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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:02,760

Mission of the United States
Holocaust Memorial Museum

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00:00:02,760 --> 00:00:06,150

volunteer collection interview
with Fritz Gluckstein.

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00:00:06,150 --> 00:00:10,020

This is tape two,
side A. And you

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00:00:10,020 --> 00:00:12,570

were telling me that your father
told you not to study law.

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00:00:12,570 --> 00:00:14,160

Did you have any
idea at that time

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00:00:14,160 --> 00:00:15,530

what you did want to study?

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00:00:15,530 --> 00:00:18,240

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00:00:18,240 --> 00:00:21,495

I would say I always
had a bent for science.

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00:00:21,495 --> 00:00:24,360

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00:00:24,360 --> 00:00:26,390

That special course
for the Abiturium

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00:00:26,390 --> 00:00:29,560

there were two tracks, one--

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00:00:29,560 --> 00:00:30,760

languages.

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00:00:30,760 --> 00:00:32,340

They had a second language--

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00:00:32,340 --> 00:00:33,720

French.

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00:00:33,720 --> 00:00:37,070

And the other was
mathematics and science.

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00:00:37,070 --> 00:00:40,995

And I, of course, took
the mathematics, science.

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00:00:40,995 --> 00:00:48,586

I [? obviously-- ?] towards the
medical science, particularly.

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00:00:48,586 --> 00:00:52,060

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00:00:52,060 --> 00:01:00,540

And in regard to my
intentions to immigrate,

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00:01:00,540 --> 00:01:05,470

of course I thought about it,
and I felt that I did not--

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00:01:05,470 --> 00:01:08,490

didn't feel it my duty
to rebuild Germany.

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00:01:08,490 --> 00:01:10,200

But of course, I
gave it some thought,

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00:01:10,200 --> 00:01:13,890

and one of my father's
colleague and judge

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00:01:13,890 --> 00:01:18,100
had left before the war.

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00:01:18,100 --> 00:01:21,700
And he worked at a
[? mill, at a ?] factory,

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00:01:21,700 --> 00:01:24,660
and he came back after the war.

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00:01:24,660 --> 00:01:29,430
So once he got his [INAUDIBLE]
he left his fiancée

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00:01:29,430 --> 00:01:32,370
and he married soon
after he came back.

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00:01:32,370 --> 00:01:35,640
He didn't even take
out the first papers.

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00:01:35,640 --> 00:01:38,890
For him, the United
States was only a stopgap,

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00:01:38,890 --> 00:01:41,670
and he came back.

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00:01:41,670 --> 00:01:47,250
And I asked him if I should go--

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00:01:47,250 --> 00:01:51,210
or not and he said look, you go.

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00:01:51,210 --> 00:01:54,060

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00:01:54,060 --> 00:01:56,040
What I did is something
completely different.

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00:01:56,040 --> 00:01:59,650

I'm older and I had
a special bond here.

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00:01:59,650 --> 00:02:01,130

I came back.

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00:02:01,130 --> 00:02:03,180

But this-- and I quote--

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00:02:03,180 --> 00:02:07,575

you will thank your creator
that you took the step.

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00:02:07,575 --> 00:02:08,825

You went to the United States.

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00:02:08,825 --> 00:02:11,400

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00:02:11,400 --> 00:02:17,350

And this actually
helped me a lot.

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00:02:17,350 --> 00:02:20,500

But actually, decision
wasn't too difficult. Yes,

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00:02:20,500 --> 00:02:24,180

I maybe had some
friends over here--

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00:02:24,180 --> 00:02:28,240

maybe they would move there,
but it turned out differently.

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00:02:28,240 --> 00:02:31,860

Now, I decided to--

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00:02:31,860 --> 00:02:34,200

just finished up
for some reason,

48
00:02:34,200 --> 00:02:40,020
right after the Abiturium,
pretty soon afterwards, I left.

49
00:02:40,020 --> 00:02:44,880
Frankly, I might have left
even before the Abiturium,

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00:02:44,880 --> 00:02:46,680
but it just happened
to be it took

51
00:02:46,680 --> 00:02:48,820
some time with immigration.

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00:02:48,820 --> 00:02:53,520
And shortly after
I did Abiturium,

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00:02:53,520 --> 00:02:58,350
then the first concrete steps
for immigration was taken.

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00:02:58,350 --> 00:03:04,390

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00:03:04,390 --> 00:03:07,512
Did you ever consider at
all going to Palestine?

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00:03:07,512 --> 00:03:14,520

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00:03:14,520 --> 00:03:15,020
No.

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00:03:15,020 --> 00:03:18,480

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00:03:18,480 --> 00:03:24,970
And perhaps I can tell you one

of my very good friends, Bill

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00:03:24,970 --> 00:03:31,320

[? Freight, ?] he survived to--

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00:03:31,320 --> 00:03:33,160

actually, he did.

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00:03:33,160 --> 00:03:34,030

He survived.

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00:03:34,030 --> 00:03:38,310

And after the war, he
went to Israel, Palestine.

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00:03:38,310 --> 00:03:44,250

And he came back, actually,
and we discussed it.

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00:03:44,250 --> 00:03:47,730

I was always interested
in Israel, Palestine,

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00:03:47,730 --> 00:03:54,270

but actually never
intended to go there--

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00:03:54,270 --> 00:03:56,410

visit or something.

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00:03:56,410 --> 00:03:58,750

And at that time,
of course, it was--

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00:03:58,750 --> 00:04:01,000

look what happened at the
time-- the added difficulty,

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00:04:01,000 --> 00:04:02,530

and Jews tried to get in there.

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00:04:02,530 --> 00:04:05,120

The British-- it
was quite an uproar.

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00:04:05,120 --> 00:04:08,700
It was thought about it, but
I mostly wanted to say no.

73
00:04:08,700 --> 00:04:13,450
I considered it,
but I [INAUDIBLE]..

74
00:04:13,450 --> 00:04:18,110
We tried to immigrate
to the United States,

75
00:04:18,110 --> 00:04:21,660
actually before the war.

76
00:04:21,660 --> 00:04:26,280
But the affidavit-- but it
was difficult [INAUDIBLE]

77
00:04:26,280 --> 00:04:27,150
an affidavit.

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00:04:27,150 --> 00:04:30,690
Finally got one from
a distant relative.

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00:04:30,690 --> 00:04:39,400
And well, by the time we had it
and had to wait for a quarter,

80
00:04:39,400 --> 00:04:43,460
and by the time
the quarter came,

81
00:04:43,460 --> 00:04:45,775
the war were there [INAUDIBLE].

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00:04:45,775 --> 00:04:53,390

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00:04:53,390 --> 00:04:57,327

Tell me about the process
of coming to this country.

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00:04:57,327 --> 00:05:01,235

Yes, of course, I was
thinking about immigration

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00:05:01,235 --> 00:05:03,390

and trying to sign
up by the register

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00:05:03,390 --> 00:05:06,260

or whatever had to be done.

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00:05:06,260 --> 00:05:08,443

And lo and behold,
there came the day

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00:05:08,443 --> 00:05:14,110

I had to appear
at the consulate.

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00:05:14,110 --> 00:05:18,705

And they questioned
me, and we were

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00:05:18,705 --> 00:05:20,720

given a physical examination.

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00:05:20,720 --> 00:05:24,435

And then, they give
us a general question.

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00:05:24,435 --> 00:05:28,910

I still remember distinctly,
when two or three people

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00:05:28,910 --> 00:05:30,890

sitting there, one
doing the interview.

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00:05:30,890 --> 00:05:35,800

And now, tell me about
what happened in the time.

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00:05:35,800 --> 00:05:40,170

And what came up that
I worked some time--

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00:05:40,170 --> 00:05:44,580

worked some few weeks at
Eichmann's headquarter.

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00:05:44,580 --> 00:05:47,005

[INAUDIBLE] moment-- "Hmm?"

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00:05:47,005 --> 00:05:49,820

Eichmann's headquarter,
just a moment.

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00:05:49,820 --> 00:05:52,580

Would you please be good
enough to wait outside

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00:05:52,580 --> 00:05:54,210

for a few minutes?"

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00:05:54,210 --> 00:05:57,480

And after 15
minutes, I come back.

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00:05:57,480 --> 00:05:59,900

And instead of three,
there were six people there

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00:05:59,900 --> 00:06:02,375

and another guy was there.

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00:06:02,375 --> 00:06:04,700

Said, "Now, please
tell me," and asked

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00:06:04,700 --> 00:06:09,650

me to describe the various

details, the rooms,

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00:06:09,650 --> 00:06:12,123

and everything else,
what was going on.

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00:06:12,123 --> 00:06:13,040

I remember distinctly.

108

00:06:13,040 --> 00:06:15,500

And for a have an hour,
they questioned me

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00:06:15,500 --> 00:06:19,400

about minutia of
the headquarters.

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00:06:19,400 --> 00:06:22,280

They said, well,
thank you very much.

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00:06:22,280 --> 00:06:26,060

It must be one of
the SS or whoever,

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00:06:26,060 --> 00:06:27,710

I don't know who it was.

113

00:06:27,710 --> 00:06:29,500

But they were very interested.

114

00:06:29,500 --> 00:06:33,650

Maybe they compared what
I had to say with others.

115

00:06:33,650 --> 00:06:38,360

And lo and behold,
I got my visa.

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00:06:38,360 --> 00:06:42,740

Actually, there was one
consul, he has a reputation,

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00:06:42,740 --> 00:06:43,970
was very antisemitic.

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00:06:43,970 --> 00:06:47,160

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00:06:47,160 --> 00:06:51,020
But the consul here was
very nice, Sullivan.

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00:06:51,020 --> 00:06:53,620
Wished me good luck.

121

00:06:53,620 --> 00:06:58,990
And lo and behold,
I got the visa.

122

00:06:58,990 --> 00:07:03,640
And then, of course, they had to
get us from Berlin to the boat.

123

00:07:03,640 --> 00:07:08,110
Don't forget it, they had
to go through East Germany.

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00:07:08,110 --> 00:07:14,230
The put us, at first, one
night in a camp in Berlin.

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00:07:14,230 --> 00:07:22,190
And next morning, on
a train to Bremen.

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00:07:22,190 --> 00:07:28,490
And there were Jews
and some citizens.

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00:07:28,490 --> 00:07:31,590
They were Germans
who had been born--

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00:07:31,590 --> 00:07:34,290

their parents
lived here and they

129
00:07:34,290 --> 00:07:37,312
were born in the United States.

130
00:07:37,312 --> 00:07:39,750
They probably would have
been two or three years old

131
00:07:39,750 --> 00:07:42,930
when their parents
came back to Germany.

132
00:07:42,930 --> 00:07:45,600
Those were still
American citizens.

133
00:07:45,600 --> 00:07:47,530
I still remember, they
were on there too.

134
00:07:47,530 --> 00:07:50,550

135
00:07:50,550 --> 00:07:53,340
And we come to Bremen.

136
00:07:53,340 --> 00:07:55,770
And there was a kind
of staging area,

137
00:07:55,770 --> 00:07:58,650
a camp to wait for a boat.

138
00:07:58,650 --> 00:08:01,260
Every year, I would say,
every other week or so,

139
00:08:01,260 --> 00:08:08,190
one of the Liberty ships
came and ferried the people.

140

00:08:08,190 --> 00:08:13,480

And I member sitting
in the camp in Bremen.

141

00:08:13,480 --> 00:08:16,640

Was something strange
too, I remember.

