didn't read
a lot, but she read--

607
00:27:19,160 --> 00:27:21,600
she liked reading, and
she wanted me to read.

608
00:27:21,600 --> 00:27:24,530
She thought that was the
most important thing.

609

00:27:24,530 --> 00:27:26,210

Well, it opens up worlds.

610

00:27:26,210 --> 00:27:26,810

Yeah, it was--

611

00:27:26,810 --> 00:27:27,710

It opens up worlds.

612

00:27:27,710 --> 00:27:28,543

That's what it does.

613

00:27:28,543 --> 00:27:29,760

Yeah, it was great.

614

00:27:29,760 --> 00:27:30,680

I loved it.

615

00:27:30,680 --> 00:27:33,320

Well, it sounds also like you
got a little bit of the travel

616

00:27:33,320 --> 00:27:35,520

bug from your mother.

617

00:27:35,520 --> 00:27:36,680

Oh, yes.

618

00:27:36,680 --> 00:27:38,360

Yeah.

619

00:27:38,360 --> 00:27:42,470

Social studies is the subject
that most appeals to you

620

00:27:42,470 --> 00:27:46,370

and reading about
those different people

621

00:27:46,370 --> 00:27:47,900

and different countries.

622
00:27:47,900 --> 00:27:49,970
And you're right.

623
00:27:49,970 --> 00:27:52,610
I mean, it's a proactive
way for children

624
00:27:52,610 --> 00:27:56,540
to learn about other
cultures is to not just have

625
00:27:56,540 --> 00:28:00,560
them read but have them feel
something of what's involved.

626
00:28:00,560 --> 00:28:01,630
Eating a date.

627
00:28:01,630 --> 00:28:02,130
Yeah, yeah.

628
00:28:02,130 --> 00:28:03,422
Who would have thought of that?

629
00:28:03,422 --> 00:28:05,020
I mean, I never
had a date at home.

630
00:28:05,020 --> 00:28:07,190
I never had a sardine.

631
00:28:07,190 --> 00:28:11,150
We had the most ordinary
middle Western fare.

632
00:28:11,150 --> 00:28:13,250
But--

633
00:28:13,250 --> 00:28:15,890
Did you-- describe
for us a little bit

634
00:28:15,890 --> 00:28:25,160
about home life in the '30s
in a place like Binghamton.

635
00:28:25,160 --> 00:28:32,090
And I'm thinking more along
the lines of modern facilities.

636
00:28:32,090 --> 00:28:34,600
I take it you had electricity.

637
00:28:34,600 --> 00:28:35,100
Yeah?

638
00:28:35,100 --> 00:28:36,067
Yes.

639
00:28:36,067 --> 00:28:36,650
Did you have--

640
00:28:36,650 --> 00:28:40,760
But my relatives didn't,
the ones in Iowa.

641
00:28:40,760 --> 00:28:42,350
They still had
kerosene lanterns.

642
00:28:42,350 --> 00:28:43,670
Lamps.

643
00:28:43,670 --> 00:28:45,770
Did your father own a car?

644
00:28:45,770 --> 00:28:46,520
Own a car?

645
00:28:46,520 --> 00:28:47,660
No, but his company--

646

00:28:47,660 --> 00:28:48,590
he had a company car.

647
00:28:48,590 --> 00:28:50,240
--car that he could use.

648
00:28:50,240 --> 00:28:55,100
Well, then-- only
when I was about 10,

649
00:28:55,100 --> 00:28:58,100
he got my mother a car
because she wasn't supposed

650
00:28:58,100 --> 00:29:00,980
to learn to drive on his car.

651
00:29:00,980 --> 00:29:03,050
And she wanted to
learn to drive.

652
00:29:03,050 --> 00:29:06,110
But she gave up
after a few attempts.

653
00:29:06,110 --> 00:29:08,120
She did not like driving.

654
00:29:08,120 --> 00:29:11,570
So we had this
just big old Nash,

655
00:29:11,570 --> 00:29:13,700
or it was a new Nash then.

656
00:29:13,700 --> 00:29:19,250
And it lasted until it
just went dead one day.

657
00:29:19,250 --> 00:29:21,060
And how many years
would that have been?

658

00:29:21,060 --> 00:29:21,560

Hmm?

659

00:29:21,560 --> 00:29:23,570

How many years would
that have been?

660

00:29:23,570 --> 00:29:28,650

Oh, 10, 15, I don't know.

661

00:29:28,650 --> 00:29:29,240

OK, OK.

662

00:29:29,240 --> 00:29:31,020

It was--

663

00:29:31,020 --> 00:29:32,650

This is so crazy.

664

00:29:32,650 --> 00:29:36,450

But when you said "Nash," I
am thinking of a Billy Wilder

665

00:29:36,450 --> 00:29:39,900

movie called One, Two, Three.

666

00:29:39,900 --> 00:29:43,140

And one of the characters,
who plays a Soviet commissar,

667

00:29:43,140 --> 00:29:52,240

wants to trade a very nice
car for a 19' something Nash.

668

00:29:52,240 --> 00:29:52,740

Oh!

669

00:29:52,740 --> 00:29:56,220

And that's the only other time
that I have heard of that car.

670

00:29:56,220 --> 00:29:59,770
Well, I don't think anybody's
heard of it anymore.

671
00:29:59,770 --> 00:30:01,800
Yeah, yeah.

672
00:30:01,800 --> 00:30:03,300
It must have-- it
was one of those--

673
00:30:03,300 --> 00:30:05,160
But cars were very important.

674
00:30:05,160 --> 00:30:08,760
I mean, we knew the names of
all the different kinds of cars.

675
00:30:08,760 --> 00:30:10,860
We could identify them.

676
00:30:10,860 --> 00:30:17,700
And my friends who were
in families with four kids

677
00:30:17,700 --> 00:30:19,650
usually had a car
with the seats that

678
00:30:19,650 --> 00:30:23,610
came back so that all
the kids could sit down,

679
00:30:23,610 --> 00:30:25,470
but no seat belts.

680
00:30:25,470 --> 00:30:30,300
And-- oh, and our
car was very fancy.

681
00:30:30,300 --> 00:30:32,340
It had window shades--

682
00:30:32,340 --> 00:30:33,260
Oh, really?

683
00:30:33,260 --> 00:30:35,010
Yeah-- that you pulled down.

684
00:30:35,010 --> 00:30:35,760
So it was a great.

685
00:30:35,760 --> 00:30:38,295
When we'd go swimming and
wanted to change our clothes,

686
00:30:38,295 --> 00:30:40,700
we'd pull the shades down.

687
00:30:40,700 --> 00:30:43,850

688
00:30:43,850 --> 00:30:45,110
Did you have many clothes?

689
00:30:45,110 --> 00:30:47,210
Did your mother make
them or did you buy them?

690
00:30:47,210 --> 00:30:50,090
Oh, she never made--
she hated sewing.

691
00:30:50,090 --> 00:30:57,840
And so do I. I had
not so many but very--

692
00:30:57,840 --> 00:30:59,670
she got good clothes.

693
00:30:59,670 --> 00:31:01,920
She liked to shop--

694
00:31:01,920 --> 00:31:06,192

to go to New York on a shopping
trip and take me to Best's.

695
00:31:06,192 --> 00:31:07,740
Do you now Best's?

696
00:31:07,740 --> 00:31:08,730
No.

697
00:31:08,730 --> 00:31:12,940
Best and Company was a very--

698
00:31:12,940 --> 00:31:16,720
but it was expensive,
and she was

699
00:31:16,720 --> 00:31:20,860
very selective, but very
nice-- she got good stuff,

700
00:31:20,860 --> 00:31:22,460
and it lasted.

701
00:31:22,460 --> 00:31:30,600
So it was part of her frugality
was being kind of extravagant.

702
00:31:30,600 --> 00:31:32,550
Well, there is a saying
in another language

703
00:31:32,550 --> 00:31:36,630
that I remember hearing, which
is I'm not so poor that I

704
00:31:36,630 --> 00:31:40,070
can afford to buy cheap things.

705
00:31:40,070 --> 00:31:40,745
You know?

706
00:31:40,745 --> 00:31:41,730

You have to-- you know?

707
00:31:41,730 --> 00:31:42,860
Exactly.

708
00:31:42,860 --> 00:31:47,250
I learned that when I taught
kids in poor neighborhoods

709
00:31:47,250 --> 00:31:48,630
in Philadelphia.

710
00:31:48,630 --> 00:31:51,450
They had so much stuff,
and it fell apart.

711
00:31:51,450 --> 00:31:55,290
I mean, their shoes were
always breaking, and their--

712
00:31:55,290 --> 00:31:56,850
and that never happened.

713
00:31:56,850 --> 00:31:58,200
My stuff lasted forever.

714
00:31:58,200 --> 00:32:01,500

715
00:32:01,500 --> 00:32:06,720
In the 30s growing up, did
you have a radio at home?

716
00:32:06,720 --> 00:32:08,550
When I was 10, we got a radio.

717
00:32:08,550 --> 00:32:10,620
That was most exciting.

718
00:32:10,620 --> 00:32:11,730
I can imagine.

719
00:32:11,730 --> 00:32:12,990
Oh.

720
00:32:12,990 --> 00:32:17,080
My-- we would--

721
00:32:17,080 --> 00:32:19,540
my mother and I
would do exercises

722
00:32:19,540 --> 00:32:21,400
listening to the radio.

723
00:32:21,400 --> 00:32:27,120
And of course, then I
listened to all the--

724
00:32:27,120 --> 00:32:33,040
the radio was this object that--

725
00:32:33,040 --> 00:32:36,070
well, I'll tell you,
when I was working

726
00:32:36,070 --> 00:32:45,800
with kids in Philadelphia, we
went to the Plaything Museum--

727
00:32:45,800 --> 00:32:47,180
a recreation.

728
00:32:47,180 --> 00:32:50,930
And it was a history of
recreation in the States

729
00:32:50,930 --> 00:32:52,430
through the years.

730
00:32:52,430 --> 00:32:55,490
And we got into this
room, and it was

731

00:32:55,490 --> 00:32:57,860

a room that was almost bare.

732

00:32:57,860 --> 00:33:01,370

There was a rug, and there was a Zenith radio, which

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00:33:01,370 --> 00:33:04,010

was exactly the kind we had.

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00:33:04,010 --> 00:33:05,600

And it was sitting on a rug.

735

00:33:05,600 --> 00:33:08,230

736

00:33:08,230 --> 00:33:12,430

And it was on, and The Shadow was on.

737

00:33:12,430 --> 00:33:15,850

And I just thought, oh wow.

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00:33:15,850 --> 00:33:16,960

And my kids--

739

00:33:16,960 --> 00:33:19,420

I had a bunch of school kids with me.

740

00:33:19,420 --> 00:33:22,060

And they said, well, what goes on in this room?

741

00:33:22,060 --> 00:33:24,640

And I said, well, you have to sit down and listen

742

00:33:24,640 --> 00:33:26,890

to that program.

743

00:33:26,890 --> 00:33:27,880
No TV.

744
00:33:27,880 --> 00:33:28,930
Oh, no TV.

745
00:33:28,930 --> 00:33:32,470
How could you-- but we
listened to those programs,

746
00:33:32,470 --> 00:33:35,830
and I swear we saw them.

747
00:33:35,830 --> 00:33:44,200
When the King of England
abdicated and new king came in

748
00:33:44,200 --> 00:33:50,440
with his two little girls, we
were in junior high school.

749
00:33:50,440 --> 00:33:57,100
And we were taken to the
auditorium to listen to it.

750
00:33:57,100 --> 00:33:58,990
And I swear I saw it.

751
00:33:58,990 --> 00:34:04,580
I swear I saw the king and
the queen and the children.

752
00:34:04,580 --> 00:34:06,560
All audio.

753
00:34:06,560 --> 00:34:09,290
Well, you know,
that shares itself

754
00:34:09,290 --> 00:34:11,540
with books is you
read a book and you

755

00:34:11,540 --> 00:34:13,580
picture something in your mind.

756

00:34:13,580 --> 00:34:17,120
You hear something and you
have pictures in your mind.

757

00:34:17,120 --> 00:34:22,190
They're not created for you,
which was the power of radio.

758

00:34:22,190 --> 00:34:22,730
You know?

759

00:34:22,730 --> 00:34:23,230
Yeah.

760

00:34:23,230 --> 00:34:28,429
And that you have this memory
of these particular things--

761

00:34:28,429 --> 00:34:34,639
the abdication , the
program The Shadow.

762

00:34:34,639 --> 00:34:37,100
What kind of a program
was that, The Shadow?

763

00:34:37,100 --> 00:34:38,510
Tell me, because I've heard
of it, but I don't know--

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00:34:38,510 --> 00:34:39,593
You don't know The Shadow?

765

00:34:39,593 --> 00:34:40,530
I only heard of it.

766

00:34:40,530 --> 00:34:42,090
I don't know what it was.

767
00:34:42,090 --> 00:34:43,429
Ooh!

768
00:34:43,429 --> 00:34:46,870
Well, he was the Shadow.

769
00:34:46,870 --> 00:34:50,969
And he-- "ooh,
the Shadow knows."

770
00:34:50,969 --> 00:34:52,620
I can hear him saying that.

771
00:34:52,620 --> 00:34:54,800
I don't know why
he was saying it.

772
00:34:54,800 --> 00:34:56,010
"The Shadow knows."

773
00:34:56,010 --> 00:34:59,490
And he always had an adventure.

774
00:34:59,490 --> 00:35:05,040
And then there were
things like Amos 'n' Andy,

775
00:35:05,040 --> 00:35:08,130
and everybody seemed
to listen to that.

776
00:35:08,130 --> 00:35:11,550
And of course,
that was two guys--

777
00:35:11,550 --> 00:35:14,580
African American.

778
00:35:14,580 --> 00:35:16,920
And they were white
guys, and they

779

00:35:16,920 --> 00:35:18,940
did this Amos 'n' Andy thing.

780

00:35:18,940 --> 00:35:21,670
It was probably very racist.

781

00:35:21,670 --> 00:35:23,540
I don't remember
any of the stories.

782

00:35:23,540 --> 00:35:25,750
But--

783

00:35:25,750 --> 00:35:27,850
But it was of the time.

784

00:35:27,850 --> 00:35:30,310
Well, at the time,
I didn't like it

785

00:35:30,310 --> 00:35:33,670
as much as I liked things
like stories, like--

786

00:35:33,670 --> 00:35:35,950
oh, there was The Lone Ranger.

787

00:35:35,950 --> 00:35:41,330

788

00:35:41,330 --> 00:35:43,220
Did you get news over the radio?

789

00:35:43,220 --> 00:35:44,860
Oh, yes.

790

00:35:44,860 --> 00:35:46,600
Yeah.

791

00:35:46,600 --> 00:35:53,030
Did you listen-- of the programs

that were on, in your family,

792

00:35:53,030 --> 00:35:56,470

did you listen more to
news or more to the sort

793

00:35:56,470 --> 00:35:58,960

of entertainment programs?

794

00:35:58,960 --> 00:36:01,990

We didn't listen to
a lot of news, no.

795

00:36:01,990 --> 00:36:10,710

And there were important
things that we listened to.

796

00:36:10,710 --> 00:36:17,542

797

00:36:17,542 --> 00:36:18,810

I'm trying to remember.

798

00:36:18,810 --> 00:36:22,750

799

00:36:22,750 --> 00:36:28,760

Well, like-- I
can't think of them.

800

00:36:28,760 --> 00:36:30,530

It's OK.

801

00:36:30,530 --> 00:36:31,880

What about newspapers?

802

00:36:31,880 --> 00:36:34,750

Did your parents
read newspapers?

803

00:36:34,750 --> 00:36:39,460

They read the local paper

and the important news.

804
00:36:39,460 --> 00:36:40,840
I read the comics.

805
00:36:40,840 --> 00:36:42,670
I loved the comics.

806
00:36:42,670 --> 00:36:44,950
And they had good
comics in those days.

807
00:36:44,950 --> 00:36:47,320
Sunday comics were colored.

808
00:36:47,320 --> 00:36:56,100
And I felt-- we got a
local paper on Sunday

809
00:36:56,100 --> 00:37:01,890
which had color comics.

810
00:37:01,890 --> 00:37:04,410
Some of my friends got
The New York Times, which

811
00:37:04,410 --> 00:37:06,150
struck me as terribly boring.

812
00:37:06,150 --> 00:37:07,350
It was all--

813
00:37:07,350 --> 00:37:08,220
No comics.

814
00:37:08,220 --> 00:37:09,000
No comics.

815
00:37:09,000 --> 00:37:09,990
No comics.

816

00:37:09,990 --> 00:37:11,530
Why would you take that?

817
00:37:11,530 --> 00:37:12,060
Yeah.

818
00:37:12,060 --> 00:37:17,160
So they weren't big on
news, not particularly.

819
00:37:17,160 --> 00:37:19,900

820
00:37:19,900 --> 00:37:23,440
There was-- I
remember a few times,

821
00:37:23,440 --> 00:37:29,400
like when they
did the story of--

822
00:37:29,400 --> 00:37:36,110
what was it-- the time that
the world was invaded and--

823
00:37:36,110 --> 00:37:37,220
Orson Welles'--

824
00:37:37,220 --> 00:37:39,050
Orson Welles' thing, yeah.

825
00:37:39,050 --> 00:37:41,120
OK, and people believed it?

826
00:37:41,120 --> 00:37:41,690
Oh, yes.

827
00:37:41,690 --> 00:37:45,560
They believed it because it
came on and it seemed real.

828
00:37:45,560 --> 00:37:47,990

And that was just
kind of a scary night.

829
00:37:47,990 --> 00:37:54,080
But-- and I remember, also, very
clearly when the Lindbergh--

830
00:37:54,080 --> 00:37:57,200
well, of course, I
remember when Lindbergh

831
00:37:57,200 --> 00:37:59,270
flew across the Atlantic.

832
00:37:59,270 --> 00:38:03,560
And from then on,
whenever a plane went by--

833
00:38:03,560 --> 00:38:06,890
and planes were
open in those days--

834
00:38:06,890 --> 00:38:09,950
we'd run out in the
yard and wave our hands

835
00:38:09,950 --> 00:38:12,350
and yell hi to Lindy.

836
00:38:12,350 --> 00:38:13,520
And--

837
00:38:13,520 --> 00:38:14,960
Every pilot was Lindy.

838
00:38:14,960 --> 00:38:16,850
Yeah, every pilot was Lindy.

839
00:38:16,850 --> 00:38:18,180
And there were air shows.

840
00:38:18,180 --> 00:38:20,570

Airplanes were big things.

841
00:38:20,570 --> 00:38:30,240
And he-- so then his child,
his first baby, was kidnapped.

842
00:38:30,240 --> 00:38:32,540
That was a huge thing.

843
00:38:32,540 --> 00:38:35,540
And that meant that there
was a final newspaper,

844
00:38:35,540 --> 00:38:37,630
that if there was a final--

845
00:38:37,630 --> 00:38:38,660
it was a peach.

846
00:38:38,660 --> 00:38:39,380
It was colored.

847
00:38:39,380 --> 00:38:43,190
Peach and you would
hear the newsboys

848
00:38:43,190 --> 00:38:45,470
on the corner
saying, "Peach final!"

849
00:38:45,470 --> 00:38:47,060
Peach final!"

850
00:38:47,060 --> 00:38:49,610
And what does that mean
if it's a final newspaper

851
00:38:49,610 --> 00:38:50,420
and it's peach?

852
00:38:50,420 --> 00:38:51,003
I mean, what--

853

00:38:51,003 --> 00:38:52,700

It's the final news
of the night and--

854

00:38:52,700 --> 00:38:53,950

Oh, you mean the most recent--

855

00:38:53,950 --> 00:38:56,840

It's a big piece of news--

856

00:38:56,840 --> 00:39:02,060

if a war had started or when the
Lindbergh baby was kidnapped.

857

00:39:02,060 --> 00:39:04,730

That was huge.

858

00:39:04,730 --> 00:39:08,040

And that scared us all.

859

00:39:08,040 --> 00:39:08,870

I mean, we went--

860

00:39:08,870 --> 00:39:15,650

I went-- I did not like to visit
my friends who were much better

861

00:39:15,650 --> 00:39:16,790

off than I was.

862

00:39:16,790 --> 00:39:19,790

I was sure that some
kidnapper would come and take

863

00:39:19,790 --> 00:39:21,350

me and think I lived there.

864

00:39:21,350 --> 00:39:25,170

So I was all ready to say, I'm
not the one that lives here.

865

00:39:25,170 --> 00:39:28,400

I would not have been
a good, loyal friend.

866

00:39:28,400 --> 00:39:29,990

But--

867

00:39:29,990 --> 00:39:31,730

But it scared
people at the time.

868

00:39:31,730 --> 00:39:34,220

Oh, it scared us as children.

869

00:39:34,220 --> 00:39:36,740

You know, what was
I, six years old?

870

00:39:36,740 --> 00:39:41,540

I mean, kidnapping,
taking, stealing a baby

871

00:39:41,540 --> 00:39:43,670

and then finding it dead.

872

00:39:43,670 --> 00:39:44,634

We knew that.

873

00:39:44,634 --> 00:39:48,022

874

00:39:48,022 --> 00:39:58,810

Did you have people in your
neighborhood in Binghamton

875

00:39:58,810 --> 00:40:02,410

who were of different
backgrounds?

876

00:40:02,410 --> 00:40:04,720

That is, they were either
immigrant background

877
00:40:04,720 --> 00:40:09,550
or they were African
American or--

878
00:40:09,550 --> 00:40:14,710
Oh, there was one African
American in our school,

879
00:40:14,710 --> 00:40:16,930
in our whole elementary school.

880
00:40:16,930 --> 00:40:25,060
And her father was a chauffeur
of the only rich guy in town.

881
00:40:25,060 --> 00:40:37,990
And Jewish was totally separate.

882
00:40:37,990 --> 00:40:40,750
I mean, it was a
very prejudiced time.

883
00:40:40,750 --> 00:40:42,093
It was horrible.

884
00:40:42,093 --> 00:40:42,860
Ooh.

885
00:40:42,860 --> 00:40:47,540
I can't imagine why--

886
00:40:47,540 --> 00:40:51,685
there was a Jewish
girl in our class.

887
00:40:51,685 --> 00:40:55,450

888
00:40:55,450 --> 00:40:59,390
And she had lots
of birthday parties

889
00:40:59,390 --> 00:41:01,400
and Valentine
parties and things,

890
00:41:01,400 --> 00:41:04,850
and we'd all go in to
her house, but none of us

891
00:41:04,850 --> 00:41:07,580
ever asked her to our
birthday parties or--

892
00:41:07,580 --> 00:41:09,830
I don't know where
our mothers were.

893
00:41:09,830 --> 00:41:12,380
I mean, it was just--
it was a given.

894
00:41:12,380 --> 00:41:15,950
And they didn't even know her.

895
00:41:15,950 --> 00:41:19,010
I mean, she-- it
was absolutely--

896
00:41:19,010 --> 00:41:24,050
all these things registered,
I'm sure, on how unfair it was.

897
00:41:24,050 --> 00:41:27,020
It made me feel
very uncomfortable.

898
00:41:27,020 --> 00:41:29,010
But still I was part of it.

899
00:41:29,010 --> 00:41:35,910
And I remember-- oh,
there was one Black boy

900

00:41:35,910 --> 00:41:37,650
in our kindergarten class.

901

00:41:37,650 --> 00:41:40,110
His name was Eddie Brown.

902

00:41:40,110 --> 00:41:43,590
We all assumed he was named
Brown because he was Brown.

903

00:41:43,590 --> 00:41:51,940
And he had a hard-- he
struggled in school.

904

00:41:51,940 --> 00:41:55,120
His father worked for the
same rich guy-- had horses

905

00:41:55,120 --> 00:41:57,160
and his father was a groom.

906

00:41:57,160 --> 00:42:03,160
And he used to-- he
lived on the estate,

907

00:42:03,160 --> 00:42:05,770
and he passed by my
house to go to school.

908

00:42:05,770 --> 00:42:08,800
So he used to stop for me, and
I'd walk to school with him.

909

00:42:08,800 --> 00:42:10,930
And I never thought about color.

910

00:42:10,930 --> 00:42:13,210
But we soon learned.

911

00:42:13,210 --> 00:42:16,990
And he flunked kindergarten.

912

00:42:16,990 --> 00:42:21,290
And I don't know how you flunk
kindergarten, but he did.

913

00:42:21,290 --> 00:42:24,010
And so he kept getting
behind, and then he

914

00:42:24,010 --> 00:42:25,660
began to be bullied.

915

00:42:25,660 --> 00:42:28,540
I used to see him having
fights on the way home

916

00:42:28,540 --> 00:42:31,360
from school with
the bigger boys.

917

00:42:31,360 --> 00:42:34,240
There would always be
a fight with Eddie.

918

00:42:34,240 --> 00:42:39,880
But interestingly, just
recently, my granddaughter,

919

00:42:39,880 --> 00:42:48,990
Libby, was skiing, and she
met a family, a Black family,

920

00:42:48,990 --> 00:42:51,050
who had an uncle Eddie.

921

00:42:51,050 --> 00:42:55,290
And it turned out
to be my Eddie.

922

00:42:55,290 --> 00:42:58,530
And pieces sort of fit together.

923

00:42:58,530 --> 00:43:02,560

I can't remember the details,
but I thought that was amazing.

924
00:43:02,560 --> 00:43:07,720
He actually overcame it and
did something with his life.

925
00:43:07,720 --> 00:43:11,380
Oh, it was bad.

926
00:43:11,380 --> 00:43:14,340
So was there only the one
Jewish girl in your class?

927
00:43:14,340 --> 00:43:17,650
Or were there other
Jewish children?

928
00:43:17,650 --> 00:43:20,590
I think-- oh, oh,
there was another.

929
00:43:20,590 --> 00:43:25,240
There was a boy whose father
owned the movie theaters.

930
00:43:25,240 --> 00:43:27,515
But he wasn't part of
our social group either.

931
00:43:27,515 --> 00:43:30,060

932
00:43:30,060 --> 00:43:34,110
And I know now that the reason
our parents could tell they

933
00:43:34,110 --> 00:43:36,330
were Jewish was by their names.

934
00:43:36,330 --> 00:43:37,890
I had no idea.

935

00:43:37,890 --> 00:43:39,915

But, you know, Cohen and--

936

00:43:39,915 --> 00:43:42,950

937

00:43:42,950 --> 00:43:46,400

and I remember when I had
my first boyfriend gave me

938

00:43:46,400 --> 00:43:52,910

a ball of tinfoil, and his
name was Anthony Savaggio.

939

00:43:52,910 --> 00:43:55,580

Isn't that a beautiful name?

940

00:43:55,580 --> 00:44:00,080

My dad asked who gave it to me,
and I said Anthony Savaggio.

941

00:44:00,080 --> 00:44:02,340

He said, hmm, little Italian.

942

00:44:02,340 --> 00:44:06,470

I thought, how the
heck does he know that?

943

00:44:06,470 --> 00:44:09,860

And how old was Anthony when
he gave you a ball of tinfoil?

944

00:44:09,860 --> 00:44:11,540

Oh, probably second grade.

945

00:44:11,540 --> 00:44:16,370

946

00:44:16,370 --> 00:44:18,560

Oh, poor kid, you know?

947

00:44:18,560 --> 00:44:21,995
But what does a boy give
a girl when he likes her?

948
00:44:21,995 --> 00:44:24,188
Tin foil.

949
00:44:24,188 --> 00:44:24,780
Til foil?

950
00:44:24,780 --> 00:44:25,280
Eh.

951
00:44:25,280 --> 00:44:27,710
Tin foil, why not?

952
00:44:27,710 --> 00:44:31,820
Were there immigrant
children from Europe,

953
00:44:31,820 --> 00:44:34,730
for example, of people
who would have been,

954
00:44:34,730 --> 00:44:37,490
let's say, like your
Swedish relatives

955
00:44:37,490 --> 00:44:41,573
but of a more
recent immigration?

956
00:44:41,573 --> 00:44:43,490
Do you remember that in
your growing-up years?

957
00:44:43,490 --> 00:44:43,990
No, no.

958
00:44:43,990 --> 00:44:46,250
I think-- no, not at all.

