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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:00,570

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00:00:00,570 --> 00:00:03,600
Beverly Hills, California.

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00:00:03,600 --> 00:00:06,660
Continuing interview
with Bart Stern.

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00:00:06,660 --> 00:00:18,930

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00:00:18,930 --> 00:00:21,780
Can you back up just a
little bit with the Kapos

6
00:00:21,780 --> 00:00:24,120
and tell me what you
and your brother--

7
00:00:24,120 --> 00:00:27,510
did you make up a
story to tell them?

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00:00:27,510 --> 00:00:28,410
Yeah.

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00:00:28,410 --> 00:00:32,640
No, actually, there
were some facts in it,

10
00:00:32,640 --> 00:00:36,180
but to make it a little bit
more interesting for them,

11
00:00:36,180 --> 00:00:38,880
we embellished upon it.

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00:00:38,880 --> 00:00:42,900
And we have given

instead of our location,

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00:00:42,900 --> 00:00:44,658
we gave two other locations.

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00:00:44,658 --> 00:00:48,120

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00:00:48,120 --> 00:00:53,590
Because we were hoping
that we will survive,

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00:00:53,590 --> 00:00:57,400
and we didn't want them to
be able to get there first.

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00:00:57,400 --> 00:01:00,100
So we have confused them
a little bit, in case

18
00:01:00,100 --> 00:01:04,080
if they would have
been able to come.

19
00:01:04,080 --> 00:01:10,830
But our aim was not only that
we benefit by this approach,

20
00:01:10,830 --> 00:01:14,850
but we have saw that others
also got onto that point

21
00:01:14,850 --> 00:01:16,710
that there are--

22
00:01:16,710 --> 00:01:21,090
that Kapos can be
bribed, really.

23
00:01:21,090 --> 00:01:24,157
Telling them, listen, if you
win, you know where you go back

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00:01:24,157 --> 00:01:24,990
and you will get it.

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00:01:24,990 --> 00:01:26,700
Be nice to us.

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00:01:26,700 --> 00:01:31,080
If you lose, we
will be helping you.

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00:01:31,080 --> 00:01:33,120
And this was something
that my brother

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00:01:33,120 --> 00:01:35,070
has masterminded and
saw to that that it

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00:01:35,070 --> 00:01:37,320
had spread to others too.

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00:01:37,320 --> 00:01:39,660
And though he became--

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00:01:39,660 --> 00:01:43,710
matter of fact, when there
was a group transferred

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00:01:43,710 --> 00:01:49,620
to another camp, and when
my brothers ran immediately

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00:01:49,620 --> 00:01:52,620
to that group of settlers and
make hay out of this here.

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00:01:52,620 --> 00:01:55,810
This is something
which can work.

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00:01:55,810 --> 00:01:59,970
And they became-- have

used every little bit of it

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00:01:59,970 --> 00:02:04,110

at every opportunity there
was to make it a survival

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00:02:04,110 --> 00:02:07,680

possibility, not
only for ourselves.

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00:02:07,680 --> 00:02:12,120

The amazing thing is that we
were really like blind horses,

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00:02:12,120 --> 00:02:15,540

pulled right, and
right, left, left.

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00:02:15,540 --> 00:02:18,120

But within our
subconscious mind,

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00:02:18,120 --> 00:02:21,520

we had also a very
conscious mind.

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00:02:21,520 --> 00:02:27,090

And we have put it to as good
use as we possibly could.

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00:02:27,090 --> 00:02:30,090

I mean, just the same,
the will of survival

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00:02:30,090 --> 00:02:34,590

itself was a tremendous,
tremendous effort.

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00:02:34,590 --> 00:02:38,670

You know, like, there were
suicides in the camps.

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00:02:38,670 --> 00:02:43,500

But it was never religious
Jews committed suicide.

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00:02:43,500 --> 00:02:47,580
Even the most primitive
Polish people,

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00:02:47,580 --> 00:02:51,900
I mean, if you read some of the
book of Isaac Bashevis Singer,

49
00:02:51,900 --> 00:02:56,790
in Poland with such a poverty
that Haarlem is a paradise.

50
00:02:56,790 --> 00:03:00,870
And they had never went to
school, just to Hebrew school.

51
00:03:00,870 --> 00:03:02,820
But they had the face.

