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00:00:04,200 --> 00:00:06,840
This is the United States
Holocaust Memorial Museum

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00:00:06,840 --> 00:00:10,020
interview with Wolfgang
Mueller conducted

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00:00:10,020 --> 00:00:15,570
by Gail Schwartz
on January 21, 1998

5
00:00:15,570 --> 00:00:18,120
in Silver Spring, Maryland.

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00:00:18,120 --> 00:00:26,800
This is tape number one, side
A. What is your full name?

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00:00:26,800 --> 00:00:29,170
Wolfgang Mueller.

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00:00:29,170 --> 00:00:31,100
And where were you born?

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00:00:31,100 --> 00:00:32,545
In Hanover, Germany.

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00:00:32,545 --> 00:00:35,180

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00:00:35,180 --> 00:00:36,670
And when were you born?

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00:00:36,670 --> 00:00:40,690
On March 10, 1919.

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00:00:40,690 --> 00:00:43,030
Let's talk a little bit
about your family first.

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00:00:43,030 --> 00:00:46,770
How long have they been
in that part of the world?

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00:00:46,770 --> 00:00:48,280
Do you know how far back?

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00:00:48,280 --> 00:00:49,840
Oh, yes.

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00:00:49,840 --> 00:00:56,170
I actually have records of
my grandfather's grandfather.

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00:00:56,170 --> 00:00:59,380
And his name was already
Karlmann Mueller.

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00:00:59,380 --> 00:01:05,099
And he lived in a little town
in Westphalia called Stormede.

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00:01:05,099 --> 00:01:08,220
Stormede is near Geseke.

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00:01:08,220 --> 00:01:15,360
And as a matter of
fact, my my Hebrew name

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00:01:15,360 --> 00:01:18,000
is the same name as his son.

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00:01:18,000 --> 00:01:23,250
His son, who is actually
also my ancestor, was Isaac.

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00:01:23,250 --> 00:01:27,380
And my Hebrew name is Yitzhak.

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And what about your
mother's family?

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00:01:30,200 --> 00:01:35,540

Well, they are also from
the same part of Germany.

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00:01:35,540 --> 00:01:41,360

And my mother's name
was Anna Rosenthal.

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00:01:41,360 --> 00:01:50,930

And they are descendant
from a rabbi in Westphalia.

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00:01:50,930 --> 00:01:54,450

His name was Hirsch Cohen.

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And he was a very
important rabbi

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00:01:58,400 --> 00:02:02,390

who took part in
the conferences that

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00:02:02,390 --> 00:02:06,480

helped to establish
emancipation for the Jews

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00:02:06,480 --> 00:02:10,699

when Napoleon first
came to Western Germany

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00:02:10,699 --> 00:02:13,845

in the early part
of the 19th century.

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00:02:13,845 --> 00:02:16,770

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00:02:16,770 --> 00:02:19,400
Did you have a large
extended family around you

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00:02:19,400 --> 00:02:22,070
while you were growing
up as a young child?

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00:02:22,070 --> 00:02:26,510
Well, my father was an
attorney in Hanover.

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00:02:26,510 --> 00:02:31,910
He moved to Hanover, which
was the largest city that was

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00:02:31,910 --> 00:02:34,850
fairly reasonably close by--

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00:02:34,850 --> 00:02:36,050
Hanover.

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00:02:36,050 --> 00:02:39,630
And my father was
born in Paderborn.

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00:02:39,630 --> 00:02:46,190
These are all little rural
country towns in Westphalia.

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00:02:46,190 --> 00:02:53,540
And the records show that the
family was, for centuries,

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00:02:53,540 --> 00:02:57,290
involved in the feed
and grain business.

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00:02:57,290 --> 00:03:03,080
And of course, the Jews
were only emancipated late

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00:03:03,080 --> 00:03:05,270

in the 19th century.

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00:03:05,270 --> 00:03:09,500

And that was after
my father was born,

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00:03:09,500 --> 00:03:11,520

very late in the 19th century.

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00:03:11,520 --> 00:03:15,830

And he was able to go to
college and become an attorney.

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00:03:15,830 --> 00:03:19,340

And that's the reason that
he set up his practice

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00:03:19,340 --> 00:03:23,330

in Hanover, a law practice
in Hanover, Germany.

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00:03:23,330 --> 00:03:28,730

And of course,
actually in Hanover,

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00:03:28,730 --> 00:03:34,050

from my immediate family, there
was only my mother, my father,

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00:03:34,050 --> 00:03:39,410

my brother, and I. However,
we would frequently go back

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00:03:39,410 --> 00:03:41,990

to Paderborn and Neuhaus--

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00:03:41,990 --> 00:03:44,000

I'll tell you about that later--

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00:03:44,000 --> 00:03:46,190

where my grandparents lived.

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00:03:46,190 --> 00:03:49,130
And we would spend a
great deal of time there.

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00:03:49,130 --> 00:03:51,440
And of course, we had
millions of cousins.

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00:03:51,440 --> 00:03:55,460
And it was always a
wonderful time for us.

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00:03:55,460 --> 00:03:56,900
What is your brother's name?

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00:03:56,900 --> 00:03:59,210
And what is the
difference in age?

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00:03:59,210 --> 00:04:04,790
My brother's name is
Dr. Klaus-Peter Mueller.

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00:04:04,790 --> 00:04:07,670
He's seven years
younger than I. And he

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00:04:07,670 --> 00:04:10,940
lives in Palo Alto, California.

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00:04:10,940 --> 00:04:16,040
Now let's talk a little
bit about your childhood.

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00:04:16,040 --> 00:04:18,620
You said you were
born in Hanover.

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00:04:18,620 --> 00:04:20,899
Were you born in the
central part of the city,

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00:04:20,899 --> 00:04:22,940

on the outskirts?

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00:04:22,940 --> 00:04:28,310

Well, I was born fairly close
to the central part of the city.

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00:04:28,310 --> 00:04:34,050

And the apartment-- we
lived in an apartment house.

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00:04:34,050 --> 00:04:36,320

And we lived on the first floor.

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00:04:36,320 --> 00:04:40,370

It was a beautiful, very large
apartment, very luxurious.

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00:04:40,370 --> 00:04:47,330

And it was at number 18
Ferdinand-Wallbrechtstrasse

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00:04:47,330 --> 00:04:50,360

near the Lister Platz.

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00:04:50,360 --> 00:04:58,190

And even though about 75%
of the city of Hanover

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00:04:58,190 --> 00:05:03,710

was destroyed during the air
raids in the Second World War,

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00:05:03,710 --> 00:05:06,680

that particular house is
standing on that street,

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00:05:06,680 --> 00:05:08,600

almost none of the others.

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00:05:08,600 --> 00:05:11,450

And the other
miraculous thing-- and I

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00:05:11,450 --> 00:05:14,690

just seem to be very,
very fortunate that way.

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00:05:14,690 --> 00:05:20,130

The home that we moved to
after that is also standing.

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00:05:20,130 --> 00:05:23,580

It sounds like your
family was upper class.

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00:05:23,580 --> 00:05:26,280

Would you describe it
that way, or upper middle?

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00:05:26,280 --> 00:05:27,840

Yes.

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00:05:27,840 --> 00:05:30,570

My father was a
professional man.

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00:05:30,570 --> 00:05:33,930

And of course, my
grandparents on both sides

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00:05:33,930 --> 00:05:37,770

were wealthy merchants,
very wealthy merchants.

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00:05:37,770 --> 00:05:45,330

So the Jews in
Germany were somewhat

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00:05:45,330 --> 00:05:49,950

different from the Jewish
people that came more

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00:05:49,950 --> 00:05:56,160

from Eastern Europe, because
they had been emancipated

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00:05:56,160 --> 00:05:58,240
for about 50 years.

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00:05:58,240 --> 00:06:01,830
And they had very
quickly worked very hard

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00:06:01,830 --> 00:06:05,940
trying to become part
of the mainstream

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00:06:05,940 --> 00:06:11,620
of the life of a country.

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00:06:11,620 --> 00:06:16,330
My father served in the
First World War as a soldier.

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00:06:16,330 --> 00:06:17,680
He was very proud of it.

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00:06:17,680 --> 00:06:19,410
He went to the university.

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00:06:19,410 --> 00:06:22,890
And he belonged to, of
course, a Jewish fraternity.

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00:06:22,890 --> 00:06:25,020
But he also fought with sabers.

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00:06:25,020 --> 00:06:27,550
And he had these
scars on his cheek.

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00:06:27,550 --> 00:06:30,300
He was tall and quite handsome.

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00:06:30,300 --> 00:06:34,260
And he had very good relations
with the German people--

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00:06:34,260 --> 00:06:35,820

German officials, too.

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00:06:35,820 --> 00:06:38,220

Which university did he go to?

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00:06:38,220 --> 00:06:42,540

He went to-- he
went to Fribourg.

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00:06:42,540 --> 00:06:46,180

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00:06:46,180 --> 00:06:48,850

In your neighborhood, was
it a Jewish neighborhood,

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00:06:48,850 --> 00:06:50,740

or non-Jewish, or mixed?

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00:06:50,740 --> 00:06:51,760

It was mixed.

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00:06:51,760 --> 00:06:55,450

It was a suburban
neighborhood, oddly enough,

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00:06:55,450 --> 00:06:58,630

almost reminiscent
of where I live now.

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00:06:58,630 --> 00:07:05,500

And the interesting thing
about my life as a young boy--

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00:07:05,500 --> 00:07:08,500

I find that there
was great similarity

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00:07:08,500 --> 00:07:12,153

between the way I lived and the
way my grandchildren live now

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00:07:12,153 --> 00:07:12,820
in this country.

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00:07:12,820 --> 00:07:15,735

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00:07:15,735 --> 00:07:17,110
Let's talk about
your early life.

120
00:07:17,110 --> 00:07:18,250
You said you then moved.

121
00:07:18,250 --> 00:07:22,980
At what age did you move
from one house to the other?

122
00:07:22,980 --> 00:07:28,890
I think I was six or seven
years old when we moved

123
00:07:28,890 --> 00:07:32,070
to the house, the second home.

124
00:07:32,070 --> 00:07:37,050
That was at 11 Wallmodenstrasse
in Hanover, Kleefeld.

125
00:07:37,050 --> 00:07:43,830
And it was just at the time
also when my brother was born.

126
00:07:43,830 --> 00:07:47,940
And I had terrible whooping
cough at that time.

127
00:07:47,940 --> 00:07:49,260
I was sick.

128
00:07:49,260 --> 00:07:52,770
And they had to take

me out of school,

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00:07:52,770 --> 00:07:56,670

because it was no good to
have me around the house,

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00:07:56,670 --> 00:08:00,060

because my mother was
expecting my brother.

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00:08:00,060 --> 00:08:08,580

And I lived for several months
during the fall of 1928--

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00:08:08,580 --> 00:08:12,660

it was 1928, in
the fall of 1928--

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00:08:12,660 --> 00:08:15,450

with my grandmother in Neuhaus.

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00:08:15,450 --> 00:08:19,410

I have very vivid
recollections of all of that.

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00:08:19,410 --> 00:08:23,070

Do you have any recollections
up to the age of six, anything

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00:08:23,070 --> 00:08:26,010

that you could talk about
up to the age of six,

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00:08:26,010 --> 00:08:27,000

before you moved?

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00:08:27,000 --> 00:08:28,470

Yes, I do.

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00:08:28,470 --> 00:08:30,780

What do you remember
about that time?

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00:08:30,780 --> 00:08:33,750

Well, I remember
being very small

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00:08:33,750 --> 00:08:38,309

and living in the
apartment in Hanover.

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00:08:38,309 --> 00:08:40,059

I think I can remember--

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00:08:40,059 --> 00:08:42,090

I have a recollections
that go back

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00:08:42,090 --> 00:08:45,810

to when I was four years
old, or even younger.

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00:08:45,810 --> 00:08:46,470

Such as?

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00:08:46,470 --> 00:08:49,050

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00:08:49,050 --> 00:08:51,535

Well--

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00:08:51,535 --> 00:08:52,410

Did you have friends?

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00:08:52,410 --> 00:09:00,890

--I remember, for example,
my parents playing ping-pong.

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00:09:00,890 --> 00:09:03,520

They set up a table
in the apartment.

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00:09:03,520 --> 00:09:06,010

And I was already trying
to do it at that time.

152
00:09:06,010 --> 00:09:08,410
I'm an avid tennis player today.

153
00:09:08,410 --> 00:09:13,450
And I remember playing with my
trains underneath the dining

154
00:09:13,450 --> 00:09:15,160
room table.

155
00:09:15,160 --> 00:09:21,550
And a very big thing for also
Jewish children in Germany

156
00:09:21,550 --> 00:09:23,530
was Christmas.

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00:09:23,530 --> 00:09:27,250
And the German Jewish people in
those days in the city-- they

158
00:09:27,250 --> 00:09:28,850
had a Christmas tree.

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00:09:28,850 --> 00:09:32,010
And the children got presents at
Christmas, and so forth, and so

160
00:09:32,010 --> 00:09:32,510
on.

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00:09:32,510 --> 00:09:34,815
Christmas was an
important thing.

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00:09:34,815 --> 00:09:36,190
Now, that doesn't
mean that there

163
00:09:36,190 --> 00:09:38,290
wasn't any Jewish

identification, because there

164
00:09:38,290 --> 00:09:39,160
was.

165
00:09:39,160 --> 00:09:41,260
And I don't want to
give that impression.

166
00:09:41,260 --> 00:09:42,430
We knew we were Jewish.

167
00:09:42,430 --> 00:09:43,900
And we did many Jewish things.

168
00:09:43,900 --> 00:09:46,060
I was Bar Mitzvah, for example.

169
00:09:46,060 --> 00:09:50,800
But I do remember
a lot of things

170
00:09:50,800 --> 00:09:53,110
about when I was very little.

171
00:09:53,110 --> 00:09:57,490
And also, my mother
took me to the beach.

172
00:09:57,490 --> 00:10:01,630
There was a beach resort
that was not too terribly

173
00:10:01,630 --> 00:10:03,700
far in the North Sea.

174
00:10:03,700 --> 00:10:05,500
And a lot of Jewish
people went there.

175
00:10:05,500 --> 00:10:06,760
It was called Nordeney.

176
00:10:06,760 --> 00:10:08,740
It is an island of the Frisian--

177
00:10:08,740 --> 00:10:10,930
one of the Frisian Islands.

178
00:10:10,930 --> 00:10:18,820
And you had to take a train
to a little town called Emden.

179
00:10:18,820 --> 00:10:22,420
And then we took a
steamer to that island.

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00:10:22,420 --> 00:10:24,530
And I remember that
when I was a little boy.

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00:10:24,530 --> 00:10:27,520
I even remember getting
seasick on the steamer.

182
00:10:27,520 --> 00:10:33,130
And then I remember spending
a lot of time on the beach.

183
00:10:33,130 --> 00:10:36,580
And I think I was
very fortunate.

184
00:10:36,580 --> 00:10:39,040
I think a lot of my good
health comes from the fact

185
00:10:39,040 --> 00:10:40,900
that, when I was
a little child, I

186
00:10:40,900 --> 00:10:43,240
spent a tremendous amount
of time on the beach,

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00:10:43,240 --> 00:10:45,190
more than average.

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00:10:45,190 --> 00:10:48,100
Do you remember at that young
age having non-Jewish friends?

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00:10:48,100 --> 00:10:51,540

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00:10:51,540 --> 00:10:54,090
Well, when I was that
little, of course,

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00:10:54,090 --> 00:10:56,340
I don't remember what
kind of friends I had.

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00:10:56,340 --> 00:10:58,860
But when I was a boy, I
had non-Jewish friends,

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00:10:58,860 --> 00:10:59,550
plenty of them.

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00:10:59,550 --> 00:11:00,870
OK, let's move on then.

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00:11:00,870 --> 00:11:02,910
Now you've moved to
your second home.

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00:11:02,910 --> 00:11:04,500
And let's talk again.