959

00:44:46,250 --> 00:44:50,290

960

00:44:50,290 --> 00:44:51,610

I don't think any of them--

961

00:44:51,610 --> 00:44:56,680

I mean, nobody spoke a
different language at home.

962

00:44:56,680 --> 00:45:00,400

Binghamton was sort
of a divided town.

963

00:45:00,400 --> 00:45:06,460

The people who were from Slavic
countries lived over there.

964

00:45:06,460 --> 00:45:08,180

And I didn't know
that until later.

965

00:45:08,180 --> 00:45:14,925

But-- no, we were
pretty white bread.

966

00:45:14,925 --> 00:45:20,810

967

00:45:20,810 --> 00:45:23,670

We had to figure it all out.

968

00:45:23,670 --> 00:45:25,230

The books we read--

969

00:45:25,230 --> 00:45:28,260

boy, I read some of
those books, and they

970

00:45:28,260 --> 00:45:31,200

are so full of racist thoughts.

971

00:45:31,200 --> 00:45:36,050
And I mean, I couldn't
read them to my children

972
00:45:36,050 --> 00:45:38,030
because they were so bad.

973
00:45:38,030 --> 00:45:39,530
But I didn't know it.

974
00:45:39,530 --> 00:45:42,200
And kids don't judge.

975
00:45:42,200 --> 00:45:44,100
But they pick up stuff.

976
00:45:44,100 --> 00:45:44,870
Yeah.

977
00:45:44,870 --> 00:45:45,380
Yeah.

978
00:45:45,380 --> 00:45:46,220
Yeah.

979
00:45:46,220 --> 00:45:48,900
I think--

980
00:45:48,900 --> 00:45:51,860
In the '30s--

981
00:45:51,860 --> 00:45:55,610
I mean, Hitler came
to power in 1933.

982
00:45:55,610 --> 00:45:58,940
And that means you were
nine years old at the time

983
00:45:58,940 --> 00:46:01,250
when he would have
come to power.

984
00:46:01,250 --> 00:46:03,500
And one of my questions
and one of the reasons

985
00:46:03,500 --> 00:46:08,060
I ask about newspapers and
radios and things like that

986
00:46:08,060 --> 00:46:12,800
is to try and get a sense of how
much did this news of the wider

987
00:46:12,800 --> 00:46:17,330
world and what's going on
in the wider world be part--

988
00:46:17,330 --> 00:46:23,090
was part of the life that
one knew at the time?

989
00:46:23,090 --> 00:46:28,520
And I don't get a sense that
any of European kind of news

990
00:46:28,520 --> 00:46:32,570
permeated in Binghamton,
New York, that--

991
00:46:32,570 --> 00:46:33,070
Nope, nope.

992
00:46:33,070 --> 00:46:34,430
--there was no talk of it.

993
00:46:34,430 --> 00:46:36,610
There was no--

994
00:46:36,610 --> 00:46:43,180
No, not at all, really,
because later my second husband

995

00:46:43,180 --> 00:46:45,100
was part of the--

996
00:46:45,100 --> 00:46:51,410
I mean, he was Jewish, and he
was very aware of that in 1933.

997
00:46:51,410 --> 00:46:55,540
He was a little older
than I. And I mean,

998
00:46:55,540 --> 00:46:57,770
the war was very much
a part of their life.

999
00:46:57,770 --> 00:46:59,320
And he lived in Berlin.

1000
00:46:59,320 --> 00:46:59,860
Oh, wow.

1001
00:46:59,860 --> 00:47:00,940
He was from Germany?

1002
00:47:00,940 --> 00:47:02,040
Oh, he was from Germany.

1003
00:47:02,040 --> 00:47:02,830
Yeah.

1004
00:47:02,830 --> 00:47:05,480
And--

1005
00:47:05,480 --> 00:47:06,660
He was at the center of it.

1006
00:47:06,660 --> 00:47:07,160
Hmm?

1007
00:47:07,160 --> 00:47:09,790
He was at the center of it.

1008
00:47:09,790 --> 00:47:12,360
He was at the center of it.

1009
00:47:12,360 --> 00:47:13,180
Oh yeah.

1010
00:47:13,180 --> 00:47:15,500
Because if he's Jewish in
Berlin and that's where--

1011
00:47:15,500 --> 00:47:16,000
Yeah.

1012
00:47:16,000 --> 00:47:20,950
And he was a Mendelssohn,
which was a very Jewish family.

1013
00:47:20,950 --> 00:47:25,660
And in fact, he's very much
in the Holocaust Museum

1014
00:47:25,660 --> 00:47:28,550
and his family,
the one in Berlin.

1015
00:47:28,550 --> 00:47:35,600
But that's why I know
that he, at my age,

1016
00:47:35,600 --> 00:47:37,850
was so much more
aware than I was.

1017
00:47:37,850 --> 00:47:40,700
His family was leaving Berlin.

1018
00:47:40,700 --> 00:47:45,920
They left for England
and then emigrated here.

1019
00:47:45,920 --> 00:47:47,390
And I was oblivious.

1020
00:47:47,390 --> 00:47:51,050
I was a teenager during
those early years of the war.

1021
00:47:51,050 --> 00:47:55,340
I really had no idea that
there was a war going on.

1022
00:47:55,340 --> 00:47:58,970
Well, there is-- to be
fair, there is a difference.

1023
00:47:58,970 --> 00:48:02,540
When you are first part
of the targeted group

1024
00:48:02,540 --> 00:48:06,170
and you are in the center
of where these policies are

1025
00:48:06,170 --> 00:48:10,680
formulated, you're going to
feel it on your skin right away.

1026
00:48:10,680 --> 00:48:12,650
And if you're
living in a country

1027
00:48:12,650 --> 00:48:16,490
where those policies
aren't implemented--

1028
00:48:16,490 --> 00:48:21,920
it was an isolationist
country, which for a long time

1029
00:48:21,920 --> 00:48:23,970
did not know, do we
want to be involved?

1030
00:48:23,970 --> 00:48:25,910
Do we not want to be involved?

1031
00:48:25,910 --> 00:48:28,340
And you're not living
in a major city.

1032
00:48:28,340 --> 00:48:30,590
You're living in a
second-tier town.

1033
00:48:30,590 --> 00:48:32,270
Oh, very much.

1034
00:48:32,270 --> 00:48:35,120
That's one of the--

1035
00:48:35,120 --> 00:48:37,075
I do not want to put
words in your mouth,

1036
00:48:37,075 --> 00:48:38,450
but these are the
things that I'm

1037
00:48:38,450 --> 00:48:41,630
thinking when I'm thinking
of Binghamton, New York,

1038
00:48:41,630 --> 00:48:43,820
and when I am--

1039
00:48:43,820 --> 00:48:46,880
when I'm thinking of how
much did international news

1040
00:48:46,880 --> 00:48:50,720
and want to know how much of
international world affairs

1041
00:48:50,720 --> 00:48:55,520
been part of the basic sort
of assumed knowledge base

1042

00:48:55,520 --> 00:48:57,140
that people had.

1043
00:48:57,140 --> 00:49:01,820
And what I'm sensing
is that not at all.

1044
00:49:01,820 --> 00:49:04,100
Not-- I don't think so.

1045
00:49:04,100 --> 00:49:06,310
I mean--

1046
00:49:06,310 --> 00:49:07,780
Or hardly at all.

1047
00:49:07,780 --> 00:49:09,370
Hardly at all.

1048
00:49:09,370 --> 00:49:14,070
I mean, it was just out there.

1049
00:49:14,070 --> 00:49:15,180
I was oblivious.

1050
00:49:15,180 --> 00:49:16,140
I know that.

1051
00:49:16,140 --> 00:49:18,000
You were also a kid.

1052
00:49:18,000 --> 00:49:19,720
Well, I was--

1053
00:49:19,720 --> 00:49:25,200
I became a teenager during
the '30s, finished high school

1054
00:49:25,200 --> 00:49:30,480
in '41 just before the
war, had no idea that we

1055

00:49:30,480 --> 00:49:33,150
were on the brink of war.

1056

00:49:33,150 --> 00:49:38,070
All I worried about was
boyfriends and social life

1057

00:49:38,070 --> 00:49:41,400
and having fun learning to ski.

1058

00:49:41,400 --> 00:49:43,860
That's so unlike a
typical teenager.

1059

00:49:43,860 --> 00:49:47,050
But, you know, I felt so--

1060

00:49:47,050 --> 00:49:50,380
Binghamton was a very
safe environment.

1061

00:49:50,380 --> 00:49:54,250
I think all the people I
know who grew up with me--

1062

00:49:54,250 --> 00:50:00,390
we all think we had a very safe,
comfortable, protected kind

1063

00:50:00,390 --> 00:50:02,010
of life.

1064

00:50:02,010 --> 00:50:08,890
But, boy, were we out of it
of what was really happening.

1065

00:50:08,890 --> 00:50:09,500
I mean--

1066

00:50:09,500 --> 00:50:12,890
Do you remember how
you felt and how

1067
00:50:12,890 --> 00:50:15,720
you heard about Pearl Harbor?

1068
00:50:15,720 --> 00:50:18,300
Oh, I was-- in my
first year of--

1069
00:50:18,300 --> 00:50:21,390
just gone to college.

1070
00:50:21,390 --> 00:50:26,270
And it was a--

1071
00:50:26,270 --> 00:50:29,570
we just had a--

1072
00:50:29,570 --> 00:50:33,420
well, today is the anniversary.

1073
00:50:33,420 --> 00:50:35,930
And it was December.

1074
00:50:35,930 --> 00:50:39,200
So it was my first year, and
I'd been there about two months.

1075
00:50:39,200 --> 00:50:43,610
And we had the big winter
dance that weekend.

1076
00:50:43,610 --> 00:50:46,220
And I had my boyfriend--
one of my boyfriends

1077
00:50:46,220 --> 00:50:49,460
from high school was
there for the dance.

1078
00:50:49,460 --> 00:50:51,290
And we came down on Sunday mor--

1079

00:50:51,290 --> 00:50:53,540

I mean, on Sunday
morning, we were

1080

00:50:53,540 --> 00:50:55,970

meeting in the living
room of the dorm where

1081

00:50:55,970 --> 00:51:03,830

I lived when the news
came about Pearl Harbor.

1082

00:51:03,830 --> 00:51:07,880

And we all sat
there just stunned.

1083

00:51:07,880 --> 00:51:12,230

And within a year,
every one of the guys

1084

00:51:12,230 --> 00:51:16,280

that were there being a date
that weekend had been drafted.

1085

00:51:16,280 --> 00:51:17,580

It just happened like that.

1086

00:51:17,580 --> 00:51:20,700

And nobody expected it at all.

1087

00:51:20,700 --> 00:51:24,440

I mean-- I mean, they weren't
prepared to go to war.

1088

00:51:24,440 --> 00:51:26,780

We had grown up--

1089

00:51:26,780 --> 00:51:33,020

and so they-- but within a
year, they were most of them

1090

00:51:33,020 --> 00:51:39,470

off at boot camp or
training or something.

1091
00:51:39,470 --> 00:51:43,580
But it didn't affect us
much at that moment--

1092
00:51:43,580 --> 00:51:44,100
me.

1093
00:51:44,100 --> 00:51:47,420
I mean, I was in
a girl's college.

1094
00:51:47,420 --> 00:51:48,830
What was the name
of the college?

1095
00:51:48,830 --> 00:51:49,390
I'm going to have to--

1096
00:51:49,390 --> 00:51:50,060
It was Smith.

1097
00:51:50,060 --> 00:51:50,600
--switch slots here.

1098
00:51:50,600 --> 00:51:51,080
OK.

1099
00:51:51,080 --> 00:51:51,580
I'm sorry.

1100
00:51:51,580 --> 00:51:53,383
OK, we're going to
cut, then, for--

1101
00:51:53,383 --> 00:51:56,378
All right, sounds good.

1102
00:51:56,378 --> 00:51:57,420
Oh, sorry about the door.

1103
00:51:57,420 --> 00:51:59,670
So you were in Smith College?

1104
00:51:59,670 --> 00:52:00,240
Mm-hmm.

1105
00:52:00,240 --> 00:52:01,950
And that's in Boston, isn't it?

1106
00:52:01,950 --> 00:52:05,770
No, it's in Northampton,
Massachusetts.

1107
00:52:05,770 --> 00:52:06,308
Sorry.

1108
00:52:06,308 --> 00:52:06,850
You're right.

1109
00:52:06,850 --> 00:52:07,380
You're absolutely--

1110
00:52:07,380 --> 00:52:08,213
An hour from Boston.

1111
00:52:08,213 --> 00:52:09,690
An hour from Boston.

1112
00:52:09,690 --> 00:52:10,530
I should know that.

1113
00:52:10,530 --> 00:52:11,990
I was born and raised in Boston.

1114
00:52:11,990 --> 00:52:14,500

1115
00:52:14,500 --> 00:52:17,020
I had forgotten.

1116
00:52:17,020 --> 00:52:20,910
Why did you choose
Smith College?

1117
00:52:20,910 --> 00:52:26,190
Well, my mother admired
a woman in Binghamton

1118
00:52:26,190 --> 00:52:29,460
who was very bright and very--

1119
00:52:29,460 --> 00:52:30,930
she ran a lot of things.

1120
00:52:30,930 --> 00:52:33,360
She was somebody
my mother admired.

1121
00:52:33,360 --> 00:52:35,050
And she'd gone to Smith College.

1122
00:52:35,050 --> 00:52:38,310
So that's where she
dreamed of me going.

1123
00:52:38,310 --> 00:52:43,460
And she wanted me to
go to a good college.

1124
00:52:43,460 --> 00:52:45,500
We didn't have the money.

1125
00:52:45,500 --> 00:52:52,170
And after my first year
there, my father came up,

1126
00:52:52,170 --> 00:52:54,810
and we were riding in the car.

1127
00:52:54,810 --> 00:52:59,580
And he told me, you know, we
just can't swing another year.

1128
00:52:59,580 --> 00:53:00,570
I'd had help.

1129
00:53:00,570 --> 00:53:07,620
I'd had some help from the col--
it only cost \$1,100 for room,

1130
00:53:07,620 --> 00:53:09,780
board, and tuition.

1131
00:53:09,780 --> 00:53:14,250
Today, it would be like
\$60,000 or something.

1132
00:53:14,250 --> 00:53:15,625
But that was more
than we could--

1133
00:53:15,625 --> 00:53:17,042
That's a lot of
money in the '30s.

1134
00:53:17,042 --> 00:53:18,030
That was-- oh.

1135
00:53:18,030 --> 00:53:20,520
Was it-- my mother
kept a little book

1136
00:53:20,520 --> 00:53:25,320
about all the expenses,
every stick of chewing gum

1137
00:53:25,320 --> 00:53:27,060
that-- when I went to college.

1138
00:53:27,060 --> 00:53:32,550
And she made it, but I
said I didn't really care.

1139
00:53:32,550 --> 00:53:35,640

I mean, if I can't
come back next year,

1140
00:53:35,640 --> 00:53:37,360
I've had one good year.

1141
00:53:37,360 --> 00:53:39,660
I have lots of new friends.

1142
00:53:39,660 --> 00:53:46,780
But my grandmother, my
father's mother, came through--

1143
00:53:46,780 --> 00:53:49,500
I mean, she just--
she said, I can donate

1144
00:53:49,500 --> 00:53:52,950
\$500, which was half of it.

1145
00:53:52,950 --> 00:53:57,970
And I got work scholarships
and things to help me along.

1146
00:53:57,970 --> 00:53:59,820
So I got-- and then
the war started,

1147
00:53:59,820 --> 00:54:02,310
and my mother went
to work in the bank.

1148
00:54:02,310 --> 00:54:04,200
And that helped.

1149
00:54:04,200 --> 00:54:08,880
I mean, she had
money to help pay.

1150
00:54:08,880 --> 00:54:11,170
But that was a hard--

1151

00:54:11,170 --> 00:54:15,560
I mean, I loved
being in college.

1152
00:54:15,560 --> 00:54:20,100
I loved-- I always loved
all that school stuff.

1153
00:54:20,100 --> 00:54:21,330
But--

1154
00:54:21,330 --> 00:54:23,200
But they had to
patch it together.

1155
00:54:23,200 --> 00:54:23,700
Hmm?

1156
00:54:23,700 --> 00:54:25,210
They had to patch it together--

1157
00:54:25,210 --> 00:54:25,710
Yeah.

1158
00:54:25,710 --> 00:54:26,293
--your family.

1159
00:54:26,293 --> 00:54:27,660
And we did it.

1160
00:54:27,660 --> 00:54:29,160
We did it all.

1161
00:54:29,160 --> 00:54:34,680
My grandfather lived
to see me graduate.

1162
00:54:34,680 --> 00:54:37,020
He came to the graduation.

1163
00:54:37,020 --> 00:54:39,795
And by then my

grandmother was dead.

1164
00:54:39,795 --> 00:54:43,590

1165
00:54:43,590 --> 00:54:44,920
That's quite a gift.

1166
00:54:44,920 --> 00:54:45,420
Hmm?

1167
00:54:45,420 --> 00:54:47,200
It's quite a gift.

1168
00:54:47,200 --> 00:54:49,140
It's a terrific gift.

1169
00:54:49,140 --> 00:54:52,080
They gave me many gifts--
the gift of reading,

1170
00:54:52,080 --> 00:54:55,920
of loving books, music.

1171
00:54:55,920 --> 00:54:57,930
My father used to
play the piano, too.

1172
00:54:57,930 --> 00:55:00,160
He played by ear, but he--

1173
00:55:00,160 --> 00:55:03,190

1174
00:55:03,190 --> 00:55:05,035
I still have some
of his sheet music.

1175
00:55:05,035 --> 00:55:09,080

1176

00:55:09,080 --> 00:55:14,770
So the US declares war in 1941.

1177
00:55:14,770 --> 00:55:15,670
I what?

1178
00:55:15,670 --> 00:55:21,030
The US declares war
on Japan in 1941.

1179
00:55:21,030 --> 00:55:25,680
But the war in Europe had
been going on since 1939.

1180
00:55:25,680 --> 00:55:26,540
Yeah.

1181
00:55:26,540 --> 00:55:28,940
Had you gotten news of that?

1182
00:55:28,940 --> 00:55:33,140
Was that something that was
in people's consciousness

1183
00:55:33,140 --> 00:55:35,710
in Binghamton and in
your circle of friends?

1184
00:55:35,710 --> 00:55:38,900
I can't speak for Binghamton,
but certainly wasn't

1185
00:55:38,900 --> 00:55:40,610
much in mine.

1186
00:55:40,610 --> 00:55:44,240
I-- you know, the Japs
were the bad guys,

1187
00:55:44,240 --> 00:55:46,930
and the Germans
were the bad guys,

1188

00:55:46,930 --> 00:55:51,410

that sort of-- but it
wasn't really in my--

1189

00:55:51,410 --> 00:55:54,170

Did your parents ever
talk about these things?

1190

00:55:54,170 --> 00:55:56,660

No, not that I remember.

1191

00:55:56,660 --> 00:55:58,490

I don't think so.

1192

00:55:58,490 --> 00:56:03,020

My mother adored
Roosevelt. My father was

1193

00:56:03,020 --> 00:56:05,510

more of a staunch Republican.

1194

00:56:05,510 --> 00:56:09,370

But-- and we used to listen--

1195

00:56:09,370 --> 00:56:14,350

we'd listen to his Sunday news
program called The Fireside

1196

00:56:14,350 --> 00:56:16,000

Chat--

1197

00:56:16,000 --> 00:56:19,750

Fireside Chat.

1198

00:56:19,750 --> 00:56:23,890

And we-- they just
liked some of the stuff

1199

00:56:23,890 --> 00:56:26,340

he did during the Depression.

1200

00:56:26,340 --> 00:56:31,150

He had a lot of work
corps and people

1201

00:56:31,150 --> 00:56:33,040

out working on the
streets, and they always

1202

00:56:33,040 --> 00:56:35,410

felt these guys
were goofing off.

1203

00:56:35,410 --> 00:56:38,170

I can remember them complaining
about the guys leaning

1204

00:56:38,170 --> 00:56:40,240

on their shovels and so on.

1205

00:56:40,240 --> 00:56:44,650

But Roosevelt was doing some
great stuff, getting us out

1206

00:56:44,650 --> 00:56:45,610

of the Depression.

1207

00:56:45,610 --> 00:56:49,330

1208

00:56:49,330 --> 00:56:55,300

So I was political enough to
be interested in candidates,

1209

00:56:55,300 --> 00:56:56,260

but not very.

1210

00:56:56,260 --> 00:56:57,178

I wouldn't--

1211

00:56:57,178 --> 00:57:00,460

1212

00:57:00,460 --> 00:57:06,960
When all of the young
men were drafted,

1213
00:57:06,960 --> 00:57:10,620
that meant that college
life changed a lot.

1214
00:57:10,620 --> 00:57:11,200
It did.

1215
00:57:11,200 --> 00:57:14,250
Well, ours didn't
because it was all girls.

1216
00:57:14,250 --> 00:57:20,350
But it meant there were no guys
at the local nearby colleges.

1217
00:57:20,350 --> 00:57:24,360
But then they began using the
colleges for training programs,

1218
00:57:24,360 --> 00:57:26,430
and there would be--

1219
00:57:26,430 --> 00:57:30,540
they could sort of
go to college and be

1220
00:57:30,540 --> 00:57:36,060
trained to be in the Army
or the Navy or something.

1221
00:57:36,060 --> 00:57:42,150
The women-- some women
chose to go in the Navy.

1222
00:57:42,150 --> 00:57:44,130
They were called the WAVES.

1223
00:57:44,130 --> 00:57:46,950
And the WAVES were

housed at Smith.

1224
00:57:46,950 --> 00:57:50,100
So we had WAVES walking
around the campus,

1225
00:57:50,100 --> 00:57:54,180
marching around, singing a
song about WAVES of the Navy.

1226
00:57:54,180 --> 00:58:01,687
And-- my mouth is
getting so dry.

1227
00:58:01,687 --> 00:58:02,520
Let's cut for a bit.

1228
00:58:02,520 --> 00:58:03,353
Let's cut for a bit.

1229
00:58:03,353 --> 00:58:04,350
Let's cut for a bit.

1230
00:58:04,350 --> 00:58:05,730
Any time.

1231
00:58:05,730 --> 00:58:08,360
Standby.

1232
00:58:08,360 --> 00:58:10,520
It's on speed.

1233
00:58:10,520 --> 00:58:14,960
OK, so-- ah, I know
what I was asking

1234
00:58:14,960 --> 00:58:21,080
is that the war in Europe
had started in 1939.

1235
00:58:21,080 --> 00:58:25,910
And was there news about

what was going on in Europe

1236

00:58:25,910 --> 00:58:29,570

that you were hearing
about or reading about

1237

00:58:29,570 --> 00:58:31,820

or people were talking about?

1238

00:58:31,820 --> 00:58:34,560

Not that I was much aware of.

1239

00:58:34,560 --> 00:58:37,980

It's interesting
as I'd been aware

1240

00:58:37,980 --> 00:58:43,160

that there was some kind
of trouble in Spain--

1241

00:58:43,160 --> 00:58:44,000

1936, yeah.

1242

00:58:44,000 --> 00:58:47,780

--in the '30s because we read
these little weekly newspapers

1243

00:58:47,780 --> 00:58:50,190

in school--

1244

00:58:50,190 --> 00:58:52,140

weekly readers.

1245

00:58:52,140 --> 00:58:57,440

But I honestly can't say
that I was terribly concerned

1246

00:58:57,440 --> 00:58:59,540

about the war in Europe.

1247

00:58:59,540 --> 00:59:01,515

It just wasn't on my radar.

1248
00:59:01,515 --> 00:59:04,490

1249
00:59:04,490 --> 00:59:09,050
Were-- what was your
major at college?

1250
00:59:09,050 --> 00:59:09,762
Sociology.

1251
00:59:09,762 --> 00:59:12,470

1252
00:59:12,470 --> 00:59:13,910
OK.

1253
00:59:13,910 --> 00:59:20,580
And did you continue
going to church?

1254
00:59:20,580 --> 00:59:22,550
Oh, well, no.

1255
00:59:22,550 --> 00:59:27,810
I decided when I went
there that I would try out

1256
00:59:27,810 --> 00:59:29,050
all the different churches.

1257
00:59:29,050 --> 00:59:36,280
So I went to different
churches to see what I thought.

1258
00:59:36,280 --> 00:59:38,920
And I quite liked the Catholic.

1259
00:59:38,920 --> 00:59:42,370
I thought that was kind of
exciting with all the things

1260
00:59:42,370 --> 00:59:43,840
that go on.

1261
00:59:43,840 --> 00:59:50,500
But-- I babysat for
a Quaker family.

1262
00:59:50,500 --> 00:59:53,770
I never heard-- I thought
the Quakers were extinct.

1263
00:59:53,770 --> 00:59:57,790
But they were very active.

1264
00:59:57,790 --> 01:00:01,510
And I babysat for this family.

1265
01:00:01,510 --> 01:00:06,910
I loved the way they treated
each other and their children.

1266
01:00:06,910 --> 01:00:08,830
And I just--

1267
01:00:08,830 --> 01:00:10,620
I thought, I'm
going to find out.

1268
01:00:10,620 --> 01:00:13,960
And I went to the
Quaker meeting,

1269
01:00:13,960 --> 01:00:16,270
Friends, Society of Friends.

1270
01:00:16,270 --> 01:00:24,700
And it was an unprogrammed
meeting with no pastor.

1271
01:00:24,700 --> 01:00:27,640
And people just sat
in silence, and they

1272
01:00:27,640 --> 01:00:35,090
spoke with the basic idea that
everybody had a communication

1273
01:00:35,090 --> 01:00:36,530
with the spirit.

1274
01:00:36,530 --> 01:00:40,740
And if they had something
to say, it was important.

1275
01:00:40,740 --> 01:00:42,570
They could say it.

1276
01:00:42,570 --> 01:00:45,090
Well, I liked this idea lot.

1277
01:00:45,090 --> 01:00:50,640
And they also-- it turned
out that they were pacifist.

1278
01:00:50,640 --> 01:00:54,240
And so, as I became
interested in Quakers,

1279
01:00:54,240 --> 01:00:56,610
I became interested in pacifism.

1280
01:00:56,610 --> 01:00:59,760
And I saw what was
happening in the war.

1281
01:00:59,760 --> 01:01:02,070
And just about this
time in my freshman

1282
01:01:02,070 --> 01:01:06,450
year, my high school boyfriend--

1283
01:01:06,450 --> 01:01:09,060
my junior high school

boyfriend who'd stayed--

1284
01:01:09,060 --> 01:01:12,330
we'd been together
when actually--

1285
01:01:12,330 --> 01:01:17,400
when they chose the most popular
girl and the most handsome boy

1286
01:01:17,400 --> 01:01:22,590
and stuff, we were chosen
as the ideal couple.

1287
01:01:22,590 --> 01:01:24,930
That was Johnny.

1288
01:01:24,930 --> 01:01:30,150
And Johnny went off that
first year of the draft.

1289
01:01:30,150 --> 01:01:33,360
And I mean, he went
off, and he was at Yale

1290
01:01:33,360 --> 01:01:39,790
and got drafted
and went to France.

1291
01:01:39,790 --> 01:01:44,220
And at the end of
my junior year,

1292
01:01:44,220 --> 01:01:46,620
I think it was, I saw him
a few times in college.

1293
01:01:46,620 --> 01:01:49,310

1294
01:01:49,310 --> 01:01:53,660
He died in France.

1295

01:01:53,660 --> 01:01:59,630

And that kind of
settled it for me

1296

01:01:59,630 --> 01:02:04,970

that war was something I
wanted not to be part of.

1297

01:02:04,970 --> 01:02:08,450

So I became a really
ardent pacifist.

1298

01:02:08,450 --> 01:02:12,590

So I figured the two things
that I got from growing up

1299

01:02:12,590 --> 01:02:17,120

were frugality from the
Depression and commitment

1300

01:02:17,120 --> 01:02:21,140

to pacifism from
the war experiences.

1301

01:02:21,140 --> 01:02:24,350

So many of just the boys--

1302

01:02:24,350 --> 01:02:25,280

they were boys.

1303

01:02:25,280 --> 01:02:27,530

We did call the men.