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00:03:02,820 --> 00:03:05,100
The suicides were always
by the assimilated,

53
00:03:05,100 --> 00:03:09,000
who were the philosophical.

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00:03:09,000 --> 00:03:12,980
Because they did not see any
reason in further survival,

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00:03:12,980 --> 00:03:15,510
because there was really
not too much of a chance.

56
00:03:15,510 --> 00:03:22,060
But we have always aimed to
survival and never to give up.

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00:03:22,060 --> 00:03:24,370
I mean, to give up

was the easiest thing.

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00:03:24,370 --> 00:03:27,270

I mean, if you just
sat down, like the men

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00:03:27,270 --> 00:03:31,260

with the story who lost
his bread, we did not.

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00:03:31,260 --> 00:03:36,970

We were going on with a great
belief that we will survive.

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00:03:36,970 --> 00:03:39,420

And there is a
morning prayer that we

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00:03:39,420 --> 00:03:45,240

say that I believe in the
coming of the Messiah.

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00:03:45,240 --> 00:03:50,040

And people have, tell this, I
am believe that with God's help

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00:03:50,040 --> 00:03:54,330

I will be surviving the camp
and I will take revenge on them.

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00:03:54,330 --> 00:03:58,890

This was strong driving
force, even if it didn't

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00:03:58,890 --> 00:04:01,800

come from everybody himself.

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00:04:01,800 --> 00:04:05,580

It was fed to him by others,
always with encouragement

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00:04:05,580 --> 00:04:06,990

given.

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00:04:06,990 --> 00:04:09,450

Everybody felt itself
an encouragement.

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00:04:09,450 --> 00:04:11,610

Of course, I can't imagine that.

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00:04:11,610 --> 00:04:12,900

I don't remember what I did.

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00:04:12,900 --> 00:04:14,023

I said, OK, stop it.

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00:04:14,023 --> 00:04:14,940

I've already heard it.

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00:04:14,940 --> 00:04:19,120

I mean, because the
labor was very hard.

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00:04:19,120 --> 00:04:22,019

The conditions were inhuman.

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00:04:22,019 --> 00:04:24,530

If I would be able to
describe it, I mean,

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00:04:24,530 --> 00:04:26,040

if I would have a
better vocabulary

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00:04:26,040 --> 00:04:27,930

and I would have the
greatest writers,

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00:04:27,930 --> 00:04:34,800

I couldn't give you the complete
happening over five minute.

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00:04:34,800 --> 00:04:36,960

I would go berserk myself.

81
00:04:36,960 --> 00:04:43,110
It was beyond
comprehension of anybody,

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00:04:43,110 --> 00:04:44,570
beyond comprehension of anybody.

83
00:04:44,570 --> 00:04:53,670
It was so out of the
extraordinary that one cannot

84
00:04:53,670 --> 00:04:55,470
comprehend it.

85
00:04:55,470 --> 00:05:01,200
But whatever we have had, it
was nurtured by our belief

86
00:05:01,200 --> 00:05:03,910
and by the
encouragement of others.

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00:05:03,910 --> 00:05:07,590
I mean, like the rabbi
survived and having Yom Kippur,

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00:05:07,590 --> 00:05:09,900
that he was
considered that he was

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00:05:09,900 --> 00:05:15,390
our messenger to the Almighty.

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00:05:15,390 --> 00:05:22,320
And these are the things which
gave us strength to survive.

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00:05:22,320 --> 00:05:24,148
Is survival an achievement?

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00:05:24,148 --> 00:05:27,980

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00:05:27,980 --> 00:05:31,910
It's a rhetorical
question really.

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00:05:31,910 --> 00:05:36,285
Yes, survival is an
achievement, yes.

95
00:05:36,285 --> 00:05:37,535
We wanted to achieve survival.

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00:05:37,535 --> 00:05:41,164

97
00:05:41,164 --> 00:05:45,334
How does your whole experience
make you feel about humanity.

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00:05:45,334 --> 00:05:48,196

99
00:05:48,196 --> 00:05:53,675
Humanity is very frail,
very materialistic.

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00:05:53,675 --> 00:05:58,170

101
00:05:58,170 --> 00:06:02,240
We see that then and today.

102
00:06:02,240 --> 00:06:04,100
We need territories.

103
00:06:04,100 --> 00:06:07,220
We need more wealth.