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00:11:04,500 --> 00:11:07,170
Was that in a mixed neighborhood
of Jews and non-Jews?

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00:11:07,170 --> 00:11:09,150
Yes, definitely.

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00:11:09,150 --> 00:11:12,090

And you had non-Jewish
friends then?

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00:11:12,090 --> 00:11:13,140

Very much so.

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00:11:13,140 --> 00:11:14,220

Very much so.

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00:11:14,220 --> 00:11:19,710

The neighbors next door to
us, their name was Von Reden.

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00:11:19,710 --> 00:11:24,180

And the father was an official.

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00:11:24,180 --> 00:11:26,885

Of course, he was an
attorney, too, like my father.

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00:11:26,885 --> 00:11:28,260

But he worked for
the government.

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00:11:28,260 --> 00:11:31,530

But he worked for the
provincial government there.

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00:11:31,530 --> 00:11:35,790

And of course, I really
didn't know that.

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00:11:35,790 --> 00:11:38,160

His name was Baron von Reden.

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00:11:38,160 --> 00:11:40,500

And he had a brother
who was my sister's age.

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00:11:40,500 --> 00:11:43,710

My sister's older

than I. And then

211
00:11:43,710 --> 00:11:47,580
he had another brother
that was my age.

212
00:11:47,580 --> 00:11:50,910
And believe it or not,
they had a small son

213
00:11:50,910 --> 00:11:52,710
that was my brother's age.

214
00:11:52,710 --> 00:11:54,100
So you had a sister also.

215
00:11:54,100 --> 00:11:54,600
Yes.

216
00:11:54,600 --> 00:11:55,890
When was she born?

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00:11:55,890 --> 00:11:56,980
And what is her name?

218
00:11:56,980 --> 00:12:00,030
Her name is-- she's
called now Trudie,

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00:12:00,030 --> 00:12:02,430
but her name is Gertrude.

220
00:12:02,430 --> 00:12:06,360
And she was born in 1915.

221
00:12:06,360 --> 00:12:10,640
She was four years
older than myself.

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00:12:10,640 --> 00:12:12,570
She's in good health, thank God.

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00:12:12,570 --> 00:12:14,370

She lives here in this area.

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00:12:14,370 --> 00:12:19,840

She's also a big contributor
to the Holocaust Museum.

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00:12:19,840 --> 00:12:22,270

What kind of school
did you go to?

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00:12:22,270 --> 00:12:28,840

Well, in Germany, children
go first to the folkshule.

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00:12:28,840 --> 00:12:33,410

And you start there
at the age of six.

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00:12:33,410 --> 00:12:37,010

Actually, your first day
of school is a big day.

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00:12:37,010 --> 00:12:39,470

I remember it vividly.

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00:12:39,470 --> 00:12:43,700

And it was also the
custom always to give

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00:12:43,700 --> 00:12:48,350

the kid a big thing with candy.

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00:12:48,350 --> 00:12:53,630

It was a bag, a cone-shaped bag.

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00:12:53,630 --> 00:12:57,090

And everybody got their
picture taken with that.

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00:12:57,090 --> 00:12:59,870

It was my first day of school.

235
00:12:59,870 --> 00:13:06,020
And you go to that
school for four years.

236
00:13:06,020 --> 00:13:08,280
And I went to that school.

237
00:13:08,280 --> 00:13:13,290
And then, after that,
you go to the gymnasium.

238
00:13:13,290 --> 00:13:18,300
And I went to a school
called the Leibniz

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00:13:18,300 --> 00:13:22,210
School in the central
part of the city.

240
00:13:22,210 --> 00:13:23,880
And I had to pass an exam.

241
00:13:23,880 --> 00:13:24,940
Everybody has to.

242
00:13:24,940 --> 00:13:28,270
Some children never
go to the gymnasium.

243
00:13:28,270 --> 00:13:30,840
Many children, or the
working class children,

244
00:13:30,840 --> 00:13:34,230
they go three more
years folkshule.

245
00:13:34,230 --> 00:13:36,490
And then they don't
go to school anymore.

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00:13:36,490 --> 00:13:39,180
And they take up a trade.

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00:13:39,180 --> 00:13:43,650
The young people take up a
trade much younger in Germany.

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00:13:43,650 --> 00:13:49,170
But if you plan to go to college
or follow professional people,

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00:13:49,170 --> 00:13:51,930
they went to the gymnasium.

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00:13:51,930 --> 00:13:54,000
And in order to
qualify for that,

251
00:13:54,000 --> 00:13:56,880
you had to pass a
test, which I did.

252
00:13:56,880 --> 00:14:02,400
And I started in this gymnasium.

253
00:14:02,400 --> 00:14:05,820
So again, this was with
Jews and non-Jews in the--

254
00:14:05,820 --> 00:14:06,370
Oh, yeah.

255
00:14:06,370 --> 00:14:08,070
--all the way through
in your school.

256
00:14:08,070 --> 00:14:10,920
Any problems that you noticed?

257
00:14:10,920 --> 00:14:24,040
Well, there was very
occasionally some--

258

00:14:24,040 --> 00:14:26,820

259

00:14:26,820 --> 00:14:29,380

somebody called you a Jew,
or something like that.

260

00:14:29,380 --> 00:14:31,980

And I would fight,
a lot of times,

261

00:14:31,980 --> 00:14:35,220

with the kids about
that, a lot of times.

262

00:14:35,220 --> 00:14:36,360

But--

263

00:14:36,360 --> 00:14:38,350

What do you mean
you would fight?

264

00:14:38,350 --> 00:14:40,330

I would have fights if
they called me a Jew.

265

00:14:40,330 --> 00:14:42,310

I'd hit them and
stuff like that.

266

00:14:42,310 --> 00:14:43,900

I had some really bad fights.

267

00:14:43,900 --> 00:14:45,225

And what would happen?

268

00:14:45,225 --> 00:14:45,810

Nothing.

269

00:14:45,810 --> 00:14:47,810

We would just have a
fight, and it was all over.

270
00:14:47,810 --> 00:14:50,710

271
00:14:50,710 --> 00:14:53,920
But then I think
what we're getting

272
00:14:53,920 --> 00:14:57,790
at is what happened as
we got towards the time

273
00:14:57,790 --> 00:15:00,400
that the Nazis came into power.

274
00:15:00,400 --> 00:15:01,420
We'll get to that.

275
00:15:01,420 --> 00:15:03,210
I want to cover the
part before that.

276
00:15:03,210 --> 00:15:10,450
But outside of that, I was
very much interested, much more

277
00:15:10,450 --> 00:15:14,440
interested, in soccer
football in Germany

278
00:15:14,440 --> 00:15:16,630
than I was in my schoolwork.

279
00:15:16,630 --> 00:15:20,680
And I remember
already, very early, I

280
00:15:20,680 --> 00:15:23,650
used to spend when I was still--
before I was in the gymnasium,

281
00:15:23,650 --> 00:15:26,500

I spent most of my
time making up teams.

282
00:15:26,500 --> 00:15:28,960
So we couldn't wait till
we get out of school.

283
00:15:28,960 --> 00:15:32,260
And then I would play
football with the other kids.

284
00:15:32,260 --> 00:15:34,240
And most of those kids
that were my friends,

285
00:15:34,240 --> 00:15:35,990
they were working class kids.

286
00:15:35,990 --> 00:15:39,670
There were the kind that
actually became Nazis later.

287
00:15:39,670 --> 00:15:42,580
Did you have any other
interests besides soccer?

288
00:15:42,580 --> 00:15:46,060

289
00:15:46,060 --> 00:15:48,400
Not too much.

290
00:15:48,400 --> 00:15:51,890
Oh, yes, I was an avid reader.

291
00:15:51,890 --> 00:16:03,510
And I don't think I had there
so many disciplined interests.

292
00:16:03,510 --> 00:16:04,950
But I had many interests.

293

00:16:04,950 --> 00:16:07,500
And I belonged to
the Boy Scouts.

294
00:16:07,500 --> 00:16:09,390
And I learned how to ski.

295
00:16:09,390 --> 00:16:11,790
And I learned all
kinds of athletics.

296
00:16:11,790 --> 00:16:14,460
I started to play
tennis in a club

297
00:16:14,460 --> 00:16:18,700
when I was already very
young, 10, 11 years old.

298
00:16:18,700 --> 00:16:22,800
And of course,
there I associated

299
00:16:22,800 --> 00:16:26,430
with a better class of people.

300
00:16:26,430 --> 00:16:28,995
But they weren't
necessarily Jewish at all,

301
00:16:28,995 --> 00:16:30,870
all kinds of people.

302
00:16:30,870 --> 00:16:33,540
I didn't know whether they
were Jewish or not Jewish.

303
00:16:33,540 --> 00:16:35,660
Did you run into any
problems because of that--

304
00:16:35,660 --> 00:16:36,160
No.

305
00:16:36,160 --> 00:16:36,660
--there?

306
00:16:36,660 --> 00:16:43,320
No, not that I was uncomfortable
back then in those early years,

307
00:16:43,320 --> 00:16:44,663
not that I was uncomfortable.

308
00:16:44,663 --> 00:16:46,080
You said you had
a Christmas tree.

309
00:16:46,080 --> 00:16:48,390
How religious was your family?

310
00:16:48,390 --> 00:16:51,240
And how did you know
you were Jewish?

311
00:16:51,240 --> 00:16:53,010
All right.

312
00:16:53,010 --> 00:16:57,160
We did also have a Seder.

313
00:16:57,160 --> 00:17:01,290
But it was not as important
as Christmas for the children.

314
00:17:01,290 --> 00:17:06,660
And I went with my
father to the synagogue

315
00:17:06,660 --> 00:17:09,630
occasionally on
the high holidays.

316
00:17:09,630 --> 00:17:12,690
And then of course,

as I got older,

317
00:17:12,690 --> 00:17:16,050
then I started to
go to Hebrew school

318
00:17:16,050 --> 00:17:18,119
just like the kids do here.

319
00:17:18,119 --> 00:17:22,210
And then I started to get
ready for my Bar Mitzvah.

320
00:17:22,210 --> 00:17:25,770
And then I was more
around Jewish children.

321
00:17:25,770 --> 00:17:29,310
Also, then when I went to
the Jewish community center,

322
00:17:29,310 --> 00:17:33,780
I got involved with Jewish
young people's organizations.

323
00:17:33,780 --> 00:17:37,500
And I started to make
some very good friends

324
00:17:37,500 --> 00:17:40,710
among the Jewish boys
my age, and girls.

325
00:17:40,710 --> 00:17:41,430
How religious--

326
00:17:41,430 --> 00:17:42,570
There was another thing.

327
00:17:42,570 --> 00:17:45,180
My father was a member
of B'nai B'rith.

328

00:17:45,180 --> 00:17:47,640

He was the president of the
B'nai B'rith in that town,

329

00:17:47,640 --> 00:17:49,350

in Hanover.

330

00:17:49,350 --> 00:17:52,350

And I was very much aware
of all these things, and all

331

00:17:52,350 --> 00:17:55,980

that it involved, whatever it
was to be Jewish, and all that.

332

00:17:55,980 --> 00:17:57,510

I knew all of that.

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00:17:57,510 --> 00:18:09,000

And the B'nai B'rith had a
summer camp on the same island

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00:18:09,000 --> 00:18:10,350

at the beach.

335

00:18:10,350 --> 00:18:14,010

And I was a young child
already, prior teenage.

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00:18:14,010 --> 00:18:18,090

And after teenage, every summer,
I would go to that summer camp.

337

00:18:18,090 --> 00:18:20,740

And I'd be only around
Jewish kids there.

338

00:18:20,740 --> 00:18:22,380

And that was very Jewish.

339

00:18:22,380 --> 00:18:24,180

I had kosher food there.

340
00:18:24,180 --> 00:18:27,480
And they sung "Hatikva."

341
00:18:27,480 --> 00:18:29,560
And they sang Hebrew songs.

342
00:18:29,560 --> 00:18:30,960
And it was very Jewish.

343
00:18:30,960 --> 00:18:33,390
And I met a lot of Jewish girls.

344
00:18:33,390 --> 00:18:38,292
So I had that mixed exposure.

345
00:18:38,292 --> 00:18:39,750
They're both Jewish
and non-Jewish.

346
00:18:39,750 --> 00:18:42,060
Were you proud at that
young age of being a Jew?

347
00:18:42,060 --> 00:18:45,510
Or what did it mean
to you at that time?

348
00:18:45,510 --> 00:18:49,110
No, I can't say that
I was proud about it.

349
00:18:49,110 --> 00:18:54,060
I can tell you that,
as I got older,

350
00:18:54,060 --> 00:19:00,540
and as the anti-Semitism became
more virulent in Germany,

351
00:19:00,540 --> 00:19:03,650
I thought it was a

course to be Jewish.

352

00:19:03,650 --> 00:19:07,280

I thought it was a
terrible, terrible curse.

353

00:19:07,280 --> 00:19:11,180

And I thought it was very
unfortunate that the--

354

00:19:11,180 --> 00:19:15,530

I was envious of the non-Jew,
that I couldn't be a non-Jew.

355

00:19:15,530 --> 00:19:18,658

At the same time, I never had
any ideas of not being Jewish.

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00:19:18,658 --> 00:19:19,450

Don't get me wrong.

357

00:19:19,450 --> 00:19:22,340

I was too young to
even consider that.

358

00:19:22,340 --> 00:19:25,820

But later, when I was going
to school in England-- and I'm

359

00:19:25,820 --> 00:19:28,710

getting ahead of myself now.

360

00:19:28,710 --> 00:19:32,400

And I had a very good friend
from a very good family,

361

00:19:32,400 --> 00:19:36,150

very similar background
as myself, from Frankfurt.

362

00:19:36,150 --> 00:19:40,830

And I would take walks with
him on Sunday afternoon.

363
00:19:40,830 --> 00:19:44,910
At that time, the Nazis
had taken over in Germany.

364
00:19:44,910 --> 00:19:50,580
And we were already somewhat
expelled from our homes.

365
00:19:50,580 --> 00:19:52,360
And we had to leave there.

366
00:19:52,360 --> 00:19:57,180
And we talked about that it was
some kind of a curse that we--

367
00:19:57,180 --> 00:20:00,260
that we were cursed to
be-- we were afraid.

368
00:20:00,260 --> 00:20:03,540
We were terribly
afraid, terribly afraid.

369
00:20:03,540 --> 00:20:05,820
It was very, very
scary to be Jewish.

370
00:20:05,820 --> 00:20:08,168

371
00:20:08,168 --> 00:20:09,710
Let's move back a
little bit in time.

372
00:20:09,710 --> 00:20:11,043
Tell me about your Bar Mitzvah--

373
00:20:11,043 --> 00:20:14,910

374
00:20:14,910 --> 00:20:18,300

Well, I--

375
00:20:18,300 --> 00:20:21,600
--which would have been in 1932.

376
00:20:21,600 --> 00:20:22,830
Yes, it was in--

377
00:20:22,830 --> 00:20:26,400
actually, I think it
was very early in 1933.

378
00:20:26,400 --> 00:20:29,880
My birthday is on March
10, very soon now.

379
00:20:29,880 --> 00:20:32,800
I'll be 79 very soon.

380
00:20:32,800 --> 00:20:36,690
But it was in 1933, I think.

381
00:20:36,690 --> 00:20:38,560
13 years would be '32.

382
00:20:38,560 --> 00:20:39,060
'32?

383
00:20:39,060 --> 00:20:40,200
Maybe it was '32.

384
00:20:40,200 --> 00:20:42,022
Maybe you're right.

385
00:20:42,022 --> 00:20:43,300
Maybe you're right.

386
00:20:43,300 --> 00:20:44,660
Or maybe it was a little late.

387
00:20:44,660 --> 00:20:45,330

I don't know.

388
00:20:45,330 --> 00:20:46,218
It could be.

389
00:20:46,218 --> 00:20:46,760
I'm not sure.

390
00:20:46,760 --> 00:20:48,200
It was '32 or '33.