1304

01:02:27,530 --> 01:02:33,080

The boys who had gone to
school with all those years

1305

01:02:33,080 --> 01:02:35,180

just were dying off.

1306

01:02:35,180 --> 01:02:38,320

And the thought that Johnny

had died in the battlefield

1307

01:02:38,320 --> 01:02:40,910
was a bit much.

1308

01:02:40,910 --> 01:02:41,900
And I ended up--

1309

01:02:41,900 --> 01:02:47,810
Oakie, the guy that I married
that was in Europe with me,

1310

01:02:47,810 --> 01:02:50,150
was Johnny's best friend.

1311

01:02:50,150 --> 01:02:52,460
He was wounded, but he wasn't--

1312

01:02:52,460 --> 01:02:53,840
he lived.

1313

01:02:53,840 --> 01:02:55,610
What is Oakie's full name?

1314

01:02:55,610 --> 01:02:57,230
Orlow, Orloff.

1315

01:02:57,230 --> 01:02:58,220
Orloff.

1316

01:02:58,220 --> 01:03:00,200
And his last name?

1317

01:03:00,200 --> 01:03:00,830
Kent.

1318

01:03:00,830 --> 01:03:01,550
Kent.

1319

01:03:01,550 --> 01:03:03,230
OK, Orloff Kent.

1320
01:03:03,230 --> 01:03:05,330
And his nickname was Oakie?

1321
01:03:05,330 --> 01:03:08,516
Well, we called him--
his initials were OAK.

1322
01:03:08,516 --> 01:03:10,430
Ah, OK.

1323
01:03:10,430 --> 01:03:13,550
And was he drafted
together with Johnny?

1324
01:03:13,550 --> 01:03:15,680
Yeah, they were both drafted.

1325
01:03:15,680 --> 01:03:20,930
But Oakie got into the ski
troops, which he liked skiing.

1326
01:03:20,930 --> 01:03:23,210
That was good while it lasted.

1327
01:03:23,210 --> 01:03:26,330
But he got sent to Italy.

1328
01:03:26,330 --> 01:03:27,920
And he was in the--

1329
01:03:27,920 --> 01:03:31,470
he was just in the--

1330
01:03:31,470 --> 01:03:32,300
I don't know.

1331
01:03:32,300 --> 01:03:34,520
What do you call it?

1332
01:03:34,520 --> 01:03:40,490

The-- anyway, he
was just a soldier.

1333
01:03:40,490 --> 01:03:42,882
He was not on the front lines?

1334
01:03:42,882 --> 01:03:44,090
Was Oakie on the front lines?

1335
01:03:44,090 --> 01:03:44,390
He was, yeah.

1336
01:03:44,390 --> 01:03:44,820
He was.

1337
01:03:44,820 --> 01:03:45,903
He was on the front lines?

1338
01:03:45,903 --> 01:03:46,780
OK.

1339
01:03:46,780 --> 01:03:47,780
Oakie was.

1340
01:03:47,780 --> 01:03:50,850
He was wounded in Italy.

1341
01:03:50,850 --> 01:03:52,170
He was in the mountains.

1342
01:03:52,170 --> 01:03:55,790
He had nothing to do with
skiing once he got in the Army,

1343
01:03:55,790 --> 01:03:59,750
sort of like now when they
train guys to do something

1344
01:03:59,750 --> 01:04:03,230
and then they send
them to some place

1345

01:04:03,230 --> 01:04:06,020

and they have to
do something else.

1346

01:04:06,020 --> 01:04:07,478

It's not to do with
their training.

1347

01:04:07,478 --> 01:04:09,187

It has nothing to do
with their training.

1348

01:04:09,187 --> 01:04:09,710

Yeah.

1349

01:04:09,710 --> 01:04:11,000

But--

1350

01:04:11,000 --> 01:04:13,970

Well, I'm going to ask you
a controversial question.

1351

01:04:13,970 --> 01:04:14,870

A what?

1352

01:04:14,870 --> 01:04:17,600

I'm going to ask you a
controversial question, what

1353

01:04:17,600 --> 01:04:20,220

I think could be a
controversial question.

1354

01:04:20,220 --> 01:04:22,010

There are many
people who would say,

1355

01:04:22,010 --> 01:04:25,310

yes, we would be pacifist
except in this war,

1356

01:04:25,310 --> 01:04:28,280

except in World
War II, except when

1357
01:04:28,280 --> 01:04:30,890
it comes to stopping
a force like Hitler.

1358
01:04:30,890 --> 01:04:32,000
I know.

1359
01:04:32,000 --> 01:04:35,180
How did you address that?

1360
01:04:35,180 --> 01:04:37,160
Did you think about that?

1361
01:04:37,160 --> 01:04:40,370
Is that something that
came up in your own

1362
01:04:40,370 --> 01:04:44,090
mulling over of
becoming pacifist?

1363
01:04:44,090 --> 01:04:48,320
That's the crucial--
that's the question

1364
01:04:48,320 --> 01:04:52,970
that my second husband
kept getting asked

1365
01:04:52,970 --> 01:05:01,250
because he was a Quaker.

1366
01:05:01,250 --> 01:05:02,750
He became a Quaker, too.

1367
01:05:02,750 --> 01:05:06,680

1368
01:05:06,680 --> 01:05:08,240

But he didn't-- he was not--

1369

01:05:08,240 --> 01:05:10,950

he felt that war
had to be fought.

1370

01:05:10,950 --> 01:05:14,270

And he lived there,
so who am I to say?

1371

01:05:14,270 --> 01:05:19,370

But to me, it just seemed
a silly thing to do,

1372

01:05:19,370 --> 01:05:20,900

that they should have talked.

1373

01:05:20,900 --> 01:05:22,820

They should have
done something else.

1374

01:05:22,820 --> 01:05:24,920

But then I'm probably naive.

1375

01:05:24,920 --> 01:05:26,960

I mean, you know-- but I just--

1376

01:05:26,960 --> 01:05:30,650

the idea-- I know I would--

1377

01:05:30,650 --> 01:05:35,060

if I were drafted and given a
gun, I couldn't shoot somebody.

1378

01:05:35,060 --> 01:05:38,870

I think I. Couldn't I mean--

1379

01:05:38,870 --> 01:05:40,670

but--

1380

01:05:40,670 --> 01:05:42,620

Did that become a

discussion between you

1381
01:05:42,620 --> 01:05:44,030
and your second husband?

1382
01:05:44,030 --> 01:05:45,740
Did you talk about this?

1383
01:05:45,740 --> 01:05:47,480
Oh, yes, a lot.

1384
01:05:47,480 --> 01:05:57,160
He was-- oh, it was long before
that I'd become a pacifist.

1385
01:05:57,160 --> 01:06:00,490
And he had a lot of
exposure to Quakers

1386
01:06:00,490 --> 01:06:03,190
along the way before he met me.

1387
01:06:03,190 --> 01:06:06,400

1388
01:06:06,400 --> 01:06:09,140
Tell me a little bit about--

1389
01:06:09,140 --> 01:06:13,870
you say you liked how the
family behaved with one another,

1390
01:06:13,870 --> 01:06:14,810
the people that you--

1391
01:06:14,810 --> 01:06:15,310
I what?

1392
01:06:15,310 --> 01:06:18,710
You liked how the family, the
people that you babysat for--

1393
01:06:18,710 --> 01:06:19,210
Oh yeah.

1394
01:06:19,210 --> 01:06:22,780
--how they behaved
with one another.

1395
01:06:22,780 --> 01:06:24,850
Describe that a
little bit for me.

1396
01:06:24,850 --> 01:06:28,660
What was different from
what you had been used to

1397
01:06:28,660 --> 01:06:29,470
and grown up with?

1398
01:06:29,470 --> 01:06:30,310
I don't know.

1399
01:06:30,310 --> 01:06:37,480
I mean-- and I think--

1400
01:06:37,480 --> 01:06:40,190

1401
01:06:40,190 --> 01:06:42,440
I mean, they had difficult kids.

1402
01:06:42,440 --> 01:06:45,150
I think they were adopted.

1403
01:06:45,150 --> 01:06:50,280
And it was just a
kind of gentleness.

1404
01:06:50,280 --> 01:06:53,745
But I wouldn't--

1405
01:06:53,745 --> 01:06:55,770

I like my parents, too.

1406
01:06:55,770 --> 01:06:57,150
But at that time--

1407
01:06:57,150 --> 01:07:00,090
you know, sometimes you're
looking for other people that

1408
01:07:00,090 --> 01:07:02,250
would have been--

1409
01:07:02,250 --> 01:07:04,830
Yeah, you're exploring
the world on your own.

1410
01:07:04,830 --> 01:07:05,330
Right.

1411
01:07:05,330 --> 01:07:08,100
And I loved going
to their house.

1412
01:07:08,100 --> 01:07:16,260
It was a house full of
books and soft voices

1413
01:07:16,260 --> 01:07:18,420
and no arguing about anything.

1414
01:07:18,420 --> 01:07:20,730
But then we didn't
argue a lot either.

1415
01:07:20,730 --> 01:07:24,390
My mother and I did
argue, yes, very much.

1416
01:07:24,390 --> 01:07:28,410

1417
01:07:28,410 --> 01:07:32,400

The first meetings you went to, were they all unstructured?

1418
01:07:32,400 --> 01:07:35,010
Are there ever times when there are structured meetings?

1419
01:07:35,010 --> 01:07:35,670
Structured?

1420
01:07:35,670 --> 01:07:36,900
Yeah.

1421
01:07:36,900 --> 01:07:39,180
No, they were just always silent meetings.

1422
01:07:39,180 --> 01:07:40,860
They were always silent meetings?

1423
01:07:40,860 --> 01:07:41,568
Do you remember--

1424
01:07:41,568 --> 01:07:45,330
Well, silent until somebody said something.

1425
01:07:45,330 --> 01:07:48,420
But there are Quakers who have pastors.

1426
01:07:48,420 --> 01:07:51,720
There's two kinds.

1427
01:07:51,720 --> 01:07:54,655
Do you remember the first time you said something?

1428
01:07:54,655 --> 01:07:55,780
Do you remember the first--

1429

01:07:55,780 --> 01:08:02,220
I don't think I said anything
when I was in college, ever.

1430
01:08:02,220 --> 01:08:07,140
I thought a lot of things,
but I don't think I spoke.

1431
01:08:07,140 --> 01:08:14,490
But later I became more
vocal as I grew into it.

1432
01:08:14,490 --> 01:08:19,069
But, no, I didn't say anything.

1433
01:08:19,069 --> 01:08:23,220
They're very different when
you think of the two religions

1434
01:08:23,220 --> 01:08:26,850
that you say you were attracted
to, Catholicism on the one

1435
01:08:26,850 --> 01:08:33,149
hand with rituals and a sort
of mystical kind of approach

1436
01:08:33,149 --> 01:08:35,819
and the Society of Friends.

1437
01:08:35,819 --> 01:08:37,830
They're very different.

1438
01:08:37,830 --> 01:08:39,149
There's what?

1439
01:08:39,149 --> 01:08:40,592
I said, they're very different.

1440
01:08:40,592 --> 01:08:41,550
They're very different.

1441

01:08:41,550 --> 01:08:48,750
But there's a stream of mystical
stuff that goes through both,

1442
01:08:48,750 --> 01:08:49,470
I think.

1443
01:08:49,470 --> 01:08:52,910
Yeah, yeah.

1444
01:08:52,910 --> 01:09:00,135
The Methodists can be pretty
pacifist, too, during--

1445
01:09:00,135 --> 01:09:00,635
yeah.

1446
01:09:00,635 --> 01:09:03,290

1447
01:09:03,290 --> 01:09:05,494
So let's go back to--

1448
01:09:05,494 --> 01:09:08,870

1449
01:09:08,870 --> 01:09:10,640
you finished college.

1450
01:09:10,640 --> 01:09:11,927
And that was in what year?

1451
01:09:11,927 --> 01:09:13,010
What year did you finish--

1452
01:09:13,010 --> 01:09:13,910
'45.

1453
01:09:13,910 --> 01:09:16,590
Oh, so you finished in 1945.

1454

01:09:16,590 --> 01:09:17,090
I see.

1455
01:09:17,090 --> 01:09:19,490
You started in '41?

1456
01:09:19,490 --> 01:09:20,240
That's right.

1457
01:09:20,240 --> 01:09:24,500
You started in '41 right
before Pearl Harbor happens.

1458
01:09:24,500 --> 01:09:31,808
Yes, and the war ended in
Europe the week I graduated.

1459
01:09:31,808 --> 01:09:32,350
That's right.

1460
01:09:32,350 --> 01:09:37,029
So I was in the college
during the war years.

1461
01:09:37,029 --> 01:09:39,790
That was a short war,
if you think about it.

1462
01:09:39,790 --> 01:09:41,670
Short but effective, you know?

1463
01:09:41,670 --> 01:09:44,319
I know.

1464
01:09:44,319 --> 01:09:50,590
And they had good solutions,
I mean, to some of the after.

1465
01:09:50,590 --> 01:09:52,210
We'll talk about those things.

1466
01:09:52,210 --> 01:09:53,600

We'll talk about that.

1467
01:09:53,600 --> 01:09:56,350
So when you're graduating,
you graduate in a degree

1468
01:09:56,350 --> 01:09:59,470
with sociology.

1469
01:09:59,470 --> 01:10:03,550
And your family comes
to-- your grandfather

1470
01:10:03,550 --> 01:10:05,620
comes to your graduation.

1471
01:10:05,620 --> 01:10:06,685
Your parents come?

1472
01:10:06,685 --> 01:10:07,360
Mm-hmm.

1473
01:10:07,360 --> 01:10:09,520
Any other relatives?

1474
01:10:09,520 --> 01:10:10,120
No.

1475
01:10:10,120 --> 01:10:11,200
OK.

1476
01:10:11,200 --> 01:10:13,960
And by that point,
were you already

1477
01:10:13,960 --> 01:10:17,260
dating your first
husband, Oakie?

1478
01:10:17,260 --> 01:10:18,430
Or not yet?

1479

01:10:18,430 --> 01:10:20,080

I wasn't dating him yet.

1480

01:10:20,080 --> 01:10:22,570

I mean, he wasn't my boyfriend.

1481

01:10:22,570 --> 01:10:28,950

And I wasn't really
committed to anybody.

1482

01:10:28,950 --> 01:10:32,930

But that first
week after college,

1483

01:10:32,930 --> 01:10:37,970

he got a leave from the Army.

1484

01:10:37,970 --> 01:10:40,670

1485

01:10:40,670 --> 01:10:46,320

He was on leave, and
he came to Binghamton.

1486

01:10:46,320 --> 01:10:51,200

His mother-- his
parents had split up,

1487

01:10:51,200 --> 01:10:55,970

and his mother lived
in Schenectady.

1488

01:10:55,970 --> 01:11:01,760

And so he came to Binghamton,
and he was looking for a date.

1489

01:11:01,760 --> 01:11:06,290

And nobody else
was out of school

1490

01:11:06,290 --> 01:11:08,180

because it was

still a school year.

1491
01:11:08,180 --> 01:11:10,700
But Smith had finished,
and I had finished.

1492
01:11:10,700 --> 01:11:16,070
And so I was sort of
the available one.

1493
01:11:16,070 --> 01:11:21,440
And we had a really
wonderful evening

1494
01:11:21,440 --> 01:11:24,230
together just walking
around Binghamton

1495
01:11:24,230 --> 01:11:28,160
and doing things we had done
in high school as a group.

1496
01:11:28,160 --> 01:11:32,876
And it was sort
of instantaneous.

1497
01:11:32,876 --> 01:11:36,350
That kind of made us
know that this was it.

1498
01:11:36,350 --> 01:11:38,600
I don't know how it
happened so fast.

1499
01:11:38,600 --> 01:11:41,540
But I'd known him since
kindergarten, so--

1500
01:11:41,540 --> 01:11:44,060
He wasn't a stranger.

1501
01:11:44,060 --> 01:11:49,940
It wasn't that difficult,

except his family was very

1502

01:11:49,940 --> 01:11:53,990
dysfunctional compared to mine.

1503

01:11:53,990 --> 01:11:59,830
And-- oh--

1504

01:11:59,830 --> 01:12:02,020
Did he have brothers
and sisters, as well?

1505

01:12:02,020 --> 01:12:03,370
He had two sisters.

1506

01:12:03,370 --> 01:12:05,890
He had two sisters.

1507

01:12:05,890 --> 01:12:09,760
Was he also a member of
the Society of Friends?

1508

01:12:09,760 --> 01:12:11,590
Oh, no, not then.

1509

01:12:11,590 --> 01:12:13,750
He was still in the Army.

1510

01:12:13,750 --> 01:12:16,690

1511

01:12:16,690 --> 01:12:21,100
And he still expected he'd have
to go to Japan because that war

1512

01:12:21,100 --> 01:12:22,820
was still going on.

1513

01:12:22,820 --> 01:12:23,320
But--

1514

01:12:23,320 --> 01:12:28,800

1515

01:12:28,800 --> 01:12:32,340

Did you have any idea what
your future was going to be?

1516

01:12:32,340 --> 01:12:33,090

My future?

1517

01:12:33,090 --> 01:12:34,960

Yeah, after you
finished college?

1518

01:12:34,960 --> 01:12:35,835

What were your plans?

1519

01:12:35,835 --> 01:12:39,430

1520

01:12:39,430 --> 01:12:45,370

My ideal plan was to do
something to change the world.

1521

01:12:45,370 --> 01:12:48,170

I think we sort
of dream of that.

1522

01:12:48,170 --> 01:12:54,551

And I wanted to
make a difference.

1523

01:12:54,551 --> 01:12:57,260

1524

01:12:57,260 --> 01:12:59,810

But I didn't have any big plans.

1525

01:12:59,810 --> 01:13:02,345

I needed to think of something.

1526

01:13:02,345 --> 01:13:08,540

So I started out doing
social work, which--

1527
01:13:08,540 --> 01:13:14,520
like home relief
and child welfare.

1528
01:13:14,520 --> 01:13:16,200
In Binghamton?

1529
01:13:16,200 --> 01:13:17,070
Ithaca.

1530
01:13:17,070 --> 01:13:17,700
In Ithaca.

1531
01:13:17,700 --> 01:13:19,290
Why was I in Ithaca?

1532
01:13:19,290 --> 01:13:21,300
I don't know.

1533
01:13:21,300 --> 01:13:23,820
Oh, well, then I got--

1534
01:13:23,820 --> 01:13:25,440
I wanted to be a writer.

1535
01:13:25,440 --> 01:13:27,750
I was really going
to be a writer.

1536
01:13:27,750 --> 01:13:30,270
And when I went to
the local newspaper

1537
01:13:30,270 --> 01:13:32,650
to see if I could
work for them--

1538
01:13:32,650 --> 01:13:35,130
I wanted to be a reporter--

1539
01:13:35,130 --> 01:13:38,670
they said I could
do the society page.

1540
01:13:38,670 --> 01:13:43,150
And I wasn't interested in that.

1541
01:13:43,150 --> 01:13:47,080
So I went back to look
for something else

1542
01:13:47,080 --> 01:13:55,450
and got a job in Poughkeepsie
up on the Hudson in the child

1543
01:13:55,450 --> 01:14:00,280
welfare department
and worked there.

1544
01:14:00,280 --> 01:14:04,180
And during that time, Oakie
had come back to Cornell

1545
01:14:04,180 --> 01:14:05,020
to finish--

1546
01:14:05,020 --> 01:14:08,620
he had two years
left of college.

1547
01:14:08,620 --> 01:14:12,430
So while he was doing that at
Cornell, I was going to work.

1548
01:14:12,430 --> 01:14:16,840
But we got married that
summer and moved to Ithaca.

1549
01:14:16,840 --> 01:14:18,790
And that was the
summer of what year?

1550

01:14:18,790 --> 01:14:21,160

That was the summer of '46.

1551

01:14:21,160 --> 01:14:25,210

We were married in June
and moved to Ithaca.

1552

01:14:25,210 --> 01:14:27,080

That's why I was in Ithaca.

1553

01:14:27,080 --> 01:14:27,580

And--

1554

01:14:27,580 --> 01:14:30,370

1555

01:14:30,370 --> 01:14:32,710

And he continues with Cornell?

1556

01:14:32,710 --> 01:14:33,210

Hmm?

1557

01:14:33,210 --> 01:14:34,800

He continues with Cornell?

1558

01:14:34,800 --> 01:14:36,060

He does, yeah.

1559

01:14:36,060 --> 01:14:40,800

And I got a job in the
Ithaca Welfare Department

1560

01:14:40,800 --> 01:14:45,480

with three other case
workers who were also wives

1561

01:14:45,480 --> 01:14:48,960

of veterans who were studying.

1562

01:14:48,960 --> 01:14:55,400

And that was my

first paying job.

1563

01:14:55,400 --> 01:15:01,860

And he had-- because
he'd been wounded,

1564

01:15:01,860 --> 01:15:06,840

he had a bonus or some
kind of stipend and also,

1565

01:15:06,840 --> 01:15:10,740

because if you were in that
war, you got free tuition.

1566

01:15:10,740 --> 01:15:14,160

So he didn't have
to pay for tuition.

1567

01:15:14,160 --> 01:15:18,360

And so my money earned
our rent and our food.

1568

01:15:18,360 --> 01:15:22,545

And it was good.

1569

01:15:22,545 --> 01:15:26,850

But during that time, we
decided we wanted to travel.

1570

01:15:26,850 --> 01:15:35,770

And I knew that with the Friends
Service Committee, which is--

1571

01:15:35,770 --> 01:15:39,060

well, the other thing I liked
about the Quaker religion

1572

01:15:39,060 --> 01:15:43,200

was that they don't so
much go by the Bible.

1573

01:15:43,200 --> 01:15:47,340

But they have what they

call faith and practice.

1574
01:15:47,340 --> 01:15:51,460
And the practice goes
along with the faith.

1575
01:15:51,460 --> 01:15:53,610
I mean, you can't
have just faith

1576
01:15:53,610 --> 01:15:56,490
without putting it to practice.

1577
01:15:56,490 --> 01:16:02,310
And so you find things to do
that witness to your faith.

1578
01:16:02,310 --> 01:16:04,140
And so that's--

1579
01:16:04,140 --> 01:16:05,890
Are there specific programs?

1580
01:16:05,890 --> 01:16:06,390
Hmm?

1581
01:16:06,390 --> 01:16:07,598
Were there specific programs?

1582
01:16:07,598 --> 01:16:11,880
Well, so then they set
up-- during World War I,

1583
01:16:11,880 --> 01:16:14,670
they set up the American
Friends Service Committee,

1584
01:16:14,670 --> 01:16:15,720
which sends out--

1585
01:16:15,720 --> 01:16:18,260

1586
01:16:18,260 --> 01:16:26,300
it would send help to
refugees, to people--

1587
01:16:26,300 --> 01:16:28,190
it never chose sides.

1588
01:16:28,190 --> 01:16:32,240
I mean, if it helped one side,
they helped the others too.

1589
01:16:32,240 --> 01:16:38,010
They fed the German
children, and then they

1590
01:16:38,010 --> 01:16:39,840
took care of the refugees.

1591
01:16:39,840 --> 01:16:42,270
Anyway, that's what we
got very interested in,

1592
01:16:42,270 --> 01:16:50,960
the AFSC, the Friends Service
Committee, and decided

1593
01:16:50,960 --> 01:16:54,330
maybe we could work for them.

1594
01:16:54,330 --> 01:16:56,860
And this is while
you're in Ithaca?

1595
01:16:56,860 --> 01:16:59,890
Well, while we were
in Ithaca, yeah.

1596
01:16:59,890 --> 01:17:08,380
And the family who
had helped me wanted--

1597

01:17:08,380 --> 01:17:13,240
the people that I babysat
for, the Quaker family.

1598
01:17:13,240 --> 01:17:18,340
He had been in France helping
with the AFSC, so he gave me

1599
01:17:18,340 --> 01:17:22,330
some advice about how to do it
and who to get in touch with.

1600
01:17:22,330 --> 01:17:26,990
Anyway, we ended up with
the Service Committee.

1601
01:17:26,990 --> 01:17:28,270
Let me ask a question.

1602
01:17:28,270 --> 01:17:31,180
When he was in France,
that was in World War I?

1603
01:17:31,180 --> 01:17:32,350
Or World War II?

1604
01:17:32,350 --> 01:17:34,000
When he was, what?

1605
01:17:34,000 --> 01:17:36,610
The person who gave you advice--

1606
01:17:36,610 --> 01:17:40,480
and you said he was in World War
I when it started or was that--

1607
01:17:40,480 --> 01:17:44,300
No, it was during World War II.

1608
01:17:44,300 --> 01:17:46,120
OK, OK.

1609

01:17:46,120 --> 01:17:50,710
And do you remember the
kind of advice he gave you?

1610
01:17:50,710 --> 01:17:53,860
No, but he just--

1611
01:17:53,860 --> 01:17:59,990
I just-- he was more of a
model than a giver of advice.

1612
01:17:59,990 --> 01:18:00,940
I don't know.

1613
01:18:00,940 --> 01:18:01,885
But he had gone--

1614
01:18:01,885 --> 01:18:09,250

1615
01:18:09,250 --> 01:18:16,330
to the children in occupied--

1616
01:18:16,330 --> 01:18:20,230
I'm forgetting.

1617
01:18:20,230 --> 01:18:21,400
He had gone to--

1618
01:18:21,400 --> 01:18:23,650
France, during the
war, was divided.

1619
01:18:23,650 --> 01:18:28,000
There was Vichy France
under German occupation.

1620
01:18:28,000 --> 01:18:30,250
There was a free
zone, I believe.

1621
01:18:30,250 --> 01:18:39,090

There was-- Le Chambon was
the place that he'd worked.

1622
01:18:39,090 --> 01:18:45,850
And-- I just--

1623
01:18:45,850 --> 01:18:47,320
I'm at a loss.

1624
01:18:47,320 --> 01:18:47,980
That's OK.

1625
01:18:47,980 --> 01:18:48,820
That's OK.

1626
01:18:48,820 --> 01:18:51,100
I know that a lot of
the questions that I ask

1627
01:18:51,100 --> 01:18:53,650
are so detailed and
out from left field.

1628
01:18:53,650 --> 01:18:55,900
But I ask them just
in case, just in case.

1629
01:18:55,900 --> 01:18:58,690
Well, it's something
I love talking about.

1630
01:18:58,690 --> 01:19:01,030
I just can't think
how it worked.

1631
01:19:01,030 --> 01:19:07,750
I mean, it was a village
in France where they--

1632
01:19:07,750 --> 01:19:08,770
Le Chambon?

1633

01:19:08,770 --> 01:19:09,590
Le Chambon, yeah.

1634
01:19:09,590 --> 01:19:10,130
I've heard of it.

1635
01:19:10,130 --> 01:19:10,790
Have you heard of it?

1636
01:19:10,790 --> 01:19:11,748
I've heard of it, yeah.

1637
01:19:11,748 --> 01:19:14,200
And there's been things
written about it.

1638
01:19:14,200 --> 01:19:21,125
And refugees appeared from--

1639
01:19:21,125 --> 01:19:25,140

1640
01:19:25,140 --> 01:19:28,170
Germans-- no.

1641
01:19:28,170 --> 01:19:29,940
Oh.

1642
01:19:29,940 --> 01:19:30,690
That's OK.

1643
01:19:30,690 --> 01:19:31,440
That's OK.

1644
01:19:31,440 --> 01:19:35,040
But at any rate, the
issue is that you

1645
01:19:35,040 --> 01:19:37,800
wanted to do something
that made a difference.

1646

01:19:37,800 --> 01:19:43,110

You were attracted
to the service part

1647

01:19:43,110 --> 01:19:46,170

of the Society of Friends
through the American Friends

1648

01:19:46,170 --> 01:19:47,820

Service Committee.

1649

01:19:47,820 --> 01:19:51,660

You spoke to the gentleman
for whose children

1650

01:19:51,660 --> 01:19:54,360

you had babysat who had
had some experience.

1651

01:19:54,360 --> 01:19:56,790

Yeah, he was a
professor at Smith.

1652

01:19:56,790 --> 01:19:57,730

What was his name?

1653

01:19:57,730 --> 01:19:58,605

Do you remember that?

1654

01:19:58,605 --> 01:19:59,610

Burns Chalmers.