104
00:06:07,220 --> 00:06:09,260
Presidents need more votes.

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00:06:09,260 --> 00:06:11,990

Politicians need more votes.

106

00:06:11,990 --> 00:06:20,960

And this is unfortunately
human nature, I mean, humanity.

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00:06:20,960 --> 00:06:23,060

I still believe that the
best people in the world

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00:06:23,060 --> 00:06:25,280

are in America.

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00:06:25,280 --> 00:06:28,130

Before I came to this
country, I traveled

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00:06:28,130 --> 00:06:30,170

to many other countries.

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00:06:30,170 --> 00:06:32,660

But I was a student,
I had an opportunity

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00:06:32,660 --> 00:06:33,860

to go for study tours.

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00:06:33,860 --> 00:06:37,010

I won scholarships.

114

00:06:37,010 --> 00:06:38,210

And we are the best people.

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00:06:38,210 --> 00:06:40,520

Are we?

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00:06:40,520 --> 00:06:45,170

Depends to whom are we
comparing ourselves.

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00:06:45,170 --> 00:06:49,770
So humanity-- and I'm not
the best person either.

118
00:06:49,770 --> 00:06:54,740
I see people who are
much more superior to me.

119
00:06:54,740 --> 00:07:04,830
So I'm really not qualified
to give a good answer.

120
00:07:04,830 --> 00:07:07,460

121
00:07:07,460 --> 00:07:11,330
Tell me about how you
feel about taking revenge.

122
00:07:11,330 --> 00:07:13,310
And were you able to at all?

123
00:07:13,310 --> 00:07:15,920

124
00:07:15,920 --> 00:07:18,260
Yes, I took revenge.

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00:07:18,260 --> 00:07:23,160

126
00:07:23,160 --> 00:07:25,150
The only thing happened
when we were liberated

127
00:07:25,150 --> 00:07:31,090
by the Russians, a few days--

128
00:07:31,090 --> 00:07:34,960
I mean, I was fortunate to
be accepted by the Russians.

129

00:07:34,960 --> 00:07:36,555

I mean, I only
weighed 84 pounds.

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00:07:36,555 --> 00:07:38,700

I was a walking skeleton.

131

00:07:38,700 --> 00:07:41,880

But they did not
accept us as survivors

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00:07:41,880 --> 00:07:46,470

because the Germans have
even put up the skeletons

133

00:07:46,470 --> 00:07:48,690

as saboteurs with the Russians.

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00:07:48,690 --> 00:07:51,790

So they-- I don't know what
experiences they had, but I

135

00:07:51,790 --> 00:07:56,910

was very strongly interrogated.

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00:07:56,910 --> 00:07:58,440

But to my good
fortune, they were

137

00:07:58,440 --> 00:08:02,100

the Jewish-Russian general.

138

00:08:02,100 --> 00:08:05,310

And I have given him
proof that I'm Jewish.

139

00:08:05,310 --> 00:08:07,660

So I was accepted, actually.

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00:08:07,660 --> 00:08:09,630

The greatest thing
he could do for me,

141

00:08:09,630 --> 00:08:12,570

the uniform of a dead soldier
was taken off and given me

142

00:08:12,570 --> 00:08:13,380

a part of it.

143

00:08:13,380 --> 00:08:23,170

144

00:08:23,170 --> 00:08:26,950

Three days or so
having-- and I was

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00:08:26,950 --> 00:08:31,600

kind of a expensive property for
them because I could read maps.

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00:08:31,600 --> 00:08:33,850

I could interpret maps.

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00:08:33,850 --> 00:08:37,789

And I was not a
great strategist.

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00:08:37,789 --> 00:08:40,240

But I knew there is
north, south, east,

149

00:08:40,240 --> 00:08:42,640

west, and northwest, northeast.

150

00:08:42,640 --> 00:08:46,362

So I was going on
with the Russians.

151

00:08:46,362 --> 00:08:48,070

They needed me like
a hole in their head.

152

00:08:48,070 --> 00:08:49,820

They didn't have

themselves anything.

153
00:08:49,820 --> 00:08:50,710
And I couldn't walk.

154
00:08:50,710 --> 00:08:56,890
I had to be on a horse-drawn
wagon, seated with others.

