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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:05,850

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00:00:05,850 --> 00:00:08,460  
This is the United States  
Holocaust Memorial Museum

3  
00:00:08,460 --> 00:00:12,390  
interview with Tibor  
Borsos, conducted

4  
00:00:12,390 --> 00:00:18,120  
by Gail Schwartz on July 29,  
1996, in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

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00:00:18,120 --> 00:00:23,275  
This is tape number two, side  
A. And you were talking about--

6  
00:00:23,275 --> 00:00:23,775  
Budapest--

7  
00:00:23,775 --> 00:00:24,720  
--the war conditions--

8  
00:00:24,720 --> 00:00:25,590  
--and the war.

9  
00:00:25,590 --> 00:00:26,970  
--in Budapest.

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00:00:26,970 --> 00:00:31,769  
So 1944, we are  
talking about '44,

11  
00:00:31,769 --> 00:00:36,330  
we are talking about from  
July on, till we left,

12  
00:00:36,330 --> 00:00:38,100  
which is December.

13  
00:00:38,100 --> 00:00:42,750  
And I did not personally  
see any atrocities.

14  
00:00:42,750 --> 00:00:43,890  
I did not see--

15  
00:00:43,890 --> 00:00:46,020  
which came much later,  
by the way, anyway--

16  
00:00:46,020 --> 00:00:48,000  
but I personally didn't  
see any atrocities.

17  
00:00:48,000 --> 00:00:50,023  
I didn't see anybody  
being beaten up or dragged

18  
00:00:50,023 --> 00:00:50,940  
or anything like that.

19  
00:00:50,940 --> 00:00:52,170  
But we knew there were ghettos.

20  
00:00:52,170 --> 00:00:53,462  
We knew that the ghettoization.

21  
00:00:53,462 --> 00:00:55,290  
We knew about the  
Swedish passport.

22  
00:00:55,290 --> 00:00:57,600  
We knew about the  
Vatican passports.

23  
00:00:57,600 --> 00:00:59,550  
We knew about the Swiss,  
some of the effort.

24  
00:00:59,550 --> 00:01:01,620

And there was some Spanish effort, if I remember right.

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00:01:01,620 --> 00:01:03,245

I don't remember all of them, but there

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00:01:03,245 --> 00:01:05,760

was all kind of efforts from various organizations,

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00:01:05,760 --> 00:01:07,420

trying to save this and that.

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00:01:07,420 --> 00:01:10,230

They put a building up and put the sign up on it and so forth.

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00:01:10,230 --> 00:01:12,270

Had you heard of Raoul Wallenberg by that point?

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00:01:12,270 --> 00:01:12,540

Oh, yes.

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00:01:12,540 --> 00:01:13,030

Of course, [INAUDIBLE].

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00:01:13,030 --> 00:01:13,810

What did you know?

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00:01:13,810 --> 00:01:17,280

Well, we knew that he was a Swedish, whatever he was,

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00:01:17,280 --> 00:01:17,890

diplomat.

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00:01:17,890 --> 00:01:20,160

We didn't know what he was, but that he was constantly

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00:01:20,160 --> 00:01:22,290  
in contact with the  
Germans, and that he

37  
00:01:22,290 --> 00:01:24,030  
tried to save as many  
Jews as possible.

38  
00:01:24,030 --> 00:01:26,220  
The Swedish protection  
was the big one,

39  
00:01:26,220 --> 00:01:27,390  
more than anybody else.

40  
00:01:27,390 --> 00:01:30,660  
I mean, there was some Vatican  
protection, but very little,

41  
00:01:30,660 --> 00:01:31,500  
and some Spanish.

42  
00:01:31,500 --> 00:01:33,180  
But the primary  
protection was Swedish,

43  
00:01:33,180 --> 00:01:36,210  
and we knew very well that  
Raoul Wallenberg was there.

44  
00:01:36,210 --> 00:01:38,190  
Interesting enough,  
we also knew,

45  
00:01:38,190 --> 00:01:41,722  
of course, a great deal about  
the German occupation forces,

46  
00:01:41,722 --> 00:01:42,930  
because they were everywhere.

47  
00:01:42,930 --> 00:01:44,725  
I mean, you cannot go

anywhere in Budapest,

48  
00:01:44,725 --> 00:01:45,600  
there was no Germans.

49  
00:01:45,600 --> 00:01:48,030  
There was just swarming  
with German soldiers--

50  
00:01:48,030 --> 00:01:49,800  
not like Debrecen,  
which was Nazi.

51  
00:01:49,800 --> 00:01:51,150  
Budapest was swarming.

52  
00:01:51,150 --> 00:01:54,810  
I mean, it was it  
was gray everywhere.

53  
00:01:54,810 --> 00:01:56,640  
But they didn't bother anybody.

54  
00:01:56,640 --> 00:02:01,000  
There was no interaction  
with the population.

55  
00:02:01,000 --> 00:02:03,150  
So did you feel threatened  
when you saw them?

56  
00:02:03,150 --> 00:02:03,930  
No.

57  
00:02:03,930 --> 00:02:05,920  
No, never.

58  
00:02:05,920 --> 00:02:06,420  
Never.

59  
00:02:06,420 --> 00:02:06,920  
I never.

60  
00:02:06,920 --> 00:02:08,850  
First, I never felt  
threatened, no.

61  
00:02:08,850 --> 00:02:11,730  
They were not--  
didn't bother anybody.

62  
00:02:11,730 --> 00:02:14,903  
They were there at that  
time for two reasons--

63  
00:02:14,903 --> 00:02:16,320  
one to fight against  
the Russians,

64  
00:02:16,320 --> 00:02:19,740  
and second, the other  
is to round up the Jews.

65  
00:02:19,740 --> 00:02:21,240  
That was the two  
purposes they had.

66  
00:02:21,240 --> 00:02:24,480  
And if you're not Jewish, again,  
it's a very strange thing,

67  
00:02:24,480 --> 00:02:27,480  
if you're not Jewish, and you  
are not actively opposing them,

68  
00:02:27,480 --> 00:02:28,710  
they left you alone.

69  
00:02:28,710 --> 00:02:32,070  
So you were never stopped and  
have your papers examined?

70  
00:02:32,070 --> 00:02:33,390  
The Germans didn't do that.

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00:02:33,390 --> 00:02:35,250

It's the Hungarians who did it.

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00:02:35,250 --> 00:02:37,800

They were always mixed together.

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00:02:37,800 --> 00:02:40,830

I mean, if stopped in the street, it was the Hungarians,

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00:02:40,830 --> 00:02:43,710

police or somebody asked me what's your papers are.

75

00:02:43,710 --> 00:02:47,280

Germans never stopped me, never.

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00:02:47,280 --> 00:02:50,250

Maybe others did, but I was personally never stopped.

77

00:02:50,250 --> 00:02:51,990

I'm not saying that didn't happen.

78

00:02:51,990 --> 00:02:54,780

It didn't happen to me.

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00:02:54,780 --> 00:02:58,350

Were you aware of the terrible tragedy at the Danube

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00:02:58,350 --> 00:02:59,460

when people were--

81

00:02:59,460 --> 00:03:00,390

That was afterward.

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00:03:00,390 --> 00:03:03,630

That was after December '44.

83

00:03:03,630 --> 00:03:05,250  
I knew about that  
only after the war.

84  
00:03:05,250 --> 00:03:07,250  
I did not know anything  
about it during the war.

85  
00:03:07,250 --> 00:03:08,280  
This was after.

86  
00:03:08,280 --> 00:03:10,910  
I know about this  
incident at the ice.

87  
00:03:10,910 --> 00:03:13,260  
Yeah, I heard about it later.

88  
00:03:13,260 --> 00:03:16,260  
There was nothing of the  
sort, not when I was there.

89  
00:03:16,260 --> 00:03:18,810  
October 15 was a key date.

90  
00:03:18,810 --> 00:03:22,320  
That's when Szalasi  
took over, the Nazis

91  
00:03:22,320 --> 00:03:24,450  
took over, when Horthy  
was put to Dachau.

92  
00:03:24,450 --> 00:03:26,760  
He was taken to Dachau  
himself in the concentration

93  
00:03:26,760 --> 00:03:29,670  
camp, where he survived, as  
you know, and then later went

94  
00:03:29,670 --> 00:03:34,260  
to Portugal, I think, and



lived forever, happily forever.

95

00:03:34,260 --> 00:03:35,970

I don't think he  
was a war criminal.

96

00:03:35,970 --> 00:03:37,680

I mean, I didn't like him.

97

00:03:37,680 --> 00:03:38,910

Nobody liked him.

98

00:03:38,910 --> 00:03:39,810

We lived with him.

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00:03:39,810 --> 00:03:41,727

We had to live with him  
[INAUDIBLE] necessary.

100

00:03:41,727 --> 00:03:43,870

[INAUDIBLE] but I  
don't know anybody

101

00:03:43,870 --> 00:03:45,960

who liked Horthy, not one.

102

00:03:45,960 --> 00:03:48,240

I don't know a single  
person in my family

103

00:03:48,240 --> 00:03:51,330

or anywhere else who  
said, great guy, Horthy.

104

00:03:51,330 --> 00:03:53,490

No, never.

105

00:03:53,490 --> 00:03:57,240

Just you lived Horthy,  
OK, you lived with him.

106

00:03:57,240 --> 00:03:59,880

I don't think he would have--

107

00:03:59,880 --> 00:04:04,470

he was not like Marshall Pétain,  
who deliberately gave Jews up

108

00:04:04,470 --> 00:04:07,380

to the Germans from Vichy  
area, which was not occupied.

109

00:04:07,380 --> 00:04:09,630

As I said, Horthy  
never, as far as I know,

110

00:04:09,630 --> 00:04:11,085

gave a single Jew  
to the Germans.

111

00:04:11,085 --> 00:04:14,060

112

00:04:14,060 --> 00:04:14,930

Were you--

113

00:04:14,930 --> 00:04:16,459

I'm not defending him.

114

00:04:16,459 --> 00:04:20,360

I'm trying to state a fact,  
which is to my mind, a fact.

115

00:04:20,360 --> 00:04:21,500

Yes, question.

116

00:04:21,500 --> 00:04:25,310

Were you aware of his desire  
to have this secret pact

117

00:04:25,310 --> 00:04:27,050

to go over to the Allied side?

118

00:04:27,050 --> 00:04:29,270

Oh, that's why the  
occupation occurred.

119  
00:04:29,270 --> 00:04:30,290  
Oh, we knew about that.

120  
00:04:30,290 --> 00:04:31,220  
Sure.

121  
00:04:31,220 --> 00:04:33,570  
And we knew what's  
going to happen.

122  
00:04:33,570 --> 00:04:35,510  
We knew that the  
German would occupy.

123  
00:04:35,510 --> 00:04:36,560  
This was all known.

124  
00:04:36,560 --> 00:04:39,380  
I mean, the middle class  
Hungarians knew everything.

125  
00:04:39,380 --> 00:04:42,440  
How did your family  
get information?

126  
00:04:42,440 --> 00:04:44,190  
I have no idea.

127  
00:04:44,190 --> 00:04:45,620  
But it was known.

128  
00:04:45,620 --> 00:04:50,180  
It's [INAUDIBLE] I suppose like  
water seeps through things,

129  
00:04:50,180 --> 00:04:51,762  
or rats going along, scurrying.

130  
00:04:51,762 --> 00:04:52,970

It's just all over the place.

131  
00:04:52,970 --> 00:04:54,920  
We knew that.

132  
00:04:54,920 --> 00:04:56,962  
And everybody knew it.

133  
00:04:56,962 --> 00:04:57,920  
They were not a secret.

134  
00:04:57,920 --> 00:05:01,020

135  
00:05:01,020 --> 00:05:02,960  
So now your parents  
decide to leave.

136  
00:05:02,960 --> 00:05:04,310  
OK.

137  
00:05:04,310 --> 00:05:07,190  
No, the decision was not--  
no, no, it was not possible

138  
00:05:07,190 --> 00:05:09,530  
until the order  
came, a strange order

139  
00:05:09,530 --> 00:05:12,620  
came, in which the Hungarian  
government made an agreement

140  
00:05:12,620 --> 00:05:16,310  
with the German government to  
establish the Hungarian Medical

141  
00:05:16,310 --> 00:05:18,920  
School in Germany.

142  
00:05:18,920 --> 00:05:22,370  
And if you think that's

crazy, it's true.

143  
00:05:22,370 --> 00:05:24,050  
Middle of the war,  
the war is lost,

144  
00:05:24,050 --> 00:05:27,560  
the Germans are fighting  
to the last breath now.

145  
00:05:27,560 --> 00:05:28,760  
They know it's gone.