1655

01:19:59,610 --> 01:20:00,660

Burns Chalmers?

1656

01:20:00,660 --> 01:20:01,830

Mm-hmm.

1657

01:20:01,830 --> 01:20:03,780

Oh, OK.

1658

01:20:03,780 --> 01:20:05,430
OK.

1659
01:20:05,430 --> 01:20:10,030
And then what
happened after that?

1660
01:20:10,030 --> 01:20:12,630
Did you have to go through
some sort of training program

1661
01:20:12,630 --> 01:20:13,890
or something?

1662
01:20:13,890 --> 01:20:19,460
Well, when we were
selected to go,

1663
01:20:19,460 --> 01:20:21,680
they decided that we
should go to Poland.

1664
01:20:21,680 --> 01:20:24,210

1665
01:20:24,210 --> 01:20:30,650
So we went to-- they have a
place called Pendle Hill, which

1666
01:20:30,650 --> 01:20:35,750
is a kind of retreat education
center outside of Philadelphia.

1667
01:20:35,750 --> 01:20:37,790
And we went to Pendle Hill.

1668
01:20:37,790 --> 01:20:43,550
That was a summer after
Oakie's graduation.

1669
01:20:43,550 --> 01:20:49,340
And we started studying
Spanish all morning every day.

1670
01:20:49,340 --> 01:20:49,840
To go to--

1671
01:20:49,840 --> 01:20:51,180
I mean, Polish.

1672
01:20:51,180 --> 01:20:53,075
OK, I was going to
say, to go to Poland?

1673
01:20:53,075 --> 01:20:56,390
I've studied so many languages,
and I can't speak any of them.

1674
01:20:56,390 --> 01:20:59,630
But Polish was very intense.

1675
01:20:59,630 --> 01:21:02,240
Every morning-- it was a very
hot summer in Philadelphia,

1676
01:21:02,240 --> 01:21:06,050
and every day we went to
this mister somebody who was

1677
01:21:06,050 --> 01:21:09,410
a Polish man and did Polish.

1678
01:21:09,410 --> 01:21:13,970
And it was a terrible
hard language.

1679
01:21:13,970 --> 01:21:18,770
I mean, it had six
conjugations or something.

1680
01:21:18,770 --> 01:21:20,360
It was terrible.

1681
01:21:20,360 --> 01:21:23,090
But it was fun, sort of.

1682
01:21:23,090 --> 01:21:25,730
And it was a summer so
hot that the newspaper

1683
01:21:25,730 --> 01:21:31,410
would show people actually
frying eggs on the sidewalk.

1684
01:21:31,410 --> 01:21:34,110
And it was-- we would
go into Philadelphia,

1685
01:21:34,110 --> 01:21:39,070
and then we would sort used
clothing to be sent overseas

1686
01:21:39,070 --> 01:21:43,980
and worked all day after
we studied our Polish.

1687
01:21:43,980 --> 01:21:47,400
And we got training
about lots of things,

1688
01:21:47,400 --> 01:21:50,220
and we packed trunks.

1689
01:21:50,220 --> 01:21:54,270
But we became the test case
because the Iron Curtain

1690
01:21:54,270 --> 01:21:56,990
was coming down.

1691
01:21:56,990 --> 01:22:00,900
And they were not sure that
they could go to Poland.

1692
01:22:00,900 --> 01:22:03,330
This was in 1947?

1693

01:22:03,330 --> 01:22:08,150
'47-- '47, yeah, '47.

1694
01:22:08,150 --> 01:22:13,550
And they didn't want to get
another whole team of people

1695
01:22:13,550 --> 01:22:16,790
going to work in Poland
if they couldn't go in.

1696
01:22:16,790 --> 01:22:20,990
So we became-- we waited
four months in Pendle Hill,

1697
01:22:20,990 --> 01:22:25,350
going into Philadelphia every
day and helping where we could.

1698
01:22:25,350 --> 01:22:29,960
And it was-- well,
and then they decided

1699
01:22:29,960 --> 01:22:34,340
to send us to Paris to wait
because we were this test case.

1700
01:22:34,340 --> 01:22:37,280
So that was really
not a bad deal

1701
01:22:37,280 --> 01:22:40,670
because that's what
we'd wanted to do.

1702
01:22:40,670 --> 01:22:44,870
And we went to Paris
to the Friends center

1703
01:22:44,870 --> 01:22:48,560
there where we had a
room on the top floor

1704

01:22:48,560 --> 01:22:53,900
and then still studied
Polish with a Polish woman.

1705
01:22:53,900 --> 01:23:00,800
And-- the only way we
could be helpful was--

1706
01:23:00,800 --> 01:23:04,880
this was a center
through which people

1707
01:23:04,880 --> 01:23:10,380
came who were on their
way to their assignments--

1708
01:23:10,380 --> 01:23:13,380
or on their way home
or on their way back.

1709
01:23:13,380 --> 01:23:15,810
So they'd stop in
the Paris center.

1710
01:23:15,810 --> 01:23:21,840
And they loved to do things like
go to the opera or to a play.

1711
01:23:21,840 --> 01:23:24,930
So we spent our days going out
and buying tickets for them

1712
01:23:24,930 --> 01:23:27,040
so they could go do that.

1713
01:23:27,040 --> 01:23:28,980
And we got to know
Paris inside out.

1714
01:23:28,980 --> 01:23:32,580
It was such a
learning experience.

1715

01:23:32,580 --> 01:23:37,050
And we were part of this life
of people coming and going

1716
01:23:37,050 --> 01:23:38,390
from all different countries.

1717
01:23:38,390 --> 01:23:40,980

1718
01:23:40,980 --> 01:23:45,340
I wonder what Paris was like
in those first post-war years.

1719
01:23:45,340 --> 01:23:47,250
Was there still rationing?

1720
01:23:47,250 --> 01:23:50,940
Was there-- was it a
city that you could

1721
01:23:50,940 --> 01:23:52,560
see the war had been there?

1722
01:23:52,560 --> 01:23:53,940
Oh, yes.

1723
01:23:53,940 --> 01:24:00,030
And the food-- the
quality of the food--

1724
01:24:00,030 --> 01:24:05,240
what they lamented so much
was their lovely French bread.

1725
01:24:05,240 --> 01:24:07,600
It couldn't be white anymore.

1726
01:24:07,600 --> 01:24:08,890
It was sort of brown.

1727
01:24:08,890 --> 01:24:10,210

We thought it was terrific.

1728
01:24:10,210 --> 01:24:11,830
It was really good.

1729
01:24:11,830 --> 01:24:13,930
But it was not white.

1730
01:24:13,930 --> 01:24:15,400
It was soft.

1731
01:24:15,400 --> 01:24:19,200
And yes, there was rationing.

1732
01:24:19,200 --> 01:24:20,700
I mean, there just
wasn't much food.

1733
01:24:20,700 --> 01:24:23,670

1734
01:24:23,670 --> 01:24:25,980
But we had-- one
thing we had was

1735
01:24:25,980 --> 01:24:28,900
peanut butter, which
came from Philadelphia,

1736
01:24:28,900 --> 01:24:30,750
which kept us going.

1737
01:24:30,750 --> 01:24:35,460
And of course, Europeans had
no use for peanut butter.

1738
01:24:35,460 --> 01:24:36,060
[CHUCKLES]

1739
01:24:36,060 --> 01:24:37,820
And--

1740
01:24:37,820 --> 01:24:38,320
Yeah.

1741
01:24:38,320 --> 01:24:41,170

1742
01:24:41,170 --> 01:24:43,060
But it's kept quite
a bit, you know.

1743
01:24:43,060 --> 01:24:45,810
It has its positive
properties, peanut butter.

1744
01:24:45,810 --> 01:24:46,310
Hmm?

1745
01:24:46,310 --> 01:24:49,540
It has its positive
properties, peanut butter does.

1746
01:24:49,540 --> 01:24:50,210
Oh, yes.

1747
01:24:50,210 --> 01:24:50,960
You know, protein?

1748
01:24:50,960 --> 01:24:51,640
Good protein.

1749
01:24:51,640 --> 01:24:56,320
Yeah, yeah, so how long--

1750
01:24:56,320 --> 01:25:01,630
when you were in Paris, you
were still learning Polish.

1751
01:25:01,630 --> 01:25:05,935
You were buying
tickets for people to--

1752

01:25:05,935 --> 01:25:08,380
who are coming through
to be able to enjoy

1753
01:25:08,380 --> 01:25:10,120
something of the city.

1754
01:25:10,120 --> 01:25:14,440
Were you involved in any
other kinds of activities?

1755
01:25:14,440 --> 01:25:17,290
Well, whatever
went on, whatever--

1756
01:25:17,290 --> 01:25:22,120
and Eleanor Roosevelt was
the representative at the UN,

1757
01:25:22,120 --> 01:25:23,980
and she came for tea.

1758
01:25:23,980 --> 01:25:27,400
And we talked with her,
and I mean there were--

1759
01:25:27,400 --> 01:25:28,630
That's quite special.

1760
01:25:28,630 --> 01:25:30,340
Yeah, that was very special.

1761
01:25:30,340 --> 01:25:33,970
She was somebody I had admired
since junior high school.

1762
01:25:33,970 --> 01:25:35,440
I really liked Eleanor.

1763
01:25:35,440 --> 01:25:41,870
[CHUCKLES] And we would
spend a lot of time

1764

01:25:41,870 --> 01:25:45,500

visiting the United Nations, their sessions,

1765

01:25:45,500 --> 01:25:48,240

and finding out what was going on.

1766

01:25:48,240 --> 01:25:51,330

1767

01:25:51,330 --> 01:25:54,470

And we just spent a lot of time getting to know Paris.

1768

01:25:54,470 --> 01:25:56,090

We went to the opera a lot.

1769

01:25:56,090 --> 01:25:58,790

I'd never been to an opera in Binghamton.

1770

01:25:58,790 --> 01:26:05,460

And we didn't-- our French was never very good.

1771

01:26:05,460 --> 01:26:09,240

I had three years in high school in college,

1772

01:26:09,240 --> 01:26:13,290

but Oakie was better.

1773

01:26:13,290 --> 01:26:18,120

But going to a play was difficult.

1774

01:26:18,120 --> 01:26:19,300

Did you write home much?

1775

01:26:19,300 --> 01:26:19,800

Hmm?

1776
01:26:19,800 --> 01:26:21,750
Did you did you write home much?

1777
01:26:21,750 --> 01:26:24,600
Oh, endlessly.

1778
01:26:24,600 --> 01:26:25,100
Endlessly.

1779
01:26:25,100 --> 01:26:29,360
I have boxes of letters, copies.

1780
01:26:29,360 --> 01:26:34,130
You know, I did carbon
copies of every letter

1781
01:26:34,130 --> 01:26:36,470
so that I would have my record.

1782
01:26:36,470 --> 01:26:38,780
And I wrote to my mother.

1783
01:26:38,780 --> 01:26:41,360
I mean, I just can't
believe how much I write--

1784
01:26:41,360 --> 01:26:45,740
five, 10, 15 pages, two
or three times a week.

1785
01:26:45,740 --> 01:26:47,050
How, I don't know.

1786
01:26:47,050 --> 01:26:48,050
There's a writer in you.

1787
01:26:48,050 --> 01:26:51,200
Last night, I found a box
of them in the basement.

1788

01:26:51,200 --> 01:26:53,685
And I sat down to read them,
and I just got fascinated.

1789
01:26:53,685 --> 01:26:58,790
[LAUGHS] Oh my gosh,
I did all that?

1790
01:26:58,790 --> 01:27:02,630
Nobody would do that now, just--

1791
01:27:02,630 --> 01:27:05,000
So you had a little portable
typewriter with you?

1792
01:27:05,000 --> 01:27:11,510
Oh yeah, a nice
little Corona, and it

1793
01:27:11,510 --> 01:27:14,405
was not even so little, but yes.

1794
01:27:14,405 --> 01:27:16,960

1795
01:27:16,960 --> 01:27:20,350
And the letters that
you read yesterday,

1796
01:27:20,350 --> 01:27:23,110
were they from this time
period when you were in Paris?

1797
01:27:23,110 --> 01:27:26,170
Some of them-- yeah, but
I was reading the ones

1798
01:27:26,170 --> 01:27:29,680
from Bad Aibling times
because I wanted to think

1799
01:27:29,680 --> 01:27:31,900
about it a little bit more.

1800
01:27:31,900 --> 01:27:35,386
And I wrote endlessly then.

1801
01:27:35,386 --> 01:27:41,220
[SIGHS] I didn't
realize I had so many.

1802
01:27:41,220 --> 01:27:47,190
So tell me, how long
did you stay in Paris?

1803
01:27:47,190 --> 01:27:48,450
Four months, again.

1804
01:27:48,450 --> 01:27:49,170
Four months.

1805
01:27:49,170 --> 01:27:49,830
Four months.

1806
01:27:49,830 --> 01:27:53,040
So four months in Philadel--
four months in Pendle Hill,

1807
01:27:53,040 --> 01:27:54,390
and then four months in Paris?

1808
01:27:54,390 --> 01:27:55,350
Mm-hmm.

1809
01:27:55,350 --> 01:27:57,540
So it's eight months
after you kind of

1810
01:27:57,540 --> 01:28:00,060
enter the program, all right.

1811
01:28:00,060 --> 01:28:04,080
And that brings us up to,
let's say, winter 1948?

1812

01:28:04,080 --> 01:28:05,670

Is that so?

1813

01:28:05,670 --> 01:28:09,150

Yeah, it was '48 when
we got there, I think.

1814

01:28:09,150 --> 01:28:16,340

1815

01:28:16,340 --> 01:28:19,415

Had you seen many refugees
when you were in Paris?

1816

01:28:19,415 --> 01:28:23,940

1817

01:28:23,940 --> 01:28:26,880

Not that I remember.

1818

01:28:26,880 --> 01:28:28,860

There must have
been some, but they

1819

01:28:28,860 --> 01:28:32,430

didn't come through the
Quaker Center there.

1820

01:28:32,430 --> 01:28:38,310

1821

01:28:38,310 --> 01:28:44,600

But when the Iron Curtain
came down, they suddenly did.

1822

01:28:44,600 --> 01:28:49,580

It was just at the time
when they needed staff

1823

01:28:49,580 --> 01:28:53,180

for the children's village,
or for the children

1824
01:28:53,180 --> 01:29:00,360
that they were gathering up
in Germany after the war.

1825
01:29:00,360 --> 01:29:04,170
And they were all
different nationalities.

1826
01:29:04,170 --> 01:29:07,860
It was a perfect job for
us because we loved kids

1827
01:29:07,860 --> 01:29:12,670
and because they were from
all different countries.

1828
01:29:12,670 --> 01:29:19,530
We had a smattering of Polish
and a smattering of some Czech,

1829
01:29:19,530 --> 01:29:23,880
and so that was a help, and--

1830
01:29:23,880 --> 01:29:26,310
So in other words, if I
understand this right,

1831
01:29:26,310 --> 01:29:30,870
you're in Paris and all of a
sudden, the plans for Poland

1832
01:29:30,870 --> 01:29:33,150
get aborted.

1833
01:29:33,150 --> 01:29:34,460
You don't go to Poland.

1834
01:29:34,460 --> 01:29:38,910
No, we couldn't go
to Poland because--

1835

01:29:38,910 --> 01:29:41,490
Was this, then, probably after--

1836
01:29:41,490 --> 01:29:43,770
well, Churchill gives
that famous speech

1837
01:29:43,770 --> 01:29:46,690
at some point about the
Iron Curtain coming down.

1838
01:29:46,690 --> 01:29:47,190
Yeah.

1839
01:29:47,190 --> 01:29:49,140
I don't remember
what year it was.

1840
01:29:49,140 --> 01:29:49,680
I don't--

1841
01:29:49,680 --> 01:29:52,420
But at any rate,
it's at this time.

1842
01:29:52,420 --> 01:29:56,980
And the government then probably
doesn't allow you to go in

1843
01:29:56,980 --> 01:29:57,480
or do--

1844
01:29:57,480 --> 01:29:59,040
No, they wouldn't.

1845
01:29:59,040 --> 01:30:05,310
In fact, we went after we got to
Bad Aibling, we went to visit,

1846
01:30:05,310 --> 01:30:08,220
and we had a hard
time getting in.

1847

01:30:08,220 --> 01:30:13,870

They didn't want people
that represented religions,

1848

01:30:13,870 --> 01:30:16,720

so we said we worked for
the International Refugee

1849

01:30:16,720 --> 01:30:18,310

Organization.

1850

01:30:18,310 --> 01:30:21,070

But they were doubtful
about that too.

1851

01:30:21,070 --> 01:30:26,740

They finally let us go, but
boy, did we feel watched.

1852

01:30:26,740 --> 01:30:28,660

I mean, they were very careful.

1853

01:30:28,660 --> 01:30:29,710

You went to Poland?

1854

01:30:29,710 --> 01:30:31,570

We went to Poland to visit.

1855

01:30:31,570 --> 01:30:36,190

And some of the boys wanted
us to look up their parents,

1856

01:30:36,190 --> 01:30:39,850

and we tried.

1857

01:30:39,850 --> 01:30:41,950

So let me understand this.

1858

01:30:41,950 --> 01:30:46,600

This was like a personal visit,
not one that was sponsored

1859

01:30:46,600 --> 01:30:48,170
through the organizations.

1860

01:30:48,170 --> 01:30:48,670
No.

1861

01:30:48,670 --> 01:30:52,580
OK, and where did
you go in Poland?

1862

01:30:52,580 --> 01:30:58,880
Where we were only allowed to
go in the center of the city.

1863

01:30:58,880 --> 01:30:59,780
So Warsaw?

1864

01:30:59,780 --> 01:31:04,580
Warsaw, yeah, I
think it was Warsaw.

1865

01:31:04,580 --> 01:31:07,925
And we went on the train.

1866

01:31:07,925 --> 01:31:16,760

1867

01:31:16,760 --> 01:31:19,110
But we did find a few parents.

1868

01:31:19,110 --> 01:31:22,280
But when we'd go to talk to
them in their apartments,

1869

01:31:22,280 --> 01:31:23,720
they would turn off--

1870

01:31:23,720 --> 01:31:28,760
they would turn up the radio,
and pull down the shades,

1871

01:31:28,760 --> 01:31:31,370
and talk in whispers
because they

1872
01:31:31,370 --> 01:31:35,480
felt they were being listened
to and watched all the time.

1873
01:31:35,480 --> 01:31:39,500
So we didn't think it was very
helpful for us to be there.

1874
01:31:39,500 --> 01:31:42,620
But the boys wanted
messages to go through

1875
01:31:42,620 --> 01:31:46,040
because the boys had run
away, and their parents

1876
01:31:46,040 --> 01:31:49,790
didn't know that they were
still around, so that--

1877
01:31:49,790 --> 01:31:50,900
yeah.

1878
01:31:50,900 --> 01:31:52,820
Well, that was important
for those families

1879
01:31:52,820 --> 01:31:54,400
to know their
children are alive.

1880
01:31:54,400 --> 01:31:57,410
Yes, that really was and
they were very relieved,

1881
01:31:57,410 --> 01:31:59,300
the ones that we got to.

1882
01:31:59,300 --> 01:32:01,760

So you would go
visiting on your own

1883
01:32:01,760 --> 01:32:06,020
to these, with an
address or something when

1884
01:32:06,020 --> 01:32:07,850
you were in Warsaw?

1885
01:32:07,850 --> 01:32:08,675
And--

1886
01:32:08,675 --> 01:32:09,550
Yeah, I don't think--

1887
01:32:09,550 --> 01:32:11,420
Or you don't think
it was Warsaw?

1888
01:32:11,420 --> 01:32:13,790
I'm thinking maybe
it was Krak³w.

1889
01:32:13,790 --> 01:32:18,380
OK, was it very bombed out?

1890
01:32:18,380 --> 01:32:20,630
Yes.

1891
01:32:20,630 --> 01:32:21,290
Warsaw was--

1892
01:32:21,290 --> 01:32:23,690
But Berlin was very
bombed out too.

1893
01:32:23,690 --> 01:32:27,410
Yeah, but Warsaw
was really leveled.

1894
01:32:27,410 --> 01:32:28,130

Kraków--

1895

01:32:28,130 --> 01:32:29,840

I don't think we were in Warsaw.

1896

01:32:29,840 --> 01:32:30,530

OK.

1897

01:32:30,530 --> 01:32:32,120

I just don't know where we went.

1898

01:32:32,120 --> 01:32:36,260

We must-- because several
of the boys lived there.

1899

01:32:36,260 --> 01:32:39,630

Kraków, I just
really don't know.

1900

01:32:39,630 --> 01:32:40,190

OK.

1901

01:32:40,190 --> 01:32:43,070

I'll have to find the
letters from then.

1902

01:32:43,070 --> 01:32:43,970

That's OK.

1903

01:32:43,970 --> 01:32:44,490

That's OK.

1904

01:32:44,490 --> 01:32:49,040

But for me, it's interesting,
and of course, connected

1905

01:32:49,040 --> 01:32:54,170

to the Bad Aibling story, that
you actually do go to the East

1906

01:32:54,170 --> 01:32:58,860

and you do see something

of what's going on there,

1907

01:32:58,860 --> 01:33:02,000

and that the parents are
pulling down the shades

1908

01:33:02,000 --> 01:33:05,630

and turning up the
radio because that

1909

01:33:05,630 --> 01:33:09,620

speaks to the question
of repatriation

1910

01:33:09,620 --> 01:33:13,340

because there was the
effort to repatriate people

1911

01:33:13,340 --> 01:33:15,680

who had come from
the East and were

1912

01:33:15,680 --> 01:33:18,440

in the West to go back there.

1913

01:33:18,440 --> 01:33:23,960

Was that something that was
part of the questions that

1914

01:33:23,960 --> 01:33:26,540

were in Bad Aibling
about the children

1915

01:33:26,540 --> 01:33:29,910

that you were taking
care of there?

1916

01:33:29,910 --> 01:33:31,140

Was what part of the--

1917

01:33:31,140 --> 01:33:32,970

Repatriation to Poland.

1918

01:33:32,970 --> 01:33:35,295

Yes, I mean that
was one of the aims.

1919

01:33:35,295 --> 01:33:38,010

1920

01:33:38,010 --> 01:33:41,550

One of the first aims of
the refugee organization

1921

01:33:41,550 --> 01:33:44,880

was resettlement if they
could find their family.

1922

01:33:44,880 --> 01:33:46,770

That seemed the best thing.

1923

01:33:46,770 --> 01:33:50,450

But then, sometimes kids
didn't want to go back.

1924

01:33:50,450 --> 01:33:53,550

They tried to account
for everything.

1925

01:33:53,550 --> 01:33:58,460

It was a-- it was such a
strange set up because here we

1926

01:33:58,460 --> 01:34:02,930

were in this children's village
with a couple of hundred

1927

01:34:02,930 --> 01:34:05,090

kids at a time.

1928

01:34:05,090 --> 01:34:08,810

And they were coming
through and we

1929

01:34:08,810 --> 01:34:13,390

had social workers who tried
to get them to where they

1930
01:34:13,390 --> 01:34:15,850
could emigrate or resettle.

1931
01:34:15,850 --> 01:34:17,590
Go back home.

1932
01:34:17,590 --> 01:34:22,060
And the aim was to
get everybody out,

1933
01:34:22,060 --> 01:34:24,850
and it was such
a strange feeling

1934
01:34:24,850 --> 01:34:29,530
to know that if our job got
done, there'd be nothing left.

1935
01:34:29,530 --> 01:34:32,230
And how strange to go--

1936
01:34:32,230 --> 01:34:37,180
that's why Christian,
the young man who

1937
01:34:37,180 --> 01:34:40,990
did his thesis on Bad Aibling,
he grew up in Bad Aibling.

1938
01:34:40,990 --> 01:34:42,160
He'd never heard of it.

1939
01:34:42,160 --> 01:34:44,410
He didn't have any idea.

1940
01:34:44,410 --> 01:34:47,590
And I said, well,
that was our point.

1941

01:34:47,590 --> 01:34:49,870
And yet, I tried--

1942
01:34:49,870 --> 01:34:52,250
I've been back a
couple of times,

1943
01:34:52,250 --> 01:34:57,190
and it's always been a US
Army base or something else,

1944
01:34:57,190 --> 01:35:00,920
but there's no trace
of the children.

1945
01:35:00,920 --> 01:35:06,350
Because in a way to think
that our job was done when

1946
01:35:06,350 --> 01:35:09,140
there was nothing left
to show, so really,

1947
01:35:09,140 --> 01:35:11,855
only when it finally--

1948
01:35:11,855 --> 01:35:14,440

1949
01:35:14,440 --> 01:35:19,410
when it shut down,
there were just what

1950
01:35:19,410 --> 01:35:24,480
they called the hardcore,
a few people who hadn't

1951
01:35:24,480 --> 01:35:27,270
been able to pass immigration.

1952
01:35:27,270 --> 01:35:30,180
I think we'll stop
here and take a break.

1953
01:35:30,180 --> 01:35:31,080
Take a lunch break.

1954
01:35:31,080 --> 01:35:31,913
I think that's good.

1955
01:35:31,913 --> 01:35:34,080
Yeah, and we'll come
back to talk more

1956
01:35:34,080 --> 01:35:37,710
about Bad Aibling
in full after lunch.

1957
01:35:37,710 --> 01:35:40,383
Yeah, I feel funny talk--

1958
01:35:40,383 --> 01:35:42,270
Rolling.

1959
01:35:42,270 --> 01:35:48,000
OK, before our break, we started
to talk about Bad Aibling.

1960
01:35:48,000 --> 01:35:52,890
And I want to get a
sense of your travels

1961
01:35:52,890 --> 01:35:58,170
from Paris to Germany and how
you then end up in Bad Aibling.

1962
01:35:58,170 --> 01:36:03,040
Did you go straight there, or
did you go other places first?

1963
01:36:03,040 --> 01:36:04,290
You mean when we left--

1964
01:36:04,290 --> 01:36:05,340
Paris.

1965

01:36:05,340 --> 01:36:09,240

When we left Paris when we
knew we couldn't go to Poland?

1966

01:36:09,240 --> 01:36:10,500

Right.

1967

01:36:10,500 --> 01:36:13,570

Well, we rode in the
back of a big truck.

1968

01:36:13,570 --> 01:36:18,510

And it was a long, long trip.

1969

01:36:18,510 --> 01:36:22,295

I mean, you didn't fly or--

1970

01:36:22,295 --> 01:36:25,103

Do you remember what you saw
of the landscape or the towns

1971

01:36:25,103 --> 01:36:26,020

that you were passing?

1972

01:36:26,020 --> 01:36:28,050

Oh, everything was very drab.

1973

01:36:28,050 --> 01:36:30,420

We stopped in little villages.

1974

01:36:30,420 --> 01:36:32,100

People were very kind to us.

1975

01:36:32,100 --> 01:36:36,870

They'd take us in
and give us food.

1976

01:36:36,870 --> 01:36:39,900

And there was a--

1977

01:36:39,900 --> 01:36:44,010
it was an AFSC
transport, this truck,

1978
01:36:44,010 --> 01:36:48,870
and the drivers were Americans
who were over there working.

1979
01:36:48,870 --> 01:36:56,170
And they drove us to Munich.

1980
01:36:56,170 --> 01:37:02,240
And in Munich, we met
people who took us out

1981
01:37:02,240 --> 01:37:04,220
to the children's village.

1982
01:37:04,220 --> 01:37:09,100
I don't have any clear
memories of arriving.

1983
01:37:09,100 --> 01:37:12,190
Do you have memories of what it
looked like when you got there?

1984
01:37:12,190 --> 01:37:13,000
If what?

1985
01:37:13,000 --> 01:37:15,940
Do you have memories of what it
looked like when you got there?

1986
01:37:15,940 --> 01:37:18,040
Of what it looked
like, the village?

1987
01:37:18,040 --> 01:37:18,610
Yeah.

1988
01:37:18,610 --> 01:37:22,030
It was all painted
camouflage green.

1989
01:37:22,030 --> 01:37:23,660
It was barracks.

1990
01:37:23,660 --> 01:37:28,600
It had been a Luftwaffe
camp, and so there

1991
01:37:28,600 --> 01:37:31,630
were the officers' quarters,
which were pretty nice.