391
00:20:48,200 --> 00:20:51,350
It seems that, in the
year of my Bar Mitzvah--

392
00:20:51,350 --> 00:20:52,850
but maybe it was a year later--

393
00:20:52,850 --> 00:20:55,880
I left and went to England.

394
00:20:55,880 --> 00:20:56,390
Let me--

395
00:20:56,390 --> 00:20:57,560
I'm almost sure of that.

396
00:20:57,560 --> 00:20:59,930
I think I must have been
Bar Mitzvah a little later.

397
00:20:59,930 --> 00:21:04,880
I think I was Bar Mitzvah in
the very early spring of '33.

398
00:21:04,880 --> 00:21:07,360
Any problems with that?

399
00:21:07,360 --> 00:21:10,330
Well, there was no problem.

400

00:21:10,330 --> 00:21:12,640
But it became more evident--

401
00:21:12,640 --> 00:21:14,740
in relation to what
we're talking about,

402
00:21:14,740 --> 00:21:19,060
I remember listening to the
radio and hearing Hitler talk.

403
00:21:19,060 --> 00:21:21,910
It was in '33 when
Hitler came to power.

404
00:21:21,910 --> 00:21:24,680
It was just about
that same time.

405
00:21:24,680 --> 00:21:31,810
And it was shortly after that
that the teachers in my school

406
00:21:31,810 --> 00:21:36,250
started wearing swastikas
in their lapels.

407
00:21:36,250 --> 00:21:38,800
And in the morning, when we--

408
00:21:38,800 --> 00:21:40,755
I'm not talking about
Bar Mitzvah now.

409
00:21:40,755 --> 00:21:42,130
I'm talking about
something else.

410
00:21:42,130 --> 00:21:46,185
But in the morning, when we had
to go to class in Germany, when

411
00:21:46,185 --> 00:21:47,560

the teacher walked
in, you always

412
00:21:47,560 --> 00:21:50,440
had to go up and say,
good morning, teacher.

413
00:21:50,440 --> 00:21:54,640
And after the Nazis
came to power,

414
00:21:54,640 --> 00:21:58,510
you had to get up, and put your
hand up, and say, heil, Hitler.

415
00:21:58,510 --> 00:22:00,670
But I wouldn't do it.

416
00:22:00,670 --> 00:22:02,380
And that probably saved my life.

417
00:22:02,380 --> 00:22:04,660
That's probably
why I'm here today.

418
00:22:04,660 --> 00:22:06,520
I wouldn't put my hand up.

419
00:22:06,520 --> 00:22:13,020
And the principal of
my school, his name

420
00:22:13,020 --> 00:22:16,230
was Dr. Heyligenstaedt,
and he knew my father.

421
00:22:16,230 --> 00:22:19,080
He was a fraternity
brother of my father's.

422
00:22:19,080 --> 00:22:21,030
He called him up.

423

00:22:21,030 --> 00:22:25,800

And he said, listen, Ernst,
you better take that kid

424

00:22:25,800 --> 00:22:28,112

and send him out of the
country, because he's

425

00:22:28,112 --> 00:22:29,820

going to get himself
in trouble, and he's

426

00:22:29,820 --> 00:22:32,480

going to get you in trouble.

427

00:22:32,480 --> 00:22:35,830

And then, that summer,
they sent me to England.

428

00:22:35,830 --> 00:22:39,460

Before Hitler came in, was
your father active politically?

429

00:22:39,460 --> 00:22:43,660

No, I don't think he was
active politically so much.

430

00:22:43,660 --> 00:22:48,710

But he knew everybody.

431

00:22:48,710 --> 00:22:50,410

My father knew everybody.

432

00:22:50,410 --> 00:22:54,580

And he was a very
personable kind of a guy.

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00:22:54,580 --> 00:22:58,420

And he represented-- he had
some very big clients, banks,

434

00:22:58,420 --> 00:23:00,820

and places like that,
and big business people.

435
00:23:00,820 --> 00:23:07,770

436
00:23:07,770 --> 00:23:11,190
Well, that was horrible.

437
00:23:11,190 --> 00:23:13,740
What kind of relationship did
you have with your parents?

438
00:23:13,740 --> 00:23:16,470
Was it a close, intimate
relationship or a more

439
00:23:16,470 --> 00:23:18,550
distant one?

440
00:23:18,550 --> 00:23:22,830
I would say it was a
normal relationship.

441
00:23:22,830 --> 00:23:25,230
I don't think it was
very especially close.

442
00:23:25,230 --> 00:23:30,140
My father and my mother
didn't have a good marriage.

443
00:23:30,140 --> 00:23:33,650
And they're a very
different kind of people.

444
00:23:33,650 --> 00:23:38,300
And that put a strain
on the family life

445
00:23:38,300 --> 00:23:40,840
when I was a young boy.

446

00:23:40,840 --> 00:23:45,690

It made it easier for me to be comfortable when I left, too.

447

00:23:45,690 --> 00:23:52,850

But my mother was the one that had the vision.

448

00:23:52,850 --> 00:23:58,070

And I remember she already very, very early

449

00:23:58,070 --> 00:24:00,020

wanted us to learn English.

450

00:24:00,020 --> 00:24:02,240

My mother knew English.

451

00:24:02,240 --> 00:24:04,490

She had been to England as a young girl.

452

00:24:04,490 --> 00:24:06,250

And she also knew French.

453

00:24:06,250 --> 00:24:08,930

She had studied in Lausanne.

454

00:24:08,930 --> 00:24:12,190

And she was a very unusual woman--

455

00:24:12,190 --> 00:24:15,440

a very difficult person, but very unusual.

456

00:24:15,440 --> 00:24:17,270

And I always opposed her.

457

00:24:17,270 --> 00:24:19,310

I didn't like what she wanted me to do.

458
00:24:19,310 --> 00:24:21,230
It's only lately when--

459
00:24:21,230 --> 00:24:25,490
even when I thought about this
interview, I think about her.

460
00:24:25,490 --> 00:24:27,690
And the reason that
I am alive today

461
00:24:27,690 --> 00:24:29,540
is probably only
because of my mother.

462
00:24:29,540 --> 00:24:31,900
All of us are alive.

463
00:24:31,900 --> 00:24:36,670
And it goes further than that.

464
00:24:36,670 --> 00:24:42,810
They sent me to England in 1933.

465
00:24:42,810 --> 00:24:46,245
And they made arrangements
with a family there.

466
00:24:46,245 --> 00:24:47,745
Well, we'll get to
that in a moment.

467
00:24:47,745 --> 00:24:48,245
Yeah, OK.

468
00:24:48,245 --> 00:24:49,560
I want to cover a little more.

469
00:24:49,560 --> 00:24:50,060
OK.

470
00:24:50,060 --> 00:24:51,840
What language did you speak?

471
00:24:51,840 --> 00:24:53,600
What did you speak at home?

472
00:24:53,600 --> 00:24:54,330
German.

473
00:24:54,330 --> 00:24:57,600
And what other languages
were you learning as a child?

474
00:24:57,600 --> 00:24:59,640
I learned French in school.

475
00:24:59,640 --> 00:25:02,340
And I knew-- they
tried to teach English,

476
00:25:02,340 --> 00:25:05,680
but I knew very little
English, very little English.

477
00:25:05,680 --> 00:25:10,530
I wasn't interested
so much then.

478
00:25:10,530 --> 00:25:15,990
I was interested in Germany, and
my friends, and my Boy Scouts,

479
00:25:15,990 --> 00:25:17,130
and my--

480
00:25:17,130 --> 00:25:17,760
like a boy.

481
00:25:17,760 --> 00:25:18,690
I was a boy--

482

00:25:18,690 --> 00:25:20,160
and sports.

483
00:25:20,160 --> 00:25:22,060
So you felt very German.

484
00:25:22,060 --> 00:25:25,510
Yes, I think so.

485
00:25:25,510 --> 00:25:29,970
I started to-- towards the
end, during the time of my Bar

486
00:25:29,970 --> 00:25:33,150
Mitzvah, I became
aware of it, that I

487
00:25:33,150 --> 00:25:37,110
was a Jew, that I was different
than the rest of the Germans.

488
00:25:37,110 --> 00:25:37,830
In what way?

489
00:25:37,830 --> 00:25:43,062

490
00:25:43,062 --> 00:25:45,390
It was already
starting that Jews--

491
00:25:45,390 --> 00:25:49,290
for example, I used to go
to an indoor swimming pool

492
00:25:49,290 --> 00:25:51,150
with a friend of mine.

493
00:25:51,150 --> 00:25:55,410
And then they made
rules when I was--

494

00:25:55,410 --> 00:25:56,790
I was still in Germany then.

495
00:25:56,790 --> 00:25:59,940
The Jews couldn't
go there anymore.

496
00:25:59,940 --> 00:26:04,290
So it wouldn't take very much
to know that I was a Jew.

497
00:26:04,290 --> 00:26:06,870
And I remember I
went with my friend.

498
00:26:06,870 --> 00:26:10,860
And we put our swimming
trunks on real fast

499
00:26:10,860 --> 00:26:14,790
that nobody should see
that we were Jewish.

500
00:26:14,790 --> 00:26:18,000
And it was scary to be there,
because we were someplace we

501
00:26:18,000 --> 00:26:20,260
weren't supposed to be.

502
00:26:20,260 --> 00:26:29,460
And I was already aware
very much very early

503
00:26:29,460 --> 00:26:32,370
that there was danger there.

504
00:26:32,370 --> 00:26:34,380
When did you first
hear about Hitler?

505
00:26:34,380 --> 00:26:38,020

506
00:26:38,020 --> 00:26:38,950
OK.

507
00:26:38,950 --> 00:26:43,240
I was going to school
as a little boy.

508
00:26:43,240 --> 00:26:45,490
I was still very little.

509
00:26:45,490 --> 00:26:52,810
I'm going back now, maybe to
1929, to 1930, '29 or '39.

510
00:26:52,810 --> 00:26:56,440
So I was 10, 11 years old.

511
00:26:56,440 --> 00:27:00,610
And in Germany,
they had a [GERMAN]

512
00:27:00,610 --> 00:27:02,850
on every street
corner in the cities.

513
00:27:02,850 --> 00:27:04,090
What is that?

514
00:27:04,090 --> 00:27:07,630
That is a kiosk, an
advertising kiosk.

515
00:27:07,630 --> 00:27:09,850
It was a round column.

516
00:27:09,850 --> 00:27:13,720
And the [GERMAN], the--

517
00:27:13,720 --> 00:27:14,560
Posters?

518

00:27:14,560 --> 00:27:15,130

Yeah, poster.

519

00:27:15,130 --> 00:27:22,570

[GERMAN] was oil, what you wash your clothes with, soap powder.

520

00:27:22,570 --> 00:27:26,350

And all those companies, they had their big posters there.

521

00:27:26,350 --> 00:27:28,630

And there were also political posters there.

522

00:27:28,630 --> 00:27:34,570

And the Nazis always had very prominent, very strong color--

523

00:27:34,570 --> 00:27:37,150

red, or bright yellow posters--

524

00:27:37,150 --> 00:27:39,700

with a tremendous amount of printing on it.

525

00:27:39,700 --> 00:27:41,860

And there are swastikas all over it.

526

00:27:41,860 --> 00:27:45,010

527

00:27:45,010 --> 00:27:48,730

And I would stand in front of that [GERMAN]..

528

00:27:48,730 --> 00:27:52,720

And I would read every word on that poster.

529

00:27:52,720 --> 00:27:54,550

And my eyes were
popping out of my head,

530
00:27:54,550 --> 00:27:56,470
because they talked
about the Jews,

531
00:27:56,470 --> 00:27:58,690
and what the Jews
were doing, and Jews

532
00:27:58,690 --> 00:28:00,340
were ruining the country.

533
00:28:00,340 --> 00:28:03,140
And that's what was going
to save the country,

534
00:28:03,140 --> 00:28:04,690
to get rid of the Jews.

535
00:28:04,690 --> 00:28:06,190
And the Jews had to be--

536
00:28:06,190 --> 00:28:07,780
and this and that.

537
00:28:07,780 --> 00:28:12,370
And it was about that time,
very shortly afterwards,

538
00:28:12,370 --> 00:28:15,070
that I was with my
father in the car.

539
00:28:15,070 --> 00:28:16,420
And we were in Paderborn.

540
00:28:16,420 --> 00:28:17,980
We were going to Paderborn.

541
00:28:17,980 --> 00:28:20,350

And we had the
radio on in the car.

542
00:28:20,350 --> 00:28:22,390
And the news came on.

543
00:28:22,390 --> 00:28:26,320
And they announced that they
just had had an election.

544
00:28:26,320 --> 00:28:31,930
And the National Socialist party
had gained a tremendous number

545
00:28:31,930 --> 00:28:37,090
of seats in the Reichstag,
in the German parliament.

546
00:28:37,090 --> 00:28:37,880
I was worried.

547
00:28:37,880 --> 00:28:40,760
And I said to my father,
what does that mean?

548
00:28:40,760 --> 00:28:41,820
What does that mean?

549
00:28:41,820 --> 00:28:42,930
It scared me.

550
00:28:42,930 --> 00:28:43,790
And he said, oh.

551
00:28:43,790 --> 00:28:49,360
He said, it's nothing, it's only
politics, don't worry about it.

552
00:28:49,360 --> 00:28:51,670
That was my father.

553
00:28:51,670 --> 00:28:54,370

My mother was different.

554

00:28:54,370 --> 00:28:57,460

My mother was different.

555

00:28:57,460 --> 00:29:01,060

OK, now it's 1933.

556

00:29:01,060 --> 00:29:04,660

And Hitler becomes
chancellor in January.

557

00:29:04,660 --> 00:29:09,170

By the way, when you
saw these posters,

558

00:29:09,170 --> 00:29:12,410

what thoughts went
through your mind?

559

00:29:12,410 --> 00:29:14,200

Were you very frightened?

560

00:29:14,200 --> 00:29:15,050

Yes.

561

00:29:15,050 --> 00:29:18,350

I was very concerned,
very concerned.

562

00:29:18,350 --> 00:29:20,120

Of course, I was young.

563

00:29:20,120 --> 00:29:21,320

I tried to forget it.

564

00:29:21,320 --> 00:29:22,220

It was traumatic.

565

00:29:22,220 --> 00:29:23,190

It was scary.

566

00:29:23,190 --> 00:29:24,440

It was frightening.

567

00:29:24,440 --> 00:29:25,970

There's something out there.

568

00:29:25,970 --> 00:29:28,340

It was very similar
to, like, a child

569

00:29:28,340 --> 00:29:31,040

is afraid to walk by
himself through the woods,

570

00:29:31,040 --> 00:29:34,010

or be in the dark, very similar.

571

00:29:34,010 --> 00:29:38,840

Something very, very
threatening was out there.

572

00:29:38,840 --> 00:29:41,330

Did you talk it over with
your brother or sister?

573

00:29:41,330 --> 00:29:42,680

No.

574

00:29:42,680 --> 00:29:46,010

I don't think I ever said
anything to anybody about that.

575

00:29:46,010 --> 00:29:47,210

Even your mother?

576

00:29:47,210 --> 00:29:49,160

No.

577

00:29:49,160 --> 00:29:50,120

Or friends?

578

00:29:50,120 --> 00:29:52,330
No.

579
00:29:52,330 --> 00:29:55,465
OK, now Hitler is chancellor
in January of '33.

580
00:29:55,465 --> 00:29:58,060

581
00:29:58,060 --> 00:30:00,445
Do you remember the
parliament building burning?

582
00:30:00,445 --> 00:30:02,000
No, I was in Berlin.

583
00:30:02,000 --> 00:30:02,715
I was in Hanover.

584
00:30:02,715 --> 00:30:04,090
No, I know, but
talking about it.

585
00:30:04,090 --> 00:30:06,920
First of all, when
that happened,

586
00:30:06,920 --> 00:30:10,540
I think I was
already in England.

587
00:30:10,540 --> 00:30:14,140
And I don't--

588
00:30:14,140 --> 00:30:16,480
I remember that it
happened and all.