146  
00:05:28,760 --> 00:05:30,950  
I mean, we knew that  
the Germans lost it.

147  
00:05:30,950 --> 00:05:35,570  
When Stalingrad occurred,  
we all said, you know?

148  
00:05:35,570 --> 00:05:37,430  
We knew that the  
Germans lost the war.

149  
00:05:37,430 --> 00:05:38,810  
That was the turning point.

150  
00:05:38,810 --> 00:05:40,940  
There was no question in  
our mind after Stalingrad.

151  
00:05:40,940 --> 00:05:43,568  
As a matter of fact, in 1941,  
when they marched into Russia,

152  
00:05:43,568 --> 00:05:45,110  
we knew that the  
German lost the war.

153  
00:05:45,110 --> 00:05:46,915  
Every Hungarian knew it.

154

00:05:46,915 --> 00:05:48,290

There was no  
question in our mind

155

00:05:48,290 --> 00:05:49,970

that was end of the  
war for Germany.

156

00:05:49,970 --> 00:05:51,110

Hitler's finished.

157

00:05:51,110 --> 00:05:52,820

The question is how  
long will it take.

158

00:05:52,820 --> 00:05:54,230

What was your first reaction?

159

00:05:54,230 --> 00:05:55,700

Oh, we were elated.

160

00:05:55,700 --> 00:05:57,380

But at the same time,  
afraid of Russia.

161

00:05:57,380 --> 00:06:01,190

This is a terrible thing,  
the constant Stalin, Hitler,

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00:06:01,190 --> 00:06:04,010

Stalin, Hitler.

163

00:06:04,010 --> 00:06:05,930

We knew about the Stalin camps.

164

00:06:05,930 --> 00:06:07,667

We knew about the Katyn.

165

00:06:07,667 --> 00:06:09,500

We knew that it was the  
Russians who did it,

166  
00:06:09,500 --> 00:06:10,448  
and not the Germans.

167  
00:06:10,448 --> 00:06:11,240  
We knew it already.

168  
00:06:11,240 --> 00:06:12,470  
Why we knew it?

169  
00:06:12,470 --> 00:06:15,590  
Because one of my  
father's colleagues

170  
00:06:15,590 --> 00:06:17,870  
was in the group of  
pathologists who went

171  
00:06:17,870 --> 00:06:19,760  
to Poland to investigate it.

172  
00:06:19,760 --> 00:06:22,670  
And he came back, and he said,  
it was the Russians who did it.

173  
00:06:22,670 --> 00:06:25,010  
There's no question about it.

174  
00:06:25,010 --> 00:06:29,270  
Even though the Germans said  
that, and it was propaganda,

175  
00:06:29,270 --> 00:06:30,710  
we knew it's the Russian did it.

176  
00:06:30,710 --> 00:06:33,765  
It was some firsthand experience  
from my own father's colleague.

177  
00:06:33,765 --> 00:06:36,050  
And do you know how he  
came to that conclusion?

178

00:06:36,050 --> 00:06:38,210

Well, he was out there  
and saw the evidence,

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00:06:38,210 --> 00:06:41,060

which was the  
bullets, the various,

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00:06:41,060 --> 00:06:43,743

the way the execution  
occurred, the people who

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00:06:43,743 --> 00:06:44,660

were talking about it.

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00:06:44,660 --> 00:06:46,255

There was the investigation.

183

00:06:46,255 --> 00:06:48,380

And it was happened to be  
an honest investigation--

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00:06:48,380 --> 00:06:51,250

one of the few honest  
investigations the Nazis did,

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00:06:51,250 --> 00:06:52,250

because they were right.

186

00:06:52,250 --> 00:06:55,580

It's the Russians who killed  
all of Polish officers--

187

00:06:55,580 --> 00:06:57,810

I think 2,000 or 20,  
I forget how many,

188

00:06:57,810 --> 00:07:01,760

it was enormous number,  
all laid in a grave and--

189

00:07:01,760 --> 00:07:06,500



So the colleague of my father  
was present at the exhumations

190  
00:07:06,500 --> 00:07:07,600  
and at the investigation.

191  
00:07:07,600 --> 00:07:10,790  
So we knew that, that  
the Russians did that.

192  
00:07:10,790 --> 00:07:14,300  
Anyway, coming back, so  
the crazy order occurs.

193  
00:07:14,300 --> 00:07:16,500  
My father gets the order  
from the government,

194  
00:07:16,500 --> 00:07:20,000  
that official order, under the  
death penalty if you don't go.

195  
00:07:20,000 --> 00:07:23,000  
When you went back to Budapest,  
did he work and teach,

196  
00:07:23,000 --> 00:07:24,720  
and what did he  
do from the time--

197  
00:07:24,720 --> 00:07:28,130  
Yes, he worked, but, at that  
point, we just, we lived.

198  
00:07:28,130 --> 00:07:30,690  
Believe me, we were  
living, that's all we did.

199  
00:07:30,690 --> 00:07:33,470  
He went to work at one of  
the university hospitals,

200  
00:07:33,470 --> 00:07:35,540

as a professor-- no,  
as a pathologist,

201  
00:07:35,540 --> 00:07:37,580  
helping out with the autopsies.

202  
00:07:37,580 --> 00:07:39,590  
But there was the chaos.

203  
00:07:39,590 --> 00:07:41,820  
It was unbelievable  
at this point.

204  
00:07:41,820 --> 00:07:44,390  
And what did you do in  
those months in Budapest?

205  
00:07:44,390 --> 00:07:47,480  
I had a hell of a good time.

206  
00:07:47,480 --> 00:07:48,980  
Like what?

207  
00:07:48,980 --> 00:07:51,118  
Look, I was 17 and 1/2.

208  
00:07:51,118 --> 00:07:52,910  
I didn't go to school  
anymore because there

209  
00:07:52,910 --> 00:07:54,650  
were no more schools, right?

210  
00:07:54,650 --> 00:07:55,850  
I had a hell of a good time.

211  
00:07:55,850 --> 00:07:56,930  
I had plenty of money.

212  
00:07:56,930 --> 00:07:58,200  
Money was no problem.

213

00:07:58,200 --> 00:07:59,450

Where did the money come from?

214

00:07:59,450 --> 00:08:00,190

We had money.

215

00:08:00,190 --> 00:08:01,940

At this point, money  
was like paper money.

216

00:08:01,940 --> 00:08:03,920

It's like Monopoly.

217

00:08:03,920 --> 00:08:06,080

We knew that the money's  
going to be worthless.

218

00:08:06,080 --> 00:08:07,760

Everybody knew that  
the war is finished,

219

00:08:07,760 --> 00:08:09,450

the money is going to go.

220

00:08:09,450 --> 00:08:13,280

And so whatever money we had our  
hands on, I say just spend it.

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00:08:13,280 --> 00:08:16,580

So I went to every  
restaurant you

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00:08:16,580 --> 00:08:20,210

could go to and every bakery--

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00:08:20,210 --> 00:08:23,210

not bakery, the  
various pastry shops.

224

00:08:23,210 --> 00:08:26,210

And we just had a good time.

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00:08:26,210 --> 00:08:27,758

You could drink as--

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00:08:27,758 --> 00:08:29,300

Hungary had no laws  
against drinking.

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00:08:29,300 --> 00:08:32,330

And so we had wine and  
beer, and with friends,

228

00:08:32,330 --> 00:08:34,130

and we just had a good time.

229

00:08:34,130 --> 00:08:35,210

I'm not kidding.

230

00:08:35,210 --> 00:08:37,799

This sounds very strange.

231

00:08:37,799 --> 00:08:40,510

But I, as a child, had a  
good time, 17 years old, no?

232

00:08:40,510 --> 00:08:44,140

233

00:08:44,140 --> 00:08:46,660

So now your father  
gets the order to--

234

00:08:46,660 --> 00:08:49,300

And now the question  
is, do we go?

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00:08:49,300 --> 00:08:52,780

Because if we go, the chance  
that [INAUDIBLE] by the Nazis

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00:08:52,780 --> 00:08:54,580

will be a very good  
one, because if you

237

00:08:54,580 --> 00:08:57,070

go to the Nazi government,  
to Nazi Germany,

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00:08:57,070 --> 00:08:59,530

under Nazi orders,  
they might say

239

00:08:59,530 --> 00:09:03,070

that you are a sympathizer,  
that's why you went.

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00:09:03,070 --> 00:09:04,772

If you don't go,  
we'll never get out.

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00:09:04,772 --> 00:09:06,730

Budapest is going to be  
a terrible place to be,

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00:09:06,730 --> 00:09:08,370

because Russians  
are coming, and this

243

00:09:08,370 --> 00:09:10,450

happens to be a terrible place.

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00:09:10,450 --> 00:09:12,542

And so the question  
argued back and forth.

245

00:09:12,542 --> 00:09:13,750

And I remember the arguments.

246

00:09:13,750 --> 00:09:15,730

And my mother  
said, we are going.

247

00:09:15,730 --> 00:09:17,420

And my father said,  
I don't want to go.

248

00:09:17,420 --> 00:09:19,780

And my mother said,  
if you don't go, I go,

249

00:09:19,780 --> 00:09:21,100

because I will not stay here.

250

00:09:21,100 --> 00:09:22,768

I want to get out of Europe.

251

00:09:22,768 --> 00:09:23,810

I'm finished with Europe.

252

00:09:23,810 --> 00:09:25,435

I want to go to  
America, and that's it,

253

00:09:25,435 --> 00:09:28,850

if I have to swim  
across the ocean.

254

00:09:28,850 --> 00:09:33,610

And so the order  
came, and we complied.

255

00:09:33,610 --> 00:09:36,520

And a big train  
was put together,

256

00:09:36,520 --> 00:09:39,040

in which about 20  
or 30 professors

257

00:09:39,040 --> 00:09:42,940

of various medical  
professions were put on,

258

00:09:42,940 --> 00:09:45,350

hundreds of medical  
students, families, children,

259

00:09:45,350 --> 00:09:49,600

and so forth, and the train  
was directed toward Germany.

260  
00:09:49,600 --> 00:09:51,370  
And I was on the train.

261  
00:09:51,370 --> 00:09:52,210  
With your parents?

262  
00:09:52,210 --> 00:09:54,670  
With my parents, my  
sister, and her baby.

263  
00:09:54,670 --> 00:09:58,480  
Her husband, a physician,  
was in Hungarian army

264  
00:09:58,480 --> 00:10:01,240  
and in one of the MASH units,  
somewhere in the front,

265  
00:10:01,240 --> 00:10:02,130  
the Russian front.

266  
00:10:02,130 --> 00:10:04,960  
So she had no idea if  
he was alive or not.

267  
00:10:04,960 --> 00:10:08,560  
So it was a baby, and my  
sister, my brother, my mother,

268  
00:10:08,560 --> 00:10:11,740  
and father, and I in one  
compartment, went in the train,

269  
00:10:11,740 --> 00:10:15,430  
and went through Vienna,  
outside Vienna, outside Prague,

270  
00:10:15,430 --> 00:10:17,620  
into Leipzig, which is--

271  
00:10:17,620 --> 00:10:22,990  
and then via Dresden  
into [INAUDIBLE] where

272  
00:10:22,990 --> 00:10:29,680  
we were quartered into a  
huge office building, which

273  
00:10:29,680 --> 00:10:32,530  
became the university  
building, where

274  
00:10:32,530 --> 00:10:33,848  
all the teaching was done.

275  
00:10:33,848 --> 00:10:35,390  
The students were  
quartered in there.

276  
00:10:35,390 --> 00:10:39,766  
And the professors were  
quartered into German homes.

277  
00:10:39,766 --> 00:10:42,760  
Now, were the students Hungarian  
students or German students?

278  
00:10:42,760 --> 00:10:44,053  
It's a Hungarian university.

279  
00:10:44,053 --> 00:10:45,220  
There's [INAUDIBLE] Germans.

280  
00:10:45,220 --> 00:10:47,350  
It's a Hungarian  
university transplanted

281  
00:10:47,350 --> 00:10:49,030  
into middle of Germany--

282  
00:10:49,030 --> 00:10:53,080  
a Hungarian medical school,



lock, stock, and barrel

283

00:10:53,080 --> 00:10:55,760  
transplanted in two trainloads,  
or three or whatever,

284

00:10:55,760 --> 00:10:58,660  
I can't remember how many,  
into the middle of Germany,

285

00:10:58,660 --> 00:11:01,450  
in the end of the war.

286

00:11:01,450 --> 00:11:03,430  
Now, if you want to  
have a Kafkaesque story,

287

00:11:03,430 --> 00:11:05,770  
this is a Kafkaesque story  
you ever heard in your life.