1992
01:37:31,630 --> 01:37:37,930
And that's where we housed the
babies and the preschoolers.

1993
01:37:37,930 --> 01:37:42,490
There were about 150
of them, I think.

1994
01:37:42,490 --> 01:37:48,710
And then, there were
these other barracks where

1995
01:37:48,710 --> 01:37:52,390
the older kids were housed.

1996
01:37:52,390 --> 01:37:56,730
There were six Quakers,
and we were divided

1997
01:37:56,730 --> 01:38:00,670
among the various age groups.

1998
01:38:00,670 --> 01:38:04,990
We had one in the kindergarten
with the little children.

1999
01:38:04,990 --> 01:38:09,110
And then, there was
a reception house.

2000

01:38:09,110 --> 01:38:11,540
When children came,
they had to stay

2001
01:38:11,540 --> 01:38:13,860
in quarantine for a couple of--

2002
01:38:13,860 --> 01:38:15,800
for a month, I think.

2003
01:38:15,800 --> 01:38:16,860
I don't know.

2004
01:38:16,860 --> 01:38:21,920
And then, they would
stay there until they

2005
01:38:21,920 --> 01:38:25,370
were cleared for getting out.

2006
01:38:25,370 --> 01:38:27,440
And then they could come to us.

2007
01:38:27,440 --> 01:38:29,240
And then, so there was--

2008
01:38:29,240 --> 01:38:33,660
and one was assigned to
the 6 to 10-year-olds,

2009
01:38:33,660 --> 01:38:39,200
and one to the older girls,
the teenagers, and Oakie

2010
01:38:39,200 --> 01:38:41,870
and I to the teenage boys.

2011
01:38:41,870 --> 01:38:45,425
And we had about
150 teenage boys.

2012
01:38:45,425 --> 01:38:48,020

2013

01:38:48,020 --> 01:38:51,050

They were boys as old as 18.

2014

01:38:51,050 --> 01:38:55,610

And they were pretty
grown up, but in a way,

2015

01:38:55,610 --> 01:38:57,350

they were surprisingly young.

2016

01:38:57,350 --> 01:39:00,080

They were very naive
and in a sort of a way.

2017

01:39:00,080 --> 01:39:05,000

But they they'd seen the war and
they'd wandered around Europe.

2018

01:39:05,000 --> 01:39:07,550

They were a very
strange combination

2019

01:39:07,550 --> 01:39:13,310

of naive and experienced
beyond their years.

2020

01:39:13,310 --> 01:39:16,370

They had-- most of them
hadn't finished any schooling.

2021

01:39:16,370 --> 01:39:19,240

2022

01:39:19,240 --> 01:39:21,130

Who ran the place?

2023

01:39:21,130 --> 01:39:21,690

Who ran--

2024

01:39:21,690 --> 01:39:24,640

The International
Refugee Organization.

2025
01:39:24,640 --> 01:39:27,070
We called it IRO.

2026
01:39:27,070 --> 01:39:30,196
And that was--

2027
01:39:30,196 --> 01:39:31,720
Was it part of UNRRA?

2028
01:39:31,720 --> 01:39:32,350
Hmm?

2029
01:39:32,350 --> 01:39:37,060
Was IRO part of UNRRA, or
was it part of the Red Cross?

2030
01:39:37,060 --> 01:39:38,368
What was it affiliated with?

2031
01:39:38,368 --> 01:39:39,910
Oh no, it was part
of UNRRA, I think.

2032
01:39:39,910 --> 01:39:40,840
It was part of UNRRA.

2033
01:39:40,840 --> 01:39:42,385
Yeah, and--

2034
01:39:42,385 --> 01:39:45,050

2035
01:39:45,050 --> 01:39:49,400
When you came, was the camp
already established and running

2036
01:39:49,400 --> 01:39:51,310
for a while, or was it new?

2037

01:39:51,310 --> 01:39:56,750
Not that camp-- the children had
been wandering around Europe,

2038

01:39:56,750 --> 01:39:58,160
and some of them had--

2039

01:39:58,160 --> 01:40:02,540
they been in various
little villages.

2040

01:40:02,540 --> 01:40:09,310
A few Quakers had been working
there at one of the villages.

2041

01:40:09,310 --> 01:40:12,250
They just decided
it would be more

2042

01:40:12,250 --> 01:40:16,360
efficient to put all the
children together and either

2043

01:40:16,360 --> 01:40:22,780
resettle them, or get
them a chance to emigrate,

2044

01:40:22,780 --> 01:40:23,980
fill out their papers.

2045

01:40:23,980 --> 01:40:28,490
And so they had a staff
of social workers.

2046

01:40:28,490 --> 01:40:32,920
We were very
short-staffed, but--

2047

01:40:32,920 --> 01:40:35,200
Was this the only
village of its kind?

2048

01:40:35,200 --> 01:40:37,400
Was this the only sort of,
like, center of its kind?

2049

01:40:37,400 --> 01:40:41,830
It was the only place where so
many were gathered together.

2050

01:40:41,830 --> 01:40:43,720
And this was the main--

2051

01:40:43,720 --> 01:40:48,190
this was going to be the place
where they all came through.

2052

01:40:48,190 --> 01:40:50,440
And they came, and they left.

2053

01:40:50,440 --> 01:40:53,740
I mean, it was a
constant flow at first.

2054

01:40:53,740 --> 01:40:57,580
Another question-- were
they all orphan children?

2055

01:40:57,580 --> 01:40:58,960
No, they weren't all orphaned.

2056

01:40:58,960 --> 01:41:02,380
They were called unaccompanied,
and unaccompanied

2057

01:41:02,380 --> 01:41:08,500
meant you had no family
with you or no known person

2058

01:41:08,500 --> 01:41:10,120
to take care of you.

2059

01:41:10,120 --> 01:41:12,280
So in some ways, it
could be that you

2060
01:41:12,280 --> 01:41:13,435
have a mother or a father.

2061
01:41:13,435 --> 01:41:14,140
Oh yes.

2062
01:41:14,140 --> 01:41:15,580
But you don't know
where they are.

2063
01:41:15,580 --> 01:41:21,670
Exactly, or they
might be sort of sick.

2064
01:41:21,670 --> 01:41:27,150
The Boyko boys, two
boys from the Ukraine,

2065
01:41:27,150 --> 01:41:28,560
had a surviving mother.

2066
01:41:28,560 --> 01:41:31,950
They had left the Ukraine
with both parents.

2067
01:41:31,950 --> 01:41:36,000
The father died, and
the mother was not well,

2068
01:41:36,000 --> 01:41:38,220
so-- but they
still had a mother.

2069
01:41:38,220 --> 01:41:45,670
And a lot of them wanted
to be with their parent,

2070
01:41:45,670 --> 01:41:47,650
but it wasn't feasible.

2071
01:41:47,650 --> 01:41:51,823

And some of them decided
they'd rather move on,

2072

01:41:51,823 --> 01:41:53,615
but they mostly wanted
to go to the States.

2073

01:41:53,615 --> 01:41:57,250

2074

01:41:57,250 --> 01:42:00,520
And when you say that
you and your husband

2075

01:42:00,520 --> 01:42:02,440
were assigned to
the older boys, what

2076

01:42:02,440 --> 01:42:05,170
were your particular
responsibilities?

2077

01:42:05,170 --> 01:42:11,370
Well, we were assigned the
very nice job called home life.

2078

01:42:11,370 --> 01:42:16,030
And this was a very drab,
inhumane sort of place,

2079

01:42:16,030 --> 01:42:23,380
like all the DP camps, and we
were to make it more homelike.

2080

01:42:23,380 --> 01:42:25,150
So we did things--

2081

01:42:25,150 --> 01:42:26,440
we thought up things.

2082

01:42:26,440 --> 01:42:29,750
We played games
with-- at that point,

2083
01:42:29,750 --> 01:42:32,890
there was no very
functional school,

2084
01:42:32,890 --> 01:42:38,710
so we sometimes taught classes.

2085
01:42:38,710 --> 01:42:42,480
But mostly, we tried
to make life pleasant.

2086
01:42:42,480 --> 01:42:49,110
We tried to set up what we
call a Wohnzimmer, a living

2087
01:42:49,110 --> 01:42:52,230
room, in each barracks.

2088
01:42:52,230 --> 01:42:54,400
And we make it as pretty as--

2089
01:42:54,400 --> 01:42:58,050
I mean, the kids would decorate
it and try to make it nice.

2090
01:42:58,050 --> 01:43:01,030
And it would be a place
they could hang out.

2091
01:43:01,030 --> 01:43:02,670
One of the first
things we got was

2092
01:43:02,670 --> 01:43:06,500
a radio for each Wohnzimmer.

2093
01:43:06,500 --> 01:43:07,280
Each living room.

2094
01:43:07,280 --> 01:43:08,810
That was popular.

2095
01:43:08,810 --> 01:43:11,300
The kids loved
listening to the radio.

2096
01:43:11,300 --> 01:43:12,440
They loved music.

2097
01:43:12,440 --> 01:43:14,390
They loved dancing.

2098
01:43:14,390 --> 01:43:17,100
We had lots of singing.

2099
01:43:17,100 --> 01:43:22,520
Oh, they loved to sing
their songs, and--

2100
01:43:22,520 --> 01:43:24,230
How did they speak
with one another?

2101
01:43:24,230 --> 01:43:26,630
I can imagine it was
a Tower of Babel.

2102
01:43:26,630 --> 01:43:27,920
It was.

2103
01:43:27,920 --> 01:43:29,750
We spoke DP Sprache.

2104
01:43:29,750 --> 01:43:31,160
DP Sprache?

2105
01:43:31,160 --> 01:43:32,240
[LAUGHS]

2106
01:43:32,240 --> 01:43:35,370
And it was a
language all its own.

2107

01:43:35,370 --> 01:43:40,355

If something was stolen, you'd
say it's comme si'd, comme

2108

01:43:40,355 --> 01:43:41,390

ca'd.

2109

01:43:41,390 --> 01:43:43,100

Comme si'd, comme ca'd.

2110

01:43:43,100 --> 01:43:43,600

OK.

2111

01:43:43,600 --> 01:43:50,040

French, but just a
mash of languages.

2112

01:43:50,040 --> 01:43:52,220

Some of the kids
spoke five languages,

2113

01:43:52,220 --> 01:43:56,630

but they probably didn't speak
any of them very grammatically.

2114

01:43:56,630 --> 01:43:58,340

But they were very--

2115

01:43:58,340 --> 01:44:00,980

they were very savvy
kids in some ways.

2116

01:44:00,980 --> 01:44:04,510

They knew how to do stuff
on the black market.

2117

01:44:04,510 --> 01:44:05,350

Did they teach you?

2118

01:44:05,350 --> 01:44:08,420

[GIGGLES] They tried.

2119
01:44:08,420 --> 01:44:08,920
Yeah?

2120
01:44:08,920 --> 01:44:11,500
We were very honest and pure.

2121
01:44:11,500 --> 01:44:12,550
[GIGGLES]

2122
01:44:12,550 --> 01:44:16,720
Well, I'm sure that kids
needed that as a model.

2123
01:44:16,720 --> 01:44:21,610
But the reason I ask that is
that it's a level of trust,

2124
01:44:21,610 --> 01:44:25,150
that they'd only tell you
about it if they trusted you.

2125
01:44:25,150 --> 01:44:26,850
Well, they trusted us, I think.

2126
01:44:26,850 --> 01:44:27,350
OK.

2127
01:44:27,350 --> 01:44:33,190

2128
01:44:33,190 --> 01:44:36,250
So what are some of the items
that they would exchange

2129
01:44:36,250 --> 01:44:38,470
or sell on the black market?

2130
01:44:38,470 --> 01:44:39,790
What did they have to sell?

2131
01:44:39,790 --> 01:44:44,680

2132
01:44:44,680 --> 01:44:46,910
Sheets, not money--

2133
01:44:46,910 --> 01:44:52,630
I mean, I can't imagine
they get much for sheets.

2134
01:44:52,630 --> 01:44:58,750
Cigarettes-- it's amazing
reading my letters

2135
01:44:58,750 --> 01:45:03,670
to see how many cigarettes
we offered these teenagers.

2136
01:45:03,670 --> 01:45:07,540
What a dreadful thing to
do, but we don't know yet.

2137
01:45:07,540 --> 01:45:09,160
Well, it was also currency.

2138
01:45:09,160 --> 01:45:10,477
Cigarettes were more currency.

2139
01:45:10,477 --> 01:45:11,560
Oh, it was great currency.

2140
01:45:11,560 --> 01:45:12,560
Yeah.

2141
01:45:12,560 --> 01:45:18,700
We could get cigarettes for
\$0.05 a pack in the [PX]

2142
01:45:18,700 --> 01:45:23,290
We could go to a restaurant and
if we left a pack for a tip,

2143
01:45:23,290 --> 01:45:25,510

they would tell us
that's outrageous.

2144
01:45:25,510 --> 01:45:27,110
Leave two cigarettes.

2145
01:45:27,110 --> 01:45:28,500
That's enough.

2146
01:45:28,500 --> 01:45:30,400
I mean, that's how--

2147
01:45:30,400 --> 01:45:35,330
and coffee was very greatly
wanted on the black market.

2148
01:45:35,330 --> 01:45:38,230

2149
01:45:38,230 --> 01:45:40,420
But they went-- they
used to go walking

2150
01:45:40,420 --> 01:45:44,100
on the highway near
the camp, they told us.

2151
01:45:44,100 --> 01:45:47,310
And they'd pick up
cigarette butts.

2152
01:45:47,310 --> 01:45:52,620
They'd open them up,
rerolled the tobacco,

2153
01:45:52,620 --> 01:45:55,590
and sell the cigarettes.

2154
01:45:55,590 --> 01:46:00,810
I mean, they were very savvy.

2155
01:46:00,810 --> 01:46:02,860

Resourceful, resourceful.

2156
01:46:02,860 --> 01:46:03,360
Mm-hmm.

2157
01:46:03,360 --> 01:46:06,090

2158
01:46:06,090 --> 01:46:09,000
Did you get to know
them so that you

2159
01:46:09,000 --> 01:46:12,434
learned something of their
stories of who they were?

2160
01:46:12,434 --> 01:46:15,450
Oh yeah, they loved to
talk about their stories.

2161
01:46:15,450 --> 01:46:16,410
So tell me.

2162
01:46:16,410 --> 01:46:18,030
What are some of
those that stayed

2163
01:46:18,030 --> 01:46:21,330
with you, some of
the experiences

2164
01:46:21,330 --> 01:46:25,320
that you saw these
children had gone through?

2165
01:46:25,320 --> 01:46:28,500

2166
01:46:28,500 --> 01:46:32,925
Well, that's-- I can't
quite just grab one.

2167

01:46:32,925 --> 01:46:33,425
OK.

2168
01:46:33,425 --> 01:46:37,400

2169
01:46:37,400 --> 01:46:38,385
Many of them did.

2170
01:46:38,385 --> 01:46:42,170

2171
01:46:42,170 --> 01:46:43,310
But I can't--

2172
01:46:43,310 --> 01:46:46,400
Do you know of any who
had been in forced labor?

2173
01:46:46,400 --> 01:46:46,970
Do I what?

2174
01:46:46,970 --> 01:46:51,230
Were any of them in
forced labor camps?

2175
01:46:51,230 --> 01:46:54,530
Well, you never
knew whether they--

2176
01:46:54,530 --> 01:46:57,600
the ones who said they were,
whether they really were

2177
01:46:57,600 --> 01:46:59,030
or not.

2178
01:46:59,030 --> 01:47:02,450
I mean, their stories
sometimes changed.

2179
01:47:02,450 --> 01:47:06,890

But certainly, some
of them were in places

2180
01:47:06,890 --> 01:47:08,450
where they had to
do forced labor.

2181
01:47:08,450 --> 01:47:11,240

2182
01:47:11,240 --> 01:47:17,820
There was one boy who
came to us about 12 or 14.

2183
01:47:17,820 --> 01:47:20,170
He hadn't ever been to school.

2184
01:47:20,170 --> 01:47:22,480
He was totally illiterate.

2185
01:47:22,480 --> 01:47:23,920
His name was Mitka.

2186
01:47:23,920 --> 01:47:26,380
Has that name come
across your radar?

2187
01:47:26,380 --> 01:47:28,600
Mm-hmm.

2188
01:47:28,600 --> 01:47:31,780
But his story changed
so often that I'm not

2189
01:47:31,780 --> 01:47:34,180
sure what's the real story.

2190
01:47:34,180 --> 01:47:38,530
But he had a very sad
story about being injured

2191
01:47:38,530 --> 01:47:42,610

in the massacre at Babi
Yar, or whatever that was,

2192
01:47:42,610 --> 01:47:49,000
and that he was in forced
labor with the Poles.

2193
01:47:49,000 --> 01:47:51,910
I don't know what
was really true.

2194
01:47:51,910 --> 01:47:56,680
But the Boyko brothers were--

2195
01:47:56,680 --> 01:47:58,600
their story was very clear.

2196
01:47:58,600 --> 01:48:00,760
They had little
photographs of themselves

2197
01:48:00,760 --> 01:48:02,980
with their mother and father.

2198
01:48:02,980 --> 01:48:11,950
And there were a couple of boys
who were mascots, GI mascots.

2199
01:48:11,950 --> 01:48:16,450
And the Army, the US
Army coming through,

2200
01:48:16,450 --> 01:48:22,790
as they were cleaning up, would
go and they'd pick up some kid.

2201
01:48:22,790 --> 01:48:25,130
And he'd join up with them.

2202
01:48:25,130 --> 01:48:28,640
They'd give him cigarettes, and
they treat him really nicely.

2203

01:48:28,640 --> 01:48:31,640

But they picked up
the lingo and they

2204

01:48:31,640 --> 01:48:34,250

were like little
Americans, so they

2205

01:48:34,250 --> 01:48:38,030

wanted to go to the States.

2206

01:48:38,030 --> 01:48:43,670

They all thought America
was the land of dreams,

2207

01:48:43,670 --> 01:48:46,230

and they all wanted
to go to Texas.

2208

01:48:46,230 --> 01:48:46,790

Really?

2209

01:48:46,790 --> 01:48:47,990

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2210

01:48:47,990 --> 01:48:50,570

They thought Texas
was the place to be.

2211

01:48:50,570 --> 01:48:58,210

I remember a boy named
Harry who wore cowboy boots,

2212

01:48:58,210 --> 01:49:02,890

acted like a Texan,
and was really planning

2213

01:49:02,890 --> 01:49:03,860

to emigrate there.

2214

01:49:03,860 --> 01:49:06,820

I do not know if he

ended up or not, but--

2215

01:49:06,820 --> 01:49:12,145

2216

01:49:12,145 --> 01:49:15,610

What were some of the nationalities of the children

2217

01:49:15,610 --> 01:49:17,410

who were at Bad Aibling?

2218

01:49:17,410 --> 01:49:24,000

Oh, the biggest number was Polish.

2219

01:49:24,000 --> 01:49:28,585

And then, I think probably Ukraine.

2220

01:49:28,585 --> 01:49:37,420

2221

01:49:37,420 --> 01:49:41,680

Czech-- there were quite a lot of Czechs, but many of them

2222

01:49:41,680 --> 01:49:43,120

were latecomers.

2223

01:49:43,120 --> 01:49:44,800

They weren't from the war so much

2224

01:49:44,800 --> 01:49:49,420

as escaping now the communists when they were afraid

2225

01:49:49,420 --> 01:49:51,370

were going to take over.

2226

01:49:51,370 --> 01:49:55,270

There were Latvians and
Lithuanians-- not so many--

2227
01:49:55,270 --> 01:49:59,080
and Estonians, and--

2228
01:49:59,080 --> 01:50:00,850
Were there any Russian children?

2229
01:50:00,850 --> 01:50:02,830
Yes, there were a few Russians.

2230
01:50:02,830 --> 01:50:08,085
Oh, there's a woodcut
done by a Russian boy who

2231
01:50:08,085 --> 01:50:17,220
it says on the back, made by
Russian boy, Amir Hamidullin.

2232
01:50:17,220 --> 01:50:18,810
That was his name--

2233
01:50:18,810 --> 01:50:22,860
at Bad Aibling
children's village.

2234
01:50:22,860 --> 01:50:27,660
But he-- his mother drove
a streetcar in Stalingrad,

2235
01:50:27,660 --> 01:50:30,900
and he had escaped.

2236
01:50:30,900 --> 01:50:34,660
But he wanted to go back.

2237
01:50:34,660 --> 01:50:37,600
When he left, I was pregnant.

2238
01:50:37,600 --> 01:50:41,590
And I told him I liked his

name, and if I had a boy,

2239

01:50:41,590 --> 01:50:43,390

I might name him Amir.

2240

01:50:43,390 --> 01:50:46,180

He said, well, it would make
a nice girl's name, too.

2241

01:50:46,180 --> 01:50:48,870

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2242

01:50:48,870 --> 01:50:51,610

Where there are many--

2243

01:50:51,610 --> 01:50:55,870

were there efforts at
repatriation in Bad Aibling?

2244

01:50:55,870 --> 01:50:59,320

That is, to have children go
back to where they came from?

2245

01:50:59,320 --> 01:51:05,440

Oh yes, quite often, but
most of the Czech boys,

2246

01:51:05,440 --> 01:51:09,010

the handiest place
to go is Australia.

2247

01:51:09,010 --> 01:51:12,450

And if they could
find their parents,

2248

01:51:12,450 --> 01:51:18,690

they wanted to send them
home, so that was happening.

2249

01:51:18,690 --> 01:51:20,520

There were two great kids.

2250

01:51:20,520 --> 01:51:26,870

There were-- There was a sweet--

2251

01:51:26,870 --> 01:51:28,886

there was a French one--

2252

01:51:28,886 --> 01:51:31,760

one or two, at least--

2253

01:51:31,760 --> 01:51:35,310

one Italian, I think.

2254

01:51:35,310 --> 01:51:38,070

Have you ever heard
of the Kalmyks?

2255

01:51:38,070 --> 01:51:38,610

Yes.

2256

01:51:38,610 --> 01:51:39,480

Yeah, well--

2257

01:51:39,480 --> 01:51:42,480

So from the Soviet
Union, the Kalmyks?

2258

01:51:42,480 --> 01:51:47,040

They were the descendants
of Genghis Khan.

2259

01:51:47,040 --> 01:51:48,270

They were Asian.

2260

01:51:48,270 --> 01:51:49,830

Right.

2261

01:51:49,830 --> 01:51:52,110

And they were kept.

2262

01:51:52,110 --> 01:51:55,140

They were excluded from
the United States because

2263
01:51:55,140 --> 01:52:00,330
of the Oriental Exclusion
Act, and Canada wanted nothing

2264
01:52:00,330 --> 01:52:01,480
to do with them.

2265
01:52:01,480 --> 01:52:04,290
Australia said they
didn't want them,

2266
01:52:04,290 --> 01:52:07,800
so these-- we only had four
of them, I think, in the camp.

2267
01:52:07,800 --> 01:52:11,040
Two of them were
boys in our group,

2268
01:52:11,040 --> 01:52:13,680
and they were the
smartest kids we had.

2269
01:52:13,680 --> 01:52:16,170
And they'd been there a while.

2270
01:52:16,170 --> 01:52:19,230
They saw other
people come and go.

2271
01:52:19,230 --> 01:52:26,020
And there was this big outgoing
group going to Australia.

2272
01:52:26,020 --> 01:52:27,790
The Czech boys
who were coming in

2273
01:52:27,790 --> 01:52:29,770
were very much
wanted in Australia

2274

01:52:29,770 --> 01:52:31,840
because they could do the work.

2275

01:52:31,840 --> 01:52:37,230
The US was the only place
that we heard about it where

2276

01:52:37,230 --> 01:52:40,350
they took children
into families,

2277

01:52:40,350 --> 01:52:43,170
and the other
places had reasons.

2278

01:52:43,170 --> 01:52:45,370
Canada wanted workers.

2279

01:52:45,370 --> 01:52:47,010
Australia wanted workers.

2280

01:52:47,010 --> 01:52:51,990
They wanted-- they didn't just
want nice little kids to adopt.

2281

01:52:51,990 --> 01:52:57,420
And so it made a huge difference
with these older kids,

2282

01:52:57,420 --> 01:53:03,060
but I know I remember the Kalmyk
boys were so sure that they

2283

01:53:03,060 --> 01:53:04,980
would go to Australia.

2284

01:53:04,980 --> 01:53:07,110
You know, it's just
too heartbreaking

2285

01:53:07,110 --> 01:53:10,410
to tell them that they

were excluded there too.

2286
01:53:10,410 --> 01:53:11,970
They didn't get it.

2287
01:53:11,970 --> 01:53:13,800
They were people of color.

2288
01:53:13,800 --> 01:53:16,560
They were Oriental.

2289
01:53:16,560 --> 01:53:19,860
There were many reasons
that they were kept out.

2290
01:53:19,860 --> 01:53:22,820

2291
01:53:22,820 --> 01:53:27,350
Actually, do you
want another story?

2292
01:53:27,350 --> 01:53:28,430
Sure, yes.

2293
01:53:28,430 --> 01:53:34,540
When I was teaching in
the '70s in Philadelphia,

2294
01:53:34,540 --> 01:53:37,280
there was a cleaning
lady in the school.

2295
01:53:37,280 --> 01:53:39,460
And she and I were
usually the last people

2296
01:53:39,460 --> 01:53:43,330
in the school at night because
I was always working in my room.

2297
01:53:43,330 --> 01:53:47,200

And she was cleaning
it, and we would talk.

2298
01:53:47,200 --> 01:53:50,950
Turns out she was a
Russian DP, and she

2299
01:53:50,950 --> 01:53:54,610
had been in forced
labor with the Russians

2300
01:53:54,610 --> 01:53:58,000
and then had gone to a
displaced persons camp

2301
01:53:58,000 --> 01:54:02,710
after the war where she met
her husband, who was a Kalmyk.

2302
01:54:02,710 --> 01:54:08,340
And he looked like a Buddha.

2303
01:54:08,340 --> 01:54:11,940
They lived in North Philly,
and they were part of the-- oh,

2304
01:54:11,940 --> 01:54:13,620
well, they all
were Buddhists too.

2305
01:54:13,620 --> 01:54:14,880
That was the other thing.

2306
01:54:14,880 --> 01:54:18,660
Their Buddhism made
them ineligible.

2307
01:54:18,660 --> 01:54:21,810
And they were--

2308
01:54:21,810 --> 01:54:29,130

2309

01:54:29,130 --> 01:54:37,965

[CHUCKLES] I--

2310

01:54:37,965 --> 01:54:48,880

2311

01:54:48,880 --> 01:54:52,990

So she used to tell me
stories about her husband, who

2312

01:54:52,990 --> 01:54:56,210

would come home drunk every
Friday night and so on.

2313

01:54:56,210 --> 01:54:59,440

And then, she talked about
the Buddhist community

2314

01:54:59,440 --> 01:55:02,410

and invited me for
a Buddhist ceremony

2315

01:55:02,410 --> 01:55:05,335

at her house, which was
in the neighborhood.

2316

01:55:05,335 --> 01:55:10,710

2317

01:55:10,710 --> 01:55:13,110

When I met her husband
and he looks so much

2318

01:55:13,110 --> 01:55:16,770

like the kids I
knew, I asked her

2319

01:55:16,770 --> 01:55:23,230

if Goropov was a
common Kalmyk name.

2320

01:55:23,230 --> 01:55:26,035

And she said, oh, you
don't mean Alex and Nicky.

2321
01:55:26,035 --> 01:55:29,460
I said, yeah, that's who I mean.

2322
01:55:29,460 --> 01:55:32,520
And they were part of the
Philadelphia Buddhist group,

2323
01:55:32,520 --> 01:55:33,570
and they'd grown up.

2324
01:55:33,570 --> 01:55:35,730
They've been sent there.

2325
01:55:35,730 --> 01:55:36,690
So they made it?

2326
01:55:36,690 --> 01:55:39,840
They made it, and
what had happened

2327
01:55:39,840 --> 01:55:44,520
was that, well, they were very
endearing kids, especially

2328
01:55:44,520 --> 01:55:45,420
Alex.

