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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:00,780
--if it'll work.

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00:00:00,780 --> 00:00:07,470

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00:00:07,470 --> 00:00:10,740
This is the United States
Holocaust Memorial Museum

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00:00:10,740 --> 00:00:14,940
Volunteer Collection interview
with Hans Tuch conducted

5
00:00:14,940 --> 00:00:20,070
by Gail Schwartz on
November 7th, 2013,

6
00:00:20,070 --> 00:00:22,420
in Bethesda, Maryland.

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00:00:22,420 --> 00:00:26,230
This is track number one.

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00:00:26,230 --> 00:00:28,970
What is your full name?

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00:00:28,970 --> 00:00:34,090
My full name is Hans
Nathan Tuch, T-U-C-H.

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00:00:34,090 --> 00:00:38,680
But all people who
know me call me Tom.

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00:00:38,680 --> 00:00:42,400
It was acquired when I first
came to the United States.

12
00:00:42,400 --> 00:00:46,190
And people called me Tommy

Tucker sang for his supper.

13
00:00:46,190 --> 00:00:49,990
And so this is where
I acquired Tom.

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00:00:49,990 --> 00:00:52,420
So people who know
me call me Tom.

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00:00:52,420 --> 00:00:56,630
And people who don't
know call me Hans.

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00:00:56,630 --> 00:00:57,650
Where were you born?

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00:00:57,650 --> 00:00:58,980
And when were you born?

18
00:00:58,980 --> 00:01:07,160
I was born in Berlin, in
Germany, on October 15, 1924.

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00:01:07,160 --> 00:01:09,130
Let's talk now
about your family.

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00:01:09,130 --> 00:01:12,150
Who Were the members
of your family?

21
00:01:12,150 --> 00:01:17,330
My father, his name
was Bruno Tuch.

22
00:01:17,330 --> 00:01:20,330
And my mother was Rosa Tuch.

23
00:01:20,330 --> 00:01:21,930
And her maiden name?

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00:01:21,930 --> 00:01:24,380
Her maiden name
was [? Olsner. ?]

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00:01:24,380 --> 00:01:30,980
And both sides of the family
came from Poznan, Posen,

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00:01:30,980 --> 00:01:32,130
in Germany--

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00:01:32,130 --> 00:01:33,170
I mean in Poland.

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00:01:33,170 --> 00:01:38,420
But they were Germans who
emigrated to Berlin right

29
00:01:38,420 --> 00:01:43,550
after World War I. And
my grandfather became

30
00:01:43,550 --> 00:01:46,190
a banker in Berlin--

31
00:01:46,190 --> 00:01:48,020
my mother's father.

32
00:01:48,020 --> 00:01:52,160
And we became Berliners.

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00:01:52,160 --> 00:01:55,730
They both became Berliners.

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00:01:55,730 --> 00:02:00,110
And did you or do you
have any siblings?

35
00:02:00,110 --> 00:02:06,050
No, I was the only
child of Bruno and Rosa.

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00:02:06,050 --> 00:02:10,220

My father was an insurance executive.

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00:02:10,220 --> 00:02:16,670

He had the Berlin representation of the worldwide insurance

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00:02:16,670 --> 00:02:24,680

company, [GERMAN],, which, of course, still exists today.

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00:02:24,680 --> 00:02:28,600

He was their Berlin representative.

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00:02:28,600 --> 00:02:30,400

And did your mother work?

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00:02:30,400 --> 00:02:32,380

My mother did not work, no.

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00:02:32,380 --> 00:02:35,670

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00:02:35,670 --> 00:02:42,180

She was trained and educated in music and as a singer.

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00:02:42,180 --> 00:02:44,670

She never sang professionally.

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00:02:44,670 --> 00:02:48,240

But she was very interested in opera.

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00:02:48,240 --> 00:02:52,890

And she introduced me to opera at an early age.

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00:02:52,890 --> 00:02:57,630

And this is what I really am doing now.

48
00:02:57,630 --> 00:02:59,760
I'm a complete amateur.

49
00:02:59,760 --> 00:03:01,860
But opera is my thing.

50
00:03:01,860 --> 00:03:03,420
Wonderful.

51
00:03:03,420 --> 00:03:07,350
What about an extended family,
aunts, uncles, cousins?

52
00:03:07,350 --> 00:03:11,310
My mother had four--

53
00:03:11,310 --> 00:03:12,600
she had two brothers.

54
00:03:12,600 --> 00:03:16,390

55
00:03:16,390 --> 00:03:18,760
My mother was one
of five children.

56
00:03:18,760 --> 00:03:23,870
And they all lived in
Berlin at that time.

57
00:03:23,870 --> 00:03:26,770
Her older brother
was a physician

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00:03:26,770 --> 00:03:31,510
in the worker area of Berlin.

59
00:03:31,510 --> 00:03:38,110
My father had one
brother who was a--

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00:03:38,110 --> 00:03:39,295
had two brothers, actually.

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00:03:39,295 --> 00:03:42,790

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00:03:42,790 --> 00:03:47,320
His older brother was
a distinguished judge,

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00:03:47,320 --> 00:03:56,290
who was the only one who
actually suffered during the--

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00:03:56,290 --> 00:03:59,920
I should add that
nobody in my family

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00:03:59,920 --> 00:04:02,260
became a victim
in the Holocaust.

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00:04:02,260 --> 00:04:03,490
I was very lucky.

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00:04:03,490 --> 00:04:06,730
And there was no victim.

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00:04:06,730 --> 00:04:10,420
They all got out of Germany.

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00:04:10,420 --> 00:04:17,480
My father died at a very young
age, at 46, of brain tumor.

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00:04:17,480 --> 00:04:21,579
And my mother was widowed when
she was 39 years old and never

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00:04:21,579 --> 00:04:23,080
remarried.

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00:04:23,080 --> 00:04:27,010

And she took over his
business in Berlin

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00:04:27,010 --> 00:04:33,520

and then lost it through
the Nazi taking over there

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00:04:33,520 --> 00:04:37,630

her insurance business.

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00:04:37,630 --> 00:04:45,260

But everybody in the family, on
both sides, got out of Germany.

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00:04:45,260 --> 00:04:51,700

So I had no real tragedy
in my own family life

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00:04:51,700 --> 00:04:53,140

in that respect.

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00:04:53,140 --> 00:04:55,480

How old were you when
your father died?

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00:04:55,480 --> 00:05:01,060

I was 12 when my
father died, in 1936.

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00:05:01,060 --> 00:05:07,180

And the one thing that my
mother wanted while he was ill

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00:05:07,180 --> 00:05:14,350

and in the hospital, she wanted
to keep me out of her hair,

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00:05:14,350 --> 00:05:21,340

so she bought me a season ticket
to the 1936 Olympics in Berlin.

83

00:05:21,340 --> 00:05:24,100
And I happened to see--

84
00:05:24,100 --> 00:05:31,750
Jesse Owens had four of his
five world records in Berlin.

85
00:05:31,750 --> 00:05:37,600
And I was present when Hitler
was in the audience also.

86
00:05:37,600 --> 00:05:38,700
Were you able to see him?

87
00:05:38,700 --> 00:05:41,840

88
00:05:41,840 --> 00:05:42,790
No.

89
00:05:42,790 --> 00:05:49,150
The 1936 Olympics were
the thing in my own memory

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00:05:49,150 --> 00:05:50,080
that stood out.

91
00:05:50,080 --> 00:05:53,000

92
00:05:53,000 --> 00:05:54,250
We'll get to that in a minute.

93
00:05:54,250 --> 00:05:55,210
Was-- yeah, go on.

94
00:05:55,210 --> 00:06:03,910
I went to a Catholic grade
school in Berlin Schoeneberg.