142

00:08:16,640 --> 00:08:20,820

They had kind of guards or--

143

00:08:20,820 --> 00:08:23,560

what they were guarding,
it wasn't quite clear,

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00:08:23,560 --> 00:08:25,200

if they guard us or what.

145

00:08:25,200 --> 00:08:28,740

And those fellows
were not Jewish.

146

00:08:28,740 --> 00:08:32,950

I think they were refugees or
something from Poland or so.

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00:08:32,950 --> 00:08:36,480

And some were not--

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00:08:36,480 --> 00:08:38,549

certainly not philosemitic,
very antisemitic.

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00:08:38,549 --> 00:08:41,039

I remember this distinctly.

150

00:08:41,039 --> 00:08:43,900

And I remember
that I took time--

151

00:08:43,900 --> 00:08:45,030

not much to do.

152
00:08:45,030 --> 00:08:47,160
I took English lessons.

153
00:08:47,160 --> 00:08:52,010
And of course, some people,
and I don't forget it, "Oh,

154
00:08:52,010 --> 00:08:54,710
we don't want the
English lessons.

155
00:08:54,710 --> 00:08:58,280
We learn in the countries--
in the country."

156
00:08:58,280 --> 00:09:01,050
They were the ones who
when they came here

157
00:09:01,050 --> 00:09:02,750
were completely helpless.

158
00:09:02,750 --> 00:09:07,910
Couldn't even ask
for the restroom.

159
00:09:07,910 --> 00:09:09,290
Then something else happened.

160
00:09:09,290 --> 00:09:12,820

161
00:09:12,820 --> 00:09:18,430
Shortly before we
embarked somebody

162
00:09:18,430 --> 00:09:23,950
said, "Ladies and gentlemen,
please remember, the moment

163
00:09:23,950 --> 00:09:30,320

you set foot on the boat, a
cigarette is only in cigarette.

164
00:09:30,320 --> 00:09:33,760
It has no monetary value.

165
00:09:33,760 --> 00:09:38,510
Please, don't forget that."

166
00:09:38,510 --> 00:09:45,210
And I remember
getting on the boat.

167
00:09:45,210 --> 00:09:52,540
And it was a very stormy
voyage, I remember.

168
00:09:52,540 --> 00:09:55,370
It was-- we were fortunate--

169
00:09:55,370 --> 00:09:59,560
it was a troop ship, a Liberty
ship, a Marine Flasher.

170
00:09:59,560 --> 00:10:00,560
Actually, we were lucky.

171
00:10:00,560 --> 00:10:03,830
Normally, there were four bunks.

172
00:10:03,830 --> 00:10:05,960
We only had two.

173
00:10:05,960 --> 00:10:08,630
But the food was very good.

174
00:10:08,630 --> 00:10:11,520
I tell you, it was magnificent.

175
00:10:11,520 --> 00:10:14,590
And the first time
I tasted ginger ale.

176
00:10:14,590 --> 00:10:17,570
It was like--

177
00:10:17,570 --> 00:10:25,090
And they showed us
some films on the--

178
00:10:25,090 --> 00:10:27,230
through the voyage.

179
00:10:27,230 --> 00:10:31,012
Well, I only
understood half of it.

180
00:10:31,012 --> 00:10:33,890
I still remember what it was.

181
00:10:33,890 --> 00:10:38,060
One was Gentleman's
Agreement with Gregory Peck.

182
00:10:38,060 --> 00:10:41,190
But I got the idea, but
of course, [INAUDIBLE]..

183
00:10:41,190 --> 00:10:42,550
And then to New York.

184
00:10:42,550 --> 00:10:45,170
I think it took 10 days or so.

185
00:10:45,170 --> 00:10:47,240
It was slow.

186
00:10:47,240 --> 00:10:54,970
But in the middle of a
night, arriving, about 2:00.

187
00:10:54,970 --> 00:10:59,060
And we had to wait
till next morning.

188
00:10:59,060 --> 00:11:02,960
And I still see, I guess it was
Riverside Drive, the cars going

189
00:11:02,960 --> 00:11:04,535
at night and lights.

190
00:11:04,535 --> 00:11:09,740
The next morning we
came into customs.

191
00:11:09,740 --> 00:11:11,690
Actually, not very nice.

192
00:11:11,690 --> 00:11:14,187
One guy was harassing
me for some reason,

193
00:11:14,187 --> 00:11:16,520
but then the supervisor came
at said now, that's enough,

194
00:11:16,520 --> 00:11:19,245
let him go.

195
00:11:19,245 --> 00:11:21,300
I remember then, we all--

196
00:11:21,300 --> 00:11:23,330
it's very clear to me--

197
00:11:23,330 --> 00:11:24,790
Hotel Marseilles.

198
00:11:24,790 --> 00:11:27,420

199
00:11:27,420 --> 00:11:30,230
And then, of course, came the--

200

00:11:30,230 --> 00:11:32,000
we had to be placed.

201
00:11:32,000 --> 00:11:34,730
At that time, the
various family services

202
00:11:34,730 --> 00:11:37,340
throughout the United
States took so-and-so

203
00:11:37,340 --> 00:11:40,160
many every month.

204
00:11:40,160 --> 00:11:46,700
And actually, I might have
had some friends here,

205
00:11:46,700 --> 00:11:50,000
might have to come
or go to Pasadena.

206
00:11:50,000 --> 00:11:56,110
But had I gone there, they
would have taken more or less--

207
00:11:56,110 --> 00:12:00,180
would have been obliged to
take care of me and so on.

208
00:12:00,180 --> 00:12:02,940
I said, no, I'd rather
do it on my own.

209
00:12:02,940 --> 00:12:06,500
Anyhow, I appeared one
morning for an interview.

210
00:12:06,500 --> 00:12:09,080
And the question
came, well, right now

211
00:12:09,080 --> 00:12:10,520

there are two places--

212
00:12:10,520 --> 00:12:12,065
Detroit or St. Paul.

213
00:12:12,065 --> 00:12:14,890

214
00:12:14,890 --> 00:12:17,872
Well, it was St. Paul.

215
00:12:17,872 --> 00:12:22,900
I still take some time
to when actually I got--

216
00:12:22,900 --> 00:12:26,625

217
00:12:26,625 --> 00:12:30,120
when to discover New York.

218
00:12:30,120 --> 00:12:34,460
At that time, a nickel
a subway ride, \$0.40,

219
00:12:34,460 --> 00:12:37,480
maybe \$0.50 a haircut.

220
00:12:37,480 --> 00:12:40,030
And something surprised me.

221
00:12:40,030 --> 00:12:42,940
Next to the mailboxes,
these stacked packages.

222
00:12:42,940 --> 00:12:45,640
And I said, "Well, what's going
to happen to the packages?"

223
00:12:45,640 --> 00:12:47,560
"Well, they just
put them there."

224
00:12:47,560 --> 00:12:48,650
"Won't they be stolen?"

225
00:12:48,650 --> 00:12:50,830
"No, not so much."

226
00:12:50,830 --> 00:12:51,565
"Why?"

227
00:12:51,565 --> 00:12:55,732
"Risk a federal rap
for taking a package."

228
00:12:55,732 --> 00:12:57,850
They stayed there.

229
00:12:57,850 --> 00:13:01,846
At night, I remember,
took a long movie.

230
00:13:01,846 --> 00:13:04,045
I came out of 1 or 2 o'clock.

231
00:13:04,045 --> 00:13:05,230
It's still there.

232
00:13:05,230 --> 00:13:07,870
Automat restaurant,
I went in there.

233
00:13:07,870 --> 00:13:10,120
And then I actually walked back.

234
00:13:10,120 --> 00:13:12,430
Nothing happened.

235
00:13:12,430 --> 00:13:16,180
And what-- and I was
grateful to my teachers

236

00:13:16,180 --> 00:13:18,490
that I learned some English.

237
00:13:18,490 --> 00:13:22,420
It wasn't perfect, but
it was serviceable.

238
00:13:22,420 --> 00:13:25,930
At least I could
find my way around.

239
00:13:25,930 --> 00:13:29,385

240
00:13:29,385 --> 00:13:31,010
When did you come to
the United States?

241
00:13:31,010 --> 00:13:32,350
I came here--

242
00:13:32,350 --> 00:13:38,580
I arrived on January 30th, 1948.

243
00:13:38,580 --> 00:13:39,750
I happen to remember this.

244
00:13:39,750 --> 00:13:47,910

245
00:13:47,910 --> 00:13:55,205
In fact, I remember too,
with a friend, who took me

246
00:13:55,205 --> 00:13:56,330
to the Metropolitan Opera--

247
00:13:56,330 --> 00:13:59,260
a friend of friends, a
musician, who took me

248
00:13:59,260 --> 00:14:01,610

to the Metropolitan Opera.

249

00:14:01,610 --> 00:14:05,040

I still remember what was
played and who was singing.

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00:14:05,040 --> 00:14:07,100

I have a memory for that.

251

00:14:07,100 --> 00:14:09,360

And then there was
a second cousin,

252

00:14:09,360 --> 00:14:12,860

who one time had to
give an affidavit.

253

00:14:12,860 --> 00:14:14,960

With a lawyer in
Connecticut, he came in.

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00:14:14,960 --> 00:14:19,550

I remember, Sunday, and it was
snowing, and he picked me up.

255

00:14:19,550 --> 00:14:23,210

And he looked at me,
"What, no rubber boots?"

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00:14:23,210 --> 00:14:24,380

No rubber boots?"

257

00:14:24,380 --> 00:14:28,790

First thing, stopped
right in a place,

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00:14:28,790 --> 00:14:32,720

"A pair of rubbers
for this young man."

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00:14:32,720 --> 00:14:34,370

I remember distinctly.

260

00:14:34,370 --> 00:14:37,160

And then he took me
to a smorgasbord.

261

00:14:37,160 --> 00:14:40,150

And I didn't realize this, of
course the smorgasbord was just

262

00:14:40,150 --> 00:14:43,126

the appetizers and the
real steak came afterwards.

263

00:14:43,126 --> 00:14:45,740

264

00:14:45,740 --> 00:14:49,960

I guess the same night,
we went to the opera.

265

00:14:49,960 --> 00:14:54,090

Anyhow, it was quite something.

266

00:14:54,090 --> 00:14:57,320

In fact, we went to
Mount Sinai Hospital.

267

00:14:57,320 --> 00:15:00,770

I had some sinus before I left
German, had some sinus surgery

268

00:15:00,770 --> 00:15:02,240

that was acting up again.

269

00:15:02,240 --> 00:15:05,180

And I went to see the famous--

270

00:15:05,180 --> 00:15:09,570

actually grand to me,
Mount Sinai Hospital.

271

00:15:09,570 --> 00:15:12,650

When I came today,

they put me on a train.

272

00:15:12,650 --> 00:15:19,615

It was a Trailblazer
from Pennsylvania station

273

00:15:19,615 --> 00:15:20,115

to Chicago.

274

00:15:20,115 --> 00:15:23,050

I remember it distinctly.

275

00:15:23,050 --> 00:15:26,630

Sit up, it was quite a trip.

276

00:15:26,630 --> 00:15:30,890

And in Chicago, for some
reason, the train was late.

277

00:15:30,890 --> 00:15:33,940

I missed my connection
to St. Paul.

278

00:15:33,940 --> 00:15:36,280

There was one train in
the morning and one train

279

00:15:36,280 --> 00:15:37,310

and at night.

280

00:15:37,310 --> 00:15:39,070

And I remember we
missed the train.

281

00:15:39,070 --> 00:15:41,850

But I went to traveler's aid.