589
00:30:16,480 --> 00:30:21,610
But I was not intimately
involved with that.

590

00:30:21,610 --> 00:30:24,580

OK, let's go talk more
about your trip to England

591

00:30:24,580 --> 00:30:26,840

and how that came about.

592

00:30:26,840 --> 00:30:30,430

Well, OK.

593

00:30:30,430 --> 00:30:32,070

It was after my Bar Mitzvah.

594

00:30:32,070 --> 00:30:34,840

In this particular
summer, they decided

595

00:30:34,840 --> 00:30:36,610

to send me there to this--

596

00:30:36,610 --> 00:30:41,890

they were already then thinking
of saving their firstborn son.

597

00:30:41,890 --> 00:30:46,360

And they sent me to this
to learn more English

598

00:30:46,360 --> 00:30:47,450

for the summer.

599

00:30:47,450 --> 00:30:49,540

It was also
compromised, I think,

600

00:30:49,540 --> 00:30:52,000

between my father and
my mother about what

601

00:30:52,000 --> 00:30:53,980

they should do about me.

602

00:30:53,980 --> 00:30:56,650

And I was the future
of the children.

603

00:30:56,650 --> 00:31:03,400

And of course, some of this
is a surmise on my part.

604

00:31:03,400 --> 00:31:04,630

I don't really know what.

605

00:31:04,630 --> 00:31:05,860

I did what I was told.

606

00:31:05,860 --> 00:31:09,570

I knew that they told me that I
had to be taken out of school.

607

00:31:09,570 --> 00:31:11,220

That was one of the things.

608

00:31:11,220 --> 00:31:12,750

I had to be taken out of school.

609

00:31:12,750 --> 00:31:16,400

So for the first, they
decided to send me to England.

610

00:31:16,400 --> 00:31:18,350

This is after the
principal told your father.

611

00:31:18,350 --> 00:31:19,470

Yeah.

612

00:31:19,470 --> 00:31:22,620

And then, because I already--

613

00:31:22,620 --> 00:31:26,160

I was very uncomfortable about
raising my hand, and all that,

614

00:31:26,160 --> 00:31:29,220

and saying, heil, Hitler, and
he wants to kill the Jews.

615

00:31:29,220 --> 00:31:30,420

And that was not for me.

616

00:31:30,420 --> 00:31:31,470

You know?

617

00:31:31,470 --> 00:31:33,710

So this must have been the
summer of '33, 'cause--

618

00:31:33,710 --> 00:31:34,210

Right.

619

00:31:34,210 --> 00:31:36,090

OK.

620

00:31:36,090 --> 00:31:38,280

So I arrived in England.

621

00:31:38,280 --> 00:31:40,410

And then and I stayed there.

622

00:31:40,410 --> 00:31:43,530

And I lived in a boarding house.

623

00:31:43,530 --> 00:31:46,020

How did your parents
know where to send you?

624

00:31:46,020 --> 00:31:48,570

They made arrangement au pair.

625

00:31:48,570 --> 00:31:50,700

One of the girls
from that family

626

00:31:50,700 --> 00:31:53,940

had been in our home
the year before.

627
00:31:53,940 --> 00:31:57,150
My mother had sent
away for college girls

628
00:31:57,150 --> 00:32:00,780
to come in as an
exchange student plan.

629
00:32:00,780 --> 00:32:03,750
And she, my mother,
arranged all that stuff.

630
00:32:03,750 --> 00:32:05,820
So your sister was not sent.

631
00:32:05,820 --> 00:32:06,510
No.

632
00:32:06,510 --> 00:32:07,890
I was sent.

633
00:32:07,890 --> 00:32:09,750
And--

634
00:32:09,750 --> 00:32:13,130
What was it like for
you to leave Germany?

635
00:32:13,130 --> 00:32:14,790
It was a great trip.

636
00:32:14,790 --> 00:32:16,070
I was looking forward to it.

637
00:32:16,070 --> 00:32:17,670
It was exciting.

638
00:32:17,670 --> 00:32:19,140
I went on the boat.

639
00:32:19,140 --> 00:32:21,680
And then I had to take
a train, a boat train.

640
00:32:21,680 --> 00:32:22,790
Did you go by yourself?

641
00:32:22,790 --> 00:32:23,780
By myself.

642
00:32:23,780 --> 00:32:27,620
And the lady picked me up
at the Victoria Station.

643
00:32:27,620 --> 00:32:30,020
And I had to have a
flower in my lapel.

644
00:32:30,020 --> 00:32:31,700
And she recognized me.

645
00:32:31,700 --> 00:32:33,530
And you said your
English wasn't that good.

646
00:32:33,530 --> 00:32:34,520
No, my English wasn't--

647
00:32:34,520 --> 00:32:35,780
I hardly knew any English.

648
00:32:35,780 --> 00:32:37,310
But she knew who I was.

649
00:32:37,310 --> 00:32:38,570
And she took me.

650
00:32:38,570 --> 00:32:40,010
And it was in Norwood.

651

00:32:40,010 --> 00:32:41,427
It was south of London.

652
00:32:41,427 --> 00:32:43,760
Was it difficult for you to
say goodbye to your parents,

653
00:32:43,760 --> 00:32:45,110
and your sister, and brother?

654
00:32:45,110 --> 00:32:46,490
No, not then.

655
00:32:46,490 --> 00:32:48,230
That was not a final goodbye.

656
00:32:48,230 --> 00:32:50,810
We're just going
for a vacation then.

657
00:32:50,810 --> 00:32:52,070
And it was no--

658
00:32:52,070 --> 00:32:53,150
oh, I'm sorry.

659
00:32:53,150 --> 00:32:57,590
And then I was there.

660
00:32:57,590 --> 00:33:01,138
And that's how I learned
English very fast,

661
00:33:01,138 --> 00:33:02,930
because if I wanted to
get anything to eat,

662
00:33:02,930 --> 00:33:04,100
I had to ask for it in English.

663
00:33:04,100 --> 00:33:06,470
All these people are sitting

around the table grabbing

664
00:33:06,470 --> 00:33:07,325
the food.

665
00:33:07,325 --> 00:33:09,050
It's a boarding house.

666
00:33:09,050 --> 00:33:12,080
Also, I went to
the movies a lot.

667
00:33:12,080 --> 00:33:14,540
And in the movies,
you learn English.

668
00:33:14,540 --> 00:33:15,978
And I watched the movies.

669
00:33:15,978 --> 00:33:17,270
And it was great in the movies.

670
00:33:17,270 --> 00:33:21,380
They had an organ, and you
sing along, and all that stuff.

671
00:33:21,380 --> 00:33:25,560
And I walked by
myself around London.

672
00:33:25,560 --> 00:33:29,100
And I had to speak in
order to find my way home,

673
00:33:29,100 --> 00:33:30,400
and things like that.

674
00:33:30,400 --> 00:33:34,030
And I walked from Norwood to
London Bridge all by myself.

675
00:33:34,030 --> 00:33:35,940

They were worried about me.

676

00:33:35,940 --> 00:33:37,170

I just kept on walking.

677

00:33:37,170 --> 00:33:38,700

It was a long way.

678

00:33:38,700 --> 00:33:40,140

And I saw London Bridge.

679

00:33:40,140 --> 00:33:41,340

And it was unbelievable.

680

00:33:41,340 --> 00:33:42,630

My eyes were popping.

681

00:33:42,630 --> 00:33:45,420

I saw so many new things.

682

00:33:45,420 --> 00:33:48,225

And I really wanted to
learn more about the world.

683

00:33:48,225 --> 00:33:50,670

There was a lot to see.

684

00:33:50,670 --> 00:33:51,780

And--

685

00:33:51,780 --> 00:33:53,520

How long did you stay there?

686

00:33:53,520 --> 00:33:56,220

I stayed there
for a month or so.

687

00:33:56,220 --> 00:34:00,480

And then what happened--
my mother, with her sister,

688

00:34:00,480 --> 00:34:02,730
came to London.

689
00:34:02,730 --> 00:34:05,520
And without telling my father,
she enrolled me in the school

690
00:34:05,520 --> 00:34:07,220
over there.

691
00:34:07,220 --> 00:34:09,980
He was angry with her
when she got home.

692
00:34:09,980 --> 00:34:11,510
But she did it on her own.

693
00:34:11,510 --> 00:34:13,760
She enrolled me in the school.

694
00:34:13,760 --> 00:34:14,880
And I left.

695
00:34:14,880 --> 00:34:16,130
I never went back home.

696
00:34:16,130 --> 00:34:17,510
I went to school.

697
00:34:17,510 --> 00:34:19,400
And actually, when
I went to school,

698
00:34:19,400 --> 00:34:22,520
it was the Ewell Castle
School in Surrey.

699
00:34:22,520 --> 00:34:26,460
And when they took me to school,
school hadn't started yet.

700
00:34:26,460 --> 00:34:28,330

She had made all
the arrangements.

701
00:34:28,330 --> 00:34:30,409
It was a boarding school.

702
00:34:30,409 --> 00:34:31,760
And--

703
00:34:31,760 --> 00:34:35,510
What were your thoughts about
not going back to Germany then?

704
00:34:35,510 --> 00:34:37,550
That's what my mother
said I was supposed to do.

705
00:34:37,550 --> 00:34:39,020
I did what I was told.

706
00:34:39,020 --> 00:34:41,210
I didn't have any
thoughts about it at all.

707
00:34:41,210 --> 00:34:43,130
You didn't feel bad
about not going back--

708
00:34:43,130 --> 00:34:43,630
No.

709
00:34:43,630 --> 00:34:45,260
--to your friends
and your family?

710
00:34:45,260 --> 00:34:46,070
Not really.

711
00:34:46,070 --> 00:34:47,380
I made new friends.

712
00:34:47,380 --> 00:34:50,030

It was exciting,
new things to do.

713
00:34:50,030 --> 00:34:52,790
And it was great.

714
00:34:52,790 --> 00:34:54,600
It was in a castle.

715
00:34:54,600 --> 00:34:58,100
And there were kids
there, especially one boy

716
00:34:58,100 --> 00:34:59,540
in particular I remember.

717
00:34:59,540 --> 00:35:02,030
It was a Jewish
boy from Israel--

718
00:35:02,030 --> 00:35:04,460
from Palestine, in those days.

719
00:35:04,460 --> 00:35:06,470
And he and I became
bosom friends.

720
00:35:06,470 --> 00:35:11,480
He was already there, too,
before school started.

721
00:35:11,480 --> 00:35:12,980
And he also loved to--

722
00:35:12,980 --> 00:35:16,720
I was a pretty good tennis
player really by that time--

723
00:35:16,720 --> 00:35:17,650
very, very.

724
00:35:17,650 --> 00:35:20,390

For a boy, I was an excellent tennis player.

725
00:35:20,390 --> 00:35:22,390
Were there are many Jewish children in the first

726
00:35:22,390 --> 00:35:24,640
boarding house, that one that you were in for a month?

727
00:35:24,640 --> 00:35:25,460
None.

728
00:35:25,460 --> 00:35:28,400
I didn't know any Jewish children.

729
00:35:28,400 --> 00:35:28,900
None.

730
00:35:28,900 --> 00:35:31,270
English.

731
00:35:31,270 --> 00:35:33,520
Was that difficult for you to be the only Jew?

732
00:35:33,520 --> 00:35:37,490
No, not at all.

733
00:35:37,490 --> 00:35:39,230
Did they give you any difficulty?

734
00:35:39,230 --> 00:35:40,090
No.

735
00:35:40,090 --> 00:35:41,390
In England?

736
00:35:41,390 --> 00:35:43,090

No, not at all.

737
00:35:43,090 --> 00:35:45,008
No, not whatsoever.

738
00:35:45,008 --> 00:35:47,300
I don't think they even knew
the difference between Jew

739
00:35:47,300 --> 00:35:48,780
and not Jew in England.

740
00:35:48,780 --> 00:35:51,020
It was just very nice.

741
00:35:51,020 --> 00:35:57,170
And on the contrary, it was
very early on that I learned

742
00:35:57,170 --> 00:36:00,260
that people, even in different
countries, if they spoke

743
00:36:00,260 --> 00:36:02,570
a different language,
were very much

744
00:36:02,570 --> 00:36:04,820
like a people in my country.

745
00:36:04,820 --> 00:36:09,710
The young people, too-- the
same things made them tick.

746
00:36:09,710 --> 00:36:11,340
And they wanted to
do the same things.

747
00:36:11,340 --> 00:36:12,530
And they loved sports.

748
00:36:12,530 --> 00:36:14,960

And they loved to do things.

749

00:36:14,960 --> 00:36:19,100

And they loved girls, and
loved all kind of fun things,

750

00:36:19,100 --> 00:36:20,700

and cars, and things like that.

751

00:36:20,700 --> 00:36:22,980

And those were all
the things I loved.

752

00:36:22,980 --> 00:36:25,570

So I got along very well.

753

00:36:25,570 --> 00:36:36,270

754

00:36:36,270 --> 00:36:39,050

This is a continuation of the
interview of Wolfgang Mueller.

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00:36:39,050 --> 00:36:41,630

It's tape one, side
B. And we were talking

756

00:36:41,630 --> 00:36:43,040

about your time in England.

757

00:36:43,040 --> 00:36:45,110

And your mother had come
over and enrolled you

758

00:36:45,110 --> 00:36:47,450

after that month in the school.

759

00:36:47,450 --> 00:36:47,950

Right.

760

00:36:47,950 --> 00:36:50,020

And then school started.

761
00:36:50,020 --> 00:36:52,230
And it was a
military type school.

762
00:36:52,230 --> 00:36:55,900
We ate there, wore uniforms.

763
00:36:55,900 --> 00:37:02,560
And we used to go jogging
every morning across country.

764
00:37:02,560 --> 00:37:05,410
And I was a very good
runner, and I loved that.

765
00:37:05,410 --> 00:37:08,440
And we did a lot of running.

766
00:37:08,440 --> 00:37:10,840
And then I learned
to play cricket.

767
00:37:10,840 --> 00:37:12,140
I learned all these new sports.

768
00:37:12,140 --> 00:37:13,960
And of course, I played soccer.

769
00:37:13,960 --> 00:37:16,210
I was a goalie for my school.

770
00:37:16,210 --> 00:37:18,910
And then I traveled
all over England

771
00:37:18,910 --> 00:37:20,590
and represented my school.

772
00:37:20,590 --> 00:37:21,820
And I played tennis.

773

00:37:21,820 --> 00:37:23,410

And I was a big shot.

774

00:37:23,410 --> 00:37:24,610

And I had a great time.

775

00:37:24,610 --> 00:37:26,680

And I learned English.

776

00:37:26,680 --> 00:37:30,070

Now, all this time, things
were happening back in Germany.

777

00:37:30,070 --> 00:37:33,040

How aware of those
events were you?

778

00:37:33,040 --> 00:37:35,820

779

00:37:35,820 --> 00:37:42,750

I must tell you that
I was not aware.

780

00:37:42,750 --> 00:37:44,520

I don't know whether
it was subconscious,

781

00:37:44,520 --> 00:37:49,950

I didn't want to know, or I
was just too busy with my life.

782

00:37:49,950 --> 00:37:52,980

And as a matter of
fact, occasionally

783

00:37:52,980 --> 00:37:58,830

during those times, I did go
back to Germany on vacations.

784

00:37:58,830 --> 00:38:05,820

And I went back to

Germany two or three times

785

00:38:05,820 --> 00:38:08,370
during this period
that I was in England.

786

00:38:08,370 --> 00:38:11,640
And of course, by this
time, I could speak English.

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00:38:11,640 --> 00:38:14,490
And then I pretended
that I was English,

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00:38:14,490 --> 00:38:16,950
and that I wasn't Jewish.

789

00:38:16,950 --> 00:38:19,490
And I spoke English.

790

00:38:19,490 --> 00:38:22,280
And that took care
of that problem.

791

00:38:22,280 --> 00:38:24,500
And did you see a
change in conditions

792

00:38:24,500 --> 00:38:26,930
when you went back to Germany?