2329
01:55:45,420 --> 01:55:50,400
He was bright, and
a Quaker man named

2330
01:55:50,400 --> 01:55:57,110
Francis Bosworth took an
interest in him, helped

2331
01:55:57,110 --> 01:56:02,150
him emigrate, came to
Philly, and his brother too.

2332

01:56:02,150 --> 01:56:03,590
But he was the one that--

2333
01:56:03,590 --> 01:56:06,500
the brother ended
up being alcoholic

2334
01:56:06,500 --> 01:56:08,960
and dying rather young.

2335
01:56:08,960 --> 01:56:15,900
But Alex, Francis
helped him grow up,

2336
01:56:15,900 --> 01:56:18,780
got him a scholarship
to Middlebury,

2337
01:56:18,780 --> 01:56:22,170
and he had a good education.

2338
01:56:22,170 --> 01:56:25,780
And he married a Kalmyk woman.

2339
01:56:25,780 --> 01:56:31,410
And so we met him
finally, and that

2340
01:56:31,410 --> 01:56:33,630
was one of the happy stories.

2341
01:56:33,630 --> 01:56:34,440
How amazing.

2342
01:56:34,440 --> 01:56:35,820
Yes, it is a happy story.

2343
01:56:35,820 --> 01:56:36,360
Hmm?

2344
01:56:36,360 --> 01:56:40,320
It is a happy story from

that unknowability, that sort

2345

01:56:40,320 --> 01:56:41,740
of hanging in the air--

2346

01:56:41,740 --> 01:56:42,277
Yeah.

2347

01:56:42,277 --> 01:56:43,110
--to know that the--

2348

01:56:43,110 --> 01:56:43,770
It's amazing.

2349

01:56:43,770 --> 01:56:44,690
Yeah.

2350

01:56:44,690 --> 01:56:49,860
That was a very, very
nice ending to things.

2351

01:56:49,860 --> 01:56:54,420
He had four or five children.

2352

01:56:54,420 --> 01:56:56,730
All looked just
like little Buddhas.

2353

01:56:56,730 --> 01:56:59,850
They all looked like those
dolls, those nesting dolls.

2354

01:56:59,850 --> 01:57:01,380
Yeah.

2355

01:57:01,380 --> 01:57:05,460
Were there stories of
children who never got placed,

2356

01:57:05,460 --> 01:57:08,070
who never were able to leave?

2357

01:57:08,070 --> 01:57:12,000

Well, I heard that when
they finally closed--

2358

01:57:12,000 --> 01:57:16,990

I left about a month before
they closed the camp.

2359

01:57:16,990 --> 01:57:19,930

I heard there were a few left.

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01:57:19,930 --> 01:57:25,870

They were called the
hardcore, and I don't

2361

01:57:25,870 --> 01:57:27,790

know what happened to them.

2362

01:57:27,790 --> 01:57:32,620

There was probably
a Kalmyk or two,

2363

01:57:32,620 --> 01:57:35,140

maybe some Jewish children.

2364

01:57:35,140 --> 01:57:37,858

That's another whole story.

2365

01:57:37,858 --> 01:57:38,650

Tell me about that.

2366

01:57:38,650 --> 01:57:41,410

The Jewish children
often got placed quickly

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01:57:41,410 --> 01:57:47,080

because the Jewish
organizations, the humane

2368

01:57:47,080 --> 01:57:52,150

or the international
organizations, had good funds

2369
01:57:52,150 --> 01:57:55,240
and were taking
care of Jewish kids.

2370
01:57:55,240 --> 01:57:58,510
But it also made
for hard feelings

2371
01:57:58,510 --> 01:58:01,750
because they often got
better food, better rations.

2372
01:58:01,750 --> 01:58:04,270
They had kosher
food, but they also

2373
01:58:04,270 --> 01:58:06,740
had more butter, more eggs.

2374
01:58:06,740 --> 01:58:08,890
So they occasionally had cake.

2375
01:58:08,890 --> 01:58:14,530
And this was not nice for
the other kids to see.

2376
01:58:14,530 --> 01:58:19,800
And then also, they couldn't
do any work at all--

2377
01:58:19,800 --> 01:58:22,050
they couldn't even
turn a light switch--

2378
01:58:22,050 --> 01:58:25,470
on the Sabbath, which
was Saturday, which

2379
01:58:25,470 --> 01:58:27,360
was the work day in the camps.

2380

01:58:27,360 --> 01:58:30,330
So the kids that were--

2381
01:58:30,330 --> 01:58:34,498
they were housed all the
Jewish kids in one dorm.

2382
01:58:34,498 --> 01:58:36,540
So they weren't intermingled
with the other kids?

2383
01:58:36,540 --> 01:58:38,340
They weren't mingled much.

2384
01:58:38,340 --> 01:58:42,810
And well, that's another story.

2385
01:58:42,810 --> 01:58:46,800
I was one night sitting
here in my kitchen.

2386
01:58:46,800 --> 01:58:52,190
A friend from Philadelphia,
Kate, wanted to come through.

2387
01:58:52,190 --> 01:58:56,960
She worked for the AFSC, and
she brought a friend with her.

2388
01:58:56,960 --> 01:58:59,660
And we were sitting around
eating supper and talking,

2389
01:58:59,660 --> 01:59:04,400
and they asked me about
my work with AFSC.

2390
01:59:04,400 --> 01:59:08,300
And I was talking about
DP camps and so on.

2391
01:59:08,300 --> 01:59:12,080
And the visiting woman,

Gabriela, she said,

2392

01:59:12,080 --> 01:59:15,020

oh, my father and his
brothers and sisters

2393

01:59:15,020 --> 01:59:17,900

were all in a DP camp.

2394

01:59:17,900 --> 01:59:21,140

In fact, she said
he used to talk

2395

01:59:21,140 --> 01:59:23,780

about it with great affection.

2396

01:59:23,780 --> 01:59:27,110

And when I asked what
it was, she didn't know,

2397

01:59:27,110 --> 01:59:29,990

but she said it was
a children's village.

2398

01:59:29,990 --> 01:59:34,620

And I said, well, I
suspect it could be.

2399

01:59:34,620 --> 01:59:35,880

So she called him up.

2400

01:59:35,880 --> 01:59:38,580

He was a dentist
now in New Jersey.

2401

01:59:38,580 --> 01:59:40,470

She called him up.

2402

01:59:40,470 --> 01:59:42,960

And I could tell she was
talking on the phone.

2403

01:59:42,960 --> 01:59:45,780
She said-- I'm sitting
here-- and she said,

2404
01:59:45,780 --> 01:59:49,290
and I'm with somebody
who remembers those days.

2405
01:59:49,290 --> 01:59:51,800
And she said, what
were the names?

2406
01:59:51,800 --> 01:59:55,176
And he said, Kent,
Again, he said Kent.

2407
01:59:55,176 --> 01:59:57,310
I was just-- oh.

2408
01:59:57,310 --> 01:59:59,400
She was-- she began to cry.

2409
01:59:59,400 --> 02:00:02,760
She was just sort
of overwhelmed.

2410
02:00:02,760 --> 02:00:07,260
And his name-- he changed
his name to Silver.

2411
02:00:07,260 --> 02:00:09,900
It had been Silverman, I think.

2412
02:00:09,900 --> 02:00:13,530
And I didn't remember
them particularly,

2413
02:00:13,530 --> 02:00:17,010
but he remembered us because
we were in the same dorm.

2414
02:00:17,010 --> 02:00:25,360
And he and his

sisters and brothers,

2415
02:00:25,360 --> 02:00:27,820
they think they
had relatives here

2416
02:00:27,820 --> 02:00:29,660
and they all came together.

2417
02:00:29,660 --> 02:00:34,600
But then, finally, she got
him and her stepmother.

2418
02:00:34,600 --> 02:00:42,020
They came to visit later,
and they were very kosher.

2419
02:00:42,020 --> 02:00:44,180
They brought their
own eating utensils

2420
02:00:44,180 --> 02:00:48,050
and cooked their own food.

2421
02:00:48,050 --> 02:00:50,090
Was it-- when you were
in the camp, though,

2422
02:00:50,090 --> 02:00:53,570
were you also houseparents
to the Jewish children

2423
02:00:53,570 --> 02:00:54,890
or were there different people?

2424
02:00:54,890 --> 02:01:01,290
[AUDIO OUT]

2425
02:01:01,290 --> 02:01:03,150
And I am now rolling.

2426
02:01:03,150 --> 02:01:05,700

OK, so I want to understand.

2427

02:01:05,700 --> 02:01:09,300

Were the Jewish kids in the same dorm as the other kids?

2428

02:01:09,300 --> 02:01:13,950

Yep, but they were in one room, I think, most of them.

2429

02:01:13,950 --> 02:01:15,300

I mean, the boys--

2430

02:01:15,300 --> 02:01:19,140

the girls were in a different building.

2431

02:01:19,140 --> 02:01:21,960

Were you houseparents to these children as well?

2432

02:01:21,960 --> 02:01:23,850

We were never houseparents.

2433

02:01:23,850 --> 02:01:25,270

We were just home life.

2434

02:01:25,270 --> 02:01:25,770

OK.

2435

02:01:25,770 --> 02:01:29,940

But no, they had the same houseparents as the other kids.

2436

02:01:29,940 --> 02:01:33,930

I don't know just how that worked, and I don't know--

2437

02:01:33,930 --> 02:01:40,310

I don't really remember a lot about the Jewish children

2438

02:01:40,310 --> 02:01:42,980
because they ate in a
separate dining room,

2439
02:01:42,980 --> 02:01:48,855
and they had their
own Jewish holidays.

2440
02:01:48,855 --> 02:01:54,130

2441
02:01:54,130 --> 02:01:56,210
So I have a number of questions.

2442
02:01:56,210 --> 02:01:59,230
What's the difference between
home life and houseparents?

2443
02:01:59,230 --> 02:02:04,440
Oh, houseparents were
mostly DP people--

2444
02:02:04,440 --> 02:02:08,380
I mean, displaced
persons themselves.

2445
02:02:08,380 --> 02:02:13,580
One of the ones that
we first knew was Papa.

2446
02:02:13,580 --> 02:02:15,680
They were called Papa and Mama--

2447
02:02:15,680 --> 02:02:18,755
Mama Helena and Papa Wladimir.

2448
02:02:18,755 --> 02:02:21,660

2449
02:02:21,660 --> 02:02:22,860
They were Polish.

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02:02:22,860 --> 02:02:26,370
He was a University
professor in Warsaw,

2451
02:02:26,370 --> 02:02:29,400
and now he was going to
emigrate to the States

2452
02:02:29,400 --> 02:02:35,100
where he'd gotten a secure job
as a janitor in an apartment

2453
02:02:35,100 --> 02:02:35,910
building.

2454
02:02:35,910 --> 02:02:38,790
And he brought us-- he showed
us what he was going to do.

2455
02:02:38,790 --> 02:02:42,180
And we just thought, oh
man, some big apartment

2456
02:02:42,180 --> 02:02:43,830
in New York City.

2457
02:02:43,830 --> 02:02:46,890
But he was very delighted he
was going to get to go there.

2458
02:02:46,890 --> 02:02:49,800
But these were often
very intellectual people

2459
02:02:49,800 --> 02:02:55,520
who spoke several languages,
and a lot of the house parents

2460
02:02:55,520 --> 02:02:56,810
were like that.

2461
02:02:56,810 --> 02:03:00,170
But they were basically

very kind to the children,

2462
02:03:00,170 --> 02:03:00,860
most of them.

2463
02:03:00,860 --> 02:03:03,980
Some of them had strict
ideas of discipline,

2464
02:03:03,980 --> 02:03:06,920
which were not ours.

2465
02:03:06,920 --> 02:03:15,780
And they didn't-- they wanted
to hold a tighter control over

2466
02:03:15,780 --> 02:03:16,840
them.

2467
02:03:16,840 --> 02:03:20,010
But no, houseparents
were hired from among

2468
02:03:20,010 --> 02:03:22,810
the displaced persons camps.

2469
02:03:22,810 --> 02:03:25,020
It was a much
better place to live

2470
02:03:25,020 --> 02:03:26,940
than the camps, which were--

2471
02:03:26,940 --> 02:03:31,440
And what was their role that
was different from yours?

2472
02:03:31,440 --> 02:03:34,470
Oh, they had to be sure
the kids brush their teeth,

2473
02:03:34,470 --> 02:03:40,770

and just being there to
help them in their housing.

2474
02:03:40,770 --> 02:03:43,320
We were there to
make life more fun.

2475
02:03:43,320 --> 02:03:46,420
And what could you have as
a better assignment, huh?

2476
02:03:46,420 --> 02:03:46,920
Yeah.

2477
02:03:46,920 --> 02:03:50,310
And they got very good at it.

2478
02:03:50,310 --> 02:03:51,050
They painted.

2479
02:03:51,050 --> 02:03:56,490
If we got a little can of paint,
they would paint furniture.

2480
02:03:56,490 --> 02:04:01,410
These great, big teenage boys
would cut up strips of paper

2481
02:04:01,410 --> 02:04:04,440
and decorate the Wohnzimmer.

2482
02:04:04,440 --> 02:04:09,000
And even sometimes with toilet
paper, if they could get that.

2483
02:04:09,000 --> 02:04:17,410
And we began to
write to every group,

2484
02:04:17,410 --> 02:04:20,920
everybody we knew in
the States, telling them

2485

02:04:20,920 --> 02:04:21,940
what they could do.

2486

02:04:21,940 --> 02:04:25,390
They could send a box with all
the materials for a birthday

2487

02:04:25,390 --> 02:04:28,780
party because once a month,
we had a birthday party

2488

02:04:28,780 --> 02:04:33,430
in the Wohnzimmer for the boys
whose birthday was that month.

2489

02:04:33,430 --> 02:04:37,360
And we just were overwhelmed
with stuff people

2490

02:04:37,360 --> 02:04:38,690
sent us so much.

2491

02:04:38,690 --> 02:04:42,820
People were feeling so
generous and so helpless.

2492

02:04:42,820 --> 02:04:44,300
They were really grateful.

2493

02:04:44,300 --> 02:04:47,530
And I spent a good
part of my working days

2494

02:04:47,530 --> 02:04:51,110
responding, thanking
people for these boxes.

2495

02:04:51,110 --> 02:04:53,890
But it was-- they
sent great stuff.

2496

02:04:53,890 --> 02:04:58,555

They sent a lot of jello,
which we had no way to--

2497
02:04:58,555 --> 02:05:00,280
To make jello?

2498
02:05:00,280 --> 02:05:02,830
We had no way to make it gel.

2499
02:05:02,830 --> 02:05:05,890
But we found you could
mix it with water,

2500
02:05:05,890 --> 02:05:09,250
and it made a drink sort
of like Kool-Aid later.

2501
02:05:09,250 --> 02:05:11,740
And they loved that sweet drink.

2502
02:05:11,740 --> 02:05:13,240
They loved sweets.

2503
02:05:13,240 --> 02:05:16,150
And they sent marshmallows so
they could toast-- they'd never

2504
02:05:16,150 --> 02:05:19,750
heard of a marshmallow.

2505
02:05:19,750 --> 02:05:22,750
One of them asked me what
kind of a tree it grew on.

2506
02:05:22,750 --> 02:05:25,546
And you know, how do you
explain a marshmallow?

2507
02:05:25,546 --> 02:05:26,210
[CHUCKLES]

2508
02:05:26,210 --> 02:05:26,710

Yeah.

2509
02:05:26,710 --> 02:05:31,800

2510
02:05:31,800 --> 02:05:34,890
The birthday parties
were very popular.

2511
02:05:34,890 --> 02:05:37,950
And as time went
on, our Wohzimmers

2512
02:05:37,950 --> 02:05:39,730
got better and better.

2513
02:05:39,730 --> 02:05:41,850
They got really
quite comfortable.

2514
02:05:41,850 --> 02:05:44,940
We'd have a cot with a
blanket or something,

2515
02:05:44,940 --> 02:05:48,240
and they could come
and sit and chat.

2516
02:05:48,240 --> 02:05:50,220
You mean before, they
would decorate it,

2517
02:05:50,220 --> 02:05:52,500
but there'd be no
furniture in it?

2518
02:05:52,500 --> 02:05:58,320
There was no furniture at
first, but we went around

2519
02:05:58,320 --> 02:06:04,410
in the warehouses and scrounged
things, comme si'd, comme ca'd.

2520
02:06:04,410 --> 02:06:06,090
You comme si'd,
comme ca'd things.

2521
02:06:06,090 --> 02:06:08,590
Yeah.

2522
02:06:08,590 --> 02:06:11,200
A number of questions--

2523
02:06:11,200 --> 02:06:12,195
One of them is--

2524
02:06:12,195 --> 02:06:15,060

2525
02:06:15,060 --> 02:06:18,966
let me ask the simpler one in
my mind, simpler one first.

2526
02:06:18,966 --> 02:06:23,970
1948 is already pretty
late after the war

2527
02:06:23,970 --> 02:06:28,840
to start taking care of children
because the war ends in 1945.

2528
02:06:28,840 --> 02:06:29,520
I know.

2529
02:06:29,520 --> 02:06:32,490
And what was going on
with them until that camp

2530
02:06:32,490 --> 02:06:36,570
was organized, until the
children's village was

2531
02:06:36,570 --> 02:06:37,890
organized?

2532
02:06:37,890 --> 02:06:40,210
Who was taking care of them?

2533
02:06:40,210 --> 02:06:44,920
Well, I guess there
were holding places,

2534
02:06:44,920 --> 02:06:48,520
or they might be with
some adults in adult camp.

2535
02:06:48,520 --> 02:06:50,750
I don't really know.

2536
02:06:50,750 --> 02:06:51,250
OK.

2537
02:06:51,250 --> 02:06:56,750

2538
02:06:56,750 --> 02:07:04,880
And were there people like
psychologists or counselors

2539
02:07:04,880 --> 02:07:05,630
in the camps?

2540
02:07:05,630 --> 02:07:08,390
I mean, did any of
the kids have the kind

2541
02:07:08,390 --> 02:07:11,900
of traumatic experiences
that you could tell,

2542
02:07:11,900 --> 02:07:13,470
this is a troubled child.

2543
02:07:13,470 --> 02:07:14,720
They've been through too much.

2544

02:07:14,720 --> 02:07:17,330

They need some
extra kind of help.

2545

02:07:17,330 --> 02:07:20,210

Yes, I'm sure there
were children like that.

2546

02:07:20,210 --> 02:07:25,020

I wasn't very much aware
of any one individual.

2547

02:07:25,020 --> 02:07:28,980

I remember one little boy who
climbed into every car that

2548

02:07:28,980 --> 02:07:31,620

left the gate,
hoping that he'd be

2549

02:07:31,620 --> 02:07:33,960

taken to somewhere to a home.

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02:07:33,960 --> 02:07:36,550

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02:07:36,550 --> 02:07:42,070

They had their worries,
but talking to some of them

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02:07:42,070 --> 02:07:47,140

in later years,
they said you know,

2553

02:07:47,140 --> 02:07:50,070

that was not a really bad place.

2554

02:07:50,070 --> 02:07:55,410

We had our own
culture, our own rules.

2555

02:07:55,410 --> 02:07:57,010

We got along with each other.

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02:07:57,010 --> 02:07:58,740

We took care of each other.

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02:07:58,740 --> 02:08:00,750

The older brothers
and the sisters

2558

02:08:00,750 --> 02:08:03,930

really took care of their
little brothers and sisters.

2559

02:08:03,930 --> 02:08:08,680

And it was very
civilized, in many ways.

2560

02:08:08,680 --> 02:08:13,140

And there was not the bickering
that goes on in a family.

2561

02:08:13,140 --> 02:08:16,170

So that was-- you anticipated
one of my other questions.

2562

02:08:16,170 --> 02:08:18,810

The kids from different
nationalities--

2563

02:08:18,810 --> 02:08:23,370

the Poles, the Czechs,
the Ukrainians, the Jews--

2564

02:08:23,370 --> 02:08:26,730

was there any friction
between national groups?

2565

02:08:26,730 --> 02:08:30,150

Definitely the people
were antisemitic.

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02:08:30,150 --> 02:08:37,600

And also, most people did

not like the Hungarians.

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02:08:37,600 --> 02:08:40,650

They called them Tartars, and they just didn't like them.

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02:08:40,650 --> 02:08:44,580

And they have the friction-- there was friction

2569

02:08:44,580 --> 02:08:46,620

between the nationalities.

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02:08:46,620 --> 02:08:51,050

You got it, yeah.

2571

02:08:51,050 --> 02:08:56,970

But as a community, they worked out their own rules.

2572

02:08:56,970 --> 02:09:00,020

They began having their own sort of government

2573

02:09:00,020 --> 02:09:08,830

and even their own kind of money, little paper money

2574

02:09:08,830 --> 02:09:12,780

that they could use at a store.

2575

02:09:12,780 --> 02:09:14,580

Tell me.

2576

02:09:14,580 --> 02:09:19,037

When you mention antisemitism, what kind of form did it take?

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02:09:19,037 --> 02:09:19,620

What kind of--

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02:09:19,620 --> 02:09:20,910

Form did it take?

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02:09:20,910 --> 02:09:23,160

That is, what were
the incidents that

2580

02:09:23,160 --> 02:09:24,660

would tell you this,
that would say,

2581

02:09:24,660 --> 02:09:26,760

yeah, I see this happening.

2582

02:09:26,760 --> 02:09:27,540

I'm sorry.

2583

02:09:27,540 --> 02:09:29,040

What were the incidents what?

2584

02:09:29,040 --> 02:09:31,180

When you mentioned
antisemitism--

2585

02:09:31,180 --> 02:09:31,680

Oh yeah.

2586

02:09:31,680 --> 02:09:33,600

How did that manifest itself?

2587

02:09:33,600 --> 02:09:37,360

I think I already
mentioned that one time,

2588

02:09:37,360 --> 02:09:41,040

they found needles
baked into the cake.

2589

02:09:41,040 --> 02:09:44,760

Somebody had sprinkled
needles into the cake.

2590

02:09:44,760 --> 02:09:46,170

That was for Jewish children?

2591

02:09:46,170 --> 02:09:48,240

Yeah, it was only-- it
was from the Jewish--

2592

02:09:48,240 --> 02:09:50,520

from the kosher kitchen.

2593

02:09:50,520 --> 02:09:52,780

As I said, they had
butter and eggs,

2594

02:09:52,780 --> 02:09:55,450

so they could make cake where
the other kids couldn't.

2595

02:09:55,450 --> 02:09:57,180

Well, that's very cruel.

2596

02:09:57,180 --> 02:09:58,090

That's terrible.

2597

02:09:58,090 --> 02:09:58,590

Yeah.

2598

02:09:58,590 --> 02:09:59,173

It's terrible.

2599

02:09:59,173 --> 02:10:01,470

I don't know who
did it, or I don't

2600

02:10:01,470 --> 02:10:05,143

know if they ever did
anything to try to solve it.

2601

02:10:05,143 --> 02:10:07,643

But there was that incident,
and you remember that incident?

2602

02:10:07,643 --> 02:10:08,143

Yeah.

2603

02:10:08,143 --> 02:10:19,490

2604

02:10:19,490 --> 02:10:22,610

But when we-- there
was real unrest when

2605

02:10:22,610 --> 02:10:28,930

we went into the village,
and we asked every door

2606

02:10:28,930 --> 02:10:31,210

to name themselves.

2607

02:10:31,210 --> 02:10:36,940

In our dorm, they put all the
most troubled boys together

2608

02:10:36,940 --> 02:10:39,370

in the dorm where we slept.

2609

02:10:39,370 --> 02:10:44,320

And they named themselves
the gangster house, [LAUGHS]

2610

02:10:44,320 --> 02:10:46,030

which didn't augur well.

2611

02:10:46,030 --> 02:10:49,560

No, were they gangsters?

2612

02:10:49,560 --> 02:10:51,120

Well, they wanted to be.

2613

02:10:51,120 --> 02:10:54,730

Were they gangsters in the
making, in other words?

2614

02:10:54,730 --> 02:10:57,120

They thought they

were pretty big, but--

2615
02:10:57,120 --> 02:11:03,220

2616
02:11:03,220 --> 02:11:04,960
Were these the kids
that you thought

2617
02:11:04,960 --> 02:11:08,185
were hardcore, that in the
end couldn't get placed?

2618
02:11:08,185 --> 02:11:10,220
No, not these.

2619
02:11:10,220 --> 02:11:13,670
A lot of the boys
went to Australia.

2620
02:11:13,670 --> 02:11:17,110
Some of them went to the US.

2621
02:11:17,110 --> 02:11:19,190
Harry went to Texas.

2622
02:11:19,190 --> 02:11:24,730
The Boykos went to Pennsylvania.

2623
02:11:24,730 --> 02:11:27,100
No, the hardcore
came two years later

2624
02:11:27,100 --> 02:11:28,900
when they were ready to close.

2625
02:11:28,900 --> 02:11:32,170
We were just opening
at this point.

2626
02:11:32,170 --> 02:11:35,140
Then, what constituted

being hardcore?

2627

02:11:35,140 --> 02:11:36,970

Was it behavior,
or was it that--

2628

02:11:36,970 --> 02:11:38,540

No, it was just being left.

2629

02:11:38,540 --> 02:11:39,280

I see.

2630

02:11:39,280 --> 02:11:43,500

Just not being-- being Kalmyk.

2631

02:11:43,500 --> 02:11:44,970

So it was nothing they could do.

2632

02:11:44,970 --> 02:11:46,470

It was just they weren't wanted.

2633

02:11:46,470 --> 02:11:47,130

Right.

2634

02:11:47,130 --> 02:11:52,170

They were-- and they
didn't know why sometimes.

2635

02:11:52,170 --> 02:11:54,210

I mean, the Kalmyk
kids didn't know

2636

02:11:54,210 --> 02:11:57,900

that they were dark-skinned
and slanty-eyed.

2637

02:11:57,900 --> 02:11:59,850

I mean, they were the popular--

2638

02:11:59,850 --> 02:12:01,920

["Shurka" [Rus. diminutive
of "Alexandr"] Alex,

2639
02:12:01,920 --> 02:12:05,820
was the most popular
little boy of his age.

2640
02:12:05,820 --> 02:12:12,110
And after a little while,
after the older boys

2641
02:12:12,110 --> 02:12:17,860
were getting sent, there's
one of our workers,

2642
02:12:17,860 --> 02:12:22,810
our Quaker workers was
disappeared from us.

2643
02:12:22,810 --> 02:12:24,070
They took her away.

2644
02:12:24,070 --> 02:12:25,960
We never knew what happened.

2645
02:12:25,960 --> 02:12:32,590
Turns out that she had had
lesbian experiences, which

2646
02:12:32,590 --> 02:12:36,840
at that time were
definitely out.

2647
02:12:36,840 --> 02:12:39,810
And we didn't--

2648
02:12:39,810 --> 02:12:41,890
I mean, she was a
wonderful worker.

2649
02:12:41,890 --> 02:12:44,640
She worked with the
6 to 10-year-olds.

2650

02:12:44,640 --> 02:12:48,990
And no one told any of
us of the Quaker team

2651
02:12:48,990 --> 02:12:50,130
what happened to her.

2652
02:12:50,130 --> 02:12:51,210
They took her off.

2653
02:12:51,210 --> 02:12:54,630
She thought she was
getting a new job.

2654
02:12:54,630 --> 02:12:57,570
And the Quakers didn't
want to do this.

2655
02:12:57,570 --> 02:12:58,590
It was IRO.

2656
02:12:58,590 --> 02:13:01,560
It was the
international people who

2657
02:13:01,560 --> 02:13:04,680
didn't think it was a good
influence on the children.

2658
02:13:04,680 --> 02:13:09,120
I didn't learn about it until I
read Christian Hoschler's book

2659
02:13:09,120 --> 02:13:11,340
about Bad Aibling.

2660
02:13:11,340 --> 02:13:13,290
So that's only a few years ago.

2661
02:13:13,290 --> 02:13:14,160
Yes!

2662

02:13:14,160 --> 02:13:15,090
It's only now.

2663
02:13:15,090 --> 02:13:17,070
I never knew why it happened.

2664
02:13:17,070 --> 02:13:23,010
The two Quakers who knew who
were sort of above us in Munich

2665
02:13:23,010 --> 02:13:23,880
never told us.

2666
02:13:23,880 --> 02:13:27,000
One was one of my best
friends, but she never told.