282

00:15:41,850 --> 00:15:43,460

And I left my luggage there.

283

00:15:43,460 --> 00:15:46,900

And he said, well, I'll have

to see something of Chicago.

284

00:15:46,900 --> 00:15:50,650

Well, he said,

"Listen, listen up.

285

00:15:50,650 --> 00:15:51,910

You go out.

286

00:15:51,910 --> 00:15:53,410

You take a bus downtown.

287

00:15:53,410 --> 00:15:56,260

Do not walk in rough
neighborhood here.

288

00:15:56,260 --> 00:15:58,150

You might lose your topcoat."

289

00:15:58,150 --> 00:16:00,940

But anyhow, I took
a bus downtown.

290

00:16:00,940 --> 00:16:02,980

And went to the art gallery.

291

00:16:02,980 --> 00:16:05,570

It had two lions on each end.

292

00:16:05,570 --> 00:16:08,500

And I spent most of the
day at the art gallery.

293

00:16:08,500 --> 00:16:12,310

And then came-- took the
bus back to the station.

294

00:16:12,310 --> 00:16:15,550

And then I remember we
took the evening Zephyr

295

00:16:15,550 --> 00:16:18,130

to St. Paul, the Twin Cities.

296

00:16:18,130 --> 00:16:23,860

And there I was greeted
by Bill Hoffman.

297

00:16:23,860 --> 00:16:27,760

He was a social worker at
the St. Paul Family Service.

298

00:16:27,760 --> 00:16:33,160

And he put me to a hotel.

299

00:16:33,160 --> 00:16:39,010

Actually, there was another
refugee who had come,

300

00:16:39,010 --> 00:16:40,615

and we were together.

301

00:16:40,615 --> 00:16:44,140

And we stayed there
for a few days.

302

00:16:44,140 --> 00:16:47,266

And then another interview.

303

00:16:47,266 --> 00:16:52,930

I had to take a test,
putting round thing

304

00:16:52,930 --> 00:16:55,010

into round hole, then square.

305

00:16:55,010 --> 00:17:05,700

Anyhow, and then
they found a family--

306

00:17:05,700 --> 00:17:08,502

actually a room with
a family in St. Paul.

307

00:17:08,502 --> 00:17:11,430
And actually, I was fortunate.

308
00:17:11,430 --> 00:17:14,880
I had some recommendation
from Ginsberg.

309
00:17:14,880 --> 00:17:17,540
He had many, many of
his [INAUDIBLE] rabbis.

310
00:17:17,540 --> 00:17:21,920
And there was one Rabbi Wright,
Rabbi Cohen in St. Paul,

311
00:17:21,920 --> 00:17:23,410
and there was [INAUDIBLE].

312
00:17:23,410 --> 00:17:28,800
At the time, it was
close to Passover.

313
00:17:28,800 --> 00:17:32,110
And I guess, we went
to the service there.

314
00:17:32,110 --> 00:17:35,751
And actually, he
somewhat looked after me.

315
00:17:35,751 --> 00:17:41,380
And I remember going
to the services.

316
00:17:41,380 --> 00:17:48,450
And I was somewhat taken
aback that people are

317
00:17:48,450 --> 00:17:50,670
talking through the service.

318
00:17:50,670 --> 00:17:53,660
And later on, when I

went to the university,

319

00:17:53,660 --> 00:17:54,930

I stayed at the Hillel House.

320

00:17:54,930 --> 00:17:56,597

And there, when I was
staying in Hillel,

321

00:17:56,597 --> 00:18:02,520

I mentioned that, you see at
the service, it was quite noisy.

322

00:18:02,520 --> 00:18:05,130

"Well," said the rabbi.

323

00:18:05,130 --> 00:18:09,820

And he turned to another student
who had come from Poland,

324

00:18:09,820 --> 00:18:14,880

and said, "Where you come
from, what's going on here

325

00:18:14,880 --> 00:18:16,100

is whispering."

326

00:18:16,100 --> 00:18:18,840

And he turned to me,
"And where you come on,

327

00:18:18,840 --> 00:18:21,310

what's going on in
synagogue is yelling.

328

00:18:21,310 --> 00:18:24,000

It depends on your background."

329

00:18:24,000 --> 00:18:25,590

But the service was very nice.

330

00:18:25,590 --> 00:18:32,470

And then, actually, I remember
going to a conservative,

331
00:18:32,470 --> 00:18:36,830
I also went to a reform
synagogue for the first time.

332
00:18:36,830 --> 00:18:39,000
That was quite interesting.

333
00:18:39,000 --> 00:18:44,430
But anyhow, they found me
a room at a Jewish family.

334
00:18:44,430 --> 00:18:47,160
And then I got a job.

335
00:18:47,160 --> 00:18:49,815
First, I worked as a
porter at the hospital.

336
00:18:49,815 --> 00:18:52,340

337
00:18:52,340 --> 00:18:54,990
And then I took a job--

338
00:18:54,990 --> 00:18:56,940
didn't pay too much--
then I took a job

339
00:18:56,940 --> 00:19:01,440
at a refrigerator company,
putting refrigerators together

340
00:19:01,440 --> 00:19:03,300
in there too.

341
00:19:03,300 --> 00:19:05,350
Well, they tried to
embarrass me there.

342

00:19:05,350 --> 00:19:08,290

They tried to teach
me four-letter words.

343

00:19:08,290 --> 00:19:10,248

[INAUDIBLE]

344

00:19:10,248 --> 00:19:11,540

Well, I had to disappoint them.

345

00:19:11,540 --> 00:19:20,430

I said, "Four letter words of
Anglo-Saxon or Germanic origin.

346

00:19:20,430 --> 00:19:22,310

They're almost
identical in German,

347

00:19:22,310 --> 00:19:24,902

with a vowel in the States
[INAUDIBLE] at the end

348

00:19:24,902 --> 00:19:25,860

isn't going to fool me.

349

00:19:25,860 --> 00:19:27,000

I know what they mean.

350

00:19:27,000 --> 00:19:29,820

I'm not going to
embarrass myself."

351

00:19:29,820 --> 00:19:34,830

And it then came
time for school.

352

00:19:34,830 --> 00:19:41,600

And I, actually with the
help of the family service,

353

00:19:41,600 --> 00:19:46,340

they found me room
in Minneapolis.

354
00:19:46,340 --> 00:19:49,050
University of Minnesota, I had
to take some entrance tests

355
00:19:49,050 --> 00:19:49,790
there too.

356
00:19:49,790 --> 00:19:52,820
Actually, I started from the
beginning, this so-called--

357
00:19:52,820 --> 00:19:54,590
Abiturium.

358
00:19:54,590 --> 00:19:55,850
It didn't do any--

359
00:19:55,850 --> 00:19:57,265
didn't mean very much.

360
00:19:57,265 --> 00:20:00,050
And I started out.

361
00:20:00,050 --> 00:20:03,643
And of course, I had to have a--

362
00:20:03,643 --> 00:20:06,860
I took a job, [INAUDIBLE]
job in the morning.

363
00:20:06,860 --> 00:20:08,930
What did I do?

364
00:20:08,930 --> 00:20:16,700
I worked in the
cafeteria as a busboy.

365
00:20:16,700 --> 00:20:24,670
Then sometimes at night
worked as a guard at the--

366
00:20:24,670 --> 00:20:25,520
at the gym.

367
00:20:25,520 --> 00:20:28,030

368
00:20:28,030 --> 00:20:29,420
And what else?

369
00:20:29,420 --> 00:20:30,730
I had various jobs.

370
00:20:30,730 --> 00:20:33,310
Then tutoring.

371
00:20:33,310 --> 00:20:38,080
Graduate students had to
pass a reading test in German

372
00:20:38,080 --> 00:20:41,230
and I helped to tutor.

373
00:20:41,230 --> 00:20:44,380
And I was severely criticized
by some other tutors.

374
00:20:44,380 --> 00:20:46,060
Didn't charge enough--

375
00:20:46,060 --> 00:20:47,260
"You'll ruin us."

376
00:20:47,260 --> 00:20:50,250

377
00:20:50,250 --> 00:20:54,950
And actually, I
met a family too,

378
00:20:54,950 --> 00:20:59,550
who invited me a

time, when actually,

379

00:20:59,550 --> 00:21:00,910

when the summer suspend.

380

00:21:00,910 --> 00:21:02,040

They lived in Mankato.

381

00:21:02,040 --> 00:21:04,945

It was a little town about

40 miles, 50 miles out

382

00:21:04,945 --> 00:21:10,400

of Minneapolis, a Jewish family.

383

00:21:10,400 --> 00:21:15,760

And then, when we

went to university,

384

00:21:15,760 --> 00:21:17,860

there was one important point.

385

00:21:17,860 --> 00:21:19,870

I had to become a resident.

386

00:21:19,870 --> 00:21:28,120

Because out-of-state fees

at that time, prohibitive.

387

00:21:28,120 --> 00:21:31,950

I got some help from

the family service,

388

00:21:31,950 --> 00:21:36,800

but most of the time,

most I had to earn.

389

00:21:36,800 --> 00:21:39,220

And I had to become a resident.

390

00:21:39,220 --> 00:21:41,915

And I had to be before

the board of residency

391

00:21:41,915 --> 00:21:47,010
and to explain or tell them
that I didn't come to visit,

392

00:21:47,010 --> 00:21:53,610
didn't come to study, but I
did come to Minnesota to live.

393

00:21:53,610 --> 00:21:57,620
Well, they believed me, and
I was declared a resident

394

00:21:57,620 --> 00:21:58,890
with resident fees.

395

00:21:58,890 --> 00:22:01,270
That was quite helpful.

396

00:22:01,270 --> 00:22:04,560
And then I have
forgotten exactly how

397

00:22:04,560 --> 00:22:10,290
it came about, but, yes--

398

00:22:10,290 --> 00:22:14,580
there was always a student
assistant caretaker

399

00:22:14,580 --> 00:22:16,530
to Hillel house.

400

00:22:16,530 --> 00:22:19,970
And the present
caretaker had graduated.

401

00:22:19,970 --> 00:22:20,900
Needed a new one.

402

00:22:20,900 --> 00:22:22,320

And I got a job.

403

00:22:22,320 --> 00:22:24,660

And I moved to the Hillel House.

404

00:22:24,660 --> 00:22:29,100

And I had a room there,
actually at one time

405

00:22:29,100 --> 00:22:31,200

with the roommate from Israel.

406

00:22:31,200 --> 00:22:35,680

But they took care with
the janitor, the custodian,

407

00:22:35,680 --> 00:22:43,410

Sundays, at and nights I had
to take care of the house.

408

00:22:43,410 --> 00:22:49,260

At least had a place to live
and it was quite helpful.

409

00:22:49,260 --> 00:22:52,170

Could use the kitchen,
had a refrigerator.

410

00:22:52,170 --> 00:22:55,130

And that was most helpful.

411

00:22:55,130 --> 00:22:59,850

And of course, not to
forget meet your spouse

412

00:22:59,850 --> 00:23:02,300

at the Hillel house.

413

00:23:02,300 --> 00:23:04,250

It was on Sunday.

414

00:23:04,250 --> 00:23:07,780

And I went downstairs.

415

00:23:07,780 --> 00:23:10,500

And explained to students who
used the kitchen, because it's

416

00:23:10,500 --> 00:23:15,000

Sunday, the sororities
and fraternities

417

00:23:15,000 --> 00:23:16,650

didn't serve meal
for some reason.