95
00:06:03,910 --> 00:06:08,890
I was actually born

in Berlin Mitte

96
00:06:08,890 --> 00:06:14,830
But my mother and father
moved to Schoeneberg about 1

97
00:06:14,830 --> 00:06:20,560
block from Rathaus Schoeneberg
on a [GERMAN] Strasse.

98
00:06:20,560 --> 00:06:24,690
And we lived there.

99
00:06:24,690 --> 00:06:27,010
And that's where I grew up.

100
00:06:27,010 --> 00:06:31,540
And I went to the
[? Hohenzollern ?] gymnasium

101
00:06:31,540 --> 00:06:40,490
until the spring of 1938, when
I was kicked out, being Jewish.

102
00:06:40,490 --> 00:06:44,110
And I then went to
the Jewish gymnasium,

103
00:06:44,110 --> 00:06:49,760
but for only about
five months before I

104
00:06:49,760 --> 00:06:52,550
left for the United States.

105
00:06:52,550 --> 00:06:56,930
Would you like to hear
about why and how I came?

106
00:06:56,930 --> 00:06:57,920
We'll get to that.

107

00:06:57,920 --> 00:07:02,330
Let's do sure a section on
your experience in Berlin.

108
00:07:02,330 --> 00:07:04,550
Was your family a
religious family?

109
00:07:04,550 --> 00:07:07,475
No, they were reform Jewish.

110
00:07:07,475 --> 00:07:10,400

111
00:07:10,400 --> 00:07:13,670
It is interesting.

112
00:07:13,670 --> 00:07:19,730
My father and mother
consider themselves Germans.

113
00:07:19,730 --> 00:07:23,630
Their religion
was reform Jewish.

114
00:07:23,630 --> 00:07:31,140
But it was not an ethnic
thing for them to be Jewish.

115
00:07:31,140 --> 00:07:32,570
They were reform Jewish.

116
00:07:32,570 --> 00:07:42,170
And I was bar mitzvahed
in 1937, a year before.

117
00:07:42,170 --> 00:07:46,370
And as a matter of fact,
I had a high soprano voice

118
00:07:46,370 --> 00:07:47,210
at that time.

119

00:07:47,210 --> 00:07:49,850

My mother was
interested in that.

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00:07:49,850 --> 00:07:54,190

And I did the whole
service and sang it.

121

00:07:54,190 --> 00:07:56,350

Which synagogue was this?

122

00:07:56,350 --> 00:08:02,660

[GERMAN] in Berlin, which
was a reformed synagogue

123

00:08:02,660 --> 00:08:09,040

and had a very well-known
rabbi, [PERSONAL]

124

00:08:09,040 --> 00:08:11,320

was his name-- or
something like that.

125

00:08:11,320 --> 00:08:16,930

At any rate, it was not a
religious household at all.

126

00:08:16,930 --> 00:08:18,790

What language did
you speak at home?

127

00:08:18,790 --> 00:08:19,290

German.

128

00:08:19,290 --> 00:08:20,600

German.

129

00:08:20,600 --> 00:08:24,130

And when you say it wasn't
a religious household,

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00:08:24,130 --> 00:08:26,240

did your family observe anything, Passover,

131
00:08:26,240 --> 00:08:27,290
or Hanukkah--

132
00:08:27,290 --> 00:08:28,497
Yeah, we observed--

133
00:08:28,497 --> 00:08:30,205
--or any of the holidays, or the sabbath?

134
00:08:30,205 --> 00:08:32,770
Yes, on holidays, we went to the temple.

135
00:08:32,770 --> 00:08:36,370
And we actually fasted on Yom Kippur.

136
00:08:36,370 --> 00:08:42,250
But it was a thing that you did.

137
00:08:42,250 --> 00:08:48,220
But it was not a very important thing in my life.

138
00:08:48,220 --> 00:08:52,760
And being Jewish was--

139
00:08:52,760 --> 00:08:55,510
I was Jewish religiously.

140
00:08:55,510 --> 00:09:00,910
But I had no real feeling deep--

141
00:09:00,910 --> 00:09:04,360
or my parents did not inculcate in me

142
00:09:04,360 --> 00:09:11,320

a big major feeling of being ethnically-- and as I said,

143
00:09:11,320 --> 00:09:14,020
we were religious.

144
00:09:14,020 --> 00:09:16,030
But that was it.

145
00:09:16,030 --> 00:09:18,580
How did you train
for your bar mitzvah?

146
00:09:18,580 --> 00:09:22,420
I was trained by the
Cantor of the temple

147
00:09:22,420 --> 00:09:25,578
for about five months.

148
00:09:25,578 --> 00:09:28,120
So before that, you hadn't gone
to Hebrew school or anything?

149
00:09:28,120 --> 00:09:28,800
Oh, no.

150
00:09:28,800 --> 00:09:31,110
None of the Sunday school
or anything [BOTH TALKING]..

151
00:09:31,110 --> 00:09:32,350
No, not at all.

152
00:09:32,350 --> 00:09:34,697
We went to temple on holidays--

153
00:09:34,697 --> 00:09:35,350
Holidays.

154
00:09:35,350 --> 00:09:37,330
--period.

155
00:09:37,330 --> 00:09:44,400
After my father died in 1936--

156
00:09:44,400 --> 00:09:46,800
this was two years
before I emigrated.

157
00:09:46,800 --> 00:09:47,950
I was 12.

158
00:09:47,950 --> 00:09:50,970
That was before I
was bar mitzvahed.

159
00:09:50,970 --> 00:09:54,420
I took his death very seriously.

160
00:09:54,420 --> 00:10:03,180
And I went to temple
every night for 13 months,

161
00:10:03,180 --> 00:10:11,435
I believe it was, and observed
the ceremonies of being--

162
00:10:11,435 --> 00:10:12,260
Mourning?

163
00:10:12,260 --> 00:10:16,890
Yeah, I did that
very conscientiously.

164
00:10:16,890 --> 00:10:18,600
I just remember that.

165
00:10:18,600 --> 00:10:20,940
But did you know
Hebrew at that point?

166
00:10:20,940 --> 00:10:25,340

167
00:10:25,340 --> 00:10:28,600
No, I didn't know Hebrew at--

168
00:10:28,600 --> 00:10:32,390
I learned Hebrew
for my bar mitzvah.

169
00:10:32,390 --> 00:10:38,050
And I learned to read
the prayers service.

170
00:10:38,050 --> 00:10:40,060
And I could read Hebrew.

171
00:10:40,060 --> 00:10:42,280
I learned to read Hebrew.

172
00:10:42,280 --> 00:10:47,870
But I memorized most of it.

173
00:10:47,870 --> 00:10:49,680
What kind of neighborhood
did you live in?

174
00:10:49,680 --> 00:10:51,650
Was it Jewish and non-Jewish?

175
00:10:51,650 --> 00:10:55,150
We lived in
Schoeneberg, as I said,

176
00:10:55,150 --> 00:10:58,580
one block from
Rathaus Schoeneberg,

177
00:10:58,580 --> 00:11:05,680
in the [GERMAN],, which was
an upper middle class area,

178
00:11:05,680 --> 00:11:08,740
where we were in

a nice apartment.

179

00:11:08,740 --> 00:11:11,440

We had a large apartment,
which still exists.

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00:11:11,440 --> 00:11:13,820

The building still exists.

181

00:11:13,820 --> 00:11:18,370

And we lived one block
from Bayerischer Platz,

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00:11:18,370 --> 00:11:27,190

which was one of the squares of
that area, where the U-Bahn had

183

00:11:27,190 --> 00:11:28,450

a stop.

184

00:11:28,450 --> 00:11:32,710

And it was a very nice part of--

185

00:11:32,710 --> 00:11:35,110

Jewish and non-Jewish neighbors?

186

00:11:35,110 --> 00:11:36,490

No.