288

00:11:05,770 --> 00:11:08,320  
I mean, who-- I  
mean, this is crazy.

289

00:11:08,320 --> 00:11:10,780  
This is December '44.

290

00:11:10,780 --> 00:11:11,590  
OK?

291

00:11:11,590 --> 00:11:13,930  
How did you feel about  
going into Germany?

292

00:11:13,930 --> 00:11:15,700  
Excited.

293

00:11:15,700 --> 00:11:16,570  
It's adventure.

294

00:11:16,570 --> 00:11:19,180

When you're 17,  
it's an adventure.

295  
00:11:19,180 --> 00:11:19,890  
And it was.

296  
00:11:19,890 --> 00:11:23,020

297  
00:11:23,020 --> 00:11:26,890  
I don't know how to tell you,  
my father, my mother, my sister,

298  
00:11:26,890 --> 00:11:31,420  
and the baby had two small rooms  
assigned to them in a villa,

299  
00:11:31,420 --> 00:11:35,140  
in a private home,  
a German home.

300  
00:11:35,140 --> 00:11:37,400  
The rest of the students  
all stayed in the big master

301  
00:11:37,400 --> 00:11:38,560  
building.

302  
00:11:38,560 --> 00:11:42,250  
And they were supplied  
to the Germans with food.

303  
00:11:42,250 --> 00:11:43,287  
Everybody's starving.

304  
00:11:43,287 --> 00:11:44,620  
There's no more food in Germany.

305  
00:11:44,620 --> 00:11:47,890  
And they are feeding 400  
of Hungarian students.

306

00:11:47,890 --> 00:11:51,040  
I mean, I'm sorry you don't  
have a tape to show it

307  
00:11:51,040 --> 00:11:52,390  
because that's just so crazy.

308  
00:11:52,390 --> 00:11:55,660  
I mean, it's unimaginable.

309  
00:11:55,660 --> 00:12:01,130  
So here we are, 400 students,  
20 or 30 professors,

310  
00:12:01,130 --> 00:12:04,000  
and they're teaching,  
they're having classes.

311  
00:12:04,000 --> 00:12:06,190  
The bombs are  
falling everywhere.

312  
00:12:06,190 --> 00:12:08,170  
Germany is burning.

313  
00:12:08,170 --> 00:12:10,600  
The Russians are  
in front of Berlin.

314  
00:12:10,600 --> 00:12:12,190  
The Americans are already--

315  
00:12:12,190 --> 00:12:16,360  
the Battle of the  
Bulge is just on, OK?

316  
00:12:16,360 --> 00:12:19,720  
But Paris has fallen already.

317  
00:12:19,720 --> 00:12:22,300  
And they're teaching  
medical students medicine

318

00:12:22,300 --> 00:12:25,810  
in middle of Germany,  
Hungarian Medical School.

319

00:12:25,810 --> 00:12:27,520  
Now, there are no  
Jewish students there.

320

00:12:27,520 --> 00:12:30,640  
I mean, that's clear.

321

00:12:30,640 --> 00:12:32,740  
I had to laugh at this  
because it's so crazy.

322

00:12:32,740 --> 00:12:36,820  
If I were to invent it,  
I would say you're lying.

323

00:12:36,820 --> 00:12:39,340  
This went on until around March.

324

00:12:39,340 --> 00:12:41,260  
Now, I'd become 18 that March.

325

00:12:41,260 --> 00:12:43,420  
I was being drafted  
into Hungarian army,

326

00:12:43,420 --> 00:12:45,190  
to fight against the Russians.

327

00:12:45,190 --> 00:12:46,400  
Right?

328

00:12:46,400 --> 00:12:48,890  
Of course, I'm 18 years old.

329

00:12:48,890 --> 00:12:52,630  
So I didn't want to go  
into Hungarian army.

330

00:12:52,630 --> 00:12:57,220

So I got a piece of paper,  
with lots of stamps and lots

331

00:12:57,220 --> 00:13:00,100

of signatures--

332

00:13:00,100 --> 00:13:03,850

Europe is full of  
stamps and signatures--

333

00:13:03,850 --> 00:13:07,480

in which I was supposed  
to find a Hungarian unit.

334

00:13:07,480 --> 00:13:10,180

And I went on a train ride  
for the last two months

335

00:13:10,180 --> 00:13:12,970

in Germany, I spent on a  
train, traveling in Germany--

336

00:13:12,970 --> 00:13:14,500

the last two months of Germany.

337

00:13:14,500 --> 00:13:17,110

You're looking at person who  
survived two months of train

338

00:13:17,110 --> 00:13:21,340

ride in Germany, because  
I was looking for my unit,

339

00:13:21,340 --> 00:13:22,570

but I never found it.

340

00:13:22,570 --> 00:13:24,370

You were purposely  
looking for your unit?

341

00:13:24,370 --> 00:13:25,330

Of course.

342  
00:13:25,330 --> 00:13:27,080  
I was looking somewhere else.

343  
00:13:27,080 --> 00:13:30,640  
So I went-- if the train  
went South, I went North.

344  
00:13:30,640 --> 00:13:32,770  
I kept on traveling on a train.

345  
00:13:32,770 --> 00:13:34,610  
To avoid finding your unit?

346  
00:13:34,610 --> 00:13:35,110  
Of course.

347  
00:13:35,110 --> 00:13:35,800  
Of course.

348  
00:13:35,800 --> 00:13:37,750  
Of course.

349  
00:13:37,750 --> 00:13:39,790  
And this piece of paper,  
which I had in my hand,

350  
00:13:39,790 --> 00:13:41,290  
was written in  
Hungarian and German,

351  
00:13:41,290 --> 00:13:44,090  
both were sufficient to permit  
the travel on the trains, which

352  
00:13:44,090 --> 00:13:45,830  
were running.

353  
00:13:45,830 --> 00:13:50,270  
And in every train station, main  
train station, the Nazi women's

354  
00:13:50,270 --> 00:13:53,720  
organization had a kitchen,  
and with this piece of paper,

355  
00:13:53,720 --> 00:13:57,720  
I could go there and  
get myself some food.

356  
00:13:57,720 --> 00:14:01,420  
So I was traveling all  
over Germany, mostly

357  
00:14:01,420 --> 00:14:04,328  
southern Germany.

358  
00:14:04,328 --> 00:14:05,870  
But before that,  
there's one incident

359  
00:14:05,870 --> 00:14:06,920  
I want to tell you about.

360  
00:14:06,920 --> 00:14:08,390  
Were you by yourself  
at that time?

361  
00:14:08,390 --> 00:14:09,017  
Yes.

362  
00:14:09,017 --> 00:14:10,850  
One incident I want to  
tell you about, which

363  
00:14:10,850 --> 00:14:13,310  
is a very interesting and  
crucial incident in my life,

364  
00:14:13,310 --> 00:14:16,220  
and almost cost my life.

365  
00:14:16,220 --> 00:14:18,260

As you might tell by  
now, I'm a big mouth.

366  
00:14:18,260 --> 00:14:20,270  
I like to talk a great deal.

367  
00:14:20,270 --> 00:14:22,970  
And I'm not always afraid.

368  
00:14:22,970 --> 00:14:26,270  
And we had a German  
officer assigned

369  
00:14:26,270 --> 00:14:29,390  
to the Hungarian students,  
a supply officer who

370  
00:14:29,390 --> 00:14:31,820  
was in charge of  
food and so forth,

371  
00:14:31,820 --> 00:14:37,760  
and 400 students in an office  
building with a few toilet

372  
00:14:37,760 --> 00:14:41,810  
facilities, not a very good  
place, no showers, nothing.

373  
00:14:41,810 --> 00:14:46,970  
So the toilets clogged up  
often, and he was yelling at us.

374  
00:14:46,970 --> 00:14:49,520  
He told us in German  
that we are filthy

375  
00:14:49,520 --> 00:14:53,870  
Eastern Europeans, pigs, I mean,  
call us all kinds of names.

376  
00:14:53,870 --> 00:14:54,890  
So I finally got--



377  
00:14:54,890 --> 00:14:56,218  
I was the only one.

378  
00:14:56,218 --> 00:14:57,260  
I was just sitting there.

379  
00:14:57,260 --> 00:14:58,070  
I said, you shut up.

380  
00:14:58,070 --> 00:14:59,330  
I said, you're a filthy German.

381  
00:14:59,330 --> 00:15:01,372  
You lost the war, and what  
are you talking about.

382  
00:15:01,372 --> 00:15:03,880

383  
00:15:03,880 --> 00:15:05,680  
Two weeks later, I  
got a Gestapo order

384  
00:15:05,680 --> 00:15:08,155  
to appear at the  
Gestapo headquarters.

385  
00:15:08,155 --> 00:15:09,140  
Whoops, I'm sorry.

386  
00:15:09,140 --> 00:15:11,260  
I forgot to unhook  
the telephone here.

387  
00:15:11,260 --> 00:15:14,230  
Anyway, so I had  
an order to appear

388  
00:15:14,230 --> 00:15:15,640  
at the Gestapo headquarters.

389

00:15:15,640 --> 00:15:17,410

And this is in Holland,  
this is Holland,

390

00:15:17,410 --> 00:15:19,540

and I didn't tell my parents.

391

00:15:19,540 --> 00:15:21,203

I just, I kept my mouth shut.

392

00:15:21,203 --> 00:15:22,120

I didn't tell anybody.

393

00:15:22,120 --> 00:15:23,320

So I go there.

394

00:15:23,320 --> 00:15:25,780

Now, you have seen movies  
of the Gestapo, probably.

395

00:15:25,780 --> 00:15:27,790

You have seen  
movies in Hollywood.

396

00:15:27,790 --> 00:15:30,250

It's exactly how it was.

397

00:15:30,250 --> 00:15:34,660

You go in, and every  
story had its own--

398

00:15:34,660 --> 00:15:38,890

every-- gates, with  
magnetic gates on it,

399

00:15:38,890 --> 00:15:41,650

with a guy sitting  
there, Gestapo man,

400

00:15:41,650 --> 00:15:43,270

and you show your  
paper, and the gate

401  
00:15:43,270 --> 00:15:45,340  
open up and clang behind you.

402  
00:15:45,340 --> 00:15:49,750  
So I finally get up to the  
person who wants to see me.

403  
00:15:49,750 --> 00:15:53,620  
And he sits so that  
I don't see his face.

404  
00:15:53,620 --> 00:15:55,335  
The window is behind him.

405  
00:15:55,335 --> 00:15:57,650  
He is facing me, and  
I'm facing the window.

406  
00:15:57,650 --> 00:15:59,710  
So all I see is the  
silhouette of the guy.

407  
00:15:59,710 --> 00:16:02,590  
I mean, like in the movies,  
I'm not kidding you.

408  
00:16:02,590 --> 00:16:05,950  
So I go in there, and the  
guy looks at me and papers.

409  
00:16:05,950 --> 00:16:07,750  
And he says, are you so-and-so?

410  
00:16:07,750 --> 00:16:08,330  
I said, yes.

411  
00:16:08,330 --> 00:16:10,840  
He said, I heard some  
bad things about you.

412  
00:16:10,840 --> 00:16:11,800

I said, what is it?

413

00:16:11,800 --> 00:16:14,428

I said, you said that the  
Germans lost the war and--

414

00:16:14,428 --> 00:16:15,470

I said, yes, that's true.

415

00:16:15,470 --> 00:16:16,840

I said that.

416

00:16:16,840 --> 00:16:18,910

I said, don't you know  
the Germans lost the war?

417

00:16:18,910 --> 00:16:20,170

I mean, you are the Gestapo.

418

00:16:20,170 --> 00:16:22,532

You ought to know it by now.

419

00:16:22,532 --> 00:16:24,490

And he looks at me and  
said, you talk too much.

420

00:16:24,490 --> 00:16:27,550

I said, I know I talk  
too much, but you

421

00:16:27,550 --> 00:16:30,670

should watch what you're  
telling me, because you will not

422

00:16:30,670 --> 00:16:31,420

survive the war.

423

00:16:31,420 --> 00:16:35,100

When the Americans came,  
they're going to shoot you.

424

00:16:35,100 --> 00:16:36,310

He let me go.

425

00:16:36,310 --> 00:16:38,740

He said, keep your mouth shut.

426

00:16:38,740 --> 00:16:39,575

You are too young.

427

00:16:39,575 --> 00:16:40,450

Just get out of here.

428

00:16:40,450 --> 00:16:44,060

429

00:16:44,060 --> 00:16:51,330

And that's the truth of  
my Gestapo experiences.

430

00:16:51,330 --> 00:16:56,720

And so anyway, around  
April, end of April,

431

00:16:56,720 --> 00:16:59,570

I found a Hungarian unit,  
whom I knew, actually.