418

00:23:16,650 --> 00:23:18,360

Anyhow, they came
to the Hillel House

419

00:23:18,360 --> 00:23:20,045

to use the kitchen-- fine.

420

00:23:20,045 --> 00:23:23,510

But I explained there was
the milchig and the fleishig,

421

00:23:23,510 --> 00:23:25,170

and don't mix them up.

422

00:23:25,170 --> 00:23:28,260

Five minutes later, I come
down, they're all mixed up.

423

00:23:28,260 --> 00:23:29,960

I was quite upset.

424

00:23:29,960 --> 00:23:35,590

And there was a redhead,
and, "Oh, tell me about it."

425

00:23:35,590 --> 00:23:37,290

Well, I told here.

426

00:23:37,290 --> 00:23:41,140
Well, that was Ethel, meet your
spouse at the Hillel House.

427
00:23:41,140 --> 00:23:43,110
She listened to my complaints.

428
00:23:43,110 --> 00:23:43,920
I remember that.

429
00:23:43,920 --> 00:23:50,720

430
00:23:50,720 --> 00:23:54,870
Your spouse and the
other people that you

431
00:23:54,870 --> 00:23:59,340
met when you came to
the States, did they

432
00:23:59,340 --> 00:24:03,060
ask you about your
experiences during the war?

433
00:24:03,060 --> 00:24:05,660
And what did you tell them?

434
00:24:05,660 --> 00:24:11,197
Well, actually I never sat
down to told them about it.

435
00:24:11,197 --> 00:24:12,030
But yes, they asked.

436
00:24:12,030 --> 00:24:14,160
And I told them here and there.

437
00:24:14,160 --> 00:24:19,790
There was one incident, one
incident at Purim carnival.

438

00:24:19,790 --> 00:24:22,350

They had various
booths and games.

439

00:24:22,350 --> 00:24:26,640

And there was a pie
throwing contest.

440

00:24:26,640 --> 00:24:28,590

They bought pies.

441

00:24:28,590 --> 00:24:30,370

And someone stuck his face out.

442

00:24:30,370 --> 00:24:32,180

And they threw it.

443

00:24:32,180 --> 00:24:35,790

And I got very upset.

444

00:24:35,790 --> 00:24:37,440

Food, and how can you do this?

445

00:24:37,440 --> 00:24:40,500

And they went to the rabbi--
now, "Why is Fred so upset?

446

00:24:40,500 --> 00:24:42,330

It was our own pie."

447

00:24:42,330 --> 00:24:46,470

Well, Rabbi Meldrum had to
explain that food is food.

448

00:24:46,470 --> 00:24:48,350

And in the past,
there were times

449

00:24:48,350 --> 00:24:50,280

I didn't have so much food.

450

00:24:50,280 --> 00:24:56,490

And I found it offensive if
the food, whatever it is,

451
00:24:56,490 --> 00:24:58,800
used for this.

452
00:24:58,800 --> 00:25:03,430
Yes, they asked me questions.

453
00:25:03,430 --> 00:25:08,580
But there was actually
never any formal--

454
00:25:08,580 --> 00:25:11,490

455
00:25:11,490 --> 00:25:12,260
never [INAUDIBLE].

456
00:25:12,260 --> 00:25:15,690

457
00:25:15,690 --> 00:25:18,720
What happened here,
what happened there,

458
00:25:18,720 --> 00:25:22,140
or incident reminds
more instance.

459
00:25:22,140 --> 00:25:25,930
Example, comes a
time, at Passover,

460
00:25:25,930 --> 00:25:31,290
I mentioned how we baked our
own matzos from rye flour,

461
00:25:31,290 --> 00:25:31,970
pretty bad.

462
00:25:31,970 --> 00:25:35,850

Really [NON-ENGLISH].

463
00:25:35,850 --> 00:25:38,820
Not the nice egg
matzo we get here.

464
00:25:38,820 --> 00:25:47,880
But this was-- actually, I
never formally talked about it.

465
00:25:47,880 --> 00:25:50,340
But I was frequently
asked what happened.

466
00:25:50,340 --> 00:25:54,560

467
00:25:54,560 --> 00:25:57,040
What did you tell
your future wife

468
00:25:57,040 --> 00:26:01,040
about your childhood
and your past

469
00:26:01,040 --> 00:26:04,280
when you were meeting her, and
dating her, and courting her?

470
00:26:04,280 --> 00:26:05,870
That's interesting too.

471
00:26:05,870 --> 00:26:09,080
Well, she knew that
I had come over.

472
00:26:09,080 --> 00:26:12,320
And her relatives
were in Duluth.

473
00:26:12,320 --> 00:26:16,100
And we went there, introduced.

474

00:26:16,100 --> 00:26:22,670

And of course, she was afraid
I wouldn't understand Yiddish.

475

00:26:22,670 --> 00:26:26,750

Of course, I knew
Yiddish quite well.

476

00:26:26,750 --> 00:26:32,020

There were actually two
aunts there I remember.

477

00:26:32,020 --> 00:26:37,160

I even impressed her uncle and
her aunt, and everything fine.

478

00:26:37,160 --> 00:26:39,960

Then we went to
Aunt Jenny's house

479

00:26:39,960 --> 00:26:45,200

for dinner, Aunt Jenny
and Uncle [? Jelik. ?]

480

00:26:45,200 --> 00:26:47,690

And there, Aunt Jenny--

481

00:26:47,690 --> 00:26:50,670

482

00:26:50,670 --> 00:26:58,580

it was-- well, how should
I say, a hefty woman,

483

00:26:58,580 --> 00:27:00,940

tried to explain to me--

484

00:27:00,940 --> 00:27:04,400

at that time, I believe
Ethel was 19 or 20.

485

00:27:04,400 --> 00:27:08,060

The advantages of a heavy
woman, what-- this is very good,

486
00:27:08,060 --> 00:27:10,490
you see.

487
00:27:10,490 --> 00:27:14,870
And other-- and poor Ethel
was sitting there and hoping

488
00:27:14,870 --> 00:27:16,330
he doesn't understand.

489
00:27:16,330 --> 00:27:19,220
He won't understand
what she is saying.

490
00:27:19,220 --> 00:27:24,810
And she was quite
drastic to explain.

491
00:27:24,810 --> 00:27:25,860
I understood very well.

492
00:27:25,860 --> 00:27:26,720
It was a good woman.

493
00:27:26,720 --> 00:27:30,560

494
00:27:30,560 --> 00:27:34,940
And I might as well mention
it to you what happened to her

495
00:27:34,940 --> 00:27:36,630
[INAUDIBLE].

496
00:27:36,630 --> 00:27:40,880
She told me the other
aunt was asking questions.

497
00:27:40,880 --> 00:27:44,990

They knew that her
mother wasn't Jewish.

498
00:27:44,990 --> 00:27:47,960
And she was always raised
Jewish, but it wasn't enough.

499
00:27:47,960 --> 00:27:49,770
Anyhow, they told me.

500
00:27:49,770 --> 00:27:54,245
And [INAUDIBLE] was hemming
and hawing around her.

501
00:27:54,245 --> 00:27:58,070
Finally, she realized
what she wanted.

502
00:27:58,070 --> 00:28:01,520
She wanted to know
whether I was circumcised.

503
00:28:01,520 --> 00:28:05,670
Well, a young woman
should know in general,

504
00:28:05,670 --> 00:28:08,840
particular in this case.

505
00:28:08,840 --> 00:28:12,950
Well, she told her aunt,
"Fritz has assured me

506
00:28:12,950 --> 00:28:16,110
he was raised Jewish
from birth on."

507
00:28:16,110 --> 00:28:18,224
And this was it.

508
00:28:18,224 --> 00:28:20,210
This was very important.

509

00:28:20,210 --> 00:28:22,860

But otherwise, we were
treated very well.

510

00:28:22,860 --> 00:28:26,380

I remember this, about the
business with Aunt Jenny.

511

00:28:26,380 --> 00:28:31,268

Poor Ethel was sitting there,
so embarrassed, red in her face.

512

00:28:31,268 --> 00:28:32,060

It was [INAUDIBLE].

513

00:28:32,060 --> 00:28:35,580

But, well, at that
time, 19 years old,

514

00:28:35,580 --> 00:28:37,085

that was already an old maid.

515

00:28:37,085 --> 00:28:40,310

516

00:28:40,310 --> 00:28:45,200

But of course, we decided not
to marry till I graduated.

517

00:28:45,200 --> 00:28:49,430

And since it took
some time-- since I

518

00:28:49,430 --> 00:28:55,288

went to professional school,
that was taking some time.

519

00:28:55,288 --> 00:28:56,330

Well, it was a good time.

520

00:28:56,330 --> 00:29:00,710

Not much money and lots of work.

521
00:29:00,710 --> 00:29:04,352
But we were young.

522
00:29:04,352 --> 00:29:05,060
It didn't matter.

523
00:29:05,060 --> 00:29:10,770

524
00:29:10,770 --> 00:29:14,035
At this point, where you
had met your future wife,

525
00:29:14,035 --> 00:29:16,676
did you know what
you wanted to study?

526
00:29:16,676 --> 00:29:18,720
Oh, yes, yes I do.

527
00:29:18,720 --> 00:29:23,700
I already-- I wanted to
become a veterinarian.

528
00:29:23,700 --> 00:29:26,310
Actually, what I wanted to
become was a zoo veterinarian,

529
00:29:26,310 --> 00:29:28,080
but I went--

530
00:29:28,080 --> 00:29:31,110
I was ready to go to
a veterinary school.

531
00:29:31,110 --> 00:29:35,800
And at that time, yes.

532
00:29:35,800 --> 00:29:39,215
And I remember, it
was a nice time--

533
00:29:39,215 --> 00:29:41,480
I remember I met her.

534
00:29:41,480 --> 00:29:46,900
There was a little town,
close to a little community,

535
00:29:46,900 --> 00:29:50,200
called the Dinky Town, very
close to the university.

536
00:29:50,200 --> 00:29:52,340
Had stores, and
restaurants, on so on.

537
00:29:52,340 --> 00:29:53,860
And we met.

538
00:29:53,860 --> 00:29:57,160
And she told me
afterwards I was just

539
00:29:57,160 --> 00:29:59,680
sneaking out in my grungies.

540
00:29:59,680 --> 00:30:03,340
And lo and behold I
run right into you.

541
00:30:03,340 --> 00:30:04,800
I didn't know what she wore--

542
00:30:04,800 --> 00:30:06,560
didn't remember what she wore.

543
00:30:06,560 --> 00:30:09,240
Didn't never knew
what it was wearing.

544
00:30:09,240 --> 00:30:16,510
Well, about-- it was hard.

545

00:30:16,510 --> 00:30:19,300

Working, one morning
at work, [INAUDIBLE],,

546

00:30:19,300 --> 00:30:22,300

of course, lots
of work and tired.

547

00:30:22,300 --> 00:30:24,570

And the busboy and I had--

548

00:30:24,570 --> 00:30:28,120

I had-- was a truck.

549

00:30:28,120 --> 00:30:33,540

I took, loaded the truck with
glasses that had been washed.

550

00:30:33,540 --> 00:30:35,260

I'm very tired.

551

00:30:35,260 --> 00:30:40,300

And I didn't look
where I put the tray.

552

00:30:40,300 --> 00:30:44,100

Somebody had moved the truck.

553

00:30:44,100 --> 00:30:46,330

And the tray fell
right onto the ground.

554

00:30:46,330 --> 00:30:49,750

555

00:30:49,750 --> 00:30:51,710

That woke me up.