155
00:08:56,890 --> 00:09:03,580
We came into a small community
not far from Auschwitz,

156
00:09:03,580 --> 00:09:10,310
and noontime for the rest.

157
00:09:10,310 --> 00:09:12,820
And there were
small narrow streets

158
00:09:12,820 --> 00:09:19,820
so we leaned onto the
walls of the houses outside

159
00:09:19,820 --> 00:09:24,860
to take a rest, and
have something to eat.

160
00:09:24,860 --> 00:09:25,935
It was sunshine.

161
00:09:25,935 --> 00:09:27,560
Matter of fact, I
remember I had to sit

162
00:09:27,560 --> 00:09:32,000
on something because the
snow was melting away.

163
00:09:32,000 --> 00:09:35,060
Here after about 5, 10
minutes, we were, well,

164

00:09:35,060 --> 00:09:39,050
sitting on our floor.

165

00:09:39,050 --> 00:09:51,510
Suddenly there was hailing
of hot lead, rocks, even axes

166

00:09:51,510 --> 00:09:52,440
from the rooftops.

167

00:09:52,440 --> 00:09:56,050
They were not very high houses.

168

00:09:56,050 --> 00:10:00,480
So the population
has attacked us.

169

00:10:00,480 --> 00:10:02,850
And they were also
submachine guns.

170

00:10:02,850 --> 00:10:07,100
And a few people were killed.

171

00:10:07,100 --> 00:10:12,260
So I was, with another survivor
with me, a Polish fellow,

172

00:10:12,260 --> 00:10:15,380
he probably was 10, 15 years
old than me, a seasoned man.

173

00:10:15,380 --> 00:10:21,320
He was in the camps
in the first week on.

174

00:10:21,320 --> 00:10:25,970
And the Russian soldiers
were somehow surprised

175

00:10:25,970 --> 00:10:30,170
in a captured village,

this to happen.

176
00:10:30,170 --> 00:10:32,150
But he was not.

177
00:10:32,150 --> 00:10:37,310
So we went into the next
house across the street.

178
00:10:37,310 --> 00:10:40,280
Here we see there was--

179
00:10:40,280 --> 00:10:43,310
that they took off,
middle of lunch.

180
00:10:43,310 --> 00:10:44,420
The soup was still warm.

181
00:10:44,420 --> 00:10:47,210

182
00:10:47,210 --> 00:10:51,380
And we don't find them.

183
00:10:51,380 --> 00:10:54,620
He goes down to the basement.

184
00:10:54,620 --> 00:10:56,340
See, the basement is short.

185
00:10:56,340 --> 00:10:58,790
He sends out somebody
else to measure out

186
00:10:58,790 --> 00:11:00,250
the length of the house.

187
00:11:00,250 --> 00:11:03,380
So we saw that the basement
was cut about half.

188

00:11:03,380 --> 00:11:05,085
And there was straw at the end.

189

00:11:05,085 --> 00:11:05,960
Pulled out the straw.

190

00:11:05,960 --> 00:11:08,740
There he found a family.

191

00:11:08,740 --> 00:11:12,050
Of course, we had to shoot
them because they all

192

00:11:12,050 --> 00:11:13,750
had ammunition.

193

00:11:13,750 --> 00:11:16,870
And this has been
a very bad scene.

194

00:11:16,870 --> 00:11:21,340
I am-- to kill was terrible.

195

00:11:21,340 --> 00:11:27,580
So from then on, every
uniformed Pole or German--

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00:11:27,580 --> 00:11:30,910
we came across mostly Germans.

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00:11:30,910 --> 00:11:31,630
This was Monday.

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00:11:31,630 --> 00:11:35,530
We shot them as
much as we could.

199

00:11:35,530 --> 00:11:39,460
I just want you to back up and
tell me about taking revenge

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00:11:39,460 --> 00:11:41,170
and how you feel about it.

201
00:11:41,170 --> 00:11:43,930

202
00:11:43,930 --> 00:11:46,210
I get asked the
question whether I have

203
00:11:46,210 --> 00:11:49,690
any hatred toward the Germans.

204
00:11:49,690 --> 00:11:52,150
Hatred is not
something I'm going

205
00:11:52,150 --> 00:11:54,760
to accomplish anything with.

206
00:11:54,760 --> 00:11:57,070
And what does it
matter to the German?