432

00:16:59,570 --> 00:17:03,530

I met some of my friends from  
Hungary who were in this unit.

433

00:17:03,530 --> 00:17:07,099

And they took me under  
their wing and fed me.

434

00:17:07,099 --> 00:17:08,660

And I joined them--  
not to the army,

435

00:17:08,660 --> 00:17:14,081

but I joined them as  
a sort of hanger on.

436

00:17:14,081 --> 00:17:17,990  
And May 8, 1945, the last  
of the war, Patton's troops

437  
00:17:17,990 --> 00:17:22,730  
finally got there, and  
got to the end of the war.

438  
00:17:22,730 --> 00:17:26,569  
And my brother and I met on  
the streets of Miltenberg,

439  
00:17:26,569 --> 00:17:28,880  
one day before the  
Americans came in.

440  
00:17:28,880 --> 00:17:32,210  
He was also fleeing from  
the Germans and Hungarians,

441  
00:17:32,210 --> 00:17:33,560  
same way.

442  
00:17:33,560 --> 00:17:36,560  
And we all met in  
that one little town

443  
00:17:36,560 --> 00:17:38,210  
in southern Germany.

444  
00:17:38,210 --> 00:17:39,960  
And what were your  
feelings at that time--

445  
00:17:39,960 --> 00:17:40,550  
It was fantastic.

446  
00:17:40,550 --> 00:17:41,133  
of liberation?

447  
00:17:41,133 --> 00:17:42,650  
And then the Patton  
troops came in.

448  
00:17:42,650 --> 00:17:45,170  
And there were nasty,  
rough son of a bitches.

449  
00:17:45,170 --> 00:17:46,280  
They were really--

450  
00:17:46,280 --> 00:17:47,930  
I mean, they just  
came through Dachau,

451  
00:17:47,930 --> 00:17:49,513  
they came through  
concentration camps.

452  
00:17:49,513 --> 00:17:50,630  
And they hated everybody.

453  
00:17:50,630 --> 00:17:53,300  
I mean, they were really  
rough, that's a rough--

454  
00:17:53,300 --> 00:17:55,400  
I mean, those people were rough.

455  
00:17:55,400 --> 00:17:57,890  
And they rounded up every  
male in the neighborhood,

456  
00:17:57,890 --> 00:18:03,980  
every single male, including  
me, and civilians, at that point

457  
00:18:03,980 --> 00:18:08,240  
people with Cossack uniforms,  
the stripes, Cossack uniforms.

458  
00:18:08,240 --> 00:18:09,950  
They were all over  
the place, coming out

459

00:18:09,950 --> 00:18:12,960  
of the concentration  
camps, foreign laborers,

460  
00:18:12,960 --> 00:18:16,340  
the Italians, Poles,  
Ukrainians, milling around.

461  
00:18:16,340 --> 00:18:18,020  
Everyone was rounded  
up, and put them

462  
00:18:18,020 --> 00:18:21,380  
into a big camp in Ludwigshafen.

463  
00:18:21,380 --> 00:18:25,970  
And we were kept about  
2 or 3 million people,

464  
00:18:25,970 --> 00:18:29,120  
by my estimation, in this camp.

465  
00:18:29,120 --> 00:18:33,530  
And that's the end  
of the war for me.

466  
00:18:33,530 --> 00:18:36,170  
Did you talk to any  
of the camp inmates?

467  
00:18:36,170 --> 00:18:37,190  
No, no.

468  
00:18:37,190 --> 00:18:38,993  
There was no chance  
to talk to anybody.

469  
00:18:38,993 --> 00:18:40,410  
It was just milling  
around, people

470  
00:18:40,410 --> 00:18:42,660  
were milling around like--



471  
00:18:42,660 --> 00:18:44,120  
And if you can  
imagine, that there

472  
00:18:44,120 --> 00:18:47,150  
are a few million  
people in an open field,

473  
00:18:47,150 --> 00:18:52,880  
just milling around, and the  
American soldiers around them.

474  
00:18:52,880 --> 00:18:54,900  
Were you shocked to see  
some of their condition,

475  
00:18:54,900 --> 00:18:55,880  
their physical condition?

476  
00:18:55,880 --> 00:18:56,420  
Yes.

477  
00:18:56,420 --> 00:18:59,660  
Not only this, but there  
were children among them.

478  
00:18:59,660 --> 00:19:01,430  
13-- these, they  
looked 13, but they

479  
00:19:01,430 --> 00:19:02,555  
may have been even younger.

480  
00:19:02,555 --> 00:19:03,770  
I can't tell you.

481  
00:19:03,770 --> 00:19:05,600  
But there were not many of them.

482  
00:19:05,600 --> 00:19:06,703  
I mean, they were not--

483  
00:19:06,703 --> 00:19:08,870  
I don't mean that there  
were thousands and thousands

484  
00:19:08,870 --> 00:19:10,745  
of them, but there were  
plenty that you could

485  
00:19:10,745 --> 00:19:13,160  
see, the striped uniforms.

486  
00:19:13,160 --> 00:19:15,020  
And they looked pretty  
much like skeletons.

487  
00:19:15,020 --> 00:19:16,640  
But they were there.

488  
00:19:16,640 --> 00:19:18,690  
Were any of the survivors  
Jewish survivors?

489  
00:19:18,690 --> 00:19:19,850  
I cannot tell you.

490  
00:19:19,850 --> 00:19:21,475  
They may have been  
political prisoners,

491  
00:19:21,475 --> 00:19:22,642  
they may have been anything.

492  
00:19:22,642 --> 00:19:23,450  
I have no idea.

493  
00:19:23,450 --> 00:19:25,400  
There's no way of  
knowing it for me,

494  
00:19:25,400 --> 00:19:27,320  
what they were, who they were.

495

00:19:27,320 --> 00:19:33,590

The American troops were not very helpful to separate people

496

00:19:33,590 --> 00:19:35,540

from each other.

497

00:19:35,540 --> 00:19:38,120

And there were a lot of people who

498

00:19:38,120 --> 00:19:41,330

were in there for several weeks before they were finally

499

00:19:41,330 --> 00:19:42,410

sorted out.

500

00:19:42,410 --> 00:19:46,310

Even those who were what we would think concentration camp

501

00:19:46,310 --> 00:19:48,820

inmates.

502

00:19:48,820 --> 00:19:50,500

How long were you there?

503

00:19:50,500 --> 00:19:52,190

In this camp, not very long.

504

00:19:52,190 --> 00:19:56,260

But I was in an American camp until November, 1945.

505

00:19:56,260 --> 00:19:56,760

A POW camp.

506

00:19:56,760 --> 00:19:58,386

What was the American camp?

507

00:19:58,386 --> 00:19:59,650

A POW camp.

508

00:19:59,650 --> 00:20:02,980

Although I was a civilian,  
but was still in the POW camp.

509

00:20:02,980 --> 00:20:04,540

Which camp was that?

510

00:20:04,540 --> 00:20:06,580

The last one was  
Heilbronn on Neckar.

511

00:20:06,580 --> 00:20:11,290

Heilbronn is a small  
town on the river Neckar.

512

00:20:11,290 --> 00:20:16,190

And it was a POW camp.

513

00:20:16,190 --> 00:20:17,857

That's all.

514

00:20:17,857 --> 00:20:19,690

What were the conditions  
like there for you?

515

00:20:19,690 --> 00:20:22,340

In the beginning,  
it was terrible.

516

00:20:22,340 --> 00:20:24,730

I mean, can you  
imagine so many people

517

00:20:24,730 --> 00:20:28,430

to be fed, housed, the  
eliminations, and so forth?

518

00:20:28,430 --> 00:20:32,260

And one scene I can

describe to you,

519  
00:20:32,260 --> 00:20:34,600  
which is not very  
pleasant, but there

520  
00:20:34,600 --> 00:20:37,690  
were bomb craters full  
of water, and that's

521  
00:20:37,690 --> 00:20:39,520  
what we used as toilets.

522  
00:20:39,520 --> 00:20:43,090  
And you should see  
[INAUDIBLE] it.

523  
00:20:43,090 --> 00:20:45,130  
The picture's not very pleasant.

524  
00:20:45,130 --> 00:20:46,190  
I'm not blaming anybody.

525  
00:20:46,190 --> 00:20:47,857  
I'm just saying that  
this is how it was.

526  
00:20:47,857 --> 00:20:51,515  
And what can the Americans  
do with so many people?

527  
00:20:51,515 --> 00:20:53,140  
What were the sleeping  
facilities like?

528  
00:20:53,140 --> 00:20:54,560  
None.

529  
00:20:54,560 --> 00:20:56,510  
Bare earth.

530  
00:20:56,510 --> 00:20:58,390

That's it.

531  
00:20:58,390 --> 00:20:59,800  
And food?

532  
00:20:59,800 --> 00:21:01,990  
Food, it was a little  
bit like a zoo.

533  
00:21:01,990 --> 00:21:04,270  
The trucks came by and  
they threw food into us,

534  
00:21:04,270 --> 00:21:05,710  
you know, like this.

535  
00:21:05,710 --> 00:21:07,990  
And whoever catch-as-catch-can,  
that was it.

536  
00:21:07,990 --> 00:21:10,060  
And in the beginning,  
it was a real chaos

537  
00:21:10,060 --> 00:21:11,290  
and very chaotic problems.

538  
00:21:11,290 --> 00:21:13,330  
Later, they got organized.

539  
00:21:13,330 --> 00:21:15,977  
And we were full  
of lice, of course.

540  
00:21:15,977 --> 00:21:18,310  
And if you ever had lice,  
it's not a very pleasant thing

541  
00:21:18,310 --> 00:21:19,570  
to have.

542  
00:21:19,570 --> 00:21:22,060

And the first experience  
I had with DDT,

543  
00:21:22,060 --> 00:21:25,780  
which is a miraculous substance,  
no matter how dangerous

544  
00:21:25,780 --> 00:21:27,610  
it may be.

545  
00:21:27,610 --> 00:21:32,020  
Big trucks came up,  
like oil trucks,

546  
00:21:32,020 --> 00:21:35,720  
benzene trucks, gasoline trucks,  
and with hoses coming out

547  
00:21:35,720 --> 00:21:36,220  
of it.

548  
00:21:36,220 --> 00:21:40,540  
And there were guys with  
uniforms, completely covered

549  
00:21:40,540 --> 00:21:44,200  
with glass faces, and  
like a space uniform.

550  
00:21:44,200 --> 00:21:47,140  
And we had to line up,  
and they had these hoses,

551  
00:21:47,140 --> 00:21:50,920  
and they squirted  
the cloud of DDT

552  
00:21:50,920 --> 00:21:53,860  
into your shirt and your pants.

553  
00:21:53,860 --> 00:21:56,410  
And all the lice were  
dead in 24 hours.

554  
00:21:56,410 --> 00:21:58,250  
It was a miracle.

555  
00:21:58,250 --> 00:21:59,890  
I mean, it was fantastic.

556  
00:21:59,890 --> 00:22:02,500  
How was your health  
at that point?

557  
00:22:02,500 --> 00:22:03,460  
Very good.

558  
00:22:03,460 --> 00:22:04,960  
My health was very  
good at the time.

559  
00:22:04,960 --> 00:22:06,040  
There was no problems.

560  
00:22:06,040 --> 00:22:08,530  
I mean, remarkable  
how healthy you are

561  
00:22:08,530 --> 00:22:10,870  
even though conditions are bad.

562  
00:22:10,870 --> 00:22:18,460  
And once things were sorted out,  
my brother and my misfortune

563  
00:22:18,460 --> 00:22:21,100  
was that we happened to get  
into a camp in Heilbronn,

564  
00:22:21,100 --> 00:22:23,650  
where the commander did  
not like Hungarians.

565  
00:22:23,650 --> 00:22:25,840  
And so he decided none



of them would be released

566  
00:22:25,840 --> 00:22:27,460  
from the camp no matter what.

567  
00:22:27,460 --> 00:22:29,180  
They all had to go  
back to Hungary.

568  
00:22:29,180 --> 00:22:32,780  
And none of us wanted  
to go back to Hungary.

569  
00:22:32,780 --> 00:22:36,820  
And my father did not  
know we were alive.

570  
00:22:36,820 --> 00:22:38,500  
Nobody knew anybody  
was alive, OK?

571  
00:22:38,500 --> 00:22:42,070  
There was no  
communication, none.

572  
00:22:42,070 --> 00:22:46,240  
So my father became a Red Cross  
representative, International

573  
00:22:46,240 --> 00:22:51,070  
Red Cross, to investigate  
atrocities, investigate camps,

574  
00:22:51,070 --> 00:22:52,160  
and so forth.