793

00:38:26,930 --> 00:38:31,090
Did you sense a tightening
of restrictions?

794

00:38:31,090 --> 00:38:38,630
There were-- I knew that it was
more dangerous to be Jewish.

795

00:38:38,630 --> 00:38:40,190
I was aware of that.

796

00:38:40,190 --> 00:38:41,480
How were you aware of that?

797
00:38:41,480 --> 00:38:44,210
Oh, it was already--

798
00:38:44,210 --> 00:38:48,590
the way the Nazis did it,
they conditioned you for it.

799
00:38:48,590 --> 00:38:52,700
I got conditioned to
it like everybody else.

800
00:38:52,700 --> 00:38:55,730
In other words, we just
conducted ourselves in a way

801
00:38:55,730 --> 00:38:57,840
that we stayed out of trouble.

802
00:38:57,840 --> 00:38:59,510
And of course, for
me, it was very easy

803
00:38:59,510 --> 00:39:01,430
because I spoke English.

804
00:39:01,430 --> 00:39:02,420
And then I just--

805
00:39:02,420 --> 00:39:03,290
I was English.

806
00:39:03,290 --> 00:39:06,500
When I was around
Germans, I spoke English.

807
00:39:06,500 --> 00:39:09,810
Did you pretend you
didn't know German?

808

00:39:09,810 --> 00:39:10,680
I don't know.

809
00:39:10,680 --> 00:39:11,880
Maybe I did.

810
00:39:11,880 --> 00:39:13,410
We spoke English,
like my sister.

811
00:39:13,410 --> 00:39:16,860
I remember my sister and I
were sitting in a restaurant.

812
00:39:16,860 --> 00:39:18,210
She knew English, too.

813
00:39:18,210 --> 00:39:19,410
She had been to England.

814
00:39:19,410 --> 00:39:22,290
And we stayed in England.

815
00:39:22,290 --> 00:39:23,700
And they waited on us.

816
00:39:23,700 --> 00:39:26,490
And we were pretty sure
Jews couldn't go in there.

817
00:39:26,490 --> 00:39:27,600
But we talked English.

818
00:39:27,600 --> 00:39:28,830
And it was great.

819
00:39:28,830 --> 00:39:30,930
We were foreigners.

820
00:39:30,930 --> 00:39:32,460
Did you miss your
brother and sister

821
00:39:32,460 --> 00:39:35,600
when you were at
school in England?

822
00:39:35,600 --> 00:39:37,610
Well, yes, no.

823
00:39:37,610 --> 00:39:38,810
Not that much.

824
00:39:38,810 --> 00:39:39,670
Not that much.

825
00:39:39,670 --> 00:39:41,240
I was busy.

826
00:39:41,240 --> 00:39:42,900
I was busy.

827
00:39:42,900 --> 00:39:44,450
Really, I was busy with my life.

828
00:39:44,450 --> 00:39:47,420
And so many exciting
things were happening.

829
00:39:47,420 --> 00:39:52,280
You see, then the groundwork
was laid in that time for me

830
00:39:52,280 --> 00:39:54,070
to come to America.

831
00:39:54,070 --> 00:39:57,260
Well, what happened
was I left Cranbrook.

832
00:39:57,260 --> 00:39:59,100
And I was enrolled
in a better school.

833

00:39:59,100 --> 00:40:00,960

My mother took
care of that, too.

834

00:40:00,960 --> 00:40:05,650

She came back to
England, to London.

835

00:40:05,650 --> 00:40:06,800

I saw her in London.

836

00:40:06,800 --> 00:40:09,320

And she put me in
the Cranbrook school

837

00:40:09,320 --> 00:40:11,780

in Kent, which was
a very fine school.

838

00:40:11,780 --> 00:40:13,540

Your previous school was called?

839

00:40:13,540 --> 00:40:14,360

Ewell.

840

00:40:14,360 --> 00:40:15,200

Ewell.

841

00:40:15,200 --> 00:40:18,160

It was near Epsom.

842

00:40:18,160 --> 00:40:21,070

It was more of a--

843

00:40:21,070 --> 00:40:22,280

for younger children.

844

00:40:22,280 --> 00:40:26,380

And this was more almost
like a junior college--

845

00:40:26,380 --> 00:40:27,520
very, very.

846
00:40:27,520 --> 00:40:31,900
As a matter of fact,
they have a campus

847
00:40:31,900 --> 00:40:34,780
in this country somewhere,
a very famous art place.

848
00:40:34,780 --> 00:40:35,460
In Michigan.

849
00:40:35,460 --> 00:40:36,700
Yeah, in Michigan.

850
00:40:36,700 --> 00:40:37,870
And that's where I went.

851
00:40:37,870 --> 00:40:42,710
And my mother wanted me to--

852
00:40:42,710 --> 00:40:44,360
only the best.

853
00:40:44,360 --> 00:40:46,940
What was your relationship with
your father during this time?

854
00:40:46,940 --> 00:40:49,550
It sounds like your mother was
making all the arrangements.

855
00:40:49,550 --> 00:40:50,735
What connection did you
have with your father?

856
00:40:50,735 --> 00:40:53,120
But I really liked my father
a lot better than my mother.

857

00:40:53,120 --> 00:40:54,680
You see, my mother
always made me

858
00:40:54,680 --> 00:40:59,190
do a lot of things that were
a little bit harder to do.

859
00:40:59,190 --> 00:41:02,510
But my father, he--

860
00:41:02,510 --> 00:41:07,390
even as a little kid, I used
to go to my father's office,

861
00:41:07,390 --> 00:41:09,930
and play with the typewriters,
and stuff like that.

862
00:41:09,930 --> 00:41:16,880
And my father, he was a
different kind than my mother.

863
00:41:16,880 --> 00:41:19,190
And he was much
easier to be around.

864
00:41:19,190 --> 00:41:21,770
My mother was not
easy to be around.

865
00:41:21,770 --> 00:41:23,060
She was demanding.

866
00:41:23,060 --> 00:41:25,490
She was a demanding person.

867
00:41:25,490 --> 00:41:28,940
How was your father's
practice affected

868
00:41:28,940 --> 00:41:32,308
when you would go back

to visit and conditions

869
00:41:32,308 --> 00:41:33,350
were changing in Germany?

870
00:41:33,350 --> 00:41:37,250
My father was unbelievably
busy during those years.

871
00:41:37,250 --> 00:41:42,320
Because of the
connections that he had,

872
00:41:42,320 --> 00:41:45,540
he started to become
in the local area

873
00:41:45,540 --> 00:41:49,160
there the focal point of
the whole Jewish community,

874
00:41:49,160 --> 00:41:51,080
because he was the one
that could get them out

875
00:41:51,080 --> 00:41:53,090
of the concentration camps.

876
00:41:53,090 --> 00:41:56,990
And he could get all kinds
of permits for Jewish people.

877
00:41:56,990 --> 00:41:59,370
And they really
rallied around him.

878
00:41:59,370 --> 00:42:02,780
And one of the reasons that
it took him so long to leave

879
00:42:02,780 --> 00:42:06,860
was because he felt that he
had a responsibility there.

880
00:42:06,860 --> 00:42:09,830
He was also making
lots of money.

881
00:42:09,830 --> 00:42:11,050
How did he get that position?

882
00:42:11,050 --> 00:42:12,130
Was he elected to that?

883
00:42:12,130 --> 00:42:14,380
Or he just assumed
that position?

884
00:42:14,380 --> 00:42:18,850
It was just his personality.

885
00:42:18,850 --> 00:42:21,130
And like you said,
he knew the chief

886
00:42:21,130 --> 00:42:23,830
of police and the
district attorney.

887
00:42:23,830 --> 00:42:28,510
And he had that way
with him that he

888
00:42:28,510 --> 00:42:30,880
could get along terrific.

889
00:42:30,880 --> 00:42:34,660
He was actually a country
boy from Westphalia.

890
00:42:34,660 --> 00:42:37,400
But he was also very
highly educated.

891
00:42:37,400 --> 00:42:39,220

He was an intellectual.

892
00:42:39,220 --> 00:42:42,820
So he really knew how
to handle himself.

893
00:42:42,820 --> 00:42:43,840
And they all liked him.

894
00:42:43,840 --> 00:42:47,020
And he had a down-to-earth
way with him.

895
00:42:47,020 --> 00:42:51,550
And as a matter of fact, the
chief of police of Hanover--

896
00:42:51,550 --> 00:42:59,260
like I told you, the director
of my high school called him.

897
00:42:59,260 --> 00:43:00,730
Everybody knew him.

898
00:43:00,730 --> 00:43:05,440
And the chief of
police from Hanover--

899
00:43:05,440 --> 00:43:06,627
my brother told me this.

900
00:43:06,627 --> 00:43:07,210
I didn't know.

901
00:43:07,210 --> 00:43:08,050
My father told me.

902
00:43:08,050 --> 00:43:14,710
He said, he called him in 1938,
I guess, or whatever it was.

903
00:43:14,710 --> 00:43:16,708

And he told him, Ernst,
if you don't leave,

904
00:43:16,708 --> 00:43:18,500
we're going to have to
come and arrest you.

905
00:43:18,500 --> 00:43:21,440
You better get your boy
and get out of here.

906
00:43:21,440 --> 00:43:23,080
And he called his relatives.

907
00:43:23,080 --> 00:43:24,340
I'm jumping ahead of myself.

908
00:43:24,340 --> 00:43:26,500
But he called his
relatives in Paris.

909
00:43:26,500 --> 00:43:28,480
He had cousins in Paris.

910
00:43:28,480 --> 00:43:31,690
And he said, I've
got to leave, and I

911
00:43:31,690 --> 00:43:32,930
can't take a thing with me.

912
00:43:32,930 --> 00:43:35,050
I don't have a thing
I can take with me.

913
00:43:35,050 --> 00:43:36,490
They said, just go.

914
00:43:36,490 --> 00:43:39,610
At that time already-- that
was after the Kristallnacht--

915

00:43:39,610 --> 00:43:40,900
my mother was already here.

916
00:43:40,900 --> 00:43:45,070
They said, just go, and
take your boy to England.

917
00:43:45,070 --> 00:43:46,310
We'll take care of you.

918
00:43:46,310 --> 00:43:46,810
Don't worry.

919
00:43:46,810 --> 00:43:50,860
We've got plenty of business
interests in England.

920
00:43:50,860 --> 00:43:53,830
And he did go.

921
00:43:53,830 --> 00:43:56,680
And it was so fast--

922
00:43:56,680 --> 00:43:59,110
the blitzkrieg, the
war after that--

923
00:43:59,110 --> 00:44:02,260
that the whole family in Paris
was arrested before he really

924
00:44:02,260 --> 00:44:04,330
got settled in England.

925
00:44:04,330 --> 00:44:08,510
And he almost was interned
as a German alien in England.

926
00:44:08,510 --> 00:44:11,620
But he told them
in London that he

927

00:44:11,620 --> 00:44:14,500
knew where all the
airports were in Hanover.

928
00:44:14,500 --> 00:44:15,550
He went to the police.

929
00:44:15,550 --> 00:44:17,490
And they let him go.

930
00:44:17,490 --> 00:44:19,210
A lot of my other
uncles and things,

931
00:44:19,210 --> 00:44:21,895
and cousins, were
interned in England.

932
00:44:21,895 --> 00:44:24,420

933
00:44:24,420 --> 00:44:27,960
So my father managed
also to survive.

934
00:44:27,960 --> 00:44:31,610
And my mother was
here at that time.

935
00:44:31,610 --> 00:44:36,680
Back to before that time,
you had said earlier,

936
00:44:36,680 --> 00:44:40,010
before you left for England,
that you didn't want to say,

937
00:44:40,010 --> 00:44:41,780
heil, Hitler to your teacher.

938
00:44:41,780 --> 00:44:44,480
And the principal
called your father.

939
00:44:44,480 --> 00:44:46,400
Why didn't you want
to say, "heil Hitler"?

940
00:44:46,400 --> 00:44:47,648
What did it mean to you?

941
00:44:47,648 --> 00:44:49,190
Well, I knew that
Hitler was somebody

942
00:44:49,190 --> 00:44:51,770
that wanted to kill Jews.

943
00:44:51,770 --> 00:44:53,750
He threatened.

944
00:44:53,750 --> 00:44:58,970
The Nazis were singing
songs about Judenblut

945
00:44:58,970 --> 00:45:01,250
should run in the streets,
and things like that.

946
00:45:01,250 --> 00:45:03,770
But I was not that stupid.

947
00:45:03,770 --> 00:45:05,180
I didn't want to be killed.

948
00:45:05,180 --> 00:45:08,988

949
00:45:08,988 --> 00:45:09,940
Yeah.

950
00:45:09,940 --> 00:45:15,130
Did any of the friends,
the schoolmates of yours,

951
00:45:15,130 --> 00:45:17,780
taunt you for not
saying, "heil Hitler"?

952
00:45:17,780 --> 00:45:19,180
Did they say, "heil Hitler"?

953
00:45:19,180 --> 00:45:21,180
Did they taunt you?

954
00:45:21,180 --> 00:45:24,480
Did they criticize you,
make it difficult for you

955
00:45:24,480 --> 00:45:25,950
because you didn't say it?

956
00:45:25,950 --> 00:45:26,550
No.

957
00:45:26,550 --> 00:45:27,050
No.

958
00:45:27,050 --> 00:45:29,430

959
00:45:29,430 --> 00:45:30,040
I don't know.

960
00:45:30,040 --> 00:45:33,100
No, I didn't have that
kind of a problem.

961
00:45:33,100 --> 00:45:36,120
The friends that I had, the
Jewish friends that I had,

962
00:45:36,120 --> 00:45:39,550
they were Zionists at that time.

963
00:45:39,550 --> 00:45:41,260

I was a little older then.

964
00:45:41,260 --> 00:45:44,740
And I was already
exposed to Zionism then.

965
00:45:44,740 --> 00:45:49,570
You see, I was in
this Jewish Boy Scout

966
00:45:49,570 --> 00:45:53,350
movement from the
Jewish community center.

967
00:45:53,350 --> 00:45:57,900
And a lot of them were
Zionists and stuff like that.

968
00:45:57,900 --> 00:45:59,600
And I was active in that.

969
00:45:59,600 --> 00:46:03,500
And so I started to know about
Palestine and the other things.

970
00:46:03,500 --> 00:46:06,280
And one friend, the
older brother of this one

971
00:46:06,280 --> 00:46:10,150
friend of mine, he had
left on his bicycle,

972
00:46:10,150 --> 00:46:11,590
and going to Czechoslovakia.

973
00:46:11,590 --> 00:46:14,490
And he was going to Palestine.

974
00:46:14,490 --> 00:46:15,220
Did he make it?

975

00:46:15,220 --> 00:46:17,040
Yes.

976
00:46:17,040 --> 00:46:18,270
That's another story.

977
00:46:18,270 --> 00:46:19,540
Maybe that'll come later.

978
00:46:19,540 --> 00:46:22,170
It's a very exciting story.

979
00:46:22,170 --> 00:46:24,650
Were your parents Zionists?

980
00:46:24,650 --> 00:46:25,760
No, not at all.

981
00:46:25,760 --> 00:46:27,614
Just the opposite.

982
00:46:27,614 --> 00:46:28,755
Just the opposite.

983
00:46:28,755 --> 00:46:29,255
German.

984
00:46:29,255 --> 00:46:32,740

985
00:46:32,740 --> 00:46:35,620
How did they feel about
your being in a youth group?

986
00:46:35,620 --> 00:46:44,600
Well, there were no discussions,
no political discussions

987
00:46:44,600 --> 00:46:47,650
in our house.

988

00:46:47,650 --> 00:46:53,080
Anyway, everything was
what my father said.

989
00:46:53,080 --> 00:46:54,130
That's how it was.

990
00:46:54,130 --> 00:46:56,290
My father was the
boss, what he said.

991
00:46:56,290 --> 00:46:59,470
But my mother, she
didn't agree with him.

992
00:46:59,470 --> 00:47:00,985
But she did it behind his back.