2667
02:13:27,000 --> 02:13:31,080
And Elaine the
woman, never told us.

2668
02:13:31,080 --> 02:13:33,240
We wrote-- I mean, we were
always writing to her,

2669
02:13:33,240 --> 02:13:34,950
and she went on and lived.

2670
02:13:34,950 --> 02:13:40,650
And she became a very active
women's rights person,

2671
02:13:40,650 --> 02:13:44,130
but what a horrible
experience it was for her.

2672
02:13:44,130 --> 02:13:47,040
She said she'll never forget.

2673
02:13:47,040 --> 02:13:51,210
They put her on a plane,
sent her to the US,

2674

02:13:51,210 --> 02:13:53,880

and she said she just
cried all the way home.

2675

02:13:53,880 --> 02:13:56,190

I mean, she-- and
the kids loved her.

2676

02:13:56,190 --> 02:13:57,750

She just vanished.

2677

02:13:57,750 --> 02:14:03,170

And so right about then,
they asked, Oakie and me

2678

02:14:03,170 --> 02:14:05,380

to go and work in
that with those kids

2679

02:14:05,380 --> 02:14:10,300

because they become so
traumatized by this loss.

2680

02:14:10,300 --> 02:14:12,910

So that was a very--

2681

02:14:12,910 --> 02:14:16,000

there were only about
10 little girls.

2682

02:14:16,000 --> 02:14:17,890

They were the children
who were-- didn't

2683

02:14:17,890 --> 02:14:21,550

get born because of
the war, and they were

2684

02:14:21,550 --> 02:14:23,990

the smallest group of children.

2685

02:14:23,990 --> 02:14:26,390

And they would, if
they'd been born,

2686
02:14:26,390 --> 02:14:30,280
they would have been born
within the last 10 years.

2687
02:14:30,280 --> 02:14:33,100
And nobody was going
around having babies

2688
02:14:33,100 --> 02:14:38,770
if they could help it,
so there were only a few.

2689
02:14:38,770 --> 02:14:44,100
But we-- those little
girls were so--

2690
02:14:44,100 --> 02:14:47,190
you asked about kids who
were showing problems.

2691
02:14:47,190 --> 02:14:48,660
They really did.

2692
02:14:48,660 --> 02:14:50,640
They were so needy.

2693
02:14:50,640 --> 02:14:54,330
They were so-- they would
just cling to us, climb on us.

2694
02:14:54,330 --> 02:14:56,220
We couldn't walk by without--

2695
02:14:56,220 --> 02:15:00,450
they'd leap on Oakie's back
and hug him and sometimes even

2696
02:15:00,450 --> 02:15:03,960
bite, just because
they were just so--

2697

02:15:03,960 --> 02:15:07,560

it took a long time to let
them know that we were there,

2698

02:15:07,560 --> 02:15:09,630

and we weren't going
to go away yet.

2699

02:15:09,630 --> 02:15:15,490

And they were very troubled,
especially the little girls.

2700

02:15:15,490 --> 02:15:20,570

And you say that they were from
a generation that wasn't born.

2701

02:15:20,570 --> 02:15:22,400

In other words, they
were the exception.

2702

02:15:22,400 --> 02:15:24,160

They had been born
during the war.

2703

02:15:24,160 --> 02:15:28,880

They'd been born during
the war, when it wasn't

2704

02:15:28,880 --> 02:15:33,380

easy to have a baby, and when--

2705

02:15:33,380 --> 02:15:34,970

Do you know some
of their stories

2706

02:15:34,970 --> 02:15:36,980

of how the circumstances--

2707

02:15:36,980 --> 02:15:37,670

How they--

2708

02:15:37,670 --> 02:15:40,910
And who their mothers were,
who their fathers were?

2709
02:15:40,910 --> 02:15:43,910
No, not of those children--

2710
02:15:43,910 --> 02:15:50,340
I never knew any of the
parents that survived them.

2711
02:15:50,340 --> 02:15:51,950
The little girls
were just there.

2712
02:15:51,950 --> 02:15:55,610
The little boys, they were--
oh, it was a lovely age.

2713
02:15:55,610 --> 02:16:02,680
And they were such
beautiful children.

2714
02:16:02,680 --> 02:16:03,280
Tell me.

2715
02:16:03,280 --> 02:16:06,670
What was the relations with
the village of Bad Aibling?

2716
02:16:06,670 --> 02:16:09,130
Was there any contact
between the villagers

2717
02:16:09,130 --> 02:16:10,960
and the children's village?

2718
02:16:10,960 --> 02:16:14,140
That's a good question.

2719
02:16:14,140 --> 02:16:16,990
No, not really.

2720

02:16:16,990 --> 02:16:21,910
We had a house mother, Mama
Steinbeck, very good German.

2721

02:16:21,910 --> 02:16:26,170
She lived in the village,
and through, her I

2722

02:16:26,170 --> 02:16:33,340
got to know part of
the village, but no.

2723

02:16:33,340 --> 02:16:35,680
The local people,
I don't think they

2724

02:16:35,680 --> 02:16:41,049
thought much about this village,
what it was doing there.

2725

02:16:41,049 --> 02:16:44,690
It sounds more like just a
barracks rather than a village.

2726

02:16:44,690 --> 02:16:49,150
It was fenced in, and it had
guards standing at the gate.

2727

02:16:49,150 --> 02:16:51,430
Did that mean the
children couldn't go out?

2728

02:16:51,430 --> 02:16:54,549
Oh, they couldn't go
out without permission.

2729

02:16:54,549 --> 02:16:58,090
They could go to town
if they were older,

2730

02:16:58,090 --> 02:16:59,959
but they had to have permission.

2731
02:16:59,959 --> 02:17:00,459
OK.

2732
02:17:00,459 --> 02:17:04,209

2733
02:17:04,209 --> 02:17:08,020
Bad Aibling was a town
known for mud baths.

2734
02:17:08,020 --> 02:17:13,420
[LAUGHS] People came
there to get a Moorbad.

2735
02:17:13,420 --> 02:17:14,830
So it was like a spa town?

2736
02:17:14,830 --> 02:17:15,370
Hmm?

2737
02:17:15,370 --> 02:17:16,570
It was a spa town.

2738
02:17:16,570 --> 02:17:20,620
It was a spa town,
probably a rather nice.

2739
02:17:20,620 --> 02:17:25,150
It's a very beautiful
setting, so--

2740
02:17:25,150 --> 02:17:28,990
And then, OK, I'll ask my
question while you take a sip.

2741
02:17:28,990 --> 02:17:32,080

2742
02:17:32,080 --> 02:17:36,370
In your opinion, how was
it run as a management?

2743

02:17:36,370 --> 02:17:38,740

As a place, was it run well?

2744

02:17:38,740 --> 02:17:40,540

Was there problems
with the running

2745

02:17:40,540 --> 02:17:44,170

of Bad Aibling, the
administration, and things

2746

02:17:44,170 --> 02:17:46,129

like that?

2747

02:17:46,129 --> 02:17:48,440

Well, I think they did
the best they could.

2748

02:17:48,440 --> 02:17:51,540

I think people complained a lot.

2749

02:17:51,540 --> 02:17:54,740

If you read Christian's
book, he has

2750

02:17:54,740 --> 02:18:00,540

a lot about the
administration and changing.

2751

02:18:00,540 --> 02:18:03,860

The first director when we
were there was a Czech--

2752

02:18:03,860 --> 02:18:06,290

a former Czech, a lawyer--

2753

02:18:06,290 --> 02:18:11,990

who was named Otto [? Bayer. ?]

2754

02:18:11,990 --> 02:18:16,070

And he just did the best he
could, but he wasn't very--

2755
02:18:16,070 --> 02:18:19,040
he wasn't trained to
work with children.

2756
02:18:19,040 --> 02:18:24,950
And the unrest grew and
grew, and the children

2757
02:18:24,950 --> 02:18:29,600
complained about the bad
food, the excess of bread

2758
02:18:29,600 --> 02:18:31,940
and potatoes and macaroni.

2759
02:18:31,940 --> 02:18:35,360
And then, there
began to be a sense

2760
02:18:35,360 --> 02:18:38,930
that they were being cheated
out of stuff, which may

2761
02:18:38,930 --> 02:18:42,110
have been true in some ways.

2762
02:18:42,110 --> 02:18:48,559
So finally, it came to a
point where they had a strike.

2763
02:18:48,559 --> 02:18:52,230
And they spelled it S-T-R-A-J-K.

2764
02:18:52,230 --> 02:18:52,850
[LAUGHS]

2765
02:18:52,850 --> 02:18:56,930
And they went all around,
throwing little pieces

2766
02:18:56,930 --> 02:18:58,910

of paper saying, strike!

2767

02:18:58,910 --> 02:19:07,730

And we were living in our
dorm, and this happened

2768

02:19:07,730 --> 02:19:09,209

and they came and told us.

2769

02:19:09,209 --> 02:19:10,322

They said, you be careful.

2770

02:19:10,322 --> 02:19:11,239

You stay in your room.

2771

02:19:11,239 --> 02:19:13,549

[CHUCKLES] We won't hurt you.

2772

02:19:13,549 --> 02:19:22,219

And Mr. Bayer was on
vacation, but he came back.

2773

02:19:22,219 --> 02:19:28,100

And as I remember it, he
called the military police

2774

02:19:28,100 --> 02:19:30,770

because he couldn't think
of-- he felt helpless,

2775

02:19:30,770 --> 02:19:33,230

and he felt it might
get out of control.

2776

02:19:33,230 --> 02:19:35,570

And the military
police came roaring in

2777

02:19:35,570 --> 02:19:38,299

and running through the dorms.

2778

02:19:38,299 --> 02:19:42,799

And we were in our bedroom.

2779

02:19:42,799 --> 02:19:46,910

We had put the kids to
bed, but the boys were up--

2780

02:19:46,910 --> 02:19:49,485

Striking, S-T-R-A-J-K-ing.

2781

02:19:49,485 --> 02:19:53,360

--and barricading
things, and so on.

2782

02:19:53,360 --> 02:20:00,140

And these policemen came
into our room and one of them

2783

02:20:00,140 --> 02:20:03,675

grabbed Oakie and took him
out in the hall and said,

2784

02:20:03,675 --> 02:20:07,214

ah, I found this one and
he has a woman in his room!

2785

02:20:07,214 --> 02:20:10,130

[LAUGHS]

2786

02:20:10,130 --> 02:20:12,050

Not the brightest
light bulbs, huh?

2787

02:20:12,050 --> 02:20:12,830

Huh?

2788

02:20:12,830 --> 02:20:14,615

Not the brightest light bulbs.

2789

02:20:14,615 --> 02:20:15,115

No!

2790

02:20:15,115 --> 02:20:20,640

[LAUGHS] I mean, Mr. Bayer came
running up, saying, oh, no, no,

2791
02:20:20,640 --> 02:20:23,420
no, no, that's Mr. Kent of
the American Friends Service

2792
02:20:23,420 --> 02:20:25,800
Committee, and it was just--

2793
02:20:25,800 --> 02:20:27,200
it was very funny.

2794
02:20:27,200 --> 02:20:30,530

2795
02:20:30,530 --> 02:20:32,700
What was the outcome
of this, then?

2796
02:20:32,700 --> 02:20:33,575
What was the outcome?

2797
02:20:33,575 --> 02:20:34,075
Of that?

2798
02:20:34,075 --> 02:20:36,800
They did negotiate.

2799
02:20:36,800 --> 02:20:41,420
oh, we had a wonderful
nutritionist come.

2800
02:20:41,420 --> 02:20:42,680
Her name was Miss--

2801
02:20:42,680 --> 02:20:47,510
was Frances [? Flor. ?]
And she wrote good reports

2802
02:20:47,510 --> 02:20:48,920
about the place.

2803
02:20:48,920 --> 02:20:53,780
She told about how, yes, they
could say the kids got 3,000--

2804
02:20:53,780 --> 02:20:55,130
I mean, 300, whatever--

2805
02:20:55,130 --> 02:20:57,830
3,000 calories a day.

2806
02:20:57,830 --> 02:21:00,200
But it was all starch.

2807
02:21:00,200 --> 02:21:05,840
Yeah, and it was
all inappropriate.

2808
02:21:05,840 --> 02:21:11,780
One time, we got a huge
shipment of chocolate sauce,

2809
02:21:11,780 --> 02:21:16,430
and they served the chocolate
sauce on dark bread.

2810
02:21:16,430 --> 02:21:21,200
So I mean, pretty disgusting.

2811
02:21:21,200 --> 02:21:24,920
But Miss [? Flor ?]
put down rules.

2812
02:21:24,920 --> 02:21:29,090
And the first thing she
did, it was Easter time.

2813
02:21:29,090 --> 02:21:32,540
She provided for an
egg for every child.

2814
02:21:32,540 --> 02:21:35,210

That was such a luxury, an egg.

2815

02:21:35,210 --> 02:21:37,850

2816

02:21:37,850 --> 02:21:41,420

And then, she began
thinking of other things.

2817

02:21:41,420 --> 02:21:45,200

She stayed quite a while,
and she was very good.

2818

02:21:45,200 --> 02:21:48,020

So that was a good
result of this strike.

2819

02:21:48,020 --> 02:21:50,180

They got one of their things.

2820

02:21:50,180 --> 02:21:55,460

And they got better teachers.

2821

02:21:55,460 --> 02:22:00,020

And we got more social
workers, which we'd wanted.

2822

02:22:00,020 --> 02:22:05,900

They were paid for by
IRO, but wanted by us

2823

02:22:05,900 --> 02:22:08,150

because that was the only
way the kids could move.

2824

02:22:08,150 --> 02:22:11,762

2825

02:22:11,762 --> 02:22:16,190

Were there other organizations
in addition to the Friends

2826

02:22:16,190 --> 02:22:19,520
who were involved in
some way with the camp?

2827
02:22:19,520 --> 02:22:26,840
The YMCA, which was called
IMKA, after YMCA, IMKA.

2828
02:22:26,840 --> 02:22:30,500
And they did-- they were
in charge of recreation.

2829
02:22:30,500 --> 02:22:31,460
They were very good.

2830
02:22:31,460 --> 02:22:37,700
They had good programs, and
there was a man full-time.

2831
02:22:37,700 --> 02:22:40,010
There were priests from
different religions.

2832
02:22:40,010 --> 02:22:44,000

2833
02:22:44,000 --> 02:22:45,605
What other organizations?

2834
02:22:45,605 --> 02:22:46,355
There were others.

2835
02:22:46,355 --> 02:22:48,920

2836
02:22:48,920 --> 02:22:51,710
You said there were some
Jewish organizations too?

2837
02:22:51,710 --> 02:22:54,560
Yeah, I've forgotten
the names of them.

2838

02:22:54,560 --> 02:22:56,430

OK.

2839

02:22:56,430 --> 02:23:00,770

But there were lots of
US Jewish organizations

2840

02:23:00,770 --> 02:23:04,820

interested in their own
children and getting them out

2841

02:23:04,820 --> 02:23:07,640

of there, out of Europe.

2842

02:23:07,640 --> 02:23:10,160

2843

02:23:10,160 --> 02:23:13,460

And they worked faster,
I guess, because they

2844

02:23:13,460 --> 02:23:17,150

could find-- if they found
a home that was good,

2845

02:23:17,150 --> 02:23:19,030

kids could go there.

2846

02:23:19,030 --> 02:23:24,680

Now, what was the
process, then, for--

2847

02:23:24,680 --> 02:23:27,260

OK, so there was
one route this way.

2848

02:23:27,260 --> 02:23:34,130

If you were a Jewish child
and one of those organizations

2849

02:23:34,130 --> 02:23:37,220

was involved and they

found a foster family

2850

02:23:37,220 --> 02:23:41,030
for this child, or maybe the
child's relatives in the United

2851

02:23:41,030 --> 02:23:47,420
States, what about the children
who didn't have that route?

2852

02:23:47,420 --> 02:23:49,880
How was their path,
let's say, to go

2853

02:23:49,880 --> 02:23:53,090
to Australia or to the US?

2854

02:23:53,090 --> 02:23:57,500
What were the actual
bureaucratic agencies

2855

02:23:57,500 --> 02:24:01,130
that needed to be involved in
order to get that child there?

2856

02:24:01,130 --> 02:24:04,770

2857

02:24:04,770 --> 02:24:06,300
I don't know.

2858

02:24:06,300 --> 02:24:07,500
OK.

2859

02:24:07,500 --> 02:24:08,820
OK, I know.

2860

02:24:08,820 --> 02:24:13,020
I mean, it's-- I know I'm asking
a question that's about 60

2861

02:24:13,020 --> 02:24:14,530

years ago, 70 years ago.

2862
02:24:14,530 --> 02:24:16,290
It's an interesting question.

2863
02:24:16,290 --> 02:24:20,120
If I thought about it, I
might come up with an answer.

2864
02:24:20,120 --> 02:24:21,120
But I don't really know.

2865
02:24:21,120 --> 02:24:24,450

2866
02:24:24,450 --> 02:24:26,010
Was there much contact--

2867
02:24:26,010 --> 02:24:29,340
I mean, I already asked about
the village of Bad Aibling,

2868
02:24:29,340 --> 02:24:31,770
but what about
Germany in general?

2869
02:24:31,770 --> 02:24:34,560
Did the children
learn any German

2870
02:24:34,560 --> 02:24:37,530
while they were there
because they're in Germany?

2871
02:24:37,530 --> 02:24:38,080
No.

2872
02:24:38,080 --> 02:24:38,940
No.

2873
02:24:38,940 --> 02:24:40,530
No, some of them knew some.

2874
02:24:40,530 --> 02:24:43,868
But no, they didn't
learn much about Germany.

2875
02:24:43,868 --> 02:24:46,410
I don't think they quite knew
where they were, a lot of them.

2876
02:24:46,410 --> 02:24:50,190

2877
02:24:50,190 --> 02:24:54,870
Was there much contact aside
from Mrs. Steinbeck, I think,

2878
02:24:54,870 --> 02:24:56,835
who-- local Germans, who--

2879
02:24:56,835 --> 02:24:58,980
No, I didn't know any.

2880
02:24:58,980 --> 02:25:00,030
I mean, there were--

2881
02:25:00,030 --> 02:25:02,490
occasionally, one
of our houseparents

2882
02:25:02,490 --> 02:25:04,920
would get married
in the local hotel,

2883
02:25:04,920 --> 02:25:07,500
and we'd go and be there.

2884
02:25:07,500 --> 02:25:13,650
But we weren't supposed to go
and do any kind of business

2885
02:25:13,650 --> 02:25:16,260
with German--

2886
02:25:16,260 --> 02:25:17,380
With the local economy.

2887
02:25:17,380 --> 02:25:19,530
With the local economy, right.

2888
02:25:19,530 --> 02:25:23,760
And one of the things
we did that was--

2889
02:25:23,760 --> 02:25:28,290
that the kids really loved is
we found a good lake to swim in.

2890
02:25:28,290 --> 02:25:30,600
And we could load up a truck.

2891
02:25:30,600 --> 02:25:35,010
We could get people in the
motor pool to loan us a truck,

2892
02:25:35,010 --> 02:25:39,750
and we could go over to this
lake they called the Simssee.

2893
02:25:39,750 --> 02:25:42,420
And the kids, they just
thought that was heaven.

2894
02:25:42,420 --> 02:25:44,220
They wanted to go
every day in summer.

2895
02:25:44,220 --> 02:25:47,430

2896
02:25:47,430 --> 02:25:49,740
They still talk about
that when I see them.

2897
02:25:49,740 --> 02:25:51,210

Really?

2898

02:25:51,210 --> 02:25:53,610

We looked it up on a
map to see where it was,

2899

02:25:53,610 --> 02:26:00,030

and some of these kids have
been back to check it out.

2900

02:26:00,030 --> 02:26:05,040

You said earlier-- oh,
one other question--

2901

02:26:05,040 --> 02:26:10,575

DP camps-- did you ever visit
any of the adult DP camps?

2902

02:26:10,575 --> 02:26:11,880

Yes.

2903

02:26:11,880 --> 02:26:13,120

Which ones?

2904

02:26:13,120 --> 02:26:14,700

Oh, Funkkaserne.

2905

02:26:14,700 --> 02:26:17,220

2906

02:26:17,220 --> 02:26:18,930

I forget the names
of most of them,

2907

02:26:18,930 --> 02:26:21,990

but we visited
parents and people

2908

02:26:21,990 --> 02:26:25,680

that we knew who ended up there.

2909

02:26:25,680 --> 02:26:29,700

They were very, very
wretched places, really.

2910
02:26:29,700 --> 02:26:32,100
Their beds were
separated by blankets.

2911
02:26:32,100 --> 02:26:33,600
I mean, that was
their only privacy.

2912
02:26:33,600 --> 02:26:36,510

2913
02:26:36,510 --> 02:26:41,010
And the food was minimum.

2914
02:26:41,010 --> 02:26:45,840
OK, so in comparison, was
the children's village

2915
02:26:45,840 --> 02:26:47,550
a better place to live?

2916
02:26:47,550 --> 02:26:50,190
Oh, much better, that's
why the houseparents

2917
02:26:50,190 --> 02:26:51,750
like getting a job there.

2918
02:26:51,750 --> 02:26:56,160

2919
02:26:56,160 --> 02:26:57,178
They had perks.

2920
02:26:57,178 --> 02:26:59,220
I mean, there were good
things about being there.

2921
02:26:59,220 --> 02:27:01,665

They had a room of
their own, and--

2922
02:27:01,665 --> 02:27:09,440

2923
02:27:09,440 --> 02:27:10,925
The incidents of the war--

2924
02:27:10,925 --> 02:27:13,970

2925
02:27:13,970 --> 02:27:16,580
I remember reading
that in the first years

2926
02:27:16,580 --> 02:27:21,500
after the war, the
whole notion that this

2927
02:27:21,500 --> 02:27:25,175
had been a Holocaust
was not really coined.

2928
02:27:25,175 --> 02:27:28,250

2929
02:27:28,250 --> 02:27:31,190
Did you learn of
some of these things

2930
02:27:31,190 --> 02:27:33,200
when you were in the
children's village?

2931
02:27:33,200 --> 02:27:36,290
Did you learn of what
had gone on, even

2932
02:27:36,290 --> 02:27:39,590
if it wasn't called Holocaust?

2933

02:27:39,590 --> 02:27:40,883

You mean about the--

2934

02:27:40,883 --> 02:27:44,827

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02:27:44,827 --> 02:27:49,310

The workcamps, the labor camps,
the mass murders, the gas

2936

02:27:49,310 --> 02:27:51,170

chambers, things like that--

2937

02:27:51,170 --> 02:27:53,180

I mean, you weren't
far from Dachau.

2938

02:27:53,180 --> 02:27:56,270

Dachau was not so-- is
also in the area of Munich.

2939

02:27:56,270 --> 02:27:57,800

Yeah, it was.

2940

02:27:57,800 --> 02:28:00,170

I don't remember
that that was much

2941

02:28:00,170 --> 02:28:04,910

that we had in
our consciousness.

2942

02:28:04,910 --> 02:28:09,890

I mean, I'm sure we knew about
it, but it was beyond our--

2943

02:28:09,890 --> 02:28:12,020

beyond me, anyway.

2944

02:28:12,020 --> 02:28:15,420

I wonder if the others--

2945

02:28:15,420 --> 02:28:16,190
I would like--

2946
02:28:16,190 --> 02:28:20,260
I wish we could all be here and
talk about what we remember.

2947
02:28:20,260 --> 02:28:20,760
Yeah.

2948
02:28:20,760 --> 02:28:28,180
I don't-- I don't remember.

2949
02:28:28,180 --> 02:28:31,540
I don't remember the
word "Holocaust."

2950
02:28:31,540 --> 02:28:33,370
But then, maybe it was there.

2951
02:28:33,370 --> 02:28:34,572
I don't think so.

2952
02:28:34,572 --> 02:28:35,530
I mean, I wasn't there.

2953
02:28:35,530 --> 02:28:39,190
But from what I've read,
that the scope of what

2954
02:28:39,190 --> 02:28:43,870
had happened really only
started to become known,

2955
02:28:43,870 --> 02:28:45,610
but it wasn't fully named.

2956
02:28:45,610 --> 02:28:46,420
It wasn't fully--

2957
02:28:46,420 --> 02:28:47,500
Exactly.

2958
02:28:47,500 --> 02:28:49,550
--until a while after that.

2959
02:28:49,550 --> 02:28:50,050
Yeah.

2960
02:28:50,050 --> 02:28:53,200

2961
02:28:53,200 --> 02:28:57,250
But you said earlier on in the
beginning of our discussion

2962
02:28:57,250 --> 02:29:05,860
that this experience changed you
when you went to Bad Aibling,

2963
02:29:05,860 --> 02:29:10,630
that you had wanted to
do something meaningful.

2964
02:29:10,630 --> 02:29:12,520
You wanted to make a
difference in the world

2965
02:29:12,520 --> 02:29:15,340
when you finished college.

2966
02:29:15,340 --> 02:29:16,930
I wanted to ask, how?

2967
02:29:16,930 --> 02:29:19,510

2968
02:29:19,510 --> 02:29:22,042
In what way did you feel like
this experience changed you?

2969
02:29:22,042 --> 02:29:22,750
What did it show?

2970

02:29:22,750 --> 02:29:26,350

It changed me more than it
changed anything in the world.

2971

02:29:26,350 --> 02:29:28,140

It just made me--

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02:29:28,140 --> 02:29:31,900

you know, I just got a
whole new perspective

2973

02:29:31,900 --> 02:29:36,940

on how life could be for people
and how oblivious some of us

2974

02:29:36,940 --> 02:29:43,570

can be, how unaware I was.

2975

02:29:43,570 --> 02:29:48,610

So you know, it was just a
whole new dimension to somebody

2976

02:29:48,610 --> 02:29:54,460

who had grown up in a
very sheltered, naive way.

2977

02:29:54,460 --> 02:29:55,870

Also one that was safe.

2978

02:29:55,870 --> 02:29:56,680

There was no war.

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02:29:56,680 --> 02:29:57,513

There were no bombs.

2980

02:29:57,513 --> 02:29:58,540

Hmm?

2981

02:29:58,540 --> 02:29:59,410

There was no war.

2982

02:29:59,410 --> 02:30:01,030
There were no bombs.

2983
02:30:01,030 --> 02:30:03,370
That was something that
was part of your world,

2984
02:30:03,370 --> 02:30:05,760
that it was stable.

2985
02:30:05,760 --> 02:30:06,370
Yeah.

2986
02:30:06,370 --> 02:30:09,460
And you end up in a place
that had been chaos.

2987
02:30:09,460 --> 02:30:10,940
Yeah, it was chaos.

2988
02:30:10,940 --> 02:30:11,440
Yeah.

2989
02:30:11,440 --> 02:30:13,870
It was.

2990
02:30:13,870 --> 02:30:16,180
But the children--
children are resilient,

2991
02:30:16,180 --> 02:30:19,750
if they're allowed to be.

2992
02:30:19,750 --> 02:30:23,740
And boy, they were
strong, some of them.

2993
02:30:23,740 --> 02:30:25,240
And some of the adults too.

2994
02:30:25,240 --> 02:30:29,800

2995
02:30:29,800 --> 02:30:34,570
How many children were in
the camp at the beginning?

2996
02:30:34,570 --> 02:30:38,110
Oh, I think it started
out with about 500.

2997
02:30:38,110 --> 02:30:39,850
I mean, when they
brought them all,

2998
02:30:39,850 --> 02:30:42,730
and then they would
send off bits.

2999
02:30:42,730 --> 02:30:45,520
But it kept coming
in for a while.

3000
02:30:45,520 --> 02:30:50,170
There were nearly
always 500, 400,

3001
02:30:50,170 --> 02:30:54,340
but it got smaller and smaller.

3002
02:30:54,340 --> 02:30:58,150
Did your activities
change much over the time

3003
02:30:58,150 --> 02:31:01,180
you were there, that
is, making places--

3004
02:31:01,180 --> 02:31:04,850
We had more material
things, which was nice.

3005
02:31:04,850 --> 02:31:09,880
We had more games, more
recreation, more teachers.

3006
02:31:09,880 --> 02:31:11,170
The kids loved school.

3007
02:31:11,170 --> 02:31:13,870
They loved learning
to make things.