575  
00:22:52,160 --> 00:22:54,460  
He was a very well-known  
scientist and pathologist

576  
00:22:54,460 --> 00:22:56,380  
all over Europe.

577

00:22:56,380 --> 00:22:59,380

And he decided to  
try to look for us.

578

00:22:59,380 --> 00:23:01,150

Maybe he can find us.

579

00:23:01,150 --> 00:23:03,100

And he could not find us.

580

00:23:03,100 --> 00:23:04,600

Finally, somebody  
said to him, there

581

00:23:04,600 --> 00:23:06,878

is a camp in Heilbronn,  
which is full of Hungarians.

582

00:23:06,878 --> 00:23:08,170

Maybe you should look in there.

583

00:23:08,170 --> 00:23:08,750

And he did.

584

00:23:08,750 --> 00:23:10,183

And he found us.

585

00:23:10,183 --> 00:23:11,350

And you know how we got out?

586

00:23:11,350 --> 00:23:12,308

You won't believe this.

587

00:23:12,308 --> 00:23:15,033

The commander said to my  
father, all you have to say,

588

00:23:15,033 --> 00:23:15,700

they're Germans.

589

00:23:15,700 --> 00:23:16,492

We'll release them.

590  
00:23:16,492 --> 00:23:19,330

591  
00:23:19,330 --> 00:23:21,190  
And they did.

592  
00:23:21,190 --> 00:23:22,930  
Another aside,  
which is something

593  
00:23:22,930 --> 00:23:27,730  
which is very sad, in  
the first few weeks

594  
00:23:27,730 --> 00:23:29,740  
of the camps, the  
American camps,

595  
00:23:29,740 --> 00:23:32,050  
guess whom the  
Americans put in charge?

596  
00:23:32,050 --> 00:23:33,760  
The Germans.

597  
00:23:33,760 --> 00:23:35,880  
The SS and the  
other German people

598  
00:23:35,880 --> 00:23:39,870  
were in charge of all the  
camps, including the people

599  
00:23:39,870 --> 00:23:41,680  
who came from  
concentration camps,

600  
00:23:41,680 --> 00:23:43,930  
because the Americans  
felt that the Germans were

601  
00:23:43,930 --> 00:23:45,790  
well-organized.

602  
00:23:45,790 --> 00:23:48,625  
They were disciplined troops,  
not like this Eastern riffraff.

603  
00:23:48,625 --> 00:23:52,070

604  
00:23:52,070 --> 00:23:54,890  
I'm sorry to say,  
this is, again, true.

605  
00:23:54,890 --> 00:23:57,590  
There was a riot, a  
riot you had never seen.

606  
00:23:57,590 --> 00:23:59,210  
The people rioted.

607  
00:23:59,210 --> 00:24:04,640  
And the Americans had to shoot  
in the air, was such a riot,

608  
00:24:04,640 --> 00:24:07,655  
and then finally decided  
that that doesn't go,

609  
00:24:07,655 --> 00:24:08,780  
and got rid of the Germans.

610  
00:24:08,780 --> 00:24:11,960  
But that's happened to us,  
that the Germans were put back

611  
00:24:11,960 --> 00:24:12,470  
into--

612  
00:24:12,470 --> 00:24:16,160  
the German prisoners were in  
charge of the other prisoners.

613  
00:24:16,160 --> 00:24:19,750

614  
00:24:19,750 --> 00:24:21,670  
So then you left  
with your father?

615  
00:24:21,670 --> 00:24:24,370  
No, I couldn't leave with  
him, but we got papers.

616  
00:24:24,370 --> 00:24:27,180  
Then we got afterward  
into [INAUDIBLE]

617  
00:24:27,180 --> 00:24:28,360  
where we lived by that time.

618  
00:24:28,360 --> 00:24:32,140  
And he became [INAUDIBLE] that  
is a German university town

619  
00:24:32,140 --> 00:24:34,540  
and a British occupation zone.

620  
00:24:34,540 --> 00:24:39,850  
And he was named by the British  
to replace the Nazi professor

621  
00:24:39,850 --> 00:24:40,720  
in the university.

622  
00:24:40,720 --> 00:24:43,510  
He was put in charge of the  
Forensic Institute of Medicine

623  
00:24:43,510 --> 00:24:49,910  
in the university, and ran  
the Institute for four years.

624  
00:24:49,910 --> 00:24:52,810

He became also a--

625

00:24:52,810 --> 00:24:55,240

French government  
asked him to be

626

00:24:55,240 --> 00:24:58,430

in charge of the exhumation  
of French prisoners.

627

00:24:58,430 --> 00:25:00,980

He was in charge  
of that in Germany.

628

00:25:00,980 --> 00:25:03,850

And he was exhuming  
and identifying

629

00:25:03,850 --> 00:25:06,730

dead French prisoners, who  
were killed by the Germans,

630

00:25:06,730 --> 00:25:09,280

either in the camps  
or by murdered.

631

00:25:09,280 --> 00:25:13,150

He was very active  
in the Allied cause.

632

00:25:13,150 --> 00:25:16,660

And we got in contact  
with American friends.

633

00:25:16,660 --> 00:25:18,370

What did you do in those months?

634

00:25:18,370 --> 00:25:19,810

What did I do?

635

00:25:19,810 --> 00:25:21,520

Black market.

636

00:25:21,520 --> 00:25:22,900

We had to eat.

637

00:25:22,900 --> 00:25:24,520

We had to survive.

638

00:25:24,520 --> 00:25:26,920

And we organized, my  
brother and I, my mother,

639

00:25:26,920 --> 00:25:29,620

organized a black market ring.

640

00:25:29,620 --> 00:25:31,870

The black market ring  
included such things

641

00:25:31,870 --> 00:25:35,590

as buying half a cow and  
butchering it in our basement

642

00:25:35,590 --> 00:25:37,990

and selling it to the public.

643

00:25:37,990 --> 00:25:39,790

We discovered one  
day that you could

644

00:25:39,790 --> 00:25:44,500

buy in pharmacies a stomach  
bitter, as they called it.

645

00:25:44,500 --> 00:25:46,500

It was 20% alcohol.

646

00:25:46,500 --> 00:25:48,082

So we bought up  
all the supplies.

647

00:25:48,082 --> 00:25:50,290

And we bottled them and sold  
them on the black market

648  
00:25:50,290 --> 00:25:53,080  
as vermouth.

649  
00:25:53,080 --> 00:25:55,180  
I dealt in cigarettes,  
and coffee,

650  
00:25:55,180 --> 00:26:02,680  
and in anything, you name  
it, diamonds, you name it.

651  
00:26:02,680 --> 00:26:03,910  
I was in the black market.

652  
00:26:03,910 --> 00:26:06,336  
That's how we survived.

653  
00:26:06,336 --> 00:26:06,836  
Tape.

654  
00:26:06,836 --> 00:26:19,986

655  
00:26:19,986 --> 00:26:23,190  
As displaced persons,  
which we became ultimately.

656  
00:26:23,190 --> 00:26:25,120  
Now, British thought  
we were enemy aliens

657  
00:26:25,120 --> 00:26:28,570  
because Hungary also declared  
war on Britain, of course,

658  
00:26:28,570 --> 00:26:30,070  
obviously.

659  
00:26:30,070 --> 00:26:32,620  
But ultimately, we  
managed to become



660  
00:26:32,620 --> 00:26:35,680  
displaced persons,  
which meant that there

661  
00:26:35,680 --> 00:26:37,090  
were some privileges.

662  
00:26:37,090 --> 00:26:38,260  
Not much, but some.

663  
00:26:38,260 --> 00:26:43,230  
One of them that we were not  
under German jurisdiction.

664  
00:26:43,230 --> 00:26:45,370  
Not under German jurisdiction.

665  
00:26:45,370 --> 00:26:46,840  
And so that was important.

666  
00:26:46,840 --> 00:26:48,390  
And the second thing  
was, of course,

667  
00:26:48,390 --> 00:26:51,420  
that my father got in contact  
with all the American friends.

668  
00:26:51,420 --> 00:26:54,540  
And they sent us packages,  
which was very important

669  
00:26:54,540 --> 00:26:56,220  
for survival.

670  
00:26:56,220 --> 00:26:59,460  
And also they started to  
work on the papers for us

671  
00:26:59,460 --> 00:27:02,710  
to get the America visa

applications and so forth.

672  
00:27:02,710 --> 00:27:05,550  
But this is, of  
course, '45, '46,

673  
00:27:05,550 --> 00:27:07,990  
and it takes time to get out.

674  
00:27:07,990 --> 00:27:14,720  
And so, now, I had at that  
time very little contact

675  
00:27:14,720 --> 00:27:16,940  
with people who were  
out of the camps,

676  
00:27:16,940 --> 00:27:18,920  
because I was not in a DP camp.

677  
00:27:18,920 --> 00:27:19,940  
I lived in Germany.

678  
00:27:19,940 --> 00:27:24,440  
But my brother-in-law  
became a surgeon

679  
00:27:24,440 --> 00:27:26,960  
in a displaced person camp.

680  
00:27:26,960 --> 00:27:30,830  
And through him, we met many  
of the survivors who were

681  
00:27:30,830 --> 00:27:34,550  
in the displaced persons camp.

682  
00:27:34,550 --> 00:27:36,740  
But outside of that, not much.

683  
00:27:36,740 --> 00:27:42,350  
Then I later became a clerk

for the Australian immigration

684  
00:27:42,350 --> 00:27:46,520  
office in 1948.

685  
00:27:46,520 --> 00:27:47,990  
Oh, and just to go  
back a bit, what

686  
00:27:47,990 --> 00:27:52,370  
was it like for you to meet  
survivors of the camps?

687  
00:27:52,370 --> 00:27:56,780  
It's very curious, they  
didn't talk about it.

688  
00:27:56,780 --> 00:27:58,970  
They just wanted to  
get out of there.

689  
00:27:58,970 --> 00:28:00,712  
They wanted to get  
out of Germany.

690  
00:28:00,712 --> 00:28:01,920  
They wanted to get anywhere--

691  
00:28:01,920 --> 00:28:04,730  
Australia, Argentina,  
Palestine, whoever

692  
00:28:04,730 --> 00:28:06,410  
they were, Jews or  
non-Jews, they just

693  
00:28:06,410 --> 00:28:07,790  
wanted to get out of there.

694  
00:28:07,790 --> 00:28:10,010  
That was the primary  
driving thing.

695

00:28:10,010 --> 00:28:12,210

We want to get out of here.

696

00:28:12,210 --> 00:28:14,510

We don't want to ever  
stay in this place.

697

00:28:14,510 --> 00:28:17,090

This was a very  
interesting reaction

698

00:28:17,090 --> 00:28:19,580

that there was no  
discussion of anything.

699

00:28:19,580 --> 00:28:21,980

What was your reaction  
when you heard what went on

700

00:28:21,980 --> 00:28:23,160

in some of the death camps?

701

00:28:23,160 --> 00:28:26,030

702

00:28:26,030 --> 00:28:28,130

Almost disbelief.

703

00:28:28,130 --> 00:28:30,340

Although we believed  
it, but at the same time

704

00:28:30,340 --> 00:28:31,340

it was almost disbelief.

705

00:28:31,340 --> 00:28:34,550

That's a very curious problem.

706

00:28:34,550 --> 00:28:36,170

We realized the extent of it.

707

00:28:36,170 --> 00:28:36,890  
We knew it.

708  
00:28:36,890 --> 00:28:39,500  
There was no question about it.

709  
00:28:39,500 --> 00:28:40,940  
There was no argument about it.

710  
00:28:40,940 --> 00:28:41,810  
That's how it was.

711  
00:28:41,810 --> 00:28:43,680  
And then this is  
what the Germans did.

712  
00:28:43,680 --> 00:28:46,820  
And it was a very  
strange feeling

713  
00:28:46,820 --> 00:28:48,830  
to live among the  
Germans who did this,

714  
00:28:48,830 --> 00:28:50,995  
although we were a part of it.

715  
00:28:50,995 --> 00:28:53,120  
And we lived among the  
Germans, so what can you do?

716  
00:28:53,120 --> 00:28:55,340  
And my father was at  
that time teaching

717  
00:28:55,340 --> 00:28:59,272  
in the German  
university, to the point

718  
00:28:59,272 --> 00:29:00,980  
that actually they  
asked him, ultimately,

719

00:29:00,980 --> 00:29:02,930  
when the German government  
was established,

720

00:29:02,930 --> 00:29:04,700  
proper German  
government, and became

721

00:29:04,700 --> 00:29:07,760  
a pro-Western German  
government, I don't know,

722

00:29:07,760 --> 00:29:10,550  
and so forth, they asked him  
to stay on and become professor

723

00:29:10,550 --> 00:29:11,780  
in Germany.