207
00:11:57,070 --> 00:11:59,800
They take comfort,
and probably enjoys

208
00:11:59,800 --> 00:12:04,810
the spoil of Jewish properties,
that I'm hating him.

209
00:12:04,810 --> 00:12:06,340
I'm going to destroy myself.

210
00:12:06,340 --> 00:12:07,660
Nothing to them.

211
00:12:07,660 --> 00:12:09,580
But I am more rational about it.

212
00:12:09,580 --> 00:12:12,550

I will not buy German goods.

213
00:12:12,550 --> 00:12:14,710
I will not go
vacation in Germany.

214
00:12:14,710 --> 00:12:17,890

215
00:12:17,890 --> 00:12:20,020
I will not sponsor their events.

216
00:12:20,020 --> 00:12:23,980

217
00:12:23,980 --> 00:12:31,870
That's what I will, as far as
my not compensating the Germans

218
00:12:31,870 --> 00:12:34,020
or not helping them.

219
00:12:34,020 --> 00:12:37,830
But hate, what do I
accomplish by that?

220
00:12:37,830 --> 00:12:39,640
What do I accomplish by that?

221
00:12:39,640 --> 00:12:43,080
If I could say that America
produces a better car,

222
00:12:43,080 --> 00:12:47,010
then I would surely go out
and tell everybody to buy it.

223
00:12:47,010 --> 00:12:50,430
I mean, even now, I tell
people, aren't you ashamed

224
00:12:50,430 --> 00:12:53,640

your father was killed
in Auschwitz and you,

225
00:12:53,640 --> 00:12:56,910
or whoever it is, and
you buy a Mercedes.

226
00:12:56,910 --> 00:12:59,490
Why don't you buy
an American car?

227
00:12:59,490 --> 00:13:01,790
I, to that extent, yes.

228
00:13:01,790 --> 00:13:03,540
People say they go to
vacation in Germany.

229
00:13:03,540 --> 00:13:06,292
I said, have you
vacationed in America?

230
00:13:06,292 --> 00:13:09,870
Do you know how many nice
scenes there are here?

231
00:13:09,870 --> 00:13:12,000
To that extent,
but I don't hate.

232
00:13:12,000 --> 00:13:14,430
I don't carry on a grudge.

233
00:13:14,430 --> 00:13:15,840
No.

234
00:13:15,840 --> 00:13:19,170
And I tell you something
very foolish on my part.

235
00:13:19,170 --> 00:13:22,110
I didn't even claim for
years any restitution

236
00:13:22,110 --> 00:13:25,110
that I'm entitled to.

237
00:13:25,110 --> 00:13:29,040
I'm a 65% invalid.

238
00:13:29,040 --> 00:13:31,650
But then finally, I
did because I figured,

239
00:13:31,650 --> 00:13:33,040
what am I going to do?

240
00:13:33,040 --> 00:13:34,050
Am I going to defy them?

241
00:13:34,050 --> 00:13:36,120
They will get the profit of it.

242
00:13:36,120 --> 00:13:40,740
Today I'm getting a very big
pension, about \$300 a month.

243
00:13:40,740 --> 00:13:43,590
Of course, the
Nazis as you know,

244
00:13:43,590 --> 00:13:45,870
get considerably
bigger pensions.

245
00:13:45,870 --> 00:13:48,030
But hatred, I do not--

246
00:13:48,030 --> 00:13:50,700
I do not hate, no.

247
00:13:50,700 --> 00:13:54,390

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00:13:54,390 --> 00:13:57,010
They cannot count on me being
their public relations person,

249
00:13:57,010 --> 00:13:57,510
no.

250
00:13:57,510 --> 00:14:01,300

251
00:14:01,300 --> 00:14:04,000
What would you say for
those who didn't survive?

252
00:14:04,000 --> 00:14:07,970

253
00:14:07,970 --> 00:14:11,300
I know that they have
probably have tried more--

254
00:14:11,300 --> 00:14:14,970
as much as me or more, for them.

255
00:14:14,970 --> 00:14:24,030
The only thing I can say for
them is what I do every day.

256
00:14:24,030 --> 00:14:27,920
I say the Memorial
Prayer for them,

257
00:14:27,920 --> 00:14:31,285
just like they would be my
father or brother or sister

258
00:14:31,285 --> 00:14:32,060
or mother.

259
00:14:32,060 --> 00:14:33,560
That's what I would
do say for them.