556

00:30:51,710 --> 00:30:54,770

By the way, on that I can
recommend something else

557

00:30:54,770 --> 00:30:56,700

if you'd want to be awakened.

558

00:30:56,700 --> 00:31:01,210

In the mornings, very tired--

559

00:31:01,210 --> 00:31:03,220

it was twice it happened.

560

00:31:03,220 --> 00:31:05,700

I took shaving cream

out of the tube--

561

00:31:05,700 --> 00:31:08,600

that was in the tube,

instead of toothbrush.

562

00:31:08,600 --> 00:31:11,140

That'll wake you up,

if you brush your teeth

563

00:31:11,140 --> 00:31:12,920

with shaving cream.

564

00:31:12,920 --> 00:31:14,980

I still remember that.

565

00:31:14,980 --> 00:31:17,480

I'm going to pause now because

we're at the end of the tape.

566

00:31:17,480 --> 00:31:25,420

567

00:31:25,420 --> 00:31:27,670

This is a continuation of

the United States Holocaust

568

00:31:27,670 --> 00:31:29,950

Memorial Museum Volunteer

Collection interview

569

00:31:29,950 --> 00:31:31,600
with Fritz Gluckstein.

570

00:31:31,600 --> 00:31:36,850
This is being resumed on
December 7th, in the year 2000.

571

00:31:36,850 --> 00:31:40,450
Originally, we began
on October 5th, 2000.

572

00:31:40,450 --> 00:31:47,420
This is tape two, side B.

573

00:31:47,420 --> 00:31:50,390
What surprised you
most when you first

574

00:31:50,390 --> 00:31:51,560
came to the United States?

575

00:31:51,560 --> 00:31:53,685
What were the things in
America that surprised you?

576

00:31:53,685 --> 00:31:57,200

577

00:31:57,200 --> 00:31:59,960
I tried very much to
come to the United States

578

00:31:59,960 --> 00:32:02,980
without any preconceived ideas.

579

00:32:02,980 --> 00:32:06,240
Well, that's the country
I'm going to live.

580

00:32:06,240 --> 00:32:11,060
I'm not going to obviously

compare what was here.

581

00:32:11,060 --> 00:32:14,820

A few things did surprise me.

582

00:32:14,820 --> 00:32:20,800

In high school, I remember
teachers and my fellow students

583

00:32:20,800 --> 00:32:25,370

had some very strange ideas
about the United States.

584

00:32:25,370 --> 00:32:29,100

For instance, the principal--

585

00:32:29,100 --> 00:32:32,960

well Fred, talked
about United States.

586

00:32:32,960 --> 00:32:37,690

He gave the distinct impression
that the United States

587

00:32:37,690 --> 00:32:39,970

had no cultural life.

588

00:32:39,970 --> 00:32:42,580

And then they had some
very strange customs.

589

00:32:42,580 --> 00:32:48,670

For instance, if you went
to a party you were invited,

590

00:32:48,670 --> 00:32:52,750

it was impolite to use a knife.

591

00:32:52,750 --> 00:32:58,360

Because the meat had to
be cooked tender that you

592

00:32:58,360 --> 00:33:00,530
could cut it with your fork--

593
00:33:00,530 --> 00:33:01,990
nonsense.

594
00:33:01,990 --> 00:33:07,735
| at school we got a
plumber or a carpenter

595
00:33:07,735 --> 00:33:09,790
that came and did some work.

596
00:33:09,790 --> 00:33:14,070
And we watched a little
bit what he was doing.

597
00:33:14,070 --> 00:33:17,150
"Oh, oh, that's
the American way.

598
00:33:17,150 --> 00:33:18,460
We don't do it here.

599
00:33:18,460 --> 00:33:24,550
In the United States, one fella
works, and the other looks on."

600
00:33:24,550 --> 00:33:26,700
This kind of nonsense.

601
00:33:26,700 --> 00:33:28,540
Well, I don't know
where they got it.

602
00:33:28,540 --> 00:33:33,910
Let's not forget, some of the
Jews in Germany, particularly,

603
00:33:33,910 --> 00:33:36,027
they consider themselves elite.

604

00:33:36,027 --> 00:33:36,860
They came over here.

605
00:33:36,860 --> 00:33:39,370
Well, we are going
to [INAUDIBLE]..

606
00:33:39,370 --> 00:33:41,500
We are going to
show the Americans

607
00:33:41,500 --> 00:33:44,500
what cultural life is.

608
00:33:44,500 --> 00:33:48,100
Not all, but some.

609
00:33:48,100 --> 00:33:54,080
And look, some actually tried
to hold on desperately--

610
00:33:54,080 --> 00:33:56,580
I would see desperately
to old times.

611
00:33:56,580 --> 00:34:00,430
They had so-called
old world clubs.

612
00:34:00,430 --> 00:34:04,622
There was one in Minneapolis
and there was one in St. Paul.

613
00:34:04,622 --> 00:34:09,120
And I remember, they
asked me to join, to go.

614
00:34:09,120 --> 00:34:11,310
Well, I went.

615
00:34:11,310 --> 00:34:15,330
Guess how often-- once.

616

00:34:15,330 --> 00:34:17,280

I wasn't like sitting
there and reminisce

617

00:34:17,280 --> 00:34:22,279

how things here, and how
different it is, and, oh, oh,

618

00:34:22,279 --> 00:34:23,159

oh.

619

00:34:23,159 --> 00:34:31,449

No, I tried to come over here
and to adapt the best I could.

620

00:34:31,449 --> 00:34:39,190

What surprised me most,
yes, some very minor thing.

621

00:34:39,190 --> 00:34:41,969

In New York, walked
down the street,

622

00:34:41,969 --> 00:34:47,920

and you see packages piled next
to the post-- to the mailbox.

623

00:34:47,920 --> 00:34:48,639

Why?

624

00:34:48,639 --> 00:34:53,880

Well, the mailman bill
collector, of course.

625

00:34:53,880 --> 00:34:57,750

So then, well, I asked
might not it be stolen?

626

00:34:57,750 --> 00:35:00,750

"No," they said, "If
anybody wanted it,

627

00:35:00,750 --> 00:35:04,790
it would be a federal offense
and it isn't worth it."

628
00:35:04,790 --> 00:35:06,950
And of course, traffic.

629
00:35:06,950 --> 00:35:13,120
And I was more in
awe than surprised.

630
00:35:13,120 --> 00:35:30,520

631
00:35:30,520 --> 00:35:33,760
I'd like to know what
your ambitions were

632
00:35:33,760 --> 00:35:36,640
in those first few
years and what career

633
00:35:36,640 --> 00:35:39,340
goals you were setting for
yourself for the long term.

634
00:35:39,340 --> 00:35:45,440

635
00:35:45,440 --> 00:35:46,970
I wanted to go back to school.

636
00:35:46,970 --> 00:35:50,150
I wanted to go to college.

637
00:35:50,150 --> 00:35:54,680
And I wanted to
become a veterinarian.

638
00:35:54,680 --> 00:35:59,020
So I set my goals
and went after them.

639

00:35:59,020 --> 00:36:01,480

And came to Minnesota.

640

00:36:01,480 --> 00:36:09,310

And did my best to fulfill the
requirements for admission.

641

00:36:09,310 --> 00:36:14,060

And that actually kept me
busy with the jobs I had,

642

00:36:14,060 --> 00:36:21,880

the part-time jobs, and
the quite rigorous course.

643

00:36:21,880 --> 00:36:23,900

Well, I hadn't too much time.

644

00:36:23,900 --> 00:36:27,580

And I remember even
people at the family

645

00:36:27,580 --> 00:36:29,590

service, who were very nice.

646

00:36:29,590 --> 00:36:34,300

Each newcomer more
or less was looked

647

00:36:34,300 --> 00:36:38,590

after to a certain degree
by the family service.

648

00:36:38,590 --> 00:36:43,360

They taught me, look, very
nice, but recreation just

649

00:36:43,360 --> 00:36:44,457

as important as studying.

650

00:36:44,457 --> 00:36:46,540

I had some advisors too

who would say, "Now, look,

651

00:36:46,540 --> 00:36:48,370
don't overdo it."

652

00:36:48,370 --> 00:36:50,160
Well, I tried not.

653

00:36:50,160 --> 00:36:55,000
Actually, still, it was--

654

00:36:55,000 --> 00:36:56,540
well, I was busy.

655

00:36:56,540 --> 00:36:57,820
And it wasn't easy.

656

00:36:57,820 --> 00:36:59,475
But still, had a good time.

657

00:36:59,475 --> 00:37:01,710
And I have pleasant
memories of my student days.

658

00:37:01,710 --> 00:37:06,782

659

00:37:06,782 --> 00:37:08,490
You said you wanted
to be a veterinarian.

660

00:37:08,490 --> 00:37:11,030
Did you have any idea
in what capacity?

661

00:37:11,030 --> 00:37:12,670
No.

662

00:37:12,670 --> 00:37:15,690
Originally, I wanted to
become a zoo veterinarian.

663

00:37:15,690 --> 00:37:20,170

Well, it didn't turn out, but
a veterinarian nevertheless.

664

00:37:20,170 --> 00:37:23,280

And of course, I still
remember, actually,

665

00:37:23,280 --> 00:37:25,390

what my father told me--

666

00:37:25,390 --> 00:37:29,500

"Do not take a profession that
is limited to one country."

667

00:37:29,500 --> 00:37:32,190

And what he meant is law.

668

00:37:32,190 --> 00:37:38,250

But actually, it only
played a minor part.

669

00:37:38,250 --> 00:37:43,470

But I always was
interested in animals.

670

00:37:43,470 --> 00:37:49,570

And I think that would be
a job I would be happy.

671

00:37:49,570 --> 00:37:58,200

672

00:37:58,200 --> 00:38:03,150

Did you imagine yourself
setting up a private clinic?

673

00:38:03,150 --> 00:38:06,590

Or did you think that you
might-- you said originally

674

00:38:06,590 --> 00:38:09,030

you wanted to work in a zoo.

675

00:38:09,030 --> 00:38:15,950

Where did you think you would
be professionally established?

676

00:38:15,950 --> 00:38:23,100

Actually, at the beginning,
actually, your main goal

677

00:38:23,100 --> 00:38:24,900

is to graduate.

678

00:38:24,900 --> 00:38:27,540

And to feel that
through your study,

679

00:38:27,540 --> 00:38:33,540

you will actually realize
what your interests

680

00:38:33,540 --> 00:38:36,240

are, what are your abilities.

681

00:38:36,240 --> 00:38:41,310

And you might have surgical
ability or your might have--

682

00:38:41,310 --> 00:38:45,420

well, would like to be
with people at a practice,

683

00:38:45,420 --> 00:38:47,610

or research.

684

00:38:47,610 --> 00:38:52,140

Actually, I was a little more
towards the research type.

685

00:38:52,140 --> 00:38:56,460

Because on the other hand--

686

00:38:56,460 --> 00:38:59,610
well, it went back and forth.

687
00:38:59,610 --> 00:39:03,970
Some would be nice to
work with hands on.

688
00:39:03,970 --> 00:39:07,750
Frankly, when I started
out, I had some vague idea

689
00:39:07,750 --> 00:39:12,090
of becoming a zoo veterinarian,
but my mind wasn't set.

690
00:39:12,090 --> 00:39:14,070
I said, let's see what happens.

691
00:39:14,070 --> 00:39:17,580
And look, what happens
though, is you get very often,

692
00:39:17,580 --> 00:39:20,020
become a mentor,
and in some way,

693
00:39:20,020 --> 00:39:23,640
you are guided in a
certain direction.