724

00:29:11,780 --> 00:29:14,400  
He said, under no conditions,  
would I stay in Germany.

725

00:29:14,400 --> 00:29:18,410  
So we worked out  
coming to America,

726

00:29:18,410 --> 00:29:20,360  
and which, ultimately, we did.

727

00:29:20,360 --> 00:29:24,840

728

00:29:24,840 --> 00:29:27,780  
The interesting sidelight was  
that when we came to America,

729

00:29:27,780 --> 00:29:30,780  
you had to go through a camp.

730

00:29:30,780 --> 00:29:33,600  
The last camp in Europe

before you come to America

731  
00:29:33,600 --> 00:29:35,790  
is in Hamburg.

732  
00:29:35,790 --> 00:29:42,120  
And that was 90% Jewish, I  
would say, or 95% Jewish.

733  
00:29:42,120 --> 00:29:45,060  
And we lived together with  
them for about a month.

734  
00:29:45,060 --> 00:29:47,700  
And that's the first time  
after the war that we

735  
00:29:47,700 --> 00:29:51,030  
had been back again with  
an enormous number of Jews,

736  
00:29:51,030 --> 00:29:57,700  
almost all Eastern Europeans,  
almost all orthodox type.

737  
00:29:57,700 --> 00:29:58,630  
Wonderful people.

738  
00:29:58,630 --> 00:30:00,700  
That's where I learned  
a great deal of Yiddish.

739  
00:30:00,700 --> 00:30:01,825  
I learned a lot of Yiddish.

740  
00:30:01,825 --> 00:30:03,550  
I knew some Yiddish before.

741  
00:30:03,550 --> 00:30:07,240  
And it was very  
interesting to see

742

00:30:07,240 --> 00:30:11,680  
these people, how resilient  
they were, and how full of life

743  
00:30:11,680 --> 00:30:14,600  
and full of getting  
out, and get going.

744  
00:30:14,600 --> 00:30:20,800  
I didn't see any more  
depression or any kind of--

745  
00:30:20,800 --> 00:30:21,940  
I don't know.

746  
00:30:21,940 --> 00:30:24,850  
They just wanted to  
go and get going.

747  
00:30:24,850 --> 00:30:30,910  
There are full of vigor almost,  
until we got on the boat.

748  
00:30:30,910 --> 00:30:32,530  
And they got all seasick.

749  
00:30:32,530 --> 00:30:34,960  
I never seen so many  
seasick [INAUDIBLE] people.

750  
00:30:34,960 --> 00:30:36,640  
Those poor people.

751  
00:30:36,640 --> 00:30:37,990  
Oh.

752  
00:30:37,990 --> 00:30:39,670  
They were never  
been in the ocean.

753  
00:30:39,670 --> 00:30:41,530  
They were coming from the  
ghettos of Eastern Europe



754  
00:30:41,530 --> 00:30:42,030  
somewhere.

755  
00:30:42,030 --> 00:30:43,840  
And they step on the boat.

756  
00:30:43,840 --> 00:30:49,450  
And we were not even on the  
ocean yet, they're all seasick.

757  
00:30:49,450 --> 00:30:52,300  
My father being a physician,  
of course, tried to help,

758  
00:30:52,300 --> 00:30:53,800  
but it was impossible.

759  
00:30:53,800 --> 00:30:56,200  
What was the name of the boat?

760  
00:30:56,200 --> 00:30:58,930  
SS Harry Taylor.

761  
00:30:58,930 --> 00:31:00,730  
It was USS Harry Taylor.

762  
00:31:00,730 --> 00:31:03,910  
It was an Army troopship.

763  
00:31:03,910 --> 00:31:05,770  
Harry S. Taylor, that's it.

764  
00:31:05,770 --> 00:31:10,810  
And December 10, 1949.

765  
00:31:10,810 --> 00:31:12,580  
And I'm quite sure  
you can find a ship

766  
00:31:12,580 --> 00:31:14,830

manifest in the archives.

767  
00:31:14,830 --> 00:31:18,310  
And there were  
about 1,300 people

768  
00:31:18,310 --> 00:31:21,953  
on it, all living in the  
Army troopship conditions.

769  
00:31:21,953 --> 00:31:22,870  
You know what that is.

770  
00:31:22,870 --> 00:31:24,350  
I don't know if you  
know what it means.

771  
00:31:24,350 --> 00:31:26,440  
It means that you have  
bunks on top of each other

772  
00:31:26,440 --> 00:31:30,220  
in the huge room, which  
is awash with vomit.

773  
00:31:30,220 --> 00:31:32,410  
And no air conditioning.

774  
00:31:32,410 --> 00:31:38,660

775  
00:31:38,660 --> 00:31:41,480  
This is tape two,  
side B. You were

776  
00:31:41,480 --> 00:31:43,190  
talking about the  
conditions on the ship,

777  
00:31:43,190 --> 00:31:45,290  
coming to the United States.

778

00:31:45,290 --> 00:31:46,460  
Yes, it's interesting.

779  
00:31:46,460 --> 00:31:48,110  
And what is  
interesting about it,

780  
00:31:48,110 --> 00:31:53,840  
again, it sounds unpatriotic.

781  
00:31:53,840 --> 00:31:55,580  
I'm as good an  
American as I can be.

782  
00:31:55,580 --> 00:31:56,970  
I really love this country.

783  
00:31:56,970 --> 00:31:58,220  
I couldn't live anywhere else.

784  
00:31:58,220 --> 00:32:02,720  
But sometimes one wonders  
what kind of people there are.

785  
00:32:02,720 --> 00:32:06,080  
The people in the  
consulate in Hamburg

786  
00:32:06,080 --> 00:32:09,920  
were the most unfriendly, nasty  
people you could ever imagine.

787  
00:32:09,920 --> 00:32:13,280  
They were just hating us  
that they come to America.

788  
00:32:13,280 --> 00:32:17,140  
They were absolutely--  
looked down upon us

789  
00:32:17,140 --> 00:32:19,390  
as riffraff coming.

790

00:32:19,390 --> 00:32:21,850

I mean, they were really nasty.

791

00:32:21,850 --> 00:32:27,370

On the ship-- it was run by the  
Merchant Marines, of course,

792

00:32:27,370 --> 00:32:30,040

as a troop carrier--

793

00:32:30,040 --> 00:32:34,930

the captain wanted the people  
to line up and paint the ship.

794

00:32:34,930 --> 00:32:38,980

And my father, being elected as  
a chairman again-- poor fellow

795

00:32:38,980 --> 00:32:41,890

always got in trouble,  
in spite of himself.

796

00:32:41,890 --> 00:32:44,090

He knew, of course,  
English very well.

797

00:32:44,090 --> 00:32:46,238

And he had a very  
imposing appearance.

798

00:32:46,238 --> 00:32:48,280

And he went to the captain  
and told him and said,

799

00:32:48,280 --> 00:32:49,630

you cannot do to these people.

800

00:32:49,630 --> 00:32:52,420

They're surviving this horrible  
war that's coming to America.

801

00:32:52,420 --> 00:32:53,340

These are civilians.

802  
00:32:53,340 --> 00:32:55,930  
You have no  
jurisdiction over them.

803  
00:32:55,930 --> 00:32:57,830  
So that was the end of that.

804  
00:32:57,830 --> 00:33:00,310  
But he wanted these people  
to stand in the corridors

805  
00:33:00,310 --> 00:33:04,630  
and paint the ship, an  
American troop ship.

806  
00:33:04,630 --> 00:33:07,330  
Come on, this is ridiculous.

807  
00:33:07,330 --> 00:33:09,340  
So we arrive in New York.

808  
00:33:09,340 --> 00:33:10,660  
And it was a ship.

809  
00:33:10,660 --> 00:33:13,307  
Now, I came under public  
law, I think, 480,

810  
00:33:13,307 --> 00:33:14,140  
if I remember right.

811  
00:33:14,140 --> 00:33:15,265  
Don't quote me on a number.

812  
00:33:15,265 --> 00:33:18,400  
This is the law which  
admitted 100,000 DPs outside

813  
00:33:18,400 --> 00:33:19,150  
of the quotas.

814  
00:33:19,150 --> 00:33:21,580  
And I was an outside  
quota person.

815  
00:33:21,580 --> 00:33:24,310  
I came without a-- most of us  
had no passports, none of them.

816  
00:33:24,310 --> 00:33:27,200  
I mean, people on this  
ship had no papers.

817  
00:33:27,200 --> 00:33:31,150  
I was let in this country by  
being checked off on the list.

818  
00:33:31,150 --> 00:33:33,700  
A guy standing at the  
gangplank, you come off,

819  
00:33:33,700 --> 00:33:35,877  
he says name, Tibor  
Borsos, check, go in.

820  
00:33:35,877 --> 00:33:36,460  
And that's it.

821  
00:33:36,460 --> 00:33:38,140  
I got to America.

822  
00:33:38,140 --> 00:33:41,160  
No papers, nothing.

823  
00:33:41,160 --> 00:33:44,160  
And, of course, we got our  
green cards after a while

824  
00:33:44,160 --> 00:33:47,160  
when we get to the post  
office, and the papers came in.

825

00:33:47,160 --> 00:33:49,920  
And, ultimately, we  
got the green cards.

826  
00:33:49,920 --> 00:33:51,910  
Where did your family settle?

827  
00:33:51,910 --> 00:33:53,730  
I came to Washington.

828  
00:33:53,730 --> 00:33:54,510  
Why?

829  
00:33:54,510 --> 00:33:56,340  
Because my father's  
colleague, who

830  
00:33:56,340 --> 00:34:01,320  
signed the affidavit for us,  
was a high officer at NIH.

831  
00:34:01,320 --> 00:34:01,920  
OK?

832  
00:34:01,920 --> 00:34:06,400  
He was a director of  
nutrition program.

833  
00:34:06,400 --> 00:34:10,028  
My father went to Oregon  
because his friend, Professor--

834  
00:34:10,028 --> 00:34:13,800  
I can't remember  
his name right now--

835  
00:34:13,800 --> 00:34:16,199  
signed his affidavit  
to Portland.

836  
00:34:16,199 --> 00:34:17,670  
So we separated in New York.

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00:34:17,670 --> 00:34:19,980

My brother and I  
came to Washington.

838

00:34:19,980 --> 00:34:24,600

And just another aside,  
my big mouth again,

839

00:34:24,600 --> 00:34:30,330

my colleague of my father,  
who lived in 6615 Hillmead

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00:34:30,330 --> 00:34:31,739

Road in Bethesda.

841

00:34:31,739 --> 00:34:33,929

And this is Hillmead  
section, which was,

842

00:34:33,929 --> 00:34:36,540

of course, totally  
non-Jewish at that time.

843

00:34:36,540 --> 00:34:39,480

844

00:34:39,480 --> 00:34:42,659

I tell you why I remember it.

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00:34:42,659 --> 00:34:45,547

He looked upon me as somebody  
who would come to the house

846

00:34:45,547 --> 00:34:47,130

and help a little  
bit, be a chauffeur,

847

00:34:47,130 --> 00:34:49,080

kind of a houseboy thing.

848

00:34:49,080 --> 00:34:52,590

And my English was



almost non-existent,

849

00:34:52,590 --> 00:34:54,040  
but he knew German quite well.

850

00:34:54,040 --> 00:34:56,850  
So we talked in sort of  
half English, half German.

851

00:34:56,850 --> 00:34:59,520  
And one of the first thing he  
started to tell me about is

852

00:34:59,520 --> 00:35:03,130  
and this is-- why, even  
today, I don't know--

853

00:35:03,130 --> 00:35:05,710  
he was talking about  
NIH, how many Jews

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00:35:05,710 --> 00:35:07,710  
are there, too many Jews,  
and too many Jews come

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00:35:07,710 --> 00:35:09,293  
to this country, and  
blah, blah, blah.

856

00:35:09,293 --> 00:35:12,660  
And I said, finally, Dr. Doft--  
this was his name, D-O-F-T--

857

00:35:12,660 --> 00:35:15,570  
I said to him, 20  
to 40 million people

858

00:35:15,570 --> 00:35:17,220  
died because of  
this kind of talk.

859

00:35:17,220 --> 00:35:19,210  
I cannot stand it anymore.

860

00:35:19,210 --> 00:35:21,805

I don't want to come to this  
country and listen to this.

861

00:35:21,805 --> 00:35:23,970

So he kicked me  
out of his house.