993
00:47:00,985 --> 00:47:03,790

994
00:47:03,790 --> 00:47:09,550
I remember I was back in
Germany on a vacation.

995
00:47:09,550 --> 00:47:15,190
And my mother wanted me
to take some money out

996
00:47:15,190 --> 00:47:19,440
of the country, put it
in a bank in England.

997
00:47:19,440 --> 00:47:21,980
And my father would
have killed her.

998
00:47:21,980 --> 00:47:28,920
It was strictly-- he wouldn't
bend a rule or something,

999
00:47:28,920 --> 00:47:31,900
Nazi regulation, for anything.

1000
00:47:31,900 --> 00:47:36,960
So I made a hole in
my tennis racket.

1001
00:47:36,960 --> 00:47:40,650
I took the back of my tennis
racket, and I put the money--

1002
00:47:40,650 --> 00:47:43,270
I had a room upstairs
in our house.

1003
00:47:43,270 --> 00:47:45,820
And I put the money
into the tennis racket.

1004
00:47:45,820 --> 00:47:48,390
Then I put the back back on
it, put the leather thing

1005
00:47:48,390 --> 00:47:50,010
around it.

1006
00:47:50,010 --> 00:47:53,680
And I carried the tennis
racket in my rucksack.

1007
00:47:53,680 --> 00:47:58,330
And I was sure, when the
guards came on the train

1008
00:47:58,330 --> 00:48:01,090
and they asked if I
had anything to declare

1009
00:48:01,090 --> 00:48:04,450
that time when I was going
back to England, that I

1010
00:48:04,450 --> 00:48:08,310
was going to be-- like dogs can
smell you when you're scared.

1011
00:48:08,310 --> 00:48:11,740
I was terrified, but I made it.

1012
00:48:11,740 --> 00:48:15,560
And then, even after
I got to school,

1013
00:48:15,560 --> 00:48:19,990
I hid the money
for weeks, months.

1014
00:48:19,990 --> 00:48:24,010
I was afraid that
spies would know

1015
00:48:24,010 --> 00:48:27,760
that I had that money
before I called this person

1016
00:48:27,760 --> 00:48:29,630
that my mother knew in London.

1017
00:48:29,630 --> 00:48:33,160
There was a banker that I
had to take the money to.

1018
00:48:33,160 --> 00:48:34,870
How much did you give you?

1019
00:48:34,870 --> 00:48:39,280
I don't remember, but it was a
few thousand dollars, I guess.

1020
00:48:39,280 --> 00:48:40,570
That was a substantial amount.

1021
00:48:40,570 --> 00:48:42,790
Yeah.

1022
00:48:42,790 --> 00:48:44,620
So you're now at

school in England.

1023
00:48:44,620 --> 00:48:46,600
And you're going
back and forth to see

1024
00:48:46,600 --> 00:48:47,980
your parents and your family.

1025
00:48:47,980 --> 00:48:49,250
No, not back and forth.

1026
00:48:49,250 --> 00:48:50,500
Well, I mean to visit.

1027
00:48:50,500 --> 00:48:52,410
Yeah.

1028
00:48:52,410 --> 00:48:54,160
Did your parents have--
or did your mother

1029
00:48:54,160 --> 00:48:56,680
have any idea of sending
your brother or sister along

1030
00:48:56,680 --> 00:48:57,180
with you?

1031
00:48:57,180 --> 00:49:00,040

1032
00:49:00,040 --> 00:49:01,980
I'm not sure.

1033
00:49:01,980 --> 00:49:03,700
There was very
little discussion.

1034
00:49:03,700 --> 00:49:06,910
My trips over there
were so short.

1035
00:49:06,910 --> 00:49:10,600
And then I would tell
stories about England.

1036
00:49:10,600 --> 00:49:12,310
And they would sit
and listen to me.

1037
00:49:12,310 --> 00:49:13,570
And they would laugh.

1038
00:49:13,570 --> 00:49:18,682
And I would travel to my
grandmother's and to my aunts'

1039
00:49:18,682 --> 00:49:19,640
[? And other parts- ?].

1040
00:49:19,640 --> 00:49:20,780
I had a good time.

1041
00:49:20,780 --> 00:49:26,890
And I wasn't really too
much into what was going on.

1042
00:49:26,890 --> 00:49:28,790
But whatever it was,
it wasn't any good.

1043
00:49:28,790 --> 00:49:30,950
And I wanted to get out.

1044
00:49:30,950 --> 00:49:33,460
So it was not hard for you
to leave Germany to go back

1045
00:49:33,460 --> 00:49:35,110
to England after your vacation.

1046
00:49:35,110 --> 00:49:36,400
Oh, no.

1047
00:49:36,400 --> 00:49:38,050
I loved it.

1048
00:49:38,050 --> 00:49:39,745
I couldn't wait to
get out of there.

1049
00:49:39,745 --> 00:49:43,120
It was a terrible
place then, the way

1050
00:49:43,120 --> 00:49:44,800
they were with the Jews.

1051
00:49:44,800 --> 00:49:48,380
And it was getting
worse all the time.

1052
00:49:48,380 --> 00:49:49,450
And--

1053
00:49:49,450 --> 00:49:53,400
Did you see any restrictive
signs on stores?

1054
00:49:53,400 --> 00:49:54,420
I think I did.

1055
00:49:54,420 --> 00:49:55,770
But I don't-- it wasn't--

1056
00:49:55,770 --> 00:49:59,490

1057
00:49:59,490 --> 00:50:01,690
it's very hard.

1058
00:50:01,690 --> 00:50:03,990
I've read plenty of
stuff since then.

1059

00:50:03,990 --> 00:50:06,750

And all this has been
explained in the literature.

1060

00:50:06,750 --> 00:50:10,840

But unless you have experienced
it, it's very hard to describe.

1061

00:50:10,840 --> 00:50:15,240

Like I just told you
earlier, the Jewish people

1062

00:50:15,240 --> 00:50:19,170

that lived there were
conditioned to it.

1063

00:50:19,170 --> 00:50:20,130

They had a way.

1064

00:50:20,130 --> 00:50:24,140

They were so smart, those Nazis.

1065

00:50:24,140 --> 00:50:27,750

I have a lot of stories
that I can probably tell you

1066

00:50:27,750 --> 00:50:32,680

later about what happened to
my grandmother who stayed there

1067

00:50:32,680 --> 00:50:37,020

until they were finally sent to
the camps, and how they still--

1068

00:50:37,020 --> 00:50:40,950

and I just read
again in the calendar

1069

00:50:40,950 --> 00:50:42,750

that I got from the
Holocaust Museum

1070

00:50:42,750 --> 00:50:47,490
about Theresienstadt,
Terezin, and how

1071
00:50:47,490 --> 00:50:50,940
they were told that that
was really a good place.

1072
00:50:50,940 --> 00:50:52,440
You're going to
pay a little more,

1073
00:50:52,440 --> 00:50:55,350
and they could, 'cause it was
a very special place to go to.

1074
00:50:55,350 --> 00:50:59,250
And everybody
rationalized everything,

1075
00:50:59,250 --> 00:51:01,680
that it was really
going to be OK.

1076
00:51:01,680 --> 00:51:10,050
Nobody actually would
believe rationally

1077
00:51:10,050 --> 00:51:12,840
that their lives were
really in danger,

1078
00:51:12,840 --> 00:51:16,840
that people would actually
take and slaughter people.

1079
00:51:16,840 --> 00:51:21,790
And you know how people
could rationalize that once

1080
00:51:21,790 --> 00:51:26,830
they were discriminated
against like we were.

1081

00:51:26,830 --> 00:51:31,060

And I was very much aware
of the discrimination.

1082

00:51:31,060 --> 00:51:34,410

And I don't want you
to think that I wasn't.

1083

00:51:34,410 --> 00:51:40,530

And I always-- just like my
father before me, and probably

1084

00:51:40,530 --> 00:51:43,650

for generations
Jews before me, I

1085

00:51:43,650 --> 00:51:47,040

was very good to deal
with discrimination.

1086

00:51:47,040 --> 00:51:51,540

I was very, very skilled.

1087

00:51:51,540 --> 00:51:54,510

And I think I am
still that way, even

1088

00:51:54,510 --> 00:51:56,790

in this country
in my daily life.

1089

00:51:56,790 --> 00:51:58,410

What do you mean, skilled?

1090

00:51:58,410 --> 00:52:01,768

I'm very skilled in--

1091

00:52:01,768 --> 00:52:02,810

What do you mean by that?

1092

00:52:02,810 --> 00:52:05,550

1093
00:52:05,550 --> 00:52:09,060
--getting along and
trying to make the world

1094
00:52:09,060 --> 00:52:12,030
think that I'm just
like everybody else.

1095
00:52:12,030 --> 00:52:12,960
That's what I mean.

1096
00:52:12,960 --> 00:52:17,190
That's being skilled in
dealing with discrimination.

1097
00:52:17,190 --> 00:52:23,766
But of course, today, my
attitude has changed totally.

1098
00:52:23,766 --> 00:52:29,100
What I felt as a little boy, I
am that way very strong today,

1099
00:52:29,100 --> 00:52:30,045
very, very strong.

1100
00:52:30,045 --> 00:52:40,420
I am very, very right-wing
Jewish today, very strong.

1101
00:52:40,420 --> 00:52:41,035
I'm a hawk.

1102
00:52:41,035 --> 00:52:43,850

1103
00:52:43,850 --> 00:52:44,840
I don't like Arafat.

1104
00:52:44,840 --> 00:52:48,547

1105
00:52:48,547 --> 00:52:49,880
You know what I'm talking about?

1106
00:52:49,880 --> 00:52:50,690
Yes, I do.

1107
00:52:50,690 --> 00:52:51,767
OK.

1108
00:52:51,767 --> 00:52:53,110
Yeah.

1109
00:52:53,110 --> 00:52:57,183
You're talking about the
visit of Arafat to the museum.

1110
00:52:57,183 --> 00:52:58,100
Is that what you mean?

1111
00:52:58,100 --> 00:53:00,120
Well, it's one of the
things I'm alluding to.

1112
00:53:00,120 --> 00:53:01,660
Yeah.

1113
00:53:01,660 --> 00:53:09,800
And yet the Jews in Germany,
they rationalized so much

1114
00:53:09,800 --> 00:53:11,510
about what was going on.

1115
00:53:11,510 --> 00:53:15,410
My father was such an
intellectual, such a reader.

1116
00:53:15,410 --> 00:53:16,760
He read everything.

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00:53:16,760 --> 00:53:21,560
He knew everything about
Zionism, and about Maccabees,

1118
00:53:21,560 --> 00:53:24,950
and about Jews, and
about Jewish history.

1119
00:53:24,950 --> 00:53:28,340
And he knew everything
about everything.

1120
00:53:28,340 --> 00:53:30,020
But they rationalized.

1121
00:53:30,020 --> 00:53:34,430
They rationalized how
everything was going to be OK,

1122
00:53:34,430 --> 00:53:38,000
and how we have to get along,
and how we have to make it go,

1123
00:53:38,000 --> 00:53:41,600
and how Israel is never
going to-- that's never going

1124
00:53:41,600 --> 00:53:48,170
to work, how the Jewish
state in Israel never work,

1125
00:53:48,170 --> 00:53:51,290
and things like that.

1126
00:53:51,290 --> 00:53:53,640
I've heard all that stuff.

1127
00:53:53,640 --> 00:53:57,750
I've been weaned on that.

1128
00:53:57,750 --> 00:53:59,940
Believe me.

1129

00:53:59,940 --> 00:54:02,370

So you were in England
until what year?

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00:54:02,370 --> 00:54:03,180

Until when?

1131

00:54:03,180 --> 00:54:06,150

1936 I came to America.

1132

00:54:06,150 --> 00:54:08,640

How did those
arrangements get made?

1133

00:54:08,640 --> 00:54:09,140

OK.

1134

00:54:09,140 --> 00:54:12,310

1135

00:54:12,310 --> 00:54:16,300

In Cranbrook, there was
tuition, a lot of tuition.

1136

00:54:16,300 --> 00:54:21,430

And my father-- the Nazis
had the Devisen regulations.

1137

00:54:21,430 --> 00:54:25,405

It was not permitted to send
German marks out of Germany.

1138

00:54:25,405 --> 00:54:28,020

1139

00:54:28,020 --> 00:54:35,550

So even though my father
was the way that I said,

1140

00:54:35,550 --> 00:54:36,810

he was still a Jew.

1141

00:54:36,810 --> 00:54:39,030
And he knew how to get along.

1142

00:54:39,030 --> 00:54:45,340
And he knew about
a man in America

1143

00:54:45,340 --> 00:54:50,470
who also was a very distant
relative on my mother's side,

1144

00:54:50,470 --> 00:54:55,030
and who also had been the
son of the rabbi in Paderborn

1145

00:54:55,030 --> 00:54:58,330
where my father
had gone to cheder.

1146

00:54:58,330 --> 00:55:02,110
When my father told me about
it, he said, when he was a boy

1147

00:55:02,110 --> 00:55:04,270
and he went to the
rabbi's study to cheder,

1148

00:55:04,270 --> 00:55:09,220
there was this German school
cap hanging on the mirror.

1149

00:55:09,220 --> 00:55:11,050
And that was Max's cap.

1150

00:55:11,050 --> 00:55:15,040
And Max had gone to
America, the rabbi's son.

1151

00:55:15,040 --> 00:55:17,500
So your father had a
religious upbringing then.

1152

00:55:17,500 --> 00:55:18,370
Of course.

1153
00:55:18,370 --> 00:55:18,950
Of course.

1154
00:55:18,950 --> 00:55:19,500
He was a Jew.

1155
00:55:19,500 --> 00:55:21,130
He was a Jew very much.

1156
00:55:21,130 --> 00:55:23,200
Not religious, he
was a German Jew.

1157
00:55:23,200 --> 00:55:24,702
That's all the children.

1158
00:55:24,702 --> 00:55:28,660
The Jewish religion,
they pretended the Jews--

1159
00:55:28,660 --> 00:55:30,760
that it was a religion.

1160
00:55:30,760 --> 00:55:33,550
You're Jewish, it's
like being Christian.

1161
00:55:33,550 --> 00:55:37,630
You just had-- you just don't
believe in Jesus Christ.

1162
00:55:37,630 --> 00:55:39,992
But Jesus Christ
is very nice, too,

1163
00:55:39,992 --> 00:55:41,200
and everything was all right.

1164
00:55:41,200 --> 00:55:44,080

But the Jews don't have that.

1165
00:55:44,080 --> 00:55:45,830
But they didn't--

1166
00:55:45,830 --> 00:55:48,310
[COUGHS] excuse me.

1167
00:55:48,310 --> 00:55:53,560
They weren't afraid, like
Eastern Jews, of a program.

1168
00:55:53,560 --> 00:55:57,010
You see, the Eastern European
Jews were already persecuted.

1169
00:55:57,010 --> 00:55:59,050
They were used to persecution.

1170
00:55:59,050 --> 00:56:03,490

1171
00:56:03,490 --> 00:56:06,970
During my father's lifetime,
there wasn't any persecution.

1172
00:56:06,970 --> 00:56:13,480
There was social
discrimination against Jews.

1173
00:56:13,480 --> 00:56:18,760
In other words, the people
of the class of professionals

1174
00:56:18,760 --> 00:56:21,370
that my father belonged to--

1175
00:56:21,370 --> 00:56:24,340
they really didn't
like Jews that much.

1176
00:56:24,340 --> 00:56:27,100

But certain Jews,
they had enough money.

1177
00:56:27,100 --> 00:56:28,980
They could get along very well.

1178
00:56:28,980 --> 00:56:30,460
And that's the way it was.

1179
00:56:30,460 --> 00:56:32,725
That's just like
it is here today.

1180
00:56:32,725 --> 00:56:38,360

1181
00:56:38,360 --> 00:56:44,200
So my father knew
that Max Nordhaus, who

1182
00:56:44,200 --> 00:56:46,300
lived in Albuquerque,
New Mexico and was

1183
00:56:46,300 --> 00:56:53,370
the president of a big company,
was supporting two old ladies

1184
00:56:53,370 --> 00:56:55,920
that had taken
care of his parents

1185
00:56:55,920 --> 00:56:59,130
when they had gotten
old in Germany.