694
00:39:23,640 --> 00:39:26,660
And of course, how did
it happen that I wound up

695
00:39:26,660 --> 00:39:29,920
in the information field?

696
00:39:29,920 --> 00:39:35,760
Well, it was my second year and
the library wasn't open nights

697
00:39:35,760 --> 00:39:36,630
and weekends.

698
00:39:36,630 --> 00:39:38,760
Well, we got together,
the students-- something

699
00:39:38,760 --> 00:39:39,500
has to be done.

700
00:39:39,500 --> 00:39:42,060
We have to have
the library open.

701
00:39:42,060 --> 00:39:46,960
Well, why don't you
go to the professor

702
00:39:46,960 --> 00:39:49,530
whose in charge of the
library and talk to him

703
00:39:49,530 --> 00:39:50,910
about what could be done.

704
00:39:50,910 --> 00:39:55,390
Maybe we could do something
about, take turns.

705
00:39:55,390 --> 00:39:58,343
Well, I went up there.

706
00:39:58,343 --> 00:40:03,050
I remember distinctly--
in fact, this professor

707
00:40:03,050 --> 00:40:08,030
just died in one of the
air crashes, the plane that

708
00:40:08,030 --> 00:40:10,970
went to Zurich.

709
00:40:10,970 --> 00:40:12,110

Very nice.

710
00:40:12,110 --> 00:40:14,280
Oh, he listened to me.

711
00:40:14,280 --> 00:40:16,580
"An excellent idea.

712
00:40:16,580 --> 00:40:19,850
You are hereby appointed
chairman of a committee

713
00:40:19,850 --> 00:40:23,980
to redevelop detailed plans
to have the library open

714
00:40:23,980 --> 00:40:26,210
nights and weekends."

715
00:40:26,210 --> 00:40:27,460
Well, what could I do?

716
00:40:27,460 --> 00:40:31,430
See, there I was, spending
quite a bit of time,

717
00:40:31,430 --> 00:40:34,880
drawing up plans, making
assignments, and so on.

718
00:40:34,880 --> 00:40:40,310
And actually, I got into--

719
00:40:40,310 --> 00:40:43,280
I didn't object, but actually
that guided and gently

720
00:40:43,280 --> 00:40:45,530
pushed into information field.

721
00:40:45,530 --> 00:40:46,390
There it started.

722
00:40:46,390 --> 00:40:48,910

723
00:40:48,910 --> 00:40:51,490
So when you got out
of school, what was

724
00:40:51,490 --> 00:40:53,610
your first professional job?

725
00:40:53,610 --> 00:40:59,530

726
00:40:59,530 --> 00:41:05,450
At that time, actually, it
was the Korean War at the end.

727
00:41:05,450 --> 00:41:13,894
In fact, during the
summertime, one of the summers,

728
00:41:13,894 --> 00:41:17,010
I worked on a farm with
veterinarian, of course.

729
00:41:17,010 --> 00:41:19,920
And I remember at
that time, I had

730
00:41:19,920 --> 00:41:21,930
to-- this was up in
northern Minnesota,

731
00:41:21,930 --> 00:41:24,420
and I had to come to
Minneapolis to take a physical

732
00:41:24,420 --> 00:41:27,930
to be inducted in the army.

733
00:41:27,930 --> 00:41:32,380

However, let's see,
when it came down to it,

734
00:41:32,380 --> 00:41:36,192
I was deferred because I
was officially a student.

735
00:41:36,192 --> 00:41:38,150
However, only deferred.

736
00:41:38,150 --> 00:41:39,660
I had to fulfill my obligations.

737
00:41:39,660 --> 00:41:45,030
And upon graduation, I
actually volunteered--

738
00:41:45,030 --> 00:41:48,460
I didn't want to wait
till they called me--

739
00:41:48,460 --> 00:41:50,173
for the army.

740
00:41:50,173 --> 00:41:54,390
And while waiting
for the army, I

741
00:41:54,390 --> 00:41:57,240
took a job in meat inspection.

742
00:41:57,240 --> 00:41:59,520
Very interesting.

743
00:41:59,520 --> 00:42:05,150
And worked a year, year and
a half in meat inspection.

744
00:42:05,150 --> 00:42:09,630
First, I-- in south St. Paul.

745
00:42:09,630 --> 00:42:13,340

And then, actually,
I got an assignment,

746
00:42:13,340 --> 00:42:17,460
a temporary assignment
in Beltsville.

747
00:42:17,460 --> 00:42:20,060
Actually, that is an
interesting story too,

748
00:42:20,060 --> 00:42:22,260
how I got this assignment.

749
00:42:22,260 --> 00:42:24,600
I was a meat inspector.

750
00:42:24,600 --> 00:42:28,320
And lo and behold, one
day came the big boss

751
00:42:28,320 --> 00:42:31,500
from Washington, Dr. Stein.

752
00:42:31,500 --> 00:42:33,010
Came home for a visit.

753
00:42:33,010 --> 00:42:40,280
And they came with the
local chief inspector

754
00:42:40,280 --> 00:42:41,390
and some other inspectors.

755
00:42:41,390 --> 00:42:42,740
Went around the pickling plant.

756
00:42:42,740 --> 00:42:46,670
Lo and behold, they came to the
place where I was at that time

757
00:42:46,670 --> 00:42:48,790

inspecting calves.

758

00:42:48,790 --> 00:42:52,010

And the calves

primary is immaturity.

759

00:42:52,010 --> 00:42:55,280

You get to not pass--

760

00:42:55,280 --> 00:42:58,716

immature calves are not passed.

761

00:42:58,716 --> 00:43:02,720

They're watery and

not very aesthetic.

762

00:43:02,720 --> 00:43:04,680

Now, comes a calf.

763

00:43:04,680 --> 00:43:07,990

And comes down.

764

00:43:07,990 --> 00:43:11,360

And I say, well,

this is immature.

765

00:43:11,360 --> 00:43:14,490

Lo and behold, the local

inspector in charge,

766

00:43:14,490 --> 00:43:16,610

said "Wait a minute, wait

a minute, wait a minute,

767

00:43:16,610 --> 00:43:18,320

let's talk about this here.

768

00:43:18,320 --> 00:43:20,856

I don't think that

is quite correct."

769

00:43:20,856 --> 00:43:23,040

Hmm?

770
00:43:23,040 --> 00:43:23,560
OK.

771
00:43:23,560 --> 00:43:26,600
And he asked, so
Dr. So-and-So, "Now

772
00:43:26,600 --> 00:43:27,980
what do you think about it?"

773
00:43:27,980 --> 00:43:30,380
Well, he said, "I
think its immature."

774
00:43:30,380 --> 00:43:37,310
The other said, "Well, he--"
He probably didn't want,

775
00:43:37,310 --> 00:43:40,030
in view of the big
boss standing there--

776
00:43:40,030 --> 00:43:43,250
"It can go either way."

777
00:43:43,250 --> 00:43:44,780
There was another
one I will recall.

778
00:43:44,780 --> 00:43:48,470
I guess he said he
wasn't sure either.

779
00:43:48,470 --> 00:43:54,670
OK, lo and behold,
the [INAUDIBLE]..

780
00:43:54,670 --> 00:43:56,540
Now, I did something.

781

00:43:56,540 --> 00:44:00,090
And actually, this has
always been my motto.

782
00:44:00,090 --> 00:44:01,830
Behold the turtle,
he makes progress

783
00:44:01,830 --> 00:44:04,380
only if he sticks his neck out.

784
00:44:04,380 --> 00:44:06,740
Well, I did something
[INAUDIBLE]..

785
00:44:06,740 --> 00:44:08,157
Now, I stuck my neck out.

786
00:44:08,157 --> 00:44:09,240
"Wait a minute, gentlemen.

787
00:44:09,240 --> 00:44:12,360
Dr. Stein, now, we
must make a decision.

788
00:44:12,360 --> 00:44:16,440
Please, would you
make a decision."

789
00:44:16,440 --> 00:44:20,460
He upheld me-- immature.

790
00:44:20,460 --> 00:44:24,450
Maybe he didn't like it,
but he remembered me.

791
00:44:24,450 --> 00:44:32,423
And two months later, I get
a temporary job in Washington

792
00:44:32,423 --> 00:44:36,860
at the [? Beltzer ?] Laboratory.

793

00:44:36,860 --> 00:44:38,270

What's the timeframe on that?

794

00:44:38,270 --> 00:44:39,530

When did this happen?

795

00:44:39,530 --> 00:44:41,750

I graduated in '55.

796

00:44:41,750 --> 00:44:50,340

This was about-- it was, I
would say, that was in 19--

797

00:44:50,340 --> 00:44:55,630

in spring, 1956.

798

00:44:55,630 --> 00:45:00,110

And what was the ultimate
story on your military service?

799

00:45:00,110 --> 00:45:05,410

While I was out here, I
was called to the army.

800

00:45:05,410 --> 00:45:09,060

And I took me physical
in Alexandria.

801

00:45:09,060 --> 00:45:11,796

What if physical,
I want to tell you.

802

00:45:11,796 --> 00:45:14,090

It wasn't very stringent.

803

00:45:14,090 --> 00:45:17,990

And actually, I came
back to Minneapolis.

804

00:45:17,990 --> 00:45:19,490

Was sworn in.

805

00:45:19,490 --> 00:45:20,660

Actually, I didn't--

806

00:45:20,660 --> 00:45:22,620

I quit my job.

807

00:45:22,620 --> 00:45:27,800

Then immediately went to Chicago
to the meat and dairy hygiene

808

00:45:27,800 --> 00:45:34,380

school for about
two or three months.

809

00:45:34,380 --> 00:45:35,640

The government sent you there?

810

00:45:35,640 --> 00:45:39,060

That was in the army.

811

00:45:39,060 --> 00:45:41,340

Fortunately, I
got a commission--

812

00:45:41,340 --> 00:45:44,430

being a veterinarian,
I didn't have

813

00:45:44,430 --> 00:45:47,130

to go through basic training.

814

00:45:47,130 --> 00:45:52,280

And I got a commission as
first lieutenant right away.

815

00:45:52,280 --> 00:45:59,250

And I spent some time there
in Chicago, specialty courses.

816

00:45:59,250 --> 00:46:02,750

There, too, I was
extremely lucky.

817
00:46:02,750 --> 00:46:07,410
I remember we had to--

818
00:46:07,410 --> 00:46:10,270
every Monday there
was an examination.

819
00:46:10,270 --> 00:46:13,850
Meaning the weekend was
filled with studying

820
00:46:13,850 --> 00:46:14,790
and what have you.

821
00:46:14,790 --> 00:46:20,820
That was OK, but once I got my
assignment, well, I kept up,

822
00:46:20,820 --> 00:46:23,170
but I didn't really
kill myself anymore.

823
00:46:23,170 --> 00:46:25,660
I remember, I went to
a movie on weekends.

824
00:46:25,660 --> 00:46:29,235
And with my assignment, I
was exceedingly lucky too.

825
00:46:29,235 --> 00:46:33,570
I could have been wound up
looking for dented cans, pinned

826
00:46:33,570 --> 00:46:35,010
feathers in turkeys.

827
00:46:35,010 --> 00:46:35,800
It has to be done.

828
00:46:35,800 --> 00:46:38,970

Don't get me wrong, this
is an important job.