862

00:35:23,970 --> 00:35:26,220

And 10 days later, I was on  
the streets of Washington,

863

00:35:26,220 --> 00:35:29,130

because, again, I spoke up.

864

00:35:29,130 --> 00:35:31,482

And with \$10 in my pocket,  
literally speaking,

865

00:35:31,482 --> 00:35:32,940

I was on the streets  
of Washington,

866

00:35:32,940 --> 00:35:35,092

because I spoke up again.

867

00:35:35,092 --> 00:35:36,300

I'm not making myself better.

868

00:35:36,300 --> 00:35:38,670

I just can't stand  
this kind of thing.

869

00:35:38,670 --> 00:35:40,080

Even today, no  
matter what it is.

870

00:35:40,080 --> 00:35:44,580

As long as-- of course, I would  
not do it on the corner of--

871

00:35:44,580 --> 00:35:46,453  
in a Ku Klux Klan rally.

872  
00:35:46,453 --> 00:35:48,120  
I wouldn't speak up  
too much, obviously.

873  
00:35:48,120 --> 00:35:49,860  
But, I mean, on a  
one-to-one basis,

874  
00:35:49,860 --> 00:35:53,550  
I will not let people  
get away with it.

875  
00:35:53,550 --> 00:35:55,702  
He wrote a letter to my  
father, which we have,

876  
00:35:55,702 --> 00:35:57,660  
in which he said that I  
have no chance of being

877  
00:35:57,660 --> 00:36:00,120  
anybody in America ever.

878  
00:36:00,120 --> 00:36:02,640  
The irony is that I rose  
to a higher position

879  
00:36:02,640 --> 00:36:05,700  
than he ever was at NIH.

880  
00:36:05,700 --> 00:36:10,350  
I got that doctorate in  
seven years after I arrived.

881  
00:36:10,350 --> 00:36:12,790  
I never went to school.

882  
00:36:12,790 --> 00:36:14,960  
I still don't have my  
high school diploma.

883  
00:36:14,960 --> 00:36:16,210  
I have no high school diploma.

884  
00:36:16,210 --> 00:36:18,280  
I never finished high school.

885  
00:36:18,280 --> 00:36:20,660  
I couldn't.

886  
00:36:20,660 --> 00:36:23,240  
How did you move from  
being on the streets

887  
00:36:23,240 --> 00:36:24,800  
with \$10 in your pocket?

888  
00:36:24,800 --> 00:36:25,640  
What then happened?

889  
00:36:25,640 --> 00:36:30,262

890  
00:36:30,262 --> 00:36:31,720  
I walked the streets  
of Washington,

891  
00:36:31,720 --> 00:36:34,960  
looking for a sign--  
dishwashers wanted, anything.

892  
00:36:34,960 --> 00:36:38,410  
And I saw a building  
on Pennsylvania Avenue

893  
00:36:38,410 --> 00:36:40,720  
just right close  
to the White House,

894  
00:36:40,720 --> 00:36:42,160  
which said Kossuth Building.

895

00:36:42,160 --> 00:36:44,650

Now, Kossuth was a famous  
Hungarian freedom fighter

896

00:36:44,650 --> 00:36:46,660

against the Austrian in 1848.

897

00:36:46,660 --> 00:36:50,770

And several buildings in  
Washington, his name is on it.

898

00:36:50,770 --> 00:36:54,370

And I see that there is a  
Hungarian reformed insurance

899

00:36:54,370 --> 00:36:56,380

company.

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00:36:56,380 --> 00:36:59,090

Now, I'm not reformed,  
and Hungarian, I was not

901

00:36:59,090 --> 00:37:00,858

so proud of that anymore.

902

00:37:00,858 --> 00:37:01,900

So I knocked on the door.

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00:37:01,900 --> 00:37:03,010

I said, I'm here.

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00:37:03,010 --> 00:37:05,368

I need a job, anything.

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00:37:05,368 --> 00:37:06,910

And they said, well,  
we have nothing,

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00:37:06,910 --> 00:37:08,270

but I know somebody else.

907

00:37:08,270 --> 00:37:10,370  
And then that person  
knew somebody else.

908  
00:37:10,370 --> 00:37:15,410  
And I wound up in the  
Corcoran Gallery as a janitor.

909  
00:37:15,410 --> 00:37:17,950  
The best wonderful thing  
ever happened to me.

910  
00:37:17,950 --> 00:37:20,683

911  
00:37:20,683 --> 00:37:22,600  
And from then on,  
everything went just uphill.

912  
00:37:22,600 --> 00:37:24,610  
Then, what happened after that?

913  
00:37:24,610 --> 00:37:26,860  
While I was member of the  
international student house,

914  
00:37:26,860 --> 00:37:29,440  
I met my wife, who is  
a concentration camp

915  
00:37:29,440 --> 00:37:30,820  
survivor in Bergen-Belsen.

916  
00:37:30,820 --> 00:37:33,100  
And we hit it off very well.

917  
00:37:33,100 --> 00:37:35,020  
And we got married  
within five months,

918  
00:37:35,020 --> 00:37:37,740  
with nothing in our  
pockets, 46 years ago.

919  
00:37:37,740 --> 00:37:40,340

920  
00:37:40,340 --> 00:37:42,260  
Where is your wife from?

921  
00:37:42,260 --> 00:37:44,180  
She was born in Frankfurt.

922  
00:37:44,180 --> 00:37:48,410  
And she was caught in Holland,  
trying to leave for America,

923  
00:37:48,410 --> 00:37:52,110  
and was in Westerbork  
and in Bergen-Belsen.

924  
00:37:52,110 --> 00:37:56,385  
And although I'm not  
converted to Judaism,

925  
00:37:56,385 --> 00:37:57,510  
because I'm not religious--

926  
00:37:57,510 --> 00:37:59,490  
I cannot-- I consider  
myself a Jew.

927  
00:37:59,490 --> 00:38:03,250

928  
00:38:03,250 --> 00:38:06,910  
So where did you  
get your schooling?

929  
00:38:06,910 --> 00:38:08,575  
My father became  
professor of pathology

930  
00:38:08,575 --> 00:38:10,780  
at Creighton University

in Omaha, Nebraska, which

931  
00:38:10,780 --> 00:38:12,010  
is a Jesuit school.

932  
00:38:12,010 --> 00:38:16,120  
And so we went to Omaha,  
and to the university there.

933  
00:38:16,120 --> 00:38:18,390  
And he died.

934  
00:38:18,390 --> 00:38:20,070  
And so we came  
back to Washington.

935  
00:38:20,070 --> 00:38:23,310  
And because I went  
to a Catholic school,

936  
00:38:23,310 --> 00:38:26,010  
and because the only chemistry  
department in Washington

937  
00:38:26,010 --> 00:38:28,770  
was the catholic university,  
I went to catholic university.

938  
00:38:28,770 --> 00:38:31,140  
That's an irony, you know?

939  
00:38:31,140 --> 00:38:35,610  
And I graduated cum  
laude in chemistry,

940  
00:38:35,610 --> 00:38:40,260  
and then went to Hopkins and  
got my doctorate at Hopkins.

941  
00:38:40,260 --> 00:38:42,390  
And did you go to  
NIH at that point?



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00:38:42,390 --> 00:38:45,930

No, I was four years at  
Hopkins [INAUDIBLE] faculty

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00:38:45,930 --> 00:38:47,010

at the medical school.

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00:38:47,010 --> 00:38:51,430

And then I came to NIH, and  
spent 27 years at NIH, where

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00:38:51,430 --> 00:38:54,930

I rose to a higher  
position than Dr. Doft was,

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00:38:54,930 --> 00:38:58,200

which was a wonderful  
feeling, I must tell you.

947

00:38:58,200 --> 00:38:59,640

And what is your field?

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00:38:59,640 --> 00:39:01,110

Immunology and cancer research.

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00:39:01,110 --> 00:39:04,460

950

00:39:04,460 --> 00:39:07,130

Well, can we talk  
just a little bit,

951

00:39:07,130 --> 00:39:11,000

since you've brought us  
up to date, about some

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00:39:11,000 --> 00:39:13,760

of your thoughts about  
what you went through?

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00:39:13,760 --> 00:39:16,670

What do you attribute

your bravery

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00:39:16,670 --> 00:39:21,720  
in being outspoken and your--

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00:39:21,720 --> 00:39:23,110  
Don't call it bravery.

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00:39:23,110 --> 00:39:25,070  
Call it stupidity.

957

00:39:25,070 --> 00:39:26,460  
Bravery is not the right word.

958

00:39:26,460 --> 00:39:29,030  
But I learned one  
thing early in my life,

959

00:39:29,030 --> 00:39:31,702  
and that is that it's  
better to speak up--

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00:39:31,702 --> 00:39:34,160  
under certain conditions, not  
always, because sometimes you

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00:39:34,160 --> 00:39:34,820  
get killed.

962

00:39:34,820 --> 00:39:36,742  
I mean, you have to  
know when to speak up.

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00:39:36,742 --> 00:39:38,450  
I mean, you cannot  
speak up all the time.

964

00:39:38,450 --> 00:39:40,880  
That's not possible because  
sacrificing yourself

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00:39:40,880 --> 00:39:42,710

for nothing is not worth it.

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00:39:42,710 --> 00:39:45,830

That, to my mind, is stupid.

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00:39:45,830 --> 00:39:47,540

You can go on [INAUDIBLE] march.

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00:39:47,540 --> 00:39:49,510

You can, like Martin

Luther King did,

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00:39:49,510 --> 00:39:51,230

you can march with 2,000 people.

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00:39:51,230 --> 00:39:55,430

But one person can't march.

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00:39:55,430 --> 00:39:58,640

Can, but he's

going to be killed.

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00:39:58,640 --> 00:40:00,830

But I learned that

usually attacking

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00:40:00,830 --> 00:40:02,928

first is better

than being attacked

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00:40:02,928 --> 00:40:04,095

and then defending yourself.

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00:40:04,095 --> 00:40:06,610

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00:40:06,610 --> 00:40:08,620

This may be a

character flaw in me.

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00:40:08,620 --> 00:40:11,740

But I have done

this all my life.

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00:40:11,740 --> 00:40:14,110

I will just first,  
I wade into it.

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00:40:14,110 --> 00:40:17,770

And it's not bravery,  
it's stupidity, probably.

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00:40:17,770 --> 00:40:21,230

Was your open-mindedness a  
reflection of your parents--

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00:40:21,230 --> 00:40:21,730

My mother.

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00:40:21,730 --> 00:40:22,690

--raising of you?

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00:40:22,690 --> 00:40:24,160

My mother, not my father.

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00:40:24,160 --> 00:40:28,000

My father was not  
close-minded, but my primary--

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00:40:28,000 --> 00:40:30,760

my mother was also a tough  
cookie, and she was outspoken.

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00:40:30,760 --> 00:40:34,810

And she was very  
outspoken, always.

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00:40:34,810 --> 00:40:37,362

And so we didn't always  
get along, of course.

988

00:40:37,362 --> 00:40:38,320

That's because of this.

989

00:40:38,320 --> 00:40:41,650

But when I married  
a Jewish girl,

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00:40:41,650 --> 00:40:44,358

she said but you married  
a Jewish girl, at least

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00:40:44,358 --> 00:40:45,400

marry a rich Jewish girl.

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00:40:45,400 --> 00:40:48,100

[LAUGHS] [INAUDIBLE]

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00:40:48,100 --> 00:40:50,070

So she had no  
objection whatsoever.

994

00:40:50,070 --> 00:40:50,990

There was no problem.

995

00:40:50,990 --> 00:40:54,340

So it's-- although my wife  
doesn't quite feel this way,

996

00:40:54,340 --> 00:40:57,130

but that's obviously  
a different feeling.

997

00:40:57,130 --> 00:41:00,940

But I never felt that  
Jewishness was a problem.

998

00:41:00,940 --> 00:41:05,140

Does what you went through and  
what you saw during the war

999

00:41:05,140 --> 00:41:06,550

years still affect you?

1000

00:41:06,550 --> 00:41:07,300

Very much.

1001  
00:41:07,300 --> 00:41:09,670  
In what way?

1002  
00:41:09,670 --> 00:41:14,860  
Well, how can I put it?

1003  
00:41:14,860 --> 00:41:17,690

1004  
00:41:17,690 --> 00:41:19,255  
I get very emotional.

1005  
00:41:19,255 --> 00:41:22,510

1006  
00:41:22,510 --> 00:41:27,520  
And I'm very upset when I  
see people being persecuted.

1007  
00:41:27,520 --> 00:41:31,890

1008  
00:41:31,890 --> 00:41:39,500  
And I also feel very  
strongly that Jews

1009  
00:41:39,500 --> 00:41:45,980  
have a very special meaning,  
in history and in life.