1186
00:56:59,130 --> 00:57:01,920
So he corresponded with
Max and made arrangements

1187
00:57:01,920 --> 00:57:04,500
to send the money
to the old ladies.

1188
00:57:04,500 --> 00:57:09,580
And Max sent the money to
me in London, in Cranbrook.

1189
00:57:09,580 --> 00:57:12,730
And when the check came, my
father told me what to do.

1190
00:57:12,730 --> 00:57:15,610
When the check came, I
had to go to the office

1191
00:57:15,610 --> 00:57:17,595
and endorse the check.

1192
00:57:17,595 --> 00:57:18,970
And then my father
says, you have

1193
00:57:18,970 --> 00:57:22,180
to write a note to
Mr. Max Nordhaus,

1194
00:57:22,180 --> 00:57:25,090
and thank him, and
acknowledge the check.

1195
00:57:25,090 --> 00:57:27,430
And I did in English.

1196
00:57:27,430 --> 00:57:31,840
And the next time, he wrote
to me with the next check.

1197
00:57:31,840 --> 00:57:36,640
And he said, I want you
to get finished in school,

1198
00:57:36,640 --> 00:57:38,800
and come to Albuquerque,
and work in my business.

1199

00:57:38,800 --> 00:57:41,780

1200

00:57:41,780 --> 00:57:44,090

I couldn't wait.

1201

00:57:44,090 --> 00:57:45,680

I couldn't wait.

1202

00:57:45,680 --> 00:57:47,310

I was ready.

1203

00:57:47,310 --> 00:57:48,360

I was 16 then--

1204

00:57:48,360 --> 00:57:49,680

15, 16 years old.

1205

00:57:49,680 --> 00:57:52,670

I want to go right now.

1206

00:57:52,670 --> 00:57:57,850

So my parents decided
that was the thing to do.

1207

00:57:57,850 --> 00:57:59,620

So they sent me.

1208

00:57:59,620 --> 00:58:00,840

So--

1209

00:58:00,840 --> 00:58:03,810

How did your parents distinguish
between you and your brother

1210

00:58:03,810 --> 00:58:05,310

and sister?

1211

00:58:05,310 --> 00:58:07,560

Well, my brother
was much younger.

1212
00:58:07,560 --> 00:58:09,690
You see, he was much younger.

1213
00:58:09,690 --> 00:58:11,670
He was still too young.

1214
00:58:11,670 --> 00:58:21,550
And my sister-- the boy was
first, the firstborn son.

1215
00:58:21,550 --> 00:58:22,050
I think.

1216
00:58:22,050 --> 00:58:22,720
I don't know.

1217
00:58:22,720 --> 00:58:23,262
I don't know.

1218
00:58:23,262 --> 00:58:27,060
I can't exactly
answer that question.

1219
00:58:27,060 --> 00:58:29,340
She came a year
later, my sister.

1220
00:58:29,340 --> 00:58:32,100
She came to America
a year later.

1221
00:58:32,100 --> 00:58:35,700
But they wanted to get--

1222
00:58:35,700 --> 00:58:40,140
by this time, they knew
that she had to go, too.

1223
00:58:40,140 --> 00:58:44,170
And I guess they knew that,
eventually, they had to go.

1224
00:58:44,170 --> 00:58:46,050
And my mother, she went.

1225
00:58:46,050 --> 00:58:48,145
She left before my father.

1226
00:58:48,145 --> 00:58:49,770
But my father and my
brother were still

1227
00:58:49,770 --> 00:58:52,140
there till the last minute.

1228
00:58:52,140 --> 00:58:56,380
We were just absolutely very,
very fortunate, very fortunate.

1229
00:58:56,380 --> 00:58:59,000
So you get this letter
from Mr. Nordhaus.

1230
00:58:59,000 --> 00:58:59,700
Yeah.

1231
00:58:59,700 --> 00:59:03,010
And of course, I
told my parents.

1232
00:59:03,010 --> 00:59:05,940
I think I even called
them up on the telephone.

1233
00:59:05,940 --> 00:59:08,410
And I went back to Germany.

1234
00:59:08,410 --> 00:59:14,550
So I saw my teacher in
school, in English school.

1235
00:59:14,550 --> 00:59:16,560
And I said, I want

to immediately take

1236
00:59:16,560 --> 00:59:18,150
the school certificate.

1237
00:59:18,150 --> 00:59:19,920
That was the exam.

1238
00:59:19,920 --> 00:59:22,230
I wasn't finished
with my classes.

1239
00:59:22,230 --> 00:59:23,550
But I said, I can do it.

1240
00:59:23,550 --> 00:59:25,290
I said, I want to do it.

1241
00:59:25,290 --> 00:59:26,760
I want to take the certificate.

1242
00:59:26,760 --> 00:59:29,015
And I told him I was
going to take German.

1243
00:59:29,015 --> 00:59:30,570
And math, I wasn't that good in.

1244
00:59:30,570 --> 00:59:31,615
But I'd take German.

1245
00:59:31,615 --> 00:59:32,490
And I'd take English.

1246
00:59:32,490 --> 00:59:33,900
And I'd take French.

1247
00:59:33,900 --> 00:59:35,260
And I'm going to pass it.

1248
00:59:35,260 --> 00:59:36,930

I want to take the certificate.

1249
00:59:36,930 --> 00:59:38,100
I want to get out of school.

1250
00:59:38,100 --> 00:59:40,180
I'm going to America.

1251
00:59:40,180 --> 00:59:41,550
And my teacher cooperated.

1252
00:59:41,550 --> 00:59:45,060
He was a fabulous
man, CH Osborne.

1253
00:59:45,060 --> 00:59:49,660
And he took me out of
class at that time.

1254
00:59:49,660 --> 00:59:53,110
And he gave me-- he was an
English professor, a fantastic

1255
00:59:53,110 --> 00:59:54,120
guy.

1256
00:59:54,120 --> 00:59:56,640
And he gave me reading.

1257
00:59:56,640 --> 00:59:58,920
And he gave me schedules to do.

1258
00:59:58,920 --> 01:00:01,860
And I worked by myself in
the library for about a month

1259
01:00:01,860 --> 01:00:02,850
or so.

1260
01:00:02,850 --> 01:00:04,440
And then I took the certificate.

1261
01:00:04,440 --> 01:00:06,510
And then I got out of
school and went home.

1262
01:00:06,510 --> 01:00:07,990
I said, OK, I took
the certificate,

1263
01:00:07,990 --> 01:00:09,411
I want to go to America.

1264
01:00:09,411 --> 01:00:13,210

1265
01:00:13,210 --> 01:00:16,200
See, when you want
to do something--

1266
01:00:16,200 --> 01:00:17,050
How many other--

1267
01:00:17,050 --> 01:00:20,070
You had to be 18 years
old to take that.

1268
01:00:20,070 --> 01:00:23,490
How many other Jewish
children from other countries

1269
01:00:23,490 --> 01:00:25,290
were with you at the school?

1270
01:00:25,290 --> 01:00:29,140
That school in Cranbrook?

1271
01:00:29,140 --> 01:00:31,760
I don't even know for sure.

1272
01:00:31,760 --> 01:00:34,030
I don't know for sure.

1273

01:00:34,030 --> 01:00:34,810
I know I didn't--

1274
01:00:34,810 --> 01:00:36,040
Were there other Jewish--

1275
01:00:36,040 --> 01:00:40,450
In Cranbrook was this boy
that I was telling you about.

1276
01:00:40,450 --> 01:00:40,607

1277
01:00:40,607 --> 01:00:41,440
[INTERPOSING VOICES]

1278
01:00:41,440 --> 01:00:43,273
Is this the one that
you were talking about?

1279
01:00:43,273 --> 01:00:45,710
He was a different type
of a boy than I was.

1280
01:00:45,710 --> 01:00:49,300
He was not as athletic,
and things, like me.

1281
01:00:49,300 --> 01:00:50,457
And he was not so--

1282
01:00:50,457 --> 01:00:52,040
Is this the boy you
were talking about

1283
01:00:52,040 --> 01:00:53,080
that you would take
a walk with and--

1284
01:00:53,080 --> 01:00:53,170
Yeah.

1285

01:00:53,170 --> 01:00:54,340
--talk about it was
a curse to be Jewish?

1286
01:00:54,340 --> 01:00:56,380
I had an intellectual
relationship with him,

1287
01:00:56,380 --> 01:01:02,507
but I didn't really know what
happened to him or anything.

1288
01:01:02,507 --> 01:01:03,090
Did he agree--

1289
01:01:03,090 --> 01:01:06,260
Maybe I was too selfish.

1290
01:01:06,260 --> 01:01:08,660
And he agreed with you that
it was a curse at that time

1291
01:01:08,660 --> 01:01:10,400
to be Jewish?

1292
01:01:10,400 --> 01:01:11,240
Yes.

1293
01:01:11,240 --> 01:01:11,860
Oh, yes.

1294
01:01:11,860 --> 01:01:14,420
Oh, there was no
question about that.

1295
01:01:14,420 --> 01:01:18,740
He was from this terrific
family in Frankfurt.

1296
01:01:18,740 --> 01:01:22,265
They were in the jewelry
business, I remember.

1297

01:01:22,265 --> 01:01:23,890

I don't even know
what happened to him.

1298

01:01:23,890 --> 01:01:24,640

I don't even know.

1299

01:01:24,640 --> 01:01:26,290

I lost track.

1300

01:01:26,290 --> 01:01:28,890

What was his name?

1301

01:01:28,890 --> 01:01:29,970

I can't remember.

1302

01:01:29,970 --> 01:01:31,860

I should know.

1303

01:01:31,860 --> 01:01:33,300

I'm trying right now.

1304

01:01:33,300 --> 01:01:34,950

I can't remember.

1305

01:01:34,950 --> 01:01:38,190

OK, so now you've
passed your exam.

1306

01:01:38,190 --> 01:01:40,300

And what happens?

1307

01:01:40,300 --> 01:01:42,280

I might remember
his name tonight,

1308

01:01:42,280 --> 01:01:44,260

but I can't remember
it right now.

1309

01:01:44,260 --> 01:01:46,915

I feel bad that I can't
remember, but I can't remember.

1310
01:01:46,915 --> 01:01:48,040
We can always add it later.

1311
01:01:48,040 --> 01:01:48,850
That's OK.

1312
01:01:48,850 --> 01:01:51,200
So you've passed
your certificate.

1313
01:01:51,200 --> 01:01:52,810
Yeah, I passed my certificate.

1314
01:01:52,810 --> 01:01:56,260

1315
01:01:56,260 --> 01:02:02,320
Oh, we had to go get the visa.

1316
01:02:02,320 --> 01:02:06,900
And right away-- it
didn't take that long--

1317
01:02:06,900 --> 01:02:08,110
my number was called.

1318
01:02:08,110 --> 01:02:12,250
Max Nordhaus sent the affidavits
and everything, all the papers.

1319
01:02:12,250 --> 01:02:14,600
My father was very good
in arranging all of that.

1320
01:02:14,600 --> 01:02:16,780
And we went to Hamburg.

1321
01:02:16,780 --> 01:02:22,420
I still remember sitting in

the American consul's office

1322
01:02:22,420 --> 01:02:24,460
in Hamburg.

1323
01:02:24,460 --> 01:02:29,620
And they had-- what was the
big magazine at that time?

1324
01:02:29,620 --> 01:02:30,460
Life Magazine?

1325
01:02:30,460 --> 01:02:31,688
No.

1326
01:02:31,688 --> 01:02:32,980
They didn't have Life yet then.

1327
01:02:32,980 --> 01:02:34,420
It was Look, I think.

1328
01:02:34,420 --> 01:02:35,260
Oh, Look magazine.

1329
01:02:35,260 --> 01:02:37,240
Or maybe something else even.

1330
01:02:37,240 --> 01:02:39,640
But a magazine, and I opened it.

1331
01:02:39,640 --> 01:02:46,780
And they had this double page
of a white convertible Packard.

1332
01:02:46,780 --> 01:02:48,130
I said, that's what I want.

1333
01:02:48,130 --> 01:02:55,820

1334
01:02:55,820 --> 01:02:58,340

So anyway, I got on the boat.

1335
01:02:58,340 --> 01:03:00,965
You went back to
your family first--

1336
01:03:00,965 --> 01:03:02,057
I went to--

1337
01:03:02,057 --> 01:03:02,890
--and then went to--

1338
01:03:02,890 --> 01:03:03,140
--Hamburg.

1339
01:03:03,140 --> 01:03:03,640
And then--

1340
01:03:03,640 --> 01:03:05,030
Who came with you to Hamburg?

1341
01:03:05,030 --> 01:03:06,140
My father and mother.

1342
01:03:06,140 --> 01:03:09,410

1343
01:03:09,410 --> 01:03:12,210
My mother was very
teary and stuff.

1344
01:03:12,210 --> 01:03:15,890
And she kissed me and hugged
me more than I had ever

1345
01:03:15,890 --> 01:03:18,110
been kissed in my life.

1346
01:03:18,110 --> 01:03:21,080
It almost made me
uncomfortable, kiss me so much.

1347

01:03:21,080 --> 01:03:23,210

But I just wanted to go.

1348

01:03:23,210 --> 01:03:23,970

And then--

1349

01:03:23,970 --> 01:03:25,580

What month was this?

1350

01:03:25,580 --> 01:03:28,013

It was in July, early

July, very early,

1351

01:03:28,013 --> 01:03:29,180

in the middle of the summer.

1352

01:03:29,180 --> 01:03:30,220

Of 1936.

1353

01:03:30,220 --> 01:03:30,720

Right.

1354

01:03:30,720 --> 01:03:34,090

1355

01:03:34,090 --> 01:03:37,297

And then, that night,

we got on the boat.

1356

01:03:37,297 --> 01:03:39,130

Did your parents say

anything special to you

1357

01:03:39,130 --> 01:03:40,480

when you left them?

1358

01:03:40,480 --> 01:03:42,660

Well, my father gave

me a lot of things.

1359

01:03:42,660 --> 01:03:45,910

I even have some stuff
that he gave me--

1360
01:03:45,910 --> 01:03:49,960
advice, and stuff like that,
what I should do and things.

1361
01:03:49,960 --> 01:03:52,630
One of the things he told
me, I'll never forget.

1362
01:03:52,630 --> 01:03:54,160
I always tell everybody.

1363
01:03:54,160 --> 01:03:56,150
He says, you're
going to America.

1364
01:03:56,150 --> 01:03:59,980
And you're probably going
to be in business, he said,

1365
01:03:59,980 --> 01:04:02,050
because you didn't go
to college or anything.

1366
01:04:02,050 --> 01:04:04,320
I wanted you always have
a college education.

1367
01:04:04,320 --> 01:04:07,380
And probably that's not
going to happen for you.

1368
01:04:07,380 --> 01:04:09,560
But he said, you're
going to be in business,

1369
01:04:09,560 --> 01:04:12,010
so I want you to
remember one thing.

1370
01:04:12,010 --> 01:04:15,970

Don't lie to nobody,
he says, because a liar

1371
01:04:15,970 --> 01:04:18,910
has to have a very,
very good memory.

1372
01:04:18,910 --> 01:04:21,568
And he told me,
you're not that smart.

1373
01:04:21,568 --> 01:04:27,550
[LAUGHS] So that was
one of the best things

1374
01:04:27,550 --> 01:04:29,770
I ever got from my father.

1375
01:04:29,770 --> 01:04:31,170
I never forgot that.

1376
01:04:31,170 --> 01:04:33,420
Was it hard to say goodbye
to your brother and sister?

1377
01:04:33,420 --> 01:04:36,650

1378
01:04:36,650 --> 01:04:38,280
No.

1379
01:04:38,280 --> 01:04:40,920
I hardly remember any of that.