829
00:46:38,970 --> 00:46:45,240
Or as one of my classmates, he
was going in Nebraska from farm

830
00:46:45,240 --> 00:46:50,040
to farm candling eggs,
which is important,

831
00:46:50,040 --> 00:46:54,180
because unfortunately,
still now, people--

832
00:46:54,180 --> 00:47:00,160
some contractors try to
palm off to the army what

833
00:47:00,160 --> 00:47:02,150
they can't sell to others.

834
00:47:02,150 --> 00:47:04,960
Well, anyhow, comes the
great day of assignment.

835
00:47:04,960 --> 00:47:06,480
Now, what will happen to me?

836
00:47:06,480 --> 00:47:08,610
I walk in there.

837
00:47:08,610 --> 00:47:11,250
And it's a colonel and
the personnel officer

838
00:47:11,250 --> 00:47:13,290
of the veterinary
corp. [INAUDIBLE]

839
00:47:13,290 --> 00:47:16,054
saluting, reporting there.

840

00:47:16,054 --> 00:47:17,730

"Ha, ha," he laughed at me.

841

00:47:17,730 --> 00:47:19,840

He then addresses me in German.

842

00:47:19,840 --> 00:47:22,270

Well, I was taken
somewhat surprised.

843

00:47:22,270 --> 00:47:25,770

Maury was his name.

844

00:47:25,770 --> 00:47:28,600

"Ha, ha, ha, you're
surprised, aren't you?"

845

00:47:28,600 --> 00:47:32,080

Well, don't-- my mother
is from Hamburg."

846

00:47:32,080 --> 00:47:35,440

He probably talked
German before he--

847

00:47:35,440 --> 00:47:39,790

But for some reason, [INAUDIBLE]
my experience here at the lab,

848

00:47:39,790 --> 00:47:43,300

and perhaps he took
a liking to me,

849

00:47:43,300 --> 00:47:46,690

because he had to do
something that surprised me.

850

00:47:46,690 --> 00:47:48,240

I got a very good job.

851

00:47:48,240 --> 00:47:54,360

It's biological warfare

center in Frederick, Maryland.

852

00:47:54,360 --> 00:47:58,785

And while [INAUDIBLE],,
I learned a lot there.

853

00:47:58,785 --> 00:48:00,160

Actually, worked
at a laboratory.

854

00:48:00,160 --> 00:48:03,430

It was like a job
in the morning.

855

00:48:03,430 --> 00:48:06,100

Went to the lab,
evening come back.

856

00:48:06,100 --> 00:48:09,370

Every time I left the lab,
I had to take a shower,

857

00:48:09,370 --> 00:48:13,540

because we worked with
quite dangerous organisms.

858

00:48:13,540 --> 00:48:18,940

But I really-- and
I did an awful lot--

859

00:48:18,940 --> 00:48:23,910

how to handle dangerous,
contagious agents, how

860

00:48:23,910 --> 00:48:25,320

to work-- exacting.

861

00:48:25,320 --> 00:48:30,250

I was quite grateful the army--

862

00:48:30,250 --> 00:48:32,080

was grateful what they did.

863

00:48:32,080 --> 00:48:33,290

Very little soldiering.

864

00:48:33,290 --> 00:48:36,110

Occasionally, or throughout
the day, but mostly

865

00:48:36,110 --> 00:48:38,160

in the laboratory.

866

00:48:38,160 --> 00:48:51,590

And I must say, I still
remember my second anniversary.

867

00:48:51,590 --> 00:48:53,760

We were already to
go out at night.

868

00:48:53,760 --> 00:48:55,410

Had the reservations.

869

00:48:55,410 --> 00:49:00,630

But I couldn't come because
I was inside the lab.

870

00:49:00,630 --> 00:49:05,190

Had a very restricted area.

871

00:49:05,190 --> 00:49:08,200

There were monkeys that were
infected with certain organism.

872

00:49:08,200 --> 00:49:10,470

And they could
only be approached

873

00:49:10,470 --> 00:49:11,895

in kind of spacesuits.

874

00:49:11,895 --> 00:49:14,190

We went in with a spacesuit.

875

00:49:14,190 --> 00:49:15,880

And one monkey escaped.

876

00:49:15,880 --> 00:49:17,770

And we had to catch him.

877

00:49:17,770 --> 00:49:21,030

And I lost my glasses
inside the spacesuit.

878

00:49:21,030 --> 00:49:25,530

And my wife, who
was sitting outside,

879

00:49:25,530 --> 00:49:27,373

didn't know what happened.

880

00:49:27,373 --> 00:49:28,290

I still remember this.

881

00:49:28,290 --> 00:49:34,197

882

00:49:34,197 --> 00:49:35,780

Is there anything
more you can tell me

883

00:49:35,780 --> 00:49:39,290

about the nature of the work
that you did in the military?

884

00:49:39,290 --> 00:49:41,060

Actually, it was
biological warfare.

885

00:49:41,060 --> 00:49:45,680

Quite a bit-- some stuff I could
talk about, others I couldn't.

886

00:49:45,680 --> 00:49:47,540

Some people, of
course, criticized me--

887
00:49:47,540 --> 00:49:51,380
how can you possibly work
for biological warfare?

888
00:49:51,380 --> 00:49:54,100
Well, I thought
it has to be done.

889
00:49:54,100 --> 00:49:58,315
And you can learn quite
a bit if defensive too.

890
00:49:58,315 --> 00:50:03,450
And quite a bit of what we were
doing there benefits every day.

891
00:50:03,450 --> 00:50:06,030

892
00:50:06,030 --> 00:50:10,205
Even there, I was--

893
00:50:10,205 --> 00:50:11,990
did quite a bit in
the information field.

894
00:50:11,990 --> 00:50:12,490
"Huh?

895
00:50:12,490 --> 00:50:14,330
German?

896
00:50:14,330 --> 00:50:17,000
Go to the library and
look up and translate."

897
00:50:17,000 --> 00:50:21,190
Quite a bit of this work had
been done on certain organisms

898
00:50:21,190 --> 00:50:21,800

in German.

899

00:50:21,800 --> 00:50:30,420

And there too, I did quite
a bit of information.

900

00:50:30,420 --> 00:50:32,660

It was really a good job.

901

00:50:32,660 --> 00:50:36,170

I can't complain.

902

00:50:36,170 --> 00:50:39,170

Did you have any moral qualms
about doing the kind of work,

903

00:50:39,170 --> 00:50:41,333

given your personal background?

904

00:50:41,333 --> 00:50:44,510

905

00:50:44,510 --> 00:50:47,040

No, I thought about it.

906

00:50:47,040 --> 00:50:50,610

Actually, I remember later on
when I went to library school,

907

00:50:50,610 --> 00:50:52,890

I wrote a paper about that.

908

00:50:52,890 --> 00:50:56,796

Look, war-- war is hell anyway.

909

00:50:56,796 --> 00:51:02,950

And if you come down to it,
some of the methods used in war

910

00:51:02,950 --> 00:51:06,280

actually are not [INAUDIBLE].

911

00:51:06,280 --> 00:51:10,690

And very often,
biological warfare

912

00:51:10,690 --> 00:51:12,460

doesn't necessarily kill.

913

00:51:12,460 --> 00:51:17,050

It's directed just
to disable the enemy

914

00:51:17,050 --> 00:51:22,360

and to effect his
livestock and so on.

915

00:51:22,360 --> 00:51:24,190

There's quite a bit--

916

00:51:24,190 --> 00:51:27,180

what we know now in
immunization and vaccination

917

00:51:27,180 --> 00:51:31,220

has been learned actually
through work similar to this

918

00:51:31,220 --> 00:51:32,990

or actually done
at Fort Detrick.

919

00:51:32,990 --> 00:51:38,560

920

00:51:38,560 --> 00:51:41,590

How long did you
stay in the army?

921

00:51:41,590 --> 00:51:43,010

Two years.

922

00:51:43,010 --> 00:51:46,300

And then I stayed

on in the reserve.

923

00:51:46,300 --> 00:51:50,880

I stayed on several years
in the reserve, which

924

00:51:50,880 --> 00:51:52,510

meant you met once a week.

925

00:51:52,510 --> 00:51:58,380

And in the summertime,
you had some--

926

00:51:58,380 --> 00:52:01,930

went to some exercises
and some courses.

927

00:52:01,930 --> 00:52:06,860

But this was not, at that time,
was not biological warfare.

928

00:52:06,860 --> 00:52:11,240

It was more or less
medical food inspection.

929

00:52:11,240 --> 00:52:16,120

At that time, I was a reserve on
the veterinary corp, this food

930

00:52:16,120 --> 00:52:20,100

inspection, zoonoses,
diseases transmissible

931

00:52:20,100 --> 00:52:22,690

from animal to men,
which later on became

932

00:52:22,690 --> 00:52:24,756

one of my specialties.

933

00:52:24,756 --> 00:52:27,310

And I stayed there,
actually, in the reserves,

934
00:52:27,310 --> 00:52:31,390
till I joined the
public health service.

935
00:52:31,390 --> 00:52:33,030
Can you give me some
timeframe on when

936
00:52:33,030 --> 00:52:35,530
you get out of the army, how
long you stayed in the reserve?

937
00:52:35,530 --> 00:52:36,488
I got out of the army--

938
00:52:36,488 --> 00:52:40,680
I came in at '56, roughly.

939
00:52:40,680 --> 00:52:44,540
And I guess in '57.

940
00:52:44,540 --> 00:52:45,625
I came out in '59.

941
00:52:45,625 --> 00:52:48,922

942
00:52:48,922 --> 00:52:51,400
In '59, I left the army.

943
00:52:51,400 --> 00:52:55,600
And went back, actually, for
the Department of Agriculture.

944
00:52:55,600 --> 00:53:00,560
And this was meat inspection.

945
00:53:00,560 --> 00:53:04,020
But at the time, when I went
back to meat inspection,

946

00:53:04,020 --> 00:53:05,120
it wasn't named that.

947

00:53:05,120 --> 00:53:09,810
What I did, it was
in the laboratory,

948

00:53:09,810 --> 00:53:11,520
not on the killing floor.

949

00:53:11,520 --> 00:53:16,330
See where your specimens are
taken is the killing floor

950

00:53:16,330 --> 00:53:18,320
and sent to a laboratory.

951

00:53:18,320 --> 00:53:23,250
The animal is held in a freezer
and then it's been examined.

952

00:53:23,250 --> 00:53:25,290
Something like this, I did.

953

00:53:25,290 --> 00:53:27,860
And when did you start
working for agriculture?

954

00:53:27,860 --> 00:53:30,740
I started at agriculture
right after--

955

00:53:30,740 --> 00:53:33,380
in '55.

956

00:53:33,380 --> 00:53:35,490
And actually, I
worked all the time,

957

00:53:35,490 --> 00:53:38,310
even when I was in the
army and was officially--

958
00:53:38,310 --> 00:53:39,960
I was on military leave.

959
00:53:39,960 --> 00:53:42,014
You see, you had to go.

960
00:53:42,014 --> 00:53:43,750
It was [INAUDIBLE].

961
00:53:43,750 --> 00:53:48,986
And when I came back, right
away I went back to agriculture.

962
00:53:48,986 --> 00:53:52,230

963
00:53:52,230 --> 00:53:55,030
And how long did you continue
to work for the Department

964
00:53:55,030 --> 00:53:56,110
of Agriculture?

965
00:53:56,110 --> 00:53:57,550
Actually for AIMS.

966
00:53:57,550 --> 00:54:02,165
I went to Washington
and worked there

967
00:54:02,165 --> 00:54:05,790
for the agricultural service.