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00:14:33,560 --> 00:14:36,150

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00:14:36,150 --> 00:14:39,200

And another thing what
I do say, that we don't

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00:14:39,200 --> 00:14:41,840

have to cave in for anything.

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00:14:41,840 --> 00:14:43,730

We have to be alert.

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00:14:43,730 --> 00:14:46,190

We have to watch out.

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00:14:46,190 --> 00:14:51,290

Whether it's a
Mezger or a Buchanan,

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00:14:51,290 --> 00:14:55,550

we don't sit there and
say, don't rock the boat.

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00:14:55,550 --> 00:14:57,620

We have to rock the boat.

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00:14:57,620 --> 00:15:01,390

And not only for
us Jews sake alone,

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00:15:01,390 --> 00:15:04,000

for the rest of the world.

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00:15:04,000 --> 00:15:07,040

We cannot let these
things occur again.

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00:15:07,040 --> 00:15:11,435

Unless we know it, remember
it, and tell it to others,

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00:15:11,435 --> 00:15:12,880
it is bound to happen again.

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00:15:12,880 --> 00:15:17,950

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00:15:17,950 --> 00:15:23,110
People say that Jews went
like sheep to the slaughter.

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00:15:23,110 --> 00:15:25,660
How do you feel about that?

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00:15:25,660 --> 00:15:28,660
That is utterly
ridiculous to say that.

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00:15:28,660 --> 00:15:33,880
You know, when--
first of all, nobody

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00:15:33,880 --> 00:15:37,030
ever believed this
to be possible.

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00:15:37,030 --> 00:15:39,190
Look, American
people, even today--

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00:15:39,190 --> 00:15:42,070
I'm not talking of the
revisionists who say that--

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00:15:42,070 --> 00:15:49,270
but the good thinking American
people It couldn't be possible.

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00:15:49,270 --> 00:15:54,460
Just the fact to accept
it, it is a big order,

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00:15:54,460 --> 00:15:56,260

to live with that.

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00:15:56,260 --> 00:15:59,970

They did not go [INAUDIBLE].

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00:15:59,970 --> 00:16:04,020

We were not trained
to kill, true.

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00:16:04,020 --> 00:16:08,370

Would we have had
some leadership who

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00:16:08,370 --> 00:16:13,920

would have made this more
plausible to tell us,

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00:16:13,920 --> 00:16:19,350

we would have acted differently,
It's always hindsight.

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00:16:19,350 --> 00:16:21,210

But we didn't go with--

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00:16:21,210 --> 00:16:29,270

you have no idea what resistance
there was, even in the ghettos.

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00:16:29,270 --> 00:16:33,980

I mean, I remember in our own
town, some of the gendarmerie

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00:16:33,980 --> 00:16:36,560

were attacked.

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00:16:36,560 --> 00:16:38,900

But what good was it?

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00:16:38,900 --> 00:16:41,510

They outnumbered us
by the thousands.

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00:16:41,510 --> 00:16:43,440
It was not only the uniformed.

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00:16:43,440 --> 00:16:46,340
Unfortunately, the
population as well.

297
00:16:46,340 --> 00:16:50,480
The people who
lived next door who

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00:16:50,480 --> 00:16:55,280
have profited by living with
us, and been friends just

299
00:16:55,280 --> 00:16:58,320
for that little bit of
whatever the Jews still had,

300
00:16:58,320 --> 00:17:01,210
they were happy to have
him being deported.

301
00:17:01,210 --> 00:17:05,480
So we were outnumbered
one to thousands.

302
00:17:05,480 --> 00:17:10,130
That was really very
little we could do.

303
00:17:10,130 --> 00:17:15,460
And even so, some
of the ghettos,

304
00:17:15,460 --> 00:17:17,470
when they came to
radio stations,

305
00:17:17,470 --> 00:17:19,660
they threw Molotov cocktails.

306
00:17:19,660 --> 00:17:21,025

This was sure that.

307
00:17:21,025 --> 00:17:24,010
I mean, sheep--

308
00:17:24,010 --> 00:17:25,630
I mean, I heard that.

309
00:17:25,630 --> 00:17:29,140
And I have said it before,
I was in Vietnam in '60.