1380
01:04:40,920 --> 01:04:41,790
I can't remember.

1381
01:04:41,790 --> 01:04:46,590
It was something that
you just don't remember.

1382
01:04:46,590 --> 01:04:48,060

I just left.

1383

01:04:48,060 --> 01:04:51,150

They came on the boat, and
we had dinner on the boat.

1384

01:04:51,150 --> 01:04:53,520

What was the name of your boat?

1385

01:04:53,520 --> 01:04:54,513

President Harding.

1386

01:04:54,513 --> 01:04:55,680

I have a picture of it here.

1387

01:04:55,680 --> 01:05:00,690

1388

01:05:00,690 --> 01:05:04,440

We had dinner on the boat
in Hamburg the last night.

1389

01:05:04,440 --> 01:05:07,410

They could come on
board and have dinner.

1390

01:05:07,410 --> 01:05:12,570

And I had a very good
cabin class, or something.

1391

01:05:12,570 --> 01:05:16,080

1392

01:05:16,080 --> 01:05:19,550

And they left.

1393

01:05:19,550 --> 01:05:20,540

And they waved.

1394

01:05:20,540 --> 01:05:21,425

And the boat left.

1395

01:05:21,425 --> 01:05:29,120

1396

01:05:29,120 --> 01:05:31,520

You know, it's really--

1397

01:05:31,520 --> 01:05:38,090

I must be a terrible person or something, but I wasn't sad.

1398

01:05:38,090 --> 01:05:39,868

I kind of--

1399

01:05:39,868 --> 01:05:40,410

I don't know.

1400

01:05:40,410 --> 01:05:42,850

If you had been in camp and something over there,

1401

01:05:42,850 --> 01:05:45,600

in school or something, you're kind of glad when your parents

1402

01:05:45,600 --> 01:05:49,680

leave and you're on your own.

1403

01:05:49,680 --> 01:05:53,730

At that point in my life, I was so glad to be out on my own.

1404

01:05:53,730 --> 01:05:55,560

I wanted to prove myself.

1405

01:05:55,560 --> 01:05:59,760

I wanted to-- you know.

1406

01:05:59,760 --> 01:06:00,525

Well, I was sad.

1407

01:06:00,525 --> 01:06:01,860

They were my parents.

1408
01:06:01,860 --> 01:06:02,610
And I waved.

1409
01:06:02,610 --> 01:06:03,930
I stood on the boat and waved.

1410
01:06:03,930 --> 01:06:07,155
And I was a little bit
upset, but not very much.

1411
01:06:07,155 --> 01:06:09,030
How did you feel about
leaving your homeland?

1412
01:06:09,030 --> 01:06:13,590
Or did you, at that point,
consider Germany your homeland?

1413
01:06:13,590 --> 01:06:16,080
Let me tell you something.

1414
01:06:16,080 --> 01:06:20,890
When I came to America, I
never-- well, first of all,

1415
01:06:20,890 --> 01:06:23,950
I had an unbelievable
time on the boat.

1416
01:06:23,950 --> 01:06:25,640
I had a ball on that boat.

1417
01:06:25,640 --> 01:06:30,295
That trip was--
as young as I was,

1418
01:06:30,295 --> 01:06:31,920
I already had a
girlfriend on the boat.

1419

01:06:31,920 --> 01:06:33,780
And it was wonderful.

1420
01:06:33,780 --> 01:06:35,785
And she even got off
with me in New York.

1421
01:06:35,785 --> 01:06:36,910
And she showed me New York.

1422
01:06:36,910 --> 01:06:40,620

1423
01:06:40,620 --> 01:06:50,040
But when I got to New York, the
first night I was in America--

1424
01:06:50,040 --> 01:06:53,570
I had had a little bit of
that already in London,

1425
01:06:53,570 --> 01:06:54,710
but it was different.

1426
01:06:54,710 --> 01:07:00,610
When I knew I was in America and
I had left Germany behind me,

1427
01:07:00,610 --> 01:07:10,470
It was like a millstone
was off my chest.

1428
01:07:10,470 --> 01:07:13,400
I was free.

1429
01:07:13,400 --> 01:07:17,340
I was in a world where
it was different.

1430
01:07:17,340 --> 01:07:18,110
I was free.

1431

01:07:18,110 --> 01:07:19,520
I had escaped.

1432
01:07:19,520 --> 01:07:22,210
I knew I had.

1433
01:07:22,210 --> 01:07:26,560
As ignorant as I really
was of everything,

1434
01:07:26,560 --> 01:07:31,090
I guess subconsciously I
wasn't as ignorant as that.

1435
01:07:31,090 --> 01:07:35,320
I guess I knew how dangerous
and how terrible it was.

1436
01:07:35,320 --> 01:07:38,590
And I guess I didn't
think enough about my--

1437
01:07:38,590 --> 01:07:41,050
I should be worrying
about my parents,

1438
01:07:41,050 --> 01:07:44,920
and about my brother and sister,
and about all the other people.

1439
01:07:44,920 --> 01:07:47,460
But you know something?

1440
01:07:47,460 --> 01:07:50,370
Everybody-- you can't really
worry about the whole world.

1441
01:07:50,370 --> 01:07:52,110
You have to live your
own life every day.

1442
01:07:52,110 --> 01:07:55,870
You have to be focused

on where you are.

1443
01:07:55,870 --> 01:07:57,250
And that's what I was doing.

1444
01:07:57,250 --> 01:08:03,240
I was focusing on being in
America and ice cream soda

1445
01:08:03,240 --> 01:08:09,120
on the corner, banana split,
and the gorgeous girls.

1446
01:08:09,120 --> 01:08:14,480
I couldn't believe it was going
on-- and the big buildings.

1447
01:08:14,480 --> 01:08:17,510
And we went to the
American Express.

1448
01:08:17,510 --> 01:08:21,590
My father had bought me
this Pullman from New York

1449
01:08:21,590 --> 01:08:25,600
to Albuquerque.

1450
01:08:25,600 --> 01:08:29,364

1451
01:08:29,364 --> 01:08:31,250
But I had a coupon or something.

1452
01:08:31,250 --> 01:08:33,380
It was paid for in Germany.

1453
01:08:33,380 --> 01:08:35,300
And I had to go to
the American Express

1454
01:08:35,300 --> 01:08:37,720

and exchange it for the ticket.

1455
01:08:37,720 --> 01:08:41,439
Of course, my English
was so lucky--

1456
01:08:41,439 --> 01:08:44,290
talk in English, with
an English accent yet.

1457
01:08:44,290 --> 01:08:47,290

1458
01:08:47,290 --> 01:08:50,290
I had no problem
communicating with anybody

1459
01:08:50,290 --> 01:08:52,630
after all that time in England.

1460
01:08:52,630 --> 01:09:00,340
And the girl says
to me, well, you

1461
01:09:00,340 --> 01:09:04,390
can take a plane to Chicago.

1462
01:09:04,390 --> 01:09:10,210
And then there's a tourist
Pullman out of Chicago

1463
01:09:10,210 --> 01:09:15,215
that you can take into
Albuquerque for the same money,

1464
01:09:15,215 --> 01:09:16,340
which you already paid for.

1465
01:09:16,340 --> 01:09:17,870
It's very expensive,
this passage

1466

01:09:17,870 --> 01:09:19,930
that you have on
a Pullman from--

1467
01:09:19,930 --> 01:09:21,590
and you make better time.

1468
01:09:21,590 --> 01:09:23,050
And I think one of
my interests was

1469
01:09:23,050 --> 01:09:24,550
I wanted to stay a
little bit longer

1470
01:09:24,550 --> 01:09:27,859
in New York, another
few days in New York.

1471
01:09:27,859 --> 01:09:31,060
And I said, that's what I want.

1472
01:09:31,060 --> 01:09:33,880
But she said, the only
thing is you're going

1473
01:09:33,880 --> 01:09:36,819
to have to send your bags.

1474
01:09:36,819 --> 01:09:38,550
I had a lot of heavy bags.

1475
01:09:38,550 --> 01:09:41,170
She said, you can't take all
that luggage on the plane.

1476
01:09:41,170 --> 01:09:42,710
At that time, you
couldn't do that.

1477
01:09:42,710 --> 01:09:45,370
You'd have to send that express.

1478
01:09:45,370 --> 01:09:46,142
OK.

1479
01:09:46,142 --> 01:09:47,350
I didn't know the difference.

1480
01:09:47,350 --> 01:09:48,920
It was express collected.

1481
01:09:48,920 --> 01:09:51,640
My relatives really
loved it when

1482
01:09:51,640 --> 01:09:54,020
they got that big bill when
I got there, to New Mexico.

1483
01:09:54,020 --> 01:09:59,090

1484
01:09:59,090 --> 01:09:59,930
So I did.

1485
01:09:59,930 --> 01:10:05,620
I took a plane from New
York, stopped in Cleveland.

1486
01:10:05,620 --> 01:10:11,050
And on the plane was this
guy with bushy eyebrows,

1487
01:10:11,050 --> 01:10:11,860
white hair.

1488
01:10:11,860 --> 01:10:13,720
And I was sitting here.

1489
01:10:13,720 --> 01:10:16,960
And he was sitting there on
the other side of the aisle.

1490

01:10:16,960 --> 01:10:20,200
And I could tell
he must have been

1491
01:10:20,200 --> 01:10:21,730
an important man,
because there was

1492
01:10:21,730 --> 01:10:25,403
another man that
kept coming to him

1493
01:10:25,403 --> 01:10:26,570
from the front of the plane.

1494
01:10:26,570 --> 01:10:28,750
Apparently, he had a
typewriter on the plane,

1495
01:10:28,750 --> 01:10:30,700
writing letters and
things like that.

1496
01:10:30,700 --> 01:10:33,260
And the man started
talking to me.

1497
01:10:33,260 --> 01:10:35,090
And I told him, I just
come from Germany.

1498
01:10:35,090 --> 01:10:36,610
And he was interested in me.

1499
01:10:36,610 --> 01:10:38,980
He started asking me questions.

1500
01:10:38,980 --> 01:10:40,000
And I answered him.

1501
01:10:40,000 --> 01:10:41,350
And he wished me a lot of luck.

1502

01:10:41,350 --> 01:10:42,310

He asked me where I was going.

1503

01:10:42,310 --> 01:10:43,990

I told him I was

going to Albuquerque,

1504

01:10:43,990 --> 01:10:46,095

and all that, with my relatives.

1505

01:10:46,095 --> 01:10:47,570

He was very interesting.

1506

01:10:47,570 --> 01:10:49,330

And then he got off the plane.

1507

01:10:49,330 --> 01:10:52,510

And about three months

later, I went to the movies

1508

01:10:52,510 --> 01:10:53,650

and saw the March of Time.

1509

01:10:53,650 --> 01:10:55,090

It was John L. Lewis.

1510

01:10:55,090 --> 01:10:56,027

I told you the story.

1511

01:10:56,027 --> 01:10:56,527

It was--

1512

01:10:56,527 --> 01:10:57,481

No.

1513

01:10:57,481 --> 01:10:59,910

It was John L. Lewis.

1514

01:10:59,910 --> 01:11:00,930

I met him on that plane.

1515

01:11:00,930 --> 01:11:03,580

I didn't know who
he was, of course.

1516

01:11:03,580 --> 01:11:05,960

And it was very hot that summer.

1517

01:11:05,960 --> 01:11:10,010

And then, when I was on
that Pullman from Chicago--

1518

01:11:10,010 --> 01:11:13,470

and Chicago, I stayed
at the Palmer House.

1519

01:11:13,470 --> 01:11:17,910

I didn't know-- that's
where the taxi took me.

1520

01:11:17,910 --> 01:11:20,250

Oh, my, I saw Chicago.

1521

01:11:20,250 --> 01:11:22,950

And I went to the
burlesque and all.

1522

01:11:22,950 --> 01:11:26,820

And then I went to the
American Express again.

1523

01:11:26,820 --> 01:11:28,200

And I got my tickets.

1524

01:11:28,200 --> 01:11:33,570

And I found the station that I
had to go to catch the train.

1525

01:11:33,570 --> 01:11:39,120

And it was a several day
ride to Albuquerque--

1526

01:11:39,120 --> 01:11:42,090

very good accommodation,
no problem.

1527
01:11:42,090 --> 01:11:46,220
And it was so hot.

1528
01:11:46,220 --> 01:11:50,540
And I remember it
was the election.

1529
01:11:50,540 --> 01:11:56,710
And Roosevelt, I guess,
was running against Lyndon.

1530
01:11:56,710 --> 01:11:59,080
And the election was going on.

1531
01:11:59,080 --> 01:12:00,350
And I didn't know anything.

1532
01:12:00,350 --> 01:12:02,440
And they were
shouting, election.

1533
01:12:02,440 --> 01:12:05,030
And there were people
electioneering around there.

1534
01:12:05,030 --> 01:12:06,730
And I thought it was so cool.

1535
01:12:06,730 --> 01:12:08,380
And it was hot, though.

1536
01:12:08,380 --> 01:12:10,480
And I never saw such heat.

1537
01:12:10,480 --> 01:12:13,250
When I got off the
train, I thought,

1538
01:12:13,250 --> 01:12:16,680

my god, you could fry an egg
right there on the platform

1539
01:12:16,680 --> 01:12:18,520
it was so hot.

1540
01:12:18,520 --> 01:12:21,490
But the compartments
were not hot.

1541
01:12:21,490 --> 01:12:22,400
It was nice.

1542
01:12:22,400 --> 01:12:24,150
I don't know if they
had air conditioning,

1543
01:12:24,150 --> 01:12:25,480
or put fans, all that.

1544
01:12:25,480 --> 01:12:27,010
It was fine.

1545
01:12:27,010 --> 01:12:30,010
So Mr. Nordhaus met
you when you arrived.

1546
01:12:30,010 --> 01:12:35,030
When I arrived, there was
somebody there at the station.

1547
01:12:35,030 --> 01:12:36,370
His name was Rudolf Dreier.

1548
01:12:36,370 --> 01:12:40,225
He was a cousin that was
a little bit older than I.

1549
01:12:40,225 --> 01:12:43,330
There was another
German guy from Germany

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01:12:43,330 --> 01:12:44,950
that had gone to the--

1551
01:12:44,950 --> 01:12:48,460
Max Nordhaus always
took these boys

1552
01:12:48,460 --> 01:12:51,370
as the ones he wanted
in his business.

1553
01:12:51,370 --> 01:12:56,370
And Rudolf met me.

1554
01:12:56,370 --> 01:12:59,820
And he told me, well, I'm going
to take you over to the house.

1555
01:12:59,820 --> 01:13:04,275
He says, but I want to
tell you Max Nordhaus died.

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01:13:04,275 --> 01:13:07,010

1557
01:13:07,010 --> 01:13:10,700
And I had to sent him a
telegram when I was arriving.

1558
01:13:10,700 --> 01:13:14,730
But I forgot to put whether
it was AM or PM or something,

1559
01:13:14,730 --> 01:13:16,160
and something on the telegram.

1560
01:13:16,160 --> 01:13:18,000
But he was there anyway.

1561
01:13:18,000 --> 01:13:22,280
He told me I didn't
send the telegram right.

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01:13:22,280 --> 01:13:26,540

So I couldn't believe it.

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01:13:26,540 --> 01:13:28,395

When I got there, he had died.

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01:13:28,395 --> 01:13:30,020

And they didn't even
know I was coming.

1565

01:13:30,020 --> 01:13:31,353

And they were still in mourning.

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01:13:31,353 --> 01:13:36,190

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01:13:36,190 --> 01:13:39,490

And they didn't
know I was coming.

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01:13:39,490 --> 01:13:42,610

The only way that they
finally found out--

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01:13:42,610 --> 01:13:44,740

because he had written
a letter to my father.

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01:13:44,740 --> 01:13:50,410

And they found the letter
on his desk in his office.

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01:13:50,410 --> 01:13:52,540

And he told my
father not to worry.

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01:13:52,540 --> 01:13:55,290

He was going to take
good care of me.

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01:13:55,290 --> 01:13:56,000