3008
02:31:13,870 --> 02:31:23,590
And we had wonderful
music, and we

3009
02:31:23,590 --> 02:31:26,335
loved-- the kids loved movies,
so we had a lot of movies.

3010
02:31:26,335 --> 02:31:36,570

3011
02:31:36,570 --> 02:31:39,720
How long were you
there for in total?

3012
02:31:39,720 --> 02:31:44,280
Oh, a little over-- not two
years because of the baby.

3013
02:31:44,280 --> 02:31:45,030
Ahh.

3014
02:31:45,030 --> 02:31:49,710
You know, I had a baby,
and our time was up.

3015
02:31:49,710 --> 02:31:55,900
We spent a lot of time waiting
in Paris and Munich and places.

3016
02:31:55,900 --> 02:32:00,690
So our time was up, and
because of the baby,

3017

02:32:00,690 --> 02:32:02,250
I couldn't really renew it.

3018
02:32:02,250 --> 02:32:04,530
They wouldn't
particularly want me.

3019
02:32:04,530 --> 02:32:10,950
But anyway, it was time to
close, so we all closed down.

3020
02:32:10,950 --> 02:32:14,640
I want to-- before we go
there, after Mr. Bayer who

3021
02:32:14,640 --> 02:32:15,990
came in to be head?

3022
02:32:15,990 --> 02:32:22,390
Oh then, they got a man
named Douglas Deane who

3023
02:32:22,390 --> 02:32:26,490
was Australian and had a
long experience working

3024
02:32:26,490 --> 02:32:35,070
with children in
Switzerland and in Europe.

3025
02:32:35,070 --> 02:32:43,170
And he was more he was more fit
for the job, more experience.

3026
02:32:43,170 --> 02:32:47,010

3027
02:32:47,010 --> 02:32:48,840
He fit it better.

3028
02:32:48,840 --> 02:32:58,290
And he came and he lived in the
village and entered our games.

3029
02:32:58,290 --> 02:33:01,890
And he was much--

3030
02:33:01,890 --> 02:33:04,290
he was a much more
suitable person

3031
02:33:04,290 --> 02:33:05,805
to be head of a
children's village.

3032
02:33:05,805 --> 02:33:09,090

3033
02:33:09,090 --> 02:33:12,740
And did things change
after he started out?

3034
02:33:12,740 --> 02:33:16,560
Well, there were more
orderly ways of doing things.

3035
02:33:16,560 --> 02:33:18,090
OK, OK.

3036
02:33:18,090 --> 02:33:21,060
I think nobody would
say it wasn't better.

3037
02:33:21,060 --> 02:33:22,680
I mean, it was better.

3038
02:33:22,680 --> 02:33:25,860
And I think probably Mr. Bayer
would have thought so too.

3039
02:33:25,860 --> 02:33:30,480
He felt totally burned
out and wasted by it.

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02:33:30,480 --> 02:33:33,990

It was a hard
experience for a man who

3041
02:33:33,990 --> 02:33:35,860
had not had much experience.

3042
02:33:35,860 --> 02:33:39,990
I mean, he didn't have
children of his own, so--

3043
02:33:39,990 --> 02:33:43,120
Were other people burnt out
by it who came to work there?

3044
02:33:43,120 --> 02:33:45,090
Oh yes, some of
the Quaker workers

3045
02:33:45,090 --> 02:33:47,940
that were there
before me, working

3046
02:33:47,940 --> 02:33:50,640
with the children in
the little villages

3047
02:33:50,640 --> 02:33:55,290
before they unified them,
were totally burned out.

3048
02:33:55,290 --> 02:33:59,460
One named Marge
[? Heyer, ?] she was just--

3049
02:33:59,460 --> 02:34:02,850
and there were a
couple of others.

3050
02:34:02,850 --> 02:34:06,390
And what was it that--

3051
02:34:06,390 --> 02:34:06,990
why?

3052
02:34:06,990 --> 02:34:08,190
Why were they burnt out?

3053
02:34:08,190 --> 02:34:11,160
Was it that they were doing
too many jobs, or was it--

3054
02:34:11,160 --> 02:34:13,560
It just seemed so
hopeless, I think.

3055
02:34:13,560 --> 02:34:16,800
I think it was just, there
was so much to be done

3056
02:34:16,800 --> 02:34:19,230
and it seems so impossible.

3057
02:34:19,230 --> 02:34:21,720
But I don't know, I think.

3058
02:34:21,720 --> 02:34:28,620
OK, did you keep in touch with
any of those boys afterwards?

3059
02:34:28,620 --> 02:34:32,280
Oh yes, all that I could.

3060
02:34:32,280 --> 02:34:38,205
And so did Cathy Reagan,
and we had reunions.

3061
02:34:38,205 --> 02:34:44,430

3062
02:34:44,430 --> 02:34:47,640
Several of them have
been here to Maine

3063
02:34:47,640 --> 02:34:51,100
and spent time with us.

3064
02:34:51,100 --> 02:34:55,080
And I visited them and their--

3065
02:34:55,080 --> 02:35:02,190
one, the artist, the Ukrainian
guy, Paliychuk Vasyl.

3066
02:35:02,190 --> 02:35:03,480
I've seen a lot of him.

3067
02:35:03,480 --> 02:35:06,510

3068
02:35:06,510 --> 02:35:09,570
And you know, he
still calls me once

3069
02:35:09,570 --> 02:35:12,990
a month or so and just talks.

3070
02:35:12,990 --> 02:35:26,430
And the Boykos, and Alex
Goropov, the Kalmyk, but I've

3071
02:35:26,430 --> 02:35:28,260
lost track with him.

3072
02:35:28,260 --> 02:35:31,020
He went back to
Russia at some point,

3073
02:35:31,020 --> 02:35:34,830
and I helped him raise
money to go back.

3074
02:35:34,830 --> 02:35:40,260
And I think it was a
huge disappointment when

3075
02:35:40,260 --> 02:35:43,410
he went back, and

he never really

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02:35:43,410 --> 02:35:45,600
could articulate it after that.

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02:35:45,600 --> 02:35:48,510
So I never much got
in touch with him.

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02:35:48,510 --> 02:35:51,000
I think he's seeing
his relatives.

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02:35:51,000 --> 02:35:57,090
They weren't so absolutely happy
to see this well-off guy that

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02:35:57,090 --> 02:36:00,900
had a good education, and
I think-- but I never-- he

3081

02:36:00,900 --> 02:36:05,940
never would come and talk
about it, so I don't know.

3082

02:36:05,940 --> 02:36:11,100
And I don't even know
if he's still around.

3083

02:36:11,100 --> 02:36:15,540
And again, repatriation--
I come back to that.

3084

02:36:15,540 --> 02:36:19,440
In many of the DP camps,
in the very beginning,

3085

02:36:19,440 --> 02:36:23,070
there were efforts to
repatriate people back

3086

02:36:23,070 --> 02:36:25,650
behind the Iron Curtain.

3087
02:36:25,650 --> 02:36:29,430
That was coming-- starting
while we were there, yeah.

3088
02:36:29,430 --> 02:36:33,510
Yeah, and did that happen too
that there were situations

3089
02:36:33,510 --> 02:36:36,210
where someone
would come and say,

3090
02:36:36,210 --> 02:36:39,550
we want to take this child
home, and the child said,

3091
02:36:39,550 --> 02:36:40,950
I don't want to go.

3092
02:36:40,950 --> 02:36:43,070
Yeah, that happened.

3093
02:36:43,070 --> 02:36:44,390
And what would happen then?

3094
02:36:44,390 --> 02:36:46,580
Would they take
the child anyway?

3095
02:36:46,580 --> 02:36:49,420
Sometimes yes, sometimes no--

3096
02:36:49,420 --> 02:36:58,010
they tried to evaluate
the child's real concern.

3097
02:36:58,010 --> 02:37:01,720
The Czech boys were
mostly runaway teenagers,

3098
02:37:01,720 --> 02:37:04,310

who were usually--

3099

02:37:04,310 --> 02:37:05,150

it was hard.

3100

02:37:05,150 --> 02:37:07,550

What they tried to figure out is if they were using it

3101

02:37:07,550 --> 02:37:11,820

as an excuse to get out of the Czech Republic,

3102

02:37:11,820 --> 02:37:13,660

or it was called Czechoslovakia.

3103

02:37:13,660 --> 02:37:17,040

3104

02:37:17,040 --> 02:37:21,360

Or I mean, maybe they just wanted to come to the States.

3105

02:37:21,360 --> 02:37:24,720

But they ended-- they could go to Australia,

3106

02:37:24,720 --> 02:37:29,280

and quite a few of them chose to go back to the Czech--

3107

02:37:29,280 --> 02:37:30,960

Czechoslovakia.

3108

02:37:30,960 --> 02:37:40,120

But a few Polish kids decided to go home, but some of them some

3109

02:37:40,120 --> 02:37:45,280

of them had become very attached to foster parents

3110

02:37:45,280 --> 02:37:48,040
and they would rather
stay with them, which

3111
02:37:48,040 --> 02:37:50,560
is understandable in a way.

3112
02:37:50,560 --> 02:37:54,480
They felt abandoned
by their own parents.

3113
02:37:54,480 --> 02:37:55,690
I don't know.

3114
02:37:55,690 --> 02:37:57,110
I wonder what happened to them.

3115
02:37:57,110 --> 02:38:00,320

3116
02:38:00,320 --> 02:38:02,720
So what year did you
leave Bad Aibling?

3117
02:38:02,720 --> 02:38:03,290
Hmm?

3118
02:38:03,290 --> 02:38:05,790
When did you leave Bad Aibling?

3119
02:38:05,790 --> 02:38:12,910
In the summer of '50, yeah.

3120
02:38:12,910 --> 02:38:14,700
Had you already given birth?

3121
02:38:14,700 --> 02:38:20,840
Oh yeah, Michael was about
three or four months old.

3122
02:38:20,840 --> 02:38:23,300
I have his passport picture

of this little baby.

3123
02:38:23,300 --> 02:38:26,040
[CHUCKLES]

3124
02:38:26,040 --> 02:38:28,800
And did you come back to
the States after that?

3125
02:38:28,800 --> 02:38:31,170
Yeah, we came back
to the States.

3126
02:38:31,170 --> 02:38:38,030
And we ran a children's
home in Ithaca, New York.

3127
02:38:38,030 --> 02:38:43,620
And that's why it
changed my life too

3128
02:38:43,620 --> 02:38:45,690
because I knew I wanted
to work with children.

3129
02:38:45,690 --> 02:38:51,330
We both did, so we ran
that children's home.

3130
02:38:51,330 --> 02:38:52,260
Oakie finished.

3131
02:38:52,260 --> 02:38:55,770
He got a Master's
degree in social work

3132
02:38:55,770 --> 02:38:57,600
and switched from English.

3133
02:38:57,600 --> 02:39:01,200

3134

02:39:01,200 --> 02:39:06,540
We had, rather quickly,
four more kids.

3135
02:39:06,540 --> 02:39:10,200

3136
02:39:10,200 --> 02:39:12,960
And did you go abroad again?

3137
02:39:12,960 --> 02:39:22,430
Oh yes, [LAUGHS] in 1960--

3138
02:39:22,430 --> 02:39:33,340
'64, we went to Tanzania and
worked with the AFSC in a--

3139
02:39:33,340 --> 02:39:36,210

3140
02:39:36,210 --> 02:39:39,570
our work was
community development

3141
02:39:39,570 --> 02:39:43,980
with families and
teaching children,

3142
02:39:43,980 --> 02:39:48,110
teaching sewing, teaching.

3143
02:39:48,110 --> 02:39:50,840
We had a team of--
and it was a program

3144
02:39:50,840 --> 02:39:55,760
for conscientious
objectors who are objecting

3145
02:39:55,760 --> 02:39:58,880
to going to the Vietnam War.

3146

02:39:58,880 --> 02:40:01,850
So they could work in
this program for two years

3147
02:40:01,850 --> 02:40:05,270
and be exempt from the war.

3148
02:40:05,270 --> 02:40:07,400
So that, we did that for--

3149
02:40:07,400 --> 02:40:10,970
but then this time, Oakie
was killed in an automobile

3150
02:40:10,970 --> 02:40:15,380
accident in Tanzania.

3151
02:40:15,380 --> 02:40:20,090
And so again, I had to come home
earlier than I had expected.

3152
02:40:20,090 --> 02:40:21,920
We were going to stay
a couple more years.

3153
02:40:21,920 --> 02:40:24,800

3154
02:40:24,800 --> 02:40:27,680
That was another whole thing.

3155
02:40:27,680 --> 02:40:29,510
Of course, you had children.

3156
02:40:29,510 --> 02:40:35,040
You were-- I can't imagine
how that was with--

3157
02:40:35,040 --> 02:40:38,150
It's been a wonderful,
wonderful, exciting,

3158

02:40:38,150 --> 02:40:41,540
surprising, sometimes
disappointing life,

3159
02:40:41,540 --> 02:40:43,160
and it's been very long.

3160
02:40:43,160 --> 02:40:46,460
[CHUCKLES] I'm tired.

3161
02:40:46,460 --> 02:40:52,070
[LAUGHS] Well, I thank you
for sharing it with us,

3162
02:40:52,070 --> 02:40:57,410
sharing at least some of your
long and very interesting

3163
02:40:57,410 --> 02:41:00,540
life and these episodes from it.

3164
02:41:00,540 --> 02:41:01,040
Yeah.

3165
02:41:01,040 --> 02:41:03,680
Is there something
I haven't asked you

3166
02:41:03,680 --> 02:41:09,440
that you think that is
important about Bad Aibling,

3167
02:41:09,440 --> 02:41:16,450
about the Friends, about
what you experienced there?

3168
02:41:16,450 --> 02:41:18,860
Not off the top of my head.

3169
02:41:18,860 --> 02:41:19,360
OK.

3170

02:41:19,360 --> 02:41:21,430
I'll probably think
of lots of things

3171
02:41:21,430 --> 02:41:23,350
when I go to bed tonight.

3172
02:41:23,350 --> 02:41:27,250
This is one of those things with
interviews is that we can never

3173
02:41:27,250 --> 02:41:28,920
capture everything.

3174
02:41:28,920 --> 02:41:31,930
Oh no, your job must be hard.

3175
02:41:31,930 --> 02:41:33,190
Oh, it's a wonderful job.

3176
02:41:33,190 --> 02:41:34,130
I love it.

3177
02:41:34,130 --> 02:41:34,660
I love it.

3178
02:41:34,660 --> 02:41:35,368
See, that's good.

3179
02:41:35,368 --> 02:41:36,520
That's what matters.

3180
02:41:36,520 --> 02:41:40,210
If you have work that you
want, people that you love,

3181
02:41:40,210 --> 02:41:41,690
that's important.

3182
02:41:41,690 --> 02:41:43,050
Yeah.

3183

02:41:43,050 --> 02:41:44,840

I've always loved my jobs.

3184

02:41:44,840 --> 02:41:46,360

I love teaching.

3185

02:41:46,360 --> 02:41:49,930

After Oakie died, I
mean, yeah, that's when

3186

02:41:49,930 --> 02:41:53,930

I went back and got a teaching
degree so I could teach.

3187

02:41:53,930 --> 02:41:55,420

I love teaching.

3188

02:41:55,420 --> 02:41:58,570

Elementary school and
environmental education,

3189

02:41:58,570 --> 02:42:00,730

that became my passion.

3190

02:42:00,730 --> 02:42:03,640

And I started a project
in North Philadelphia

3191

02:42:03,640 --> 02:42:05,690

that's now 40 years old.

3192

02:42:05,690 --> 02:42:07,870

I can't believe
I've lived so long.

3193

02:42:07,870 --> 02:42:13,450

I mean-- [LAUGHS] They had
a celebration of 40 years.

3194

02:42:13,450 --> 02:42:16,675

Wow, it runs like
this, doesn't it?

3195
02:42:16,675 --> 02:42:17,300
[SNAPS FINGERS]

3196
02:42:17,300 --> 02:42:21,790
Yeah, I've seen so
many children grow up.

3197
02:42:21,790 --> 02:42:24,820
Kids that I taught when they
were eight and nine years old

3198
02:42:24,820 --> 02:42:26,410
are 50.

3199
02:42:26,410 --> 02:42:28,060
And kids that I--

3200
02:42:28,060 --> 02:42:35,750
when I talked to Vasyl the other
night, I said something about,

3201
02:42:35,750 --> 02:42:37,980
I'm too old to think about that.

3202
02:42:37,980 --> 02:42:42,270
And he said, I'm 84, and
I couldn't believe it--

3203
02:42:42,270 --> 02:42:43,910
I mean, this kid.

3204
02:42:43,910 --> 02:42:46,220
But you see, we
weren't very far apart.

3205
02:42:46,220 --> 02:42:49,490
I was probably
24, and he was 14.

3206
02:42:49,490 --> 02:42:50,360
But there's a huge--

3207
02:42:50,360 --> 02:42:51,402
That would be just right.

3208
02:42:51,402 --> 02:42:52,460
Yeah, but there it is.

3209
02:42:52,460 --> 02:42:55,160
You're already a young
adult, and he's not.

3210
02:42:55,160 --> 02:42:56,360
He's still a kid.

3211
02:42:56,360 --> 02:42:57,900
He's still a kid to me.

3212
02:42:57,900 --> 02:42:58,580
Yeah.

3213
02:42:58,580 --> 02:43:00,710
Yeah.

3214
02:43:00,710 --> 02:43:02,735
Well, thank you very much.

3215
02:43:02,735 --> 02:43:04,655
Well, thank you.

3216
02:43:04,655 --> 02:43:07,040
I have a lot to think about.

3217
02:43:07,040 --> 02:43:08,680
And you've given
us an awful lot.

3218
02:43:08,680 --> 02:43:10,350
I thank you for your patience.

3219
02:43:10,350 --> 02:43:11,120
Oh, it's--

3220
02:43:11,120 --> 02:43:14,810
I feel like I rattle on
and on and on and on.

3221
02:43:14,810 --> 02:43:18,590
No, no, your answers were
very much to the point

3222
02:43:18,590 --> 02:43:19,580
of the questions.

3223
02:43:19,580 --> 02:43:23,500
You painted a picture for us,
which is exactly what I wanted.

3224
02:43:23,500 --> 02:43:25,070
And we're very grateful for it.

3225
02:43:25,070 --> 02:43:28,290
Well, I'm grateful to have to
think about it for a while.

3226
02:43:28,290 --> 02:43:28,790
OK.

3227
02:43:28,790 --> 02:43:33,740
I mean, if that's one of my
experiences in an older life--

3228
02:43:33,740 --> 02:43:38,000
I mean, I feel like
I've had several since.

3229
02:43:38,000 --> 02:43:42,710
So but anyway, I
enjoyed the day.

3230
02:43:42,710 --> 02:43:43,580
Thank you.

3231
02:43:43,580 --> 02:43:47,540

And I'll say, then, with this
that this concludes the United

3232
02:43:47,540 --> 02:43:52,550
States Holocaust Memorial Museum
interview with Mrs. Natalie

3233
02:43:52,550 --> 02:43:58,820
Kent Kempner on
December 7, Pearl Harbor

3234
02:43:58,820 --> 02:44:05,040
Day, 2018 in Woolwich, Maine.

3235
02:44:05,040 --> 02:44:05,540
Right.

3236
02:44:05,540 --> 02:44:07,430
Thanks again.

3237
02:44:07,430 --> 02:44:09,590
And now, we cut for a second.

3238
02:44:09,590 --> 02:44:19,200

3239
02:44:19,200 --> 02:44:20,960
I can't read the date.

3240
02:44:20,960 --> 02:44:21,970
Let me see.

3241
02:44:21,970 --> 02:44:23,970
Maybe I can help.

3242
02:44:23,970 --> 02:44:26,800
That's his name.

3243
02:44:26,800 --> 02:44:28,010
Is that a date?

3244

02:44:28,010 --> 02:44:28,790
Let's take a look.

3245
02:44:28,790 --> 02:44:29,220
Take a look.

3246
02:44:29,220 --> 02:44:29,720
Sure.

3247
02:44:29,720 --> 02:44:33,210

3248
02:44:33,210 --> 02:44:40,420
Oh geez, well, I see it says 25.

3249
02:44:40,420 --> 02:44:45,800
OK, I'm going to say,
yeah, 25, 4, so April 25.

3250
02:44:45,800 --> 02:44:47,396
It should have been about 1948.

3251
02:44:47,396 --> 02:44:49,202
And then, it looks like-- yeah.

3252
02:44:49,202 --> 02:44:51,980

3253
02:44:51,980 --> 02:44:55,920
You can almost make out that
it's a 4 and a something.

3254
02:44:55,920 --> 02:44:56,640
OK.

3255
02:44:56,640 --> 02:44:58,320
Now, hold it up high.

3256
02:44:58,320 --> 02:45:00,276
Like this.

3257

02:45:00,276 --> 02:45:03,250
No, I was going to say
hold it up by your side.

3258
02:45:03,250 --> 02:45:05,210
[INAUDIBLE]

3259
02:45:05,210 --> 02:45:07,538
OK.

3260
02:45:07,538 --> 02:45:10,520
[CHUCKLES]

3261
02:45:10,520 --> 02:45:13,270
Can you focus in just on the
photo, on just on the picture?

3262
02:45:13,270 --> 02:45:17,270

3263
02:45:17,270 --> 02:45:19,770
Yeah, that's fine.

3264
02:45:19,770 --> 02:45:32,270

3265
02:45:32,270 --> 02:45:34,110
Are you running?

3266
02:45:34,110 --> 02:45:34,700
OK.

3267
02:45:34,700 --> 02:45:35,510
Natalie, tell me.

3268
02:45:35,510 --> 02:45:36,140
Who is this?

3269
02:45:36,140 --> 02:45:39,740
What is this picture,
and who made it for you?

3270

02:45:39,740 --> 02:45:44,900

A Ukrainian refugee
named Vasyl Paliychuk.

3271

02:45:44,900 --> 02:45:45,680

Paliychuk.

3272

02:45:45,680 --> 02:45:50,570

Yeah, and he lives
outside of Baltimore.

3273

02:45:50,570 --> 02:45:54,540

And he taught at a
college in Baltimore.

3274

02:45:54,540 --> 02:45:55,940

He taught art.

3275

02:45:55,940 --> 02:45:58,538

I see, and he was one of the
kids that you looked after?

3276

02:45:58,538 --> 02:45:59,330

He was of the kids.

3277

02:45:59,330 --> 02:46:01,010

He was 14.

3278

02:46:01,010 --> 02:46:06,800

And the first time I met
him, he was in the hospital

3279

02:46:06,800 --> 02:46:09,590

in the village near our camp.

3280

02:46:09,590 --> 02:46:11,630

And I went there to
visit one of the kids

3281

02:46:11,630 --> 02:46:14,930

in the village who'd
had appendicitis.

3282
02:46:14,930 --> 02:46:17,510
And this boy was
in the next bed,

3283
02:46:17,510 --> 02:46:20,300
and he said he'd been
in and out of hospitals

3284
02:46:20,300 --> 02:46:22,670
since his father had been sick.

3285
02:46:22,670 --> 02:46:25,400
And he was sort of lost.

3286
02:46:25,400 --> 02:46:31,790
And he'd heard from
my kid, Dmitri,

3287
02:46:31,790 --> 02:46:35,000
about the children's village,
and he wanted to come there.

3288
02:46:35,000 --> 02:46:37,820
So we found a way
to get him there,

3289
02:46:37,820 --> 02:46:40,100
even though his father
was still around.

3290
02:46:40,100 --> 02:46:43,520
His father came to the States,
but he came to the States

3291
02:46:43,520 --> 02:46:44,900
with the children.

3292
02:46:44,900 --> 02:46:49,610
And this is one of
his first paintings.

3293

02:46:49,610 --> 02:46:53,990
And he-- while I
was visiting, he

3294
02:46:53,990 --> 02:46:59,030
gave me a cardboard picture
of he did with watercolors.

3295
02:46:59,030 --> 02:47:02,750
And he went camping with us
when he came to the village,

3296
02:47:02,750 --> 02:47:05,930
and he was a Boy Scout.

3297
02:47:05,930 --> 02:47:07,310
And he was always--

3298
02:47:07,310 --> 02:47:09,140
he always had his paintbox.

3299
02:47:09,140 --> 02:47:12,110
And he was always painting,
painting, painting.

3300
02:47:12,110 --> 02:47:17,140
And was this of a local
scene in Bad Aibling?

3301
02:47:17,140 --> 02:47:18,310
Was it what?

3302
02:47:18,310 --> 02:47:19,730
What is the picture of?

3303
02:47:19,730 --> 02:47:23,540
Oh, it's the church
in Bad Aibling,

3304
02:47:23,540 --> 02:47:25,220
or in Rosenheim, I guess.

3305

02:47:25,220 --> 02:47:27,380
Rosenheim is the
next village over.

3306
02:47:27,380 --> 02:47:28,040
OK.

3307
02:47:28,040 --> 02:47:29,240
And I love it.

3308
02:47:29,240 --> 02:47:32,750
It's a watercolor, and you
look closely, and the trees.

3309
02:47:32,750 --> 02:47:35,660
Everything is quite lovely.

3310
02:47:35,660 --> 02:47:38,960
He sent it to me
this last Christmas

3311
02:47:38,960 --> 02:47:42,350
when he was cleaning out his--

3312
02:47:42,350 --> 02:47:44,630
he also sent me
a recent painting

3313
02:47:44,630 --> 02:47:48,890
of the things that
make up borscht.

3314
02:47:48,890 --> 02:47:49,960
I mean, the--

3315
02:47:49,960 --> 02:47:50,800
Can you hold it up?

3316
02:47:50,800 --> 02:47:51,740
Let's stop and do this part.

3317
02:47:51,740 --> 02:47:52,310

Yeah, right.

3318
02:47:52,310 --> 02:47:53,060
That's OK.

3319
02:47:53,060 --> 02:47:53,630
That's fine.

3320
02:47:53,630 --> 02:47:54,740
Is it tiring for you?

3321
02:47:54,740 --> 02:47:55,580
I'm tiring.

3322
02:47:55,580 --> 02:47:56,210
Yeah.

3323
02:47:56,210 --> 02:47:56,960
This is going to
be the last thing.

3324
02:47:56,960 --> 02:47:58,140
Let's do this, then.

3325
02:47:58,140 --> 02:47:58,640
OK.

3326
02:47:58,640 --> 02:47:59,550
Put it in your lap.

3327
02:47:59,550 --> 02:48:00,218
Sit in your lap.

3328
02:48:00,218 --> 02:48:01,010
Yeah, there you go.

3329
02:48:01,010 --> 02:48:01,190
That's perfect.

3330
02:48:01,190 --> 02:48:02,982
And you can lift your

hand up, if you like.

3331
02:48:02,982 --> 02:48:04,340
Is that better?

3332
02:48:04,340 --> 02:48:05,000
There you go.

3333
02:48:05,000 --> 02:48:05,910
Yeah, that's perfect.

3334
02:48:05,910 --> 02:48:06,870
OK, good.

3335
02:48:06,870 --> 02:48:07,740
Thank you.

3336
02:48:07,740 --> 02:48:08,510
You running?

3337
02:48:08,510 --> 02:48:09,560
Thank you, Rob.

3338
02:48:09,560 --> 02:48:10,160
Yes, I am.

3339
02:48:10,160 --> 02:48:14,750
OK, so from what I saw, he sent
this to you last Christmas,

3340
02:48:14,750 --> 02:48:16,210
but it's dated--

3341
02:48:16,210 --> 02:48:16,910
Oh, yes.

3342
02:48:16,910 --> 02:48:20,780
--the 25th of April 1949.

3343
02:48:20,780 --> 02:48:25,580
He was working on it the day I

was in the hospital visiting.

3344

02:48:25,580 --> 02:48:27,440

And he just kept it.

3345

02:48:27,440 --> 02:48:28,850

It was just a piece of paper.

3346

02:48:28,850 --> 02:48:31,220

I framed it.

3347

02:48:31,220 --> 02:48:33,710

How nice, how nice--

3348

02:48:33,710 --> 02:48:34,220

thank you.

3349

02:48:34,220 --> 02:48:34,700

You're welcome.

3350

02:48:34,700 --> 02:48:35,660

Thank you very much.

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OK, we're fine.