1010  
00:41:45,980 --> 00:41:52,102

1011  
00:41:52,102 --> 00:41:53,310  
It's hard to put it in words.

1012  
00:41:53,310 --> 00:42:02,930

1013  
00:42:02,930 --> 00:42:05,270  
I'm sorry I wasn't born

Jewish, but at the same time,

1014  
00:42:05,270 --> 00:42:09,020  
I glad I wasn't, because  
this way I could choose it.

1015  
00:42:09,020 --> 00:42:13,540

1016  
00:42:13,540 --> 00:42:16,210  
Are there any images that  
remain with you that you

1017  
00:42:16,210 --> 00:42:20,140  
think about 50 years later?

1018  
00:42:20,140 --> 00:42:28,110

1019  
00:42:28,110 --> 00:42:30,960  
One image that's always with  
me, which is a strange one,

1020  
00:42:30,960 --> 00:42:37,350  
is the camp before  
we came to America,

1021  
00:42:37,350 --> 00:42:39,570  
all those wonderful  
surviving Jewish races.

1022  
00:42:39,570 --> 00:42:48,300

1023  
00:42:48,300 --> 00:42:49,110  
Beautiful people.

1024  
00:42:49,110 --> 00:42:52,830

1025  
00:42:52,830 --> 00:42:56,920  
That's one image, always stays.

1026  
00:42:56,920 --> 00:43:00,370  
Other images, I don't know.

1027  
00:43:00,370 --> 00:43:01,752  
I had a happy childhood.

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00:43:01,752 --> 00:43:05,370

1029  
00:43:05,370 --> 00:43:07,110  
I'm a happy person.

1030  
00:43:07,110 --> 00:43:10,710  
Did you talk about your  
experiences when you got here?

1031  
00:43:10,710 --> 00:43:11,280  
Always.

1032  
00:43:11,280 --> 00:43:13,860  
And also I made sure  
that my children always

1033  
00:43:13,860 --> 00:43:16,170  
knew about my wife experiences.

1034  
00:43:16,170 --> 00:43:18,750  
I always made sure  
that my wife always

1035  
00:43:18,750 --> 00:43:21,450  
talks about it, that she  
never denied, never just

1036  
00:43:21,450 --> 00:43:23,250  
be quiet about it.

1037  
00:43:23,250 --> 00:43:30,090  
I always made sure that  
it doesn't die out.



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00:43:30,090 --> 00:43:31,830

I was very active in the--

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00:43:31,830 --> 00:43:34,170

I'm still, not as  
much now, we belong

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00:43:34,170 --> 00:43:38,010

to a small Jewish community  
called Kehila Kedosha.

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00:43:38,010 --> 00:43:41,160

And I was vice president, as a  
matter of fact, at one point.

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00:43:41,160 --> 00:43:42,660

They wanted to elect  
me a president,

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00:43:42,660 --> 00:43:44,940

but I said, wait a  
minute, a non-Jewish,

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00:43:44,940 --> 00:43:49,450

it's not a very good idea for  
a Jewish community, you know?

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00:43:49,450 --> 00:43:51,870

But I was vice president  
for a year or two,

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00:43:51,870 --> 00:43:53,340

and program committee.

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00:43:53,340 --> 00:43:57,910

And so I'm very active in  
this kind of a Jewish circles,

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00:43:57,910 --> 00:43:59,800

but not in the large  
Jewish circles.

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00:43:59,800 --> 00:44:02,730

I am not active in the  
large community very much,

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00:44:02,730 --> 00:44:05,520

but in our small community,  
I'm very much part of it.

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00:44:05,520 --> 00:44:09,000

And I feel very  
accepted and happy.

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00:44:09,000 --> 00:44:10,250

How many children do you have?

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00:44:10,250 --> 00:44:11,645

Two.

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00:44:11,645 --> 00:44:14,120

Two.

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00:44:14,120 --> 00:44:17,570

But they are very conscious  
of being half-Jewish,

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00:44:17,570 --> 00:44:19,220

if I want to put it this way.

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00:44:19,220 --> 00:44:22,340

But they have no connection  
to anything of the sort.

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00:44:22,340 --> 00:44:24,770

They are not religious.

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00:44:24,770 --> 00:44:26,990

And there's not real connection.

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00:44:26,990 --> 00:44:28,940

My youngest son  
married a Jewish girl,

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00:44:28,940 --> 00:44:31,438  
but they got divorced,  
unfortunately.

1062  
00:44:31,438 --> 00:44:33,230  
My oldest son married  
an a non-Jewish girl,

1063  
00:44:33,230 --> 00:44:40,970  
but she is absolutely and  
completely non-Christian,

1064  
00:44:40,970 --> 00:44:43,160  
if I may put it that way.

1065  
00:44:43,160 --> 00:44:46,100  
He could not marry  
a Christian girl.

1066  
00:44:46,100 --> 00:44:48,780  
I mean, by Christian, which is  
a very bad way of putting it,

1067  
00:44:48,780 --> 00:44:51,140  
a believing Christian,  
somebody who

1068  
00:44:51,140 --> 00:44:53,810  
is committed to Christianity.

1069  
00:44:53,810 --> 00:44:56,300  
Neither of my kids would  
be able to function

1070  
00:44:56,300 --> 00:45:02,054  
under those conditions,  
which I'm very proud of.

1071  
00:45:02,054 --> 00:45:02,554  
Why?

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00:45:02,554 --> 00:45:06,350

1073  
00:45:06,350 --> 00:45:10,790  
I have studied a great deal  
the role of Christianity

1074  
00:45:10,790 --> 00:45:13,778  
in history, also Mohammedanism.

1075  
00:45:13,778 --> 00:45:16,070  
I'm one of few people who  
read the Quran, for instance.

1076  
00:45:16,070 --> 00:45:19,410  
And not many people did  
who were not Mohammedans.

1077  
00:45:19,410 --> 00:45:26,210  
And I also know a great deal  
about the Christian history,

1078  
00:45:26,210 --> 00:45:29,630  
the history of Christian  
anti-Semitism, anti-Judaism,

1079  
00:45:29,630 --> 00:45:33,320  
more than anti-Semitism  
first, anti-Judaism--

1080  
00:45:33,320 --> 00:45:36,830  
the incredible hatred  
that was developed

1081  
00:45:36,830 --> 00:45:39,350  
the third and fourth  
centuries against the Jews,

1082  
00:45:39,350 --> 00:45:44,710  
mainly due to the Christian  
fathers of the church.

1083  
00:45:44,710 --> 00:45:48,160  
It's [INAUDIBLE] to me that  
I get very upset when I talk

1084  
00:45:48,160 --> 00:45:52,450  
about it, because I feel that  
this is the most evil thing

1085  
00:45:52,450 --> 00:45:55,090  
ever happened in the universe--

1086  
00:45:55,090 --> 00:45:57,790  
the emergence of this  
kind of Christianity.

1087  
00:45:57,790 --> 00:46:01,990  
I think it's unforgivable.

1088  
00:46:01,990 --> 00:46:03,700  
I'm writing a short  
story whose name

1089  
00:46:03,700 --> 00:46:08,140  
is "And Lucifer Was Right,"  
in which Lucifer is the only

1090  
00:46:08,140 --> 00:46:09,887  
fallen angel--

1091  
00:46:09,887 --> 00:46:11,470  
the only reason he's  
fallen because he

1092  
00:46:11,470 --> 00:46:15,070  
knows the true nature of the  
Christian God, which is hate.

1093  
00:46:15,070 --> 00:46:16,360  
I'm sorry.

1094  
00:46:16,360 --> 00:46:18,820  
I'm on tape, and I want to  
be on tape because that's

1095  
00:46:18,820 --> 00:46:21,050

how I feel about it.

1096  
00:46:21,050 --> 00:46:26,330  
It is a very hateful  
religion, teaching love.

1097  
00:46:26,330 --> 00:46:29,690  
And that's what I don't  
ever forgive them.

1098  
00:46:29,690 --> 00:46:33,230  
We are the model of being  
love, and yet at the same time,

1099  
00:46:33,230 --> 00:46:37,210  
they teach hatred all the time.

1100  
00:46:37,210 --> 00:46:39,880  
Did you find when you would  
speak about your experiences

1101  
00:46:39,880 --> 00:46:41,470  
to people not in  
your family that they

1102  
00:46:41,470 --> 00:46:42,720  
would listen to you-- friends?

1103  
00:46:42,720 --> 00:46:46,450

1104  
00:46:46,450 --> 00:46:47,963  
I'm sorry.

1105  
00:46:47,963 --> 00:46:48,880  
Would you repeat that?

1106  
00:46:48,880 --> 00:46:49,588  
I'm not so sure--

1107  
00:46:49,588 --> 00:46:52,438  
When you would talk here

in America to other people

1108  
00:46:52,438 --> 00:46:53,605  
about what you experienced--

1109  
00:46:53,605 --> 00:46:55,780  
I always talk exactly  
what I feel all the time.

1110  
00:46:55,780 --> 00:46:57,850  
I never do it otherwise.

1111  
00:46:57,850 --> 00:47:01,390  
My FBI record must be very long.

1112  
00:47:01,390 --> 00:47:03,160  
But people did listen to you?

1113  
00:47:03,160 --> 00:47:04,750  
I should hope so.

1114  
00:47:04,750 --> 00:47:08,690  
I'm loud enough, and  
I'm forceful enough.

1115  
00:47:08,690 --> 00:47:11,990  
Is there anything else you'd  
like to add before we finish?

1116  
00:47:11,990 --> 00:47:12,730  
Yes.

1117  
00:47:12,730 --> 00:47:16,450  
An interesting sidelight,  
when the Holocaust Museum

1118  
00:47:16,450 --> 00:47:19,210  
was proposed several  
years ago, my wife

1119  
00:47:19,210 --> 00:47:20,332  
was very much against it.

1120  
00:47:20,332 --> 00:47:21,790  
And I was too  
[INAUDIBLE] about it.

1121  
00:47:21,790 --> 00:47:23,140  
I was also sort of against it.

1122  
00:47:23,140 --> 00:47:25,250  
But I think it's a great thing.

1123  
00:47:25,250 --> 00:47:26,320  
I'm very glad it's there.

1124  
00:47:26,320 --> 00:47:28,840

1125  
00:47:28,840 --> 00:47:31,380  
So a lot of the  
people, and her, she

1126  
00:47:31,380 --> 00:47:35,280  
belongs to a survivor's  
group, Child Survivors,

1127  
00:47:35,280 --> 00:47:37,050  
which I go to all  
the time, but I not

1128  
00:47:37,050 --> 00:47:40,200  
speak up very much because I  
don't feel it's proper for me

1129  
00:47:40,200 --> 00:47:43,530  
to speak up in a  
group like this.

1130  
00:47:43,530 --> 00:47:45,590  
There was a lot of  
debate among those people

1131  
00:47:45,590 --> 00:47:48,300



whether the Holocaust Museum  
is appropriate, especially

1132  
00:47:48,300 --> 00:47:51,150  
on the US government  
[INAUDIBLE]..

1133  
00:47:51,150 --> 00:47:53,700  
And I think that  
most of them now

1134  
00:47:53,700 --> 00:47:56,430  
feel this was correct, that  
opposing was incorrect.

1135  
00:47:56,430 --> 00:47:59,580  
But this is now how it is.

1136  
00:47:59,580 --> 00:48:00,540  
So I'm glad it's there.

1137  
00:48:00,540 --> 00:48:01,140  
I saw it.

1138  
00:48:01,140 --> 00:48:02,580  
I went there once only.

1139  
00:48:02,580 --> 00:48:05,387  
We were at the outside when  
the festivities were over.

1140  
00:48:05,387 --> 00:48:07,720  
But it was raining, and I  
didn't let my wife stay there.

1141  
00:48:07,720 --> 00:48:09,240  
So I'm very protective of her.

1142  
00:48:09,240 --> 00:48:13,600

1143  
00:48:13,600 --> 00:48:17,170

But I was inside, and it's  
an interesting experience,

1144  
00:48:17,170 --> 00:48:18,462  
to say the least.

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00:48:18,462 --> 00:48:21,440

1146  
00:48:21,440 --> 00:48:25,290  
Well, thank you very much  
for doing the interview.

1147  
00:48:25,290 --> 00:48:26,540  
Thank you.

1148  
00:48:26,540 --> 00:48:30,740  
This concludes the  
interview of Tibor Borsos.

1149  
00:48:30,740 --> 00:48:33,440  
It was done under the auspices  
of the United States Holocaust

1150  
00:48:33,440 --> 00:48:35,500  
Memorial Museum.

1151  
00:48:35,500 --> 00:48:40,000