310
00:17:29,140 --> 00:17:32,010
Our ambassador,
Mr. Nolte, I don't

311
00:17:32,010 --> 00:17:33,260
know how he became ambassador.

312
00:17:33,260 --> 00:17:35,330
Although he tells me,
he asked me, he says,

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00:17:35,330 --> 00:17:37,690
how come that you
were herded as sheep,

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00:17:37,690 --> 00:17:40,330
let yourself being herded
as sheep in the cattle

315
00:17:40,330 --> 00:17:43,540
carts to being flushed out.

316
00:17:43,540 --> 00:17:46,240
So I asked him,
I said, how come?

317
00:17:46,240 --> 00:17:48,885
America, with all
its mighty power,

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00:17:48,885 --> 00:17:50,510
American soldiers
are killed every day.

319
00:17:50,510 --> 00:17:51,970
What are you doing?

320
00:17:51,970 --> 00:17:55,580
He said, I never thought
about it that way.

321
00:17:55,580 --> 00:18:03,270
I think we were much more
courageous with no means

322
00:18:03,270 --> 00:18:05,890
than any other people would be.

323
00:18:05,890 --> 00:18:07,660
But we are not.

324
00:18:07,660 --> 00:18:11,290
But the fact is that we really
did not have any ammunition.

325
00:18:11,290 --> 00:18:12,520
Nobody behind us.

326
00:18:12,520 --> 00:18:16,667
Even when you know about
the case of partisan,

327
00:18:16,667 --> 00:18:19,000
the partisans themselves, the
Jewish partisans that they

328
00:18:19,000 --> 00:18:23,840
destroyed, they wanted to
take the credit for it.

329
00:18:23,840 --> 00:18:27,700
And so therefore, with
what we did not have,

330
00:18:27,700 --> 00:18:33,640
we did more than people who
have with what to do it.

331
00:18:33,640 --> 00:18:38,680
So that is a very,
very wrong concept

332
00:18:38,680 --> 00:18:42,200
and nobody should think
along those lines.

333
00:18:42,200 --> 00:18:49,720
Because it's really to defame
the atrocities what took place.

334
00:18:49,720 --> 00:18:52,120
I don't think so.

335
00:18:52,120 --> 00:18:53,980
We can't even use that word.

336
00:18:53,980 --> 00:18:56,890
I know it has it's
use by fine people.

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00:18:56,890 --> 00:18:59,716

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00:18:59,716 --> 00:19:02,010
When we went back
to our hometown,

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00:19:02,010 --> 00:19:05,290
3 and 1/2 years ago,
the people said,

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00:19:05,290 --> 00:19:07,140
why didn't you
burn down the city?

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00:19:07,140 --> 00:19:09,640
They wouldn't have known.

342
00:19:09,640 --> 00:19:12,450
I told them, I said,
what would you have done?

343
00:19:12,450 --> 00:19:16,230
These were boys my
age, non-Jewish boys

344
00:19:16,230 --> 00:19:17,840
from my hometown.

345
00:19:17,840 --> 00:19:19,350
I said, what would
you have done?

346
00:19:19,350 --> 00:19:22,150
I said that you came back
from the churches, Sunday

347
00:19:22,150 --> 00:19:25,200
always, with great hatred, as
though best thing you could do,

348
00:19:25,200 --> 00:19:29,610
even the good days, is break
the Jewish home windows.

349
00:19:29,610 --> 00:19:32,463
You know, it's nice
to say that, but I

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00:19:32,463 --> 00:19:34,380
asked him what would you
have done if it would

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00:19:34,380 --> 00:19:37,074
have been the opposite way.

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00:19:37,074 --> 00:19:39,090
And you know what

his answer was?

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00:19:39,090 --> 00:19:41,490

I have a penknife in my pocket.

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00:19:41,490 --> 00:19:42,600

You see this?

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00:19:42,600 --> 00:19:44,418

It is 50 years old.

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00:19:44,418 --> 00:19:45,960

And what would you
have done with it?

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00:19:45,960 --> 00:19:49,220

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00:19:49,220 --> 00:19:52,980

I don't think so that
any of the writers,

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00:19:52,980 --> 00:19:56,820

or anybody who said that is
even aware of it, what he says.

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00:19:56,820 --> 00:20:03,420

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00:20:03,420 --> 00:20:06,470

OK, thank you very much.

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00:20:06,470 --> 00:21:13,000