968
00:54:05,790 --> 00:54:10,600
And there too, I
collect information

969
00:54:10,600 --> 00:54:18,930
about livestock, animal
diseases in foreign countries.

970

00:54:18,930 --> 00:54:20,770

How do you find out?

971

00:54:20,770 --> 00:54:22,730

You go there.

972

00:54:22,730 --> 00:54:24,400

You interview people.

973

00:54:24,400 --> 00:54:26,150

And you search he literature.

974

00:54:26,150 --> 00:54:26,950

Well, that I did.

975

00:54:26,950 --> 00:54:31,200

And I got more and more
in the information field.

976

00:54:31,200 --> 00:54:33,500

Eventually, if you
do it a long time,

977

00:54:33,500 --> 00:54:39,930

you develop a sense of where to
look, what to find, and so on.

978

00:54:39,930 --> 00:54:47,500

And there I stayed till '60.

979

00:54:47,500 --> 00:54:48,660

Wait a minute--

980

00:54:48,660 --> 00:54:49,556

[INAUDIBLE]

981

00:54:49,556 --> 00:55:00,850

982

00:55:00,850 --> 00:55:03,992

Yes, about '60.

983
00:55:03,992 --> 00:55:06,070
I came there in '60.

984
00:55:06,070 --> 00:55:08,130
I believed I stayed there till--

985
00:55:08,130 --> 00:55:11,630

986
00:55:11,630 --> 00:55:14,150
four or five years, '65.

987
00:55:14,150 --> 00:55:20,570
And then I went to the
Smithsonian Institution

988
00:55:20,570 --> 00:55:25,810
in information
service there too.

989
00:55:25,810 --> 00:55:31,060
There I stayed for a about
a year, a year and a half.

990
00:55:31,060 --> 00:55:34,060
Then I joined the
public health service

991
00:55:34,060 --> 00:55:39,220
as a commissioned officer at the
National Library of Medicine.

992
00:55:39,220 --> 00:55:43,120
And there, the National
Library of Medicine.

993
00:55:43,120 --> 00:55:50,240
I stayed for 28 years.

994
00:55:50,240 --> 00:55:52,330
Actually, I was

fortunate, because

995

00:55:52,330 --> 00:55:58,130
of this special position I
had I wasn't transferred.

996

00:55:58,130 --> 00:55:59,920
They kept me there.

997

00:55:59,920 --> 00:56:01,840
And I was not [INAUDIBLE].

998

00:56:01,840 --> 00:56:04,220
In the army, you know,
there's a transfer ever

999

00:56:04,220 --> 00:56:05,540
two, or three, or four years.

1000

00:56:05,540 --> 00:56:08,190
In the public health
service, not that frequently,

1001

00:56:08,190 --> 00:56:11,050
but they tried to
transfer people too.

1002

00:56:11,050 --> 00:56:12,382
It didn't happen to me.

1003

00:56:12,382 --> 00:56:14,590
And I stayed here at the
National Library of Medicine

1004

00:56:14,590 --> 00:56:19,150
for 28 years.

1005

00:56:19,150 --> 00:56:21,230
By being there, I
said, finally-- well,

1006

00:56:21,230 --> 00:56:23,790

I worked with the librarian--

1007
00:56:23,790 --> 00:56:27,530
I might as well find
out what they think,

1008
00:56:27,530 --> 00:56:29,060
learn a little
bit more about it.

1009
00:56:29,060 --> 00:56:32,040
And I went to library school.

1010
00:56:32,040 --> 00:56:36,110
And actually, I
did it on my own.

1011
00:56:36,110 --> 00:56:41,400
I made up-- I went
nights, weekends.

1012
00:56:41,400 --> 00:56:46,050
And if I had to go at the time
that we had duty, I made it up.

1013
00:56:46,050 --> 00:56:52,500
And I graduated in
'84, I remember.

1014
00:56:52,500 --> 00:56:59,006
And it was difficult
to go back to school.

1015
00:56:59,006 --> 00:57:01,180
But it was interesting too.

1016
00:57:01,180 --> 00:57:04,450
I always wondered
when I was doing it,

1017
00:57:04,450 --> 00:57:09,040
well, once this is over, look
all the time I will have.

1018
00:57:09,040 --> 00:57:10,760
I still don't know
what happened.

1019
00:57:10,760 --> 00:57:14,530
I finished, became a
master of library science,

1020
00:57:14,530 --> 00:57:16,690
but I never found the time.

1021
00:57:16,690 --> 00:57:19,780
But it was very interesting.

1022
00:57:19,780 --> 00:57:23,400
Usually, going back to
school, it's the old thing--

1023
00:57:23,400 --> 00:57:24,890
you always see it--

1024
00:57:24,890 --> 00:57:37,250
25% eminently worthwhile,
25% useful, 25% redundant

1025
00:57:37,250 --> 00:57:44,230
and useless, and
25%, you know what.

1026
00:57:44,230 --> 00:57:47,310
But I believe this is
usually at many schools.

1027
00:57:47,310 --> 00:57:52,740
But 25%, it was worthwhile.

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00:57:52,740 --> 00:58:02,350

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00:58:02,350 --> 00:58:05,470
You mentioned your second

wedding anniversary.

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00:58:05,470 --> 00:58:06,550
Do you have children?

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00:58:06,550 --> 00:58:08,800
Yes, a daughter, Ruth.

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00:58:08,800 --> 00:58:15,860
She was born, actually,
when I was still

1033
00:58:15,860 --> 00:58:18,840
at the Smithsonian Institution.

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00:58:18,840 --> 00:58:23,712
This was in '64.

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00:58:23,712 --> 00:58:27,710
One daughter, yes.

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00:58:27,710 --> 00:58:29,832
She lives close by.

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00:58:29,832 --> 00:58:33,640
And I am now an
insufferably grandfather.

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00:58:33,640 --> 00:58:36,436
What does it mean to be an
insufferable grandfather?

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00:58:36,436 --> 00:58:44,770
An insufferable grandfather--
look, the other day,

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00:58:44,770 --> 00:58:52,210
we played running around
the island in the kitchen.

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00:58:52,210 --> 00:58:54,246
Guess who had more fun?

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00:58:54,246 --> 00:58:59,440
Or playing with the trains
or running around, making

1043
00:58:59,440 --> 00:59:01,410
a complete fool of myself.

1044
00:59:01,410 --> 00:59:04,210
And I enjoy every minute.

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00:59:04,210 --> 00:59:07,810
She's just two years, in
September, two years old,

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00:59:07,810 --> 00:59:09,950
Emily.

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00:59:09,950 --> 00:59:13,355
I tell you, they tell
me, whenever I see her,

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00:59:13,355 --> 00:59:15,200
I light up like
a Christmas tree.

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00:59:15,200 --> 00:59:16,100
Probably right.

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00:59:16,100 --> 00:59:18,720
I don't notice it.

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00:59:18,720 --> 00:59:22,130
And of course, I try to
be a good grandfather,

1052
00:59:22,130 --> 00:59:27,990
not to indulge her too much.

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00:59:27,990 --> 00:59:29,800
Has to be some discipline.

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00:59:29,800 --> 00:59:32,090

And of course, no criticism.

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00:59:32,090 --> 00:59:34,300

Well, if I-- and

Maran, of course,

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00:59:34,300 --> 00:59:36,500

is a wonderful grandmother.

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00:59:36,500 --> 00:59:43,350

But if I have anything to say,

perhaps, I might do it once.

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00:59:43,350 --> 00:59:45,960

I might be insufferable,

but I don't like

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00:59:45,960 --> 00:59:48,300

to be a nagging grandfather.

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00:59:48,300 --> 00:59:50,430

Yes, sometimes I have to--

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00:59:50,430 --> 00:59:52,560

stop, it's time

now, it's enough.

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00:59:52,560 --> 00:59:55,020

But, of course,

at the beginning,

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00:59:55,020 --> 00:59:56,210

everybody be told about it.

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00:59:56,210 --> 00:59:59,400

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00:59:59,400 --> 01:00:02,370

But look, it is so nice

to be a grandparent.

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01:00:02,370 --> 01:00:03,560

You just enjoy it.

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01:00:03,560 --> 01:00:05,250

And then you go home.

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01:00:05,250 --> 01:00:06,670

And the parents [INAUDIBLE].

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01:00:06,670 --> 01:00:15,500

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01:00:15,500 --> 01:00:18,560

I want to go back and review
some of the things that

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01:00:18,560 --> 01:00:23,810

were happening around you
during these years that you just

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01:00:23,810 --> 01:00:26,800

outlined for me.

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01:00:26,800 --> 01:00:29,305

You were in the United States
during the Nuremberg trials.

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01:00:29,305 --> 01:00:30,790

Correct.

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01:00:30,790 --> 01:00:34,630

How were they reported
in the US media?

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01:00:34,630 --> 01:00:38,170

And what was the
general reaction

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01:00:38,170 --> 01:00:39,550

that you saw around you?

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01:00:39,550 --> 01:00:41,520
Frankly, I didn't--

1079
01:00:41,520 --> 01:00:44,740
I read about it, but
people around me,

1080
01:00:44,740 --> 01:00:48,340
it was not discussed,
at least in school.

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01:00:48,340 --> 01:00:50,968

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01:00:50,968 --> 01:00:54,000
It was really not discussed.

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01:00:54,000 --> 01:00:58,710
Yes, occasionally you
saw it, but by no means

1084
01:00:58,710 --> 01:01:03,200
was that a topic
of conversation.

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01:01:03,200 --> 01:01:04,827
Did that surprise you?

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01:01:04,827 --> 01:01:05,327
No.

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01:01:05,327 --> 01:01:09,460

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01:01:09,460 --> 01:01:12,130
I realize people would mention--

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01:01:12,130 --> 01:01:14,020
yes, they were
not unaware of it.

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01:01:14,020 --> 01:01:19,930

But it was not--

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01:01:19,930 --> 01:01:27,680
perhaps too, probably, maybe
history and sociology students,

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01:01:27,680 --> 01:01:31,000
probably it was discussed more.

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01:01:31,000 --> 01:01:32,180
I stayed that time--

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01:01:32,180 --> 01:01:34,780
I had a position as
the assistant caretaker

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01:01:34,780 --> 01:01:36,290
at the Hillel House.

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01:01:36,290 --> 01:01:38,060
But even there, it wasn't--

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01:01:38,060 --> 01:01:41,090
I don't recall it was
discussed very much.

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01:01:41,090 --> 01:01:43,592

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01:01:43,592 --> 01:01:45,050
Was there anything
about the way it

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01:01:45,050 --> 01:01:51,275
was covered by the American
press that surprised you?

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01:01:51,275 --> 01:01:54,162
No, [INAUDIBLE].

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01:01:54,162 --> 01:01:56,370
What was your reaction to

the judgments in the trial?

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01:01:56,370 --> 01:02:12,400

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01:02:12,400 --> 01:02:18,290

At that point, I
think I found it just.

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01:02:18,290 --> 01:02:19,580

Right now, I'm reading--

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01:02:19,580 --> 01:02:23,790

I have read the book The
Nuremberg Trials, by Persico.

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01:02:23,790 --> 01:02:30,290

In retrospect, certain things
could be different now.

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01:02:30,290 --> 01:02:32,940

But at that point, I felt
it was certainly just.

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01:02:32,940 --> 01:02:39,260

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01:02:39,260 --> 01:02:42,140

I think I'm going to pause, and
change tape, and not ask you

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01:02:42,140 --> 01:02:44,650

another question right now.

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01:02:44,650 --> 01:02:48,000