187

00:11:36,490 --> 00:11:39,673

Non-Jewish-- we didn't have any.

188

00:11:39,673 --> 00:11:43,300

189

00:11:43,300 --> 00:11:46,265

We didn't know our neighbors.

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00:11:46,265 --> 00:11:50,160

Oh, you did not know people
who lived in the building?

191
00:11:50,160 --> 00:11:51,090
Barely.

192
00:11:51,090 --> 00:11:52,220
No, we didn't.

193
00:11:52,220 --> 00:11:54,053
You didn't know if they
were Jewish or non--

194
00:11:54,053 --> 00:11:58,180
Actually, we had a fairly
large apartment, which

195
00:11:58,180 --> 00:12:01,150
in part was my father's office.

196
00:12:01,150 --> 00:12:03,430
He had his office in front.

197
00:12:03,430 --> 00:12:06,220
And then we had a fairly
large apartment in the back.

198
00:12:06,220 --> 00:12:08,860

199
00:12:08,860 --> 00:12:12,880
My close relatives,
uncles and aunts,

200
00:12:12,880 --> 00:12:17,320
lived in the neighborhood
within about a mile.

201
00:12:17,320 --> 00:12:20,530
They all lived in
that particular area.

202
00:12:20,530 --> 00:12:22,540
My grandparents also.

203

00:12:22,540 --> 00:12:24,170
What about your school friends?

204

00:12:24,170 --> 00:12:25,590
Were they Jewish or non-Jewish?

205

00:12:25,590 --> 00:12:29,280

206

00:12:29,280 --> 00:12:37,530
I really didn't have many
school friends that I remember.

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00:12:37,530 --> 00:12:42,240
I had a friend who lived
in the same apartment

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00:12:42,240 --> 00:12:47,520
building, who was the son
I think of the janitor.

209

00:12:47,520 --> 00:12:48,870
And we were friends.

210

00:12:48,870 --> 00:12:51,090
We were close friends.

211

00:12:51,090 --> 00:12:56,690
But other than that, I
really had no German--

212

00:12:56,690 --> 00:13:05,120
I don't remember having close
school friends or other friends

213

00:13:05,120 --> 00:13:09,500
at all, either in grade
school or in high school.

214

00:13:09,500 --> 00:13:11,210
It was a [? Hohenzollern ?]
gymnasium,

215
00:13:11,210 --> 00:13:16,100
which was very close to where we
lived on Martin Luther Strasse.

216
00:13:16,100 --> 00:13:24,430
And so I just really don't
remember very much about my--

217
00:13:24,430 --> 00:13:26,060
What did you do after school?

218
00:13:26,060 --> 00:13:27,320
Were you interested in sports?

219
00:13:27,320 --> 00:13:30,630
Did you have any hobbies?

220
00:13:30,630 --> 00:13:33,940
In my gymnasium, I was
interested in sports,

221
00:13:33,940 --> 00:13:40,940
that was swimming and track,
which I participated in.

222
00:13:40,940 --> 00:13:42,800
I was never very good at it.

223
00:13:42,800 --> 00:13:47,280
I had what you call
letters in it and so forth.

224
00:13:47,280 --> 00:13:54,260
But the one thing that
I remember very closely

225
00:13:54,260 --> 00:13:58,190
is right across
the street from us

226
00:13:58,190 --> 00:14:02,830

lived our physical
ed teacher, who

227
00:14:02,830 --> 00:14:10,030
was an officer in the
SS, who took to me.

228
00:14:10,030 --> 00:14:13,030
I was the best marcher--

229
00:14:13,030 --> 00:14:18,230
when you marched-- and I
also was the best saluter.

230
00:14:18,230 --> 00:14:20,630
And he was very friendly to me.

231
00:14:20,630 --> 00:14:22,550
He lived right
across the street.

232
00:14:22,550 --> 00:14:28,790
And every once in a while,
he wore his SS uniform.

233
00:14:28,790 --> 00:14:34,850
But I had absolutely no
fear or any kind of-- other

234
00:14:34,850 --> 00:14:38,090
than that he was
one of my teachers.

235
00:14:38,090 --> 00:14:40,730
And he was friendly with me.

236
00:14:40,730 --> 00:14:43,700
And I really didn't
feel any kind

237
00:14:43,700 --> 00:14:49,430
of persecution or
otherwise until I

238
00:14:49,430 --> 00:14:52,230
was told that, you had to
leave the [? Hohenzollern ?]

239
00:14:52,230 --> 00:14:53,860
gymnasium.

240
00:14:53,860 --> 00:14:56,750
And I was very
disappointed because it

241
00:14:56,750 --> 00:14:59,530
was a very good gymnasium.

242
00:14:59,530 --> 00:15:01,970
It was close to where we lived.

243
00:15:01,970 --> 00:15:06,500
And I had to go to the Jewish
gymnasium way across town.

244
00:15:06,500 --> 00:15:08,300
And I bicycled.

245
00:15:08,300 --> 00:15:13,230
But this was a really
relatively short time.

246
00:15:13,230 --> 00:15:18,470
What happened was after
my father died in 1936,

247
00:15:18,470 --> 00:15:22,680
my mother took
over his business.

248
00:15:22,680 --> 00:15:26,150
We lived happily in Berlin.

249
00:15:26,150 --> 00:15:34,250
In 1937 her first

cousin from Kansas City,

250
00:15:34,250 --> 00:15:36,500
they came to Europe.

251
00:15:36,500 --> 00:15:38,690
They didn't come to Germany.

252
00:15:38,690 --> 00:15:42,050
They met in Marienbad
in Czechoslovakia.

253
00:15:42,050 --> 00:15:44,180
My mother went down.

254
00:15:44,180 --> 00:15:45,680
She didn't take me along.

255
00:15:45,680 --> 00:15:49,220
And I really don't know
why because she sent me off

256
00:15:49,220 --> 00:15:51,260
to camp.

257
00:15:51,260 --> 00:15:55,130
And they met in
Marienbad in 1937.

258
00:15:55,130 --> 00:15:58,640
It was her first cousin.

259
00:15:58,640 --> 00:16:02,120
Interestingly about
her first cousin, who

260
00:16:02,120 --> 00:16:06,470
emigrated to the United
States before World War I,

261
00:16:06,470 --> 00:16:11,300
as a young person, he had

worked for my grandfather.

262

00:16:11,300 --> 00:16:16,050

And somehow he had gotten
into financial trouble.

263

00:16:16,050 --> 00:16:19,350

So my grandfather
said, get out of here,

264

00:16:19,350 --> 00:16:21,920

I'll pay you to go
to the United States,

265

00:16:21,920 --> 00:16:26,360

and send him abroad in order
to keep him out of trouble.

266

00:16:26,360 --> 00:16:31,240

He never forgot what my
grandfather had done for him.

267

00:16:31,240 --> 00:16:36,170

And therefore they came
to Germany to Marienbad,

268

00:16:36,170 --> 00:16:38,900

to Czechoslovakia and met--

269

00:16:38,900 --> 00:16:41,120

it was a family reunion.

270

00:16:41,120 --> 00:16:46,880

He and his wife and their son,
Jeff, who was my second cousin,

271

00:16:46,880 --> 00:16:48,900

came to Marienbad.

272

00:16:48,900 --> 00:16:53,240

And they made the decision
that the following year,

273

00:16:53,240 --> 00:16:57,140

I was to go to Kansas
City for one year.

274

00:16:57,140 --> 00:17:01,370

And my cousin Jeff was to
come and stay with my mother

275

00:17:01,370 --> 00:17:06,349

for a year, sort of
a family exchange.

276

00:17:06,349 --> 00:17:09,000

It developed during
that following year.

277

00:17:09,000 --> 00:17:10,760

He wasn't going to come.

278

00:17:10,760 --> 00:17:15,170

But I was going to go for good.

279

00:17:15,170 --> 00:17:17,880

And I had an affidavit.

280

00:17:17,880 --> 00:17:20,240

And I had a visa.

281

00:17:20,240 --> 00:17:22,849

My mother did not yet.

282

00:17:22,849 --> 00:17:26,930

She had she had an
affidavit from her cousin.

283

00:17:26,930 --> 00:17:29,370

But she didn't have a visa yet.

284

00:17:29,370 --> 00:17:31,350

It hadn't come up yet.

285

00:17:31,350 --> 00:17:36,920
So I went by myself in 1938.

286
00:17:36,920 --> 00:17:41,810
She took me to Hamburg and put
me onto the Manhattan ship.

287
00:17:41,810 --> 00:17:45,700
And I went off as a
14-year-old to New York.

288
00:17:45,700 --> 00:17:47,280
We'll talk about [BOTH TALKING].

289
00:17:47,280 --> 00:17:48,800
But going back to Berlin--

290
00:17:48,800 --> 00:17:50,300
Yeah, I want to
stay with Berlin.

291
00:17:50,300 --> 00:17:56,200

292
00:17:56,200 --> 00:17:59,680
I should say something
else about Berlin.

293
00:17:59,680 --> 00:18:05,530
I am sure that if
my father had lived,

294
00:18:05,530 --> 00:18:08,380
we would have all
succumbed in the Holocaust

295
00:18:08,380 --> 00:18:12,940
because he felt he was a German.

296
00:18:12,940 --> 00:18:19,330
He had served in World War I.
He had an Iron Cross, actually

297

00:18:19,330 --> 00:18:25,000

an Iron Cross that was
bestowed belatedly by Hitler.

298

00:18:25,000 --> 00:18:27,950

So this was never
going to happen to us.

299

00:18:27,950 --> 00:18:30,520

We would have never left Berlin.

300

00:18:30,520 --> 00:18:35,200

And we would have all succumbed
if he had not passed away.

301

00:18:35,200 --> 00:18:37,630

So this is one of the--

302

00:18:37,630 --> 00:18:43,150

my personal history that I
feel that the only way that we

303

00:18:43,150 --> 00:18:46,960

really survived is
because he had passed away

304

00:18:46,960 --> 00:18:49,090

at an early age.

305

00:18:49,090 --> 00:18:53,080

Let's now talk about you
as a child in Germany.

306

00:18:53,080 --> 00:18:57,760

Did you experience
any anti-Semitism?

307

00:18:57,760 --> 00:19:00,050

Only on one occasion.

308

00:19:00,050 --> 00:19:03,040

And it was not

really anti-Semitism.

309

00:19:03,040 --> 00:19:06,130

It was the week before I left.

310

00:19:06,130 --> 00:19:13,090

My mother had purchased for me a pair of long trousers,

311

00:19:13,090 --> 00:19:15,160

knowing that in the United States,

312

00:19:15,160 --> 00:19:20,140

young boys wore knickers but also long trousers.

313

00:19:20,140 --> 00:19:22,255

And I had them on--

314

00:19:22,255 --> 00:19:25,300

it was right across the street from where we lived--

315

00:19:25,300 --> 00:19:30,220

and when I was accosted by four or five young boys who

316

00:19:30,220 --> 00:19:32,810

didn't like what I was wearing or whether I was Jewish

317

00:19:32,810 --> 00:19:33,310

or not--

318

00:19:33,310 --> 00:19:34,730

I have no idea.

319

00:19:34,730 --> 00:19:36,640

And they beat me up.

320

00:19:36,640 --> 00:19:38,410

And I came home.

321
00:19:38,410 --> 00:19:42,070
And my mother in her usual
way said, this did you good.

322
00:19:42,070 --> 00:19:45,170
So you had this experience
of being beat up.

323
00:19:45,170 --> 00:19:48,130
So you know what will
happen to you if--

324
00:19:48,130 --> 00:19:49,870
things like this.

325
00:19:49,870 --> 00:19:53,755
And that was the only occasion
that I personally felt--

326
00:19:53,755 --> 00:19:54,760
[PHONE RINGING]

327
00:19:54,760 --> 00:19:56,560
--just let it ring--

328
00:19:56,560 --> 00:20:04,410
that I personally felt that I
had any kind of bad experience

329
00:20:04,410 --> 00:20:05,290
in this.

330
00:20:05,290 --> 00:20:10,270
So I really never
personally experienced

331
00:20:10,270 --> 00:20:16,270
the awful things that happened
in Germany vis-a-vis the Jews.

332

00:20:16,270 --> 00:20:20,620
When did you first start hearing
about a man named Hitler?

333
00:20:20,620 --> 00:20:24,480
Do you remember your
first impression and--

334
00:20:24,480 --> 00:20:26,460
Oh, I think it was quite--

335
00:20:26,460 --> 00:20:27,360
I was--

336
00:20:27,360 --> 00:20:31,290
In 1933, you were 9.

337
00:20:31,290 --> 00:20:37,650
I remember my father
being a veteran.

338
00:20:37,650 --> 00:20:47,090
And Hindenburg was a former
general and Marshall.

339
00:20:47,090 --> 00:20:56,040
And he was a political father
figure for me, Hindenburg was.

340
00:20:56,040 --> 00:20:57,600
Hitler came aboard.

341
00:20:57,600 --> 00:21:02,250
And I certainly was
conscious about him.

342
00:21:02,250 --> 00:21:11,310

343
00:21:11,310 --> 00:21:15,660
I don't remember that
there were any things that

344

00:21:15,660 --> 00:21:23,390
happened to us personally
because in any way,

345

00:21:23,390 --> 00:21:27,740
I heard about him pretty early.

346

00:21:27,740 --> 00:21:33,110
But it was one of those
things that my father said,

347

00:21:33,110 --> 00:21:35,060
this doesn't concern us.

348

00:21:35,060 --> 00:21:35,801
We're Germans.

349

00:21:35,801 --> 00:21:38,630

350

00:21:38,630 --> 00:21:42,470
He's not an important figure.

351

00:21:42,470 --> 00:21:51,850
And actually, while he was
alive, his business was fine.

352

00:21:51,850 --> 00:21:55,040
He had no problems at all.

353

00:21:55,040 --> 00:21:59,890
This was between 1933 and 1936.

354

00:21:59,890 --> 00:22:02,340
He died in 1936.

355

00:22:02,340 --> 00:22:06,610
So I really had no
bad experiences.

356

00:22:06,610 --> 00:22:11,210

Kristallnacht came two weeks after I left Germany.

357
00:22:11,210 --> 00:22:13,880
And there's a little story about that.

358
00:22:13,880 --> 00:22:16,760
So anyway--

359
00:22:16,760 --> 00:22:21,412
What about boycotts or book burning, anything like--

360
00:22:21,412 --> 00:22:23,370
you were not aware, is that what you're saying?

361
00:22:23,370 --> 00:22:24,980
I was not aware--

362
00:22:24,980 --> 00:22:26,090
no, not at all.

363
00:22:26,090 --> 00:22:32,960

364
00:22:32,960 --> 00:22:39,360
I was not aware of the problems and the dangers that came.

365
00:22:39,360 --> 00:22:43,460
And you didn't feel that you were under any restrictions

366
00:22:43,460 --> 00:22:44,720
about places to go?

367
00:22:44,720 --> 00:22:45,830
No, none.

368
00:22:45,830 --> 00:22:48,200

You could do all of that freely?

369
00:22:48,200 --> 00:22:48,710
Yes.

370
00:22:48,710 --> 00:22:57,686
And actually my mother's
close relatives left.

371
00:22:57,686 --> 00:23:01,520

372
00:23:01,520 --> 00:23:11,990
They left Germany
between 1936 and 1938.

373
00:23:11,990 --> 00:23:14,510
They were still there
when my father died.

374
00:23:14,510 --> 00:23:17,780

375
00:23:17,780 --> 00:23:22,790
Actually, in 1936, my
mother's younger brother

376
00:23:22,790 --> 00:23:26,090
died of what is
known as hepatitis.

377
00:23:26,090 --> 00:23:28,040
He was 34 years old.

378
00:23:28,040 --> 00:23:33,630

379
00:23:33,630 --> 00:23:37,480
Her father died in 1936.

380
00:23:37,480 --> 00:23:43,060
My father, grandfather, and

uncle all died in one year.

381
00:23:43,060 --> 00:23:46,780
And her older brother,
who was a physician,

382
00:23:46,780 --> 00:23:49,810
was the hardest hit
by this because he

383
00:23:49,810 --> 00:23:55,200
lost his father, his brother,
and his brother-in-law

384
00:23:55,200 --> 00:23:57,280
all in one year.

385
00:23:57,280 --> 00:24:01,420
And that I remember
hit very hard.

386
00:24:01,420 --> 00:24:08,840
And they all departed
at the time when I left.

387
00:24:08,840 --> 00:24:14,420
My mother was the only one
who was left by herself.

388
00:24:14,420 --> 00:24:18,710
And what happened
on Kristallnacht--

389
00:24:18,710 --> 00:24:22,280
this was two weeks after I left.

390
00:24:22,280 --> 00:24:28,520
I didn't learn about this
till about 10, 15 years ago.

391
00:24:28,520 --> 00:24:29,930
She never talked about it.

392

00:24:29,930 --> 00:24:31,700

She never told me.

393

00:24:31,700 --> 00:24:35,460

But when Kristallnacht came,
she had a large apartment.

394

00:24:35,460 --> 00:24:39,540

She was a widow
living by herself.

395

00:24:39,540 --> 00:24:43,110

Six of her cousins and
relatives came to her.

396

00:24:43,110 --> 00:24:45,570

And she put them up
in the apartment.

397

00:24:45,570 --> 00:24:51,060

And I heard about this
only after she died.

398

00:24:51,060 --> 00:24:52,590

She never told me--

399

00:24:52,590 --> 00:24:55,493

from the cousins,
oh, she put us--

400

00:24:55,493 --> 00:24:57,660

actually, not from the
cousins, from their children.

401

00:24:57,660 --> 00:25:00,600

402

00:25:00,600 --> 00:25:02,400

She put us up for two weeks.

403

00:25:02,400 --> 00:25:06,240

And we stayed at the apartment.

404
00:25:06,240 --> 00:25:10,320
What was your reaction
as a young boy,

405
00:25:10,320 --> 00:25:13,200
seeing German soldiers,
seeing the swastika?

406
00:25:13,200 --> 00:25:16,020

407
00:25:16,020 --> 00:25:18,900
Did it elicit any response?

408
00:25:18,900 --> 00:25:21,765
None, except I liked parades.

409
00:25:21,765 --> 00:25:24,570

410
00:25:24,570 --> 00:25:29,950
German soldiers-- my father
was a soldier in World War II.

411
00:25:29,950 --> 00:25:34,530
I found attracted to
military displays.

412
00:25:34,530 --> 00:25:36,690
The fact that there
was a swastika

413
00:25:36,690 --> 00:25:42,930
and that you did Heil Hitler
really was not-- particularly

414
00:25:42,930 --> 00:25:43,920
did not impress me.

415
00:25:43,920 --> 00:25:45,100
I was a child.

416
00:25:45,100 --> 00:25:45,600
No, I know.

417
00:25:45,600 --> 00:25:46,975
That's why I'm
trying to get what

418
00:25:46,975 --> 00:25:48,330
a child's reaction is to this.

419
00:25:48,330 --> 00:25:51,510

420
00:25:51,510 --> 00:25:57,270
I was more impressed by military
precision and military parades

421
00:25:57,270 --> 00:25:58,680
as a young boy.

422
00:25:58,680 --> 00:26:02,190
And I was very
interested in sports.

423
00:26:02,190 --> 00:26:05,070
And the fact that Germany--

424
00:26:05,070 --> 00:26:09,360
especially in track and field.

425
00:26:09,360 --> 00:26:11,190
They were very good at it.

426
00:26:11,190 --> 00:26:16,320
And I was very interested
in football and soccer.

427
00:26:16,320 --> 00:26:21,990
And I had a favorite team,
which still exists and is

428

00:26:21,990 --> 00:26:25,240
doing pretty well this year.

429

00:26:25,240 --> 00:26:29,340
But I was very interested
in soccer and sports.

430

00:26:29,340 --> 00:26:35,010
And sports teams,
I've followed them.

431

00:26:35,010 --> 00:26:39,100
And Germans were very good
at sports in those days.

432

00:26:39,100 --> 00:26:43,570
And I was very proud
of my German team.

433

00:26:43,570 --> 00:26:45,810
So there was never
any fear that you felt

434

00:26:45,810 --> 00:26:47,340
when you saw German soldiers?

435

00:26:47,340 --> 00:26:48,200
No.

436

00:26:48,200 --> 00:26:49,320
Or even the swastika?

437

00:26:49,320 --> 00:26:49,850
No.

438

00:26:49,850 --> 00:26:50,795
Did you see any--

439

00:26:50,795 --> 00:26:55,580
Actually, I never also
experienced any kind of--

440

00:26:55,580 --> 00:27:00,630

since this all
came after I left--

441

00:27:00,630 --> 00:27:04,520

the demonstrations
and things like that.

442

00:27:04,520 --> 00:27:09,450

So did you witness any
anti-Semitism incidents

443

00:27:09,450 --> 00:27:13,320

as a child, things being
done to other people?

444

00:27:13,320 --> 00:27:14,250

No.

445

00:27:14,250 --> 00:27:16,980

The only thing
that I remember is

446

00:27:16,980 --> 00:27:23,980

that my family thought
things were going to get bad.

447

00:27:23,980 --> 00:27:27,060

And we should get out.

448

00:27:27,060 --> 00:27:27,880

And they all did.

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00:27:27,880 --> 00:27:30,670

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00:27:30,670 --> 00:27:36,300

My grandmother left
with one of her--

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00:27:36,300 --> 00:27:43,450

went to Israel with

a son and daughter--

452

00:27:43,450 --> 00:27:48,310
with her doctor and his wife.

453

00:27:48,310 --> 00:27:51,410
They had one son
born by that time.

454

00:27:51,410 --> 00:27:57,140
And no, they all
departed happily.

455

00:27:57,140 --> 00:28:06,620
My father's oldest brother was
in America from 1933, 34 on.

456

00:28:06,620 --> 00:28:10,040
And he was an operator type.

457

00:28:10,040 --> 00:28:13,470
And he was always doing
very well, but not

458

00:28:13,470 --> 00:28:15,290
really doing very well.

459

00:28:15,290 --> 00:28:19,130
And he was in the United
States much earlier.

460

00:28:19,130 --> 00:28:23,360
And then, of course, my
mother's cousins in Kansas City,

461

00:28:23,360 --> 00:28:25,310
with whom she was close.

462

00:28:25,310 --> 00:28:29,180
And he-- I didn't realize
this till much later--

463

00:28:29,180 --> 00:28:32,480
he always felt very
close to my mother

464
00:28:32,480 --> 00:28:36,650
because her father had done
the right thing by him.

465
00:28:36,650 --> 00:28:38,730
What was his name.

466
00:28:38,730 --> 00:28:42,390
His name was [? Olsner. ?]

467
00:28:42,390 --> 00:28:43,130
His first name?

468
00:28:43,130 --> 00:28:45,884

469
00:28:45,884 --> 00:28:51,940
Sally, S-A-L-L-Y.
That would have been--

470
00:28:51,940 --> 00:28:53,733
what would have been--?

471
00:28:53,733 --> 00:28:54,520
Solomon?

472
00:28:54,520 --> 00:28:55,690
Probably was.

473
00:28:55,690 --> 00:28:58,720
He was known as
Sally [? Olsner. ?]

474
00:28:58,720 --> 00:29:02,350
So now let's talk
about your leaving.

475
00:29:02,350 --> 00:29:05,710

You're 14 years old.

476
00:29:05,710 --> 00:29:06,710
What were your thoughts?

477
00:29:06,710 --> 00:29:10,082

478
00:29:10,082 --> 00:29:13,070
Did you think you were
going for permanently,

479
00:29:13,070 --> 00:29:16,290
or you were going for a year?

480
00:29:16,290 --> 00:29:18,950
I was going on an adventure.

481
00:29:18,950 --> 00:29:20,390
For a year?

482
00:29:20,390 --> 00:29:21,470
Or you didn't know?

483
00:29:21,470 --> 00:29:22,380
No, I was leaving.

484
00:29:22,380 --> 00:29:24,810
Oh, you were leaving
Germany, and you

485
00:29:24,810 --> 00:29:26,370
knew you weren't coming back?

486
00:29:26,370 --> 00:29:26,870
Correct.

487
00:29:26,870 --> 00:29:27,896
That you knew.

488
00:29:27,896 --> 00:29:32,313

How did that make you feel?

489

00:29:32,313 --> 00:29:33,105

Was that upsetting?

490

00:29:33,105 --> 00:29:33,850

Or it was just--

491

00:29:33,850 --> 00:29:34,350

No.

492

00:29:34,350 --> 00:29:35,725

--exciting to go
on an adventure?

493

00:29:35,725 --> 00:29:38,690

Exciting going on an
adventure by myself,

494

00:29:38,690 --> 00:29:42,180

on a trans-Atlantic
ship all by myself.

495

00:29:42,180 --> 00:29:43,620

It was an adventure.

496

00:29:43,620 --> 00:29:45,570

Were you a very
independent child?

497

00:29:45,570 --> 00:29:46,380

Yes.

498

00:29:46,380 --> 00:29:47,550

You must have been to be--

499

00:29:47,550 --> 00:29:48,420

I was.

500

00:29:48,420 --> 00:29:52,730

My mother insisted
that I was independent.

501
00:29:52,730 --> 00:29:57,150
And she sent me to
Switzerland on Christmastime

502
00:29:57,150 --> 00:30:03,450
to go skiing with some of her
relatives, with her cousins

503
00:30:03,450 --> 00:30:05,550
and so forth at Christmas time.

504
00:30:05,550 --> 00:30:08,850
This was after my father
died, that I-- and she said be

505
00:30:08,850 --> 00:30:12,060
off to boys camp in the summer.

506
00:30:12,060 --> 00:30:14,880
So you had been away
by yourself before you

507
00:30:14,880 --> 00:30:16,590
left for the United States?

508
00:30:16,590 --> 00:30:17,520
Yes.

509
00:30:17,520 --> 00:30:23,580
By the way, just tangentially,
did you celebrate Christmas?

510
00:30:23,580 --> 00:30:24,980
No.

511
00:30:24,980 --> 00:30:27,180
Hanukkah.

512
00:30:27,180 --> 00:30:28,750
No, we did not celebrate.

513

00:30:28,750 --> 00:30:32,890

I didn't celebrate Christmas
until I came to this country.

514

00:30:32,890 --> 00:30:38,680

And then it became with
my American family.

515

00:30:38,680 --> 00:30:40,930

So now you're told
you're going to be going.

516

00:30:40,930 --> 00:30:43,200

And you went to Hamburg?

517

00:30:43,200 --> 00:30:44,130

Is that--

518

00:30:44,130 --> 00:30:45,130

Yeah.

519

00:30:45,130 --> 00:30:50,965

The first experience was getting
a visa from the United States--

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00:30:50,965 --> 00:30:52,325

Yeah, and how did that work?

521

00:30:52,325 --> 00:30:57,093

--and getting an exit permit
from the German polizei--

522

00:30:57,093 --> 00:30:57,760

from the police.

523

00:30:57,760 --> 00:30:59,080

So who did that for you?

524

00:30:59,080 --> 00:31:00,640

And how did it happen?

525

00:31:00,640 --> 00:31:02,090
I did it myself.

526
00:31:02,090 --> 00:31:07,570
She sent me to the
American Consulate General.

527
00:31:07,570 --> 00:31:11,800
And she sent me to the police.

528
00:31:11,800 --> 00:31:12,760
She didn't go with me.

529
00:31:12,760 --> 00:31:14,050
She sent me by myself.

530
00:31:14,050 --> 00:31:18,140

531
00:31:18,140 --> 00:31:22,060
She really trained me to
be very independent from--

532
00:31:22,060 --> 00:31:25,510
and I was an only child.

533
00:31:25,510 --> 00:31:28,520
Were you afraid going
into the German offices

534
00:31:28,520 --> 00:31:30,130
to get your exit visa?

535
00:31:30,130 --> 00:31:34,580

536
00:31:34,580 --> 00:31:35,080
No.

537
00:31:35,080 --> 00:31:37,150
I was [MUMBLING].

538

00:31:37,150 --> 00:31:41,300
And I have the documents still.

539

00:31:41,300 --> 00:31:47,080
And no, it was, to
me, something natural.

540

00:31:47,080 --> 00:31:49,750
She says, you go to the
police, and go there

541

00:31:49,750 --> 00:31:51,690
and be there at such
and such a time.

542

00:31:51,690 --> 00:31:55,540
And I went on the
U-Bahn and did my thing.

543

00:31:55,540 --> 00:31:58,180
It was natural.

544

00:31:58,180 --> 00:31:59,800
So now you're getting
ready to leave.

545

00:31:59,800 --> 00:32:02,450
What did you take with you?

546

00:32:02,450 --> 00:32:11,110
I took a large steamer trunk
of my mother's, which she had

547

00:32:11,110 --> 00:32:14,460
had ever since her marriage.

548

00:32:14,460 --> 00:32:17,020
It was a large steamer trunk.

549

00:32:17,020 --> 00:32:22,420
And the history, I
kept that steamer trunk

550
00:32:22,420 --> 00:32:28,200
until the 700th anniversary
of the Berlin creation,

551
00:32:28,200 --> 00:32:31,380
which was about
15, 20 years ago.

552
00:32:31,380 --> 00:32:36,540
And I donated that
trunk to the Museum

553
00:32:36,540 --> 00:32:43,980
in Berlin, Potsdamer Bahnhof
Museum, which collected things

554
00:32:43,980 --> 00:32:44,670
like that.

555
00:32:44,670 --> 00:32:47,790
And I donated two steamer trunk.

556
00:32:47,790 --> 00:32:52,020
And I have a German
article about the donation

557
00:32:52,020 --> 00:32:53,970
of that steamer trunk.

558
00:32:53,970 --> 00:33:03,690
That steamer trunk was my
home for the next 30 years.

559
00:33:03,690 --> 00:33:09,670
Even in the Foreign Service,
that's where my things were.

560
00:33:09,670 --> 00:33:11,670
So it was a large trunk.

561
00:33:11,670 --> 00:33:16,300

And I traveled with that trunk
and then baggage and so forth.

562
00:33:16,300 --> 00:33:17,340
And that's what--

563
00:33:17,340 --> 00:33:19,830
I had my things there.

564
00:33:19,830 --> 00:33:22,860
And that was it.

565
00:33:22,860 --> 00:33:27,330
So did you take anything
special, any special books,

566
00:33:27,330 --> 00:33:29,280
anything personal
besides clothes?

567
00:33:29,280 --> 00:33:32,700

568
00:33:32,700 --> 00:33:39,940
I only took clothes, and
I took maybe a few books.

569
00:33:39,940 --> 00:33:47,180
And the one thing that I took
with me, which I still have,

570
00:33:47,180 --> 00:33:49,760
I had started--

571
00:33:49,760 --> 00:33:53,420
the month before
leaving Germany,

572
00:33:53,420 --> 00:33:57,410
my mother allowed me
to go to the [GERMAN],,

573

00:33:57,410 --> 00:34:00,680
to the opera four times.

574
00:34:00,680 --> 00:34:03,770
She went with me three times.

575
00:34:03,770 --> 00:34:07,580
And the last time
I went by myself.

576
00:34:07,580 --> 00:34:14,469
And she allowed me to see
four operas during the month

577
00:34:14,469 --> 00:34:16,750
before I left.

578
00:34:16,750 --> 00:34:21,400
I think it was every
Sunday before I left.

579
00:34:21,400 --> 00:34:27,320
And I saw four operas,
Faust, Trovatore, Tannhauser,

580
00:34:27,320 --> 00:34:28,662
and Fidelio.

581
00:34:28,662 --> 00:34:32,790

582
00:34:32,790 --> 00:34:36,630
And I kept the programs.

583
00:34:36,630 --> 00:34:43,090
And I lost three of them but
held one that I took with me.

584
00:34:43,090 --> 00:34:45,010
I took all four of them with me.

585
00:34:45,010 --> 00:34:48,330

But I lost three
of them since then.

586
00:34:48,330 --> 00:34:53,820
And the fourth one, I
have kept and still have.

587
00:34:53,820 --> 00:34:58,330
And I started collecting
opera programs.

588
00:34:58,330 --> 00:35:01,270
And I have a collection
of about 3,000.

589
00:35:01,270 --> 00:35:05,450
And they are now at the
Wolf Trap Opera Company

590
00:35:05,450 --> 00:35:06,330
in their archives.

591
00:35:06,330 --> 00:35:08,940
And they have all
been computerized.

592
00:35:08,940 --> 00:35:12,360
And they are available
for people who need them.

593
00:35:12,360 --> 00:35:16,530
That one program of Fidelio.

594
00:35:16,530 --> 00:35:20,910
I didn't look at it
for about 10 years.

595
00:35:20,910 --> 00:35:27,300
And about 10 years
later, I looked at it.

596
00:35:27,300 --> 00:35:32,460
And it says, [PERSONAL NAME],,

conductor, [PERSONAL NAME]

597

00:35:32,460 --> 00:35:38,010

debut, the first time
he conducted in Berlin.

598

00:35:38,010 --> 00:35:42,570

He came from Aachen, where
he was the music director.

599

00:35:42,570 --> 00:35:46,090

And I showed it
to him in Berlin.

600

00:35:46,090 --> 00:35:48,840

I was in Berlin
[? place ?] met briefly.

601

00:35:48,840 --> 00:35:50,600

I didn't know him well.

602

00:35:50,600 --> 00:35:53,440

And I wouldn't give
it-- he didn't have it.

603

00:35:53,440 --> 00:35:54,840

And I wouldn't give it to him.

604

00:35:54,840 --> 00:35:57,120

I made it Xerox
and gave it to him.

605

00:35:57,120 --> 00:35:58,290

But I kept it.

606

00:35:58,290 --> 00:36:02,370

And it's in the
collection at Wolf Trap.

607

00:36:02,370 --> 00:36:05,430

But it's one of those
little things that happened.

608

00:36:05,430 --> 00:36:09,870

But this is one of the things that I took with me.

609

00:36:09,870 --> 00:36:11,310

I took, actually, four with me.

610

00:36:11,310 --> 00:36:13,560

And somehow the other three got lost.

611

00:36:13,560 --> 00:36:16,800

But I think I took a few books.

612

00:36:16,800 --> 00:36:19,870

Did you have any souvenirs from the '36 Olympics--

613

00:36:19,870 --> 00:36:20,370

No.

614

00:36:20,370 --> 00:36:21,490

--that you took with you?

615

00:36:21,490 --> 00:36:23,500

None.

616

00:36:23,500 --> 00:36:26,010

So you never had anything from the Olympics?

617

00:36:26,010 --> 00:36:27,000

No.

618

00:36:27,000 --> 00:36:30,540

I didn't keep my tickets or anything like that.

619

00:36:30,540 --> 00:36:32,440

I may have had a badge or something.

620

00:36:32,440 --> 00:36:34,170

But I didn't-- no.

621

00:36:34,170 --> 00:36:37,110

622

00:36:37,110 --> 00:36:42,710

So I really just took a
clothes and personal--

623

00:36:42,710 --> 00:36:48,437

I don't really remember
taking anything with me.

624

00:36:48,437 --> 00:36:50,020

I just have to
mentioned the Olympics.

625

00:36:50,020 --> 00:36:52,810

When Jesse Owens won, how
did you feel about that?

626

00:36:52,810 --> 00:36:57,300

Oh, we all applauded him.

627

00:36:57,300 --> 00:36:58,180

It was great.

628

00:36:58,180 --> 00:37:03,880

All the people around me, they
were very enthused about him.

629

00:37:03,880 --> 00:37:10,240

And it was only a Hitler and
his cohorts who objected.

630

00:37:10,240 --> 00:37:13,150

Everybody cheered for him.

631

00:37:13,150 --> 00:37:13,930

They did?

632

00:37:13,930 --> 00:37:19,620

Yes, even though he beat
the best German art.

633

00:37:19,620 --> 00:37:20,570

Right, right.

634

00:37:20,570 --> 00:37:21,070

Oh, no, no.

635

00:37:21,070 --> 00:37:21,570

There was--

636

00:37:21,570 --> 00:37:22,450

But there's still--

637

00:37:22,450 --> 00:37:24,625

Very, very favorably.

638

00:37:24,625 --> 00:37:26,625

Do you remember any other
parts of the Olympics?

639

00:37:26,625 --> 00:37:28,410

Or was that--

640

00:37:28,410 --> 00:37:31,290

No, I don't really.

641

00:37:31,290 --> 00:37:32,590

Did you go by yourself?

642

00:37:32,590 --> 00:37:35,188

Yes, by my-- yeah, sure.

643

00:37:35,188 --> 00:37:35,730

12 years old.

644

00:37:35,730 --> 00:37:37,320

I took the U-Bahn and--

645

00:37:37,320 --> 00:37:39,830

646

00:37:39,830 --> 00:37:44,880

you see, I think my
mother, from an early age,

647

00:37:44,880 --> 00:37:48,270

trained me to be
very independent.

648

00:37:48,270 --> 00:37:50,480

I was an only child.

649

00:37:50,480 --> 00:37:52,980

And I never realized
that other people

650

00:37:52,980 --> 00:37:55,020

had brothers and sisters.

651

00:37:55,020 --> 00:38:00,400

It was just I was not conscious
of being their only child.

652

00:38:00,400 --> 00:38:03,510

So how did you get to Hamburg?

653

00:38:03,510 --> 00:38:07,830

My mother took me on the
train from Berlin to Hamburg.

654

00:38:07,830 --> 00:38:12,960

And she took me to the
boat and said goodbye to me

655

00:38:12,960 --> 00:38:15,870

as I went up the gangplank.

656

00:38:15,870 --> 00:38:19,050

Did she say anything
special that you remember?

657
00:38:19,050 --> 00:38:20,310
No.

658
00:38:20,310 --> 00:38:21,520
I don't remember.

659
00:38:21,520 --> 00:38:24,240

660
00:38:24,240 --> 00:38:26,160
I don't really remember crying.

661
00:38:26,160 --> 00:38:30,244

662
00:38:30,244 --> 00:38:31,410
This was September?

663
00:38:31,410 --> 00:38:33,000
We went by train.

664
00:38:33,000 --> 00:38:37,070
And people, family-wise, saw
me off at the train station.

665
00:38:37,070 --> 00:38:41,520
But she went with me
and took me to Hamburg.

666
00:38:41,520 --> 00:38:43,230
So this was, what,
September of '38?

667
00:38:43,230 --> 00:38:46,380

668
00:38:46,380 --> 00:38:47,720
That was September--

669
00:38:47,720 --> 00:38:48,220

'38?

670

00:38:48,220 --> 00:38:49,360
--29th.

671

00:38:49,360 --> 00:38:52,280
September 29.

672

00:38:52,280 --> 00:38:56,040
No, September 30, because--

673

00:38:56,040 --> 00:38:57,150
sorry.

674

00:38:57,150 --> 00:38:58,890
It was not.

675

00:38:58,890 --> 00:39:03,680
It was October 17--

676

00:39:03,680 --> 00:39:04,820
1938?

677

00:39:04,820 --> 00:39:07,070
--after my birthday.

678

00:39:07,070 --> 00:39:14,260
And I landed in New York
on the 30th of October.

679

00:39:14,260 --> 00:39:17,160

680

00:39:17,160 --> 00:39:22,770
It was a 13-day trip
on the Manhattan.

681

00:39:22,770 --> 00:39:24,750
What was it-- on the Manhattan?

682

00:39:24,750 --> 00:39:28,440

Now, number one, did
you speak any English?

683
00:39:28,440 --> 00:39:29,550
Very little.

684
00:39:29,550 --> 00:39:34,080
I had had a few lessons
when my mother decided

685
00:39:34,080 --> 00:39:37,030
that I was going to go.

686
00:39:37,030 --> 00:39:39,180
I had not had any
English in school.

687
00:39:39,180 --> 00:39:41,910
I had Latin and French.

688
00:39:41,910 --> 00:39:47,790
And I think she had me
take some private lessons.

689
00:39:47,790 --> 00:39:51,190
But I knew very little English.

690
00:39:51,190 --> 00:39:55,230
And as a matter of fact,
there is a family tale

691
00:39:55,230 --> 00:39:58,350
about my English knowledge.

692
00:39:58,350 --> 00:40:02,910
When I landed in
New York, my uncle--

693
00:40:02,910 --> 00:40:06,570
he was actually my
mother's first cousin,

694

00:40:06,570 --> 00:40:13,320
but he was a generation higher,
so he was Uncle Julius--

695
00:40:13,320 --> 00:40:18,020
met me at the pier in New York.

696
00:40:18,020 --> 00:40:20,080
And it was pretty
late in the evening

697
00:40:20,080 --> 00:40:22,030
by the time I got off the boat.

698
00:40:22,030 --> 00:40:24,670
And he said, are you--
and he spoke German.

699
00:40:24,670 --> 00:40:28,120
He was the only member
of my American family

700
00:40:28,120 --> 00:40:29,980
who spoke German.

701
00:40:29,980 --> 00:40:34,930
And so he spoke German,
but not very well anymore.

702
00:40:34,930 --> 00:40:35,800
Are you hungry?

703
00:40:35,800 --> 00:40:38,010
And I said, Yes.

704
00:40:38,010 --> 00:40:43,920
And he took me to Penn Station,
where the Harvey restaurants

705
00:40:43,920 --> 00:40:47,280
were open 24 hours a day.

706

00:40:47,280 --> 00:40:49,710
And he took me to Penn Station.

707
00:40:49,710 --> 00:40:58,140
He had my aunt in Kansas City,
who was quite well to do--

708
00:40:58,140 --> 00:41:00,300
the family was well-to-do--

709
00:41:00,300 --> 00:41:06,470
had a cousin in New York, who
lived in the Warwick Hotel

710
00:41:06,470 --> 00:41:12,600
on 54th and 6th Avenue, and had
a limousine and a chauffeur.

711
00:41:12,600 --> 00:41:19,170
And that limousine and chauffeur
came with uncle to the pier.

712
00:41:19,170 --> 00:41:21,340
And we went to--

713
00:41:21,340 --> 00:41:24,210
I immediately said, that's
just the way they live.

714
00:41:24,210 --> 00:41:25,370
[LAUGHTER]

715
00:41:25,370 --> 00:41:26,820
It was new to me.

716
00:41:26,820 --> 00:41:29,100
They took us to
Pennsylvania Station.

717
00:41:29,100 --> 00:41:33,700
And we went into the
restaurant, Fred Harvey's.

718
00:41:33,700 --> 00:41:36,690
And there's a huge menu.

719
00:41:36,690 --> 00:41:40,810
And he says, what
would you like to eat?

720
00:41:40,810 --> 00:41:42,360
And I looked at this menu.

721
00:41:42,360 --> 00:41:45,300
And I wanted to show off
my English knowledge.

722
00:41:45,300 --> 00:41:47,100
And I says, I want apple pee.

723
00:41:47,100 --> 00:41:50,010
[LAUGHTER]

724
00:41:50,010 --> 00:41:54,000
And apple pee
became the family--

725
00:41:54,000 --> 00:41:55,568
Tom wants apple pee.

726
00:41:55,568 --> 00:41:58,380
[LAUGHTER]

727
00:41:58,380 --> 00:42:01,440
So that was my introduction.

728
00:42:01,440 --> 00:42:03,660
Then we went by train.

729
00:42:03,660 --> 00:42:08,140
Coming into the pier
or coming to New York,

730
00:42:08,140 --> 00:42:10,140

did you see the
Statue of Liberty?

731
00:42:10,140 --> 00:42:13,140
Did you know what it
was and what it meant?

732
00:42:13,140 --> 00:42:14,130
I must have.

733
00:42:14,130 --> 00:42:14,880
And I saw it.

734
00:42:14,880 --> 00:42:18,860
But only later did it become--

735
00:42:18,860 --> 00:42:19,360
Symbolic?

736
00:42:19,360 --> 00:42:21,110
Yeah.

737
00:42:21,110 --> 00:42:22,860
What did you know about
the United States?

738
00:42:22,860 --> 00:42:26,920
What did it mean
to you as a child?

739
00:42:26,920 --> 00:42:29,740
Cowboys and Indians.

740
00:42:29,740 --> 00:42:36,010
I was an adherent to Karl
May, the German author who

741
00:42:36,010 --> 00:42:42,120
wrote books about
Indians and cowboys.

742
00:42:42,120 --> 00:42:46,170

He wrote about 40 books all--

743
00:42:46,170 --> 00:42:48,390
I don't know whether
you know about this.

744
00:42:48,390 --> 00:42:53,220
Every German school
boy was addicted

745
00:42:53,220 --> 00:42:59,300
to Karl May, who was
a German author living

746
00:42:59,300 --> 00:43:03,150
in the late 19th century.

747
00:43:03,150 --> 00:43:10,980
He wrote his books in the '80s
and '90s of the 19th century.

748
00:43:10,980 --> 00:43:13,410
Never having been to
the United States,

749
00:43:13,410 --> 00:43:17,770
he was somewhat disreputable
in his business dealings,

750
00:43:17,770 --> 00:43:21,250
and I think he was even
in prison for a time--

751
00:43:21,250 --> 00:43:23,190
debtor's prison or something--

752
00:43:23,190 --> 00:43:28,050
but he wrote about 40
books, many of them

753
00:43:28,050 --> 00:43:34,980
translated into English,
about the Wild West.

754
00:43:34,980 --> 00:43:37,710
And then he wrote
another series of books--

755
00:43:37,710 --> 00:43:45,060
about 20 25-- about Saudi
Arabia and the Middle East.

756
00:43:45,060 --> 00:43:48,180
And the books
about the Wild West

757
00:43:48,180 --> 00:43:52,140
