

-TITLE-ABRAM KOZOLCHYK  
-I\_DATE-FEBRUARY 8 1986  
-SOURCE-DALLAS MEMORIAL CENTER FOR HOLOCAUST STUDIES  
-RESTRICTIONS-  
-SOUND\_QUALITY-EXCELLENT  
-IMAGE\_QUALITY-EXCELLENT  
-DURATION-1 HOUR 30 MINUTES  
-LANGUAGES-ENGLISH  
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1:01:00 Abram is a seventy-eight year old born in Krinki, Poland. He is very thankful to God and the U.S.

1:03:00 He was born in 1908. He remembers being four or five and seeing thousands of horses in the street. He asked his Rabbi about what was happening and the Rabbi told him the horses were being rounded up for was.

1:04:00 He recalls that the Germans needed translators. He remembers the Russian revolution and the rivalry between Russians and Poles.

1:08:30 He refers to Stalin's anti-Semitism.

1:10:30 When he was young, during the first world war, his family lived without heat. He recalls how they became used to the war. He remembers that the money was not worth much in the 1917-18 period.

1:12:00 He refers to the present as a bridge between the past and the future.

1:12:30 Abram viewed himself as a revolutionary. He thought people should struggle for a better world. He remembers spreading propaganda at age sixteen.

1:17:45 Time passed quickly for Abram in his childhood. He remembers the elections in 1921 or 1922 as being very fair.

1:22:30 He notes the historical predisposition of any government in a bad situation to blame the Jews and make pogroms.

1:22:50 Abram attributes his survival to nisseem (ph) or miracles. He had nothing and during WWI he was to forage for food to eat the next day. He was given food as payment for work as a tailor.

1:30:30 Abram emigrated to Cuba when he was twenty-one years old. His brother had gone on before, after leaving Argentina. They went to Cuba to find freedom

1:35:45 In 1929 Abram went to Cuba and opened a store.

1:37:30 He recalls the deportation of Jews from Europe.

1:45:00 He started to build up his business. He wanted to show the world the Jews would keep their commitment to their brothers. He built a school for 475 Jewish children. He sought to make Cuba an example for other countries. After Castro came to power, Abram recalls a deal to supply kosher meat to Cuban Jews.

1:52:30 Abram recalls being frustrated at not being able to help the European Jews.

1:57:45 The Jews in Europe lived poorly. They lived around the marketplaces because the gentiles lived away because they owned land.

2:09:00 Abram was in heaven in Cuba.

2:13:00 Common sense is critical to Jews; they must go where they will be free.

2:14:30 Jews comprised maybe 3,000 of 3,000,000 people in Cuba. They were economically successful.

2:16:00 Abram was a collector for charity.

2:20:45 Abram wants his grandchildren to make the kiddish and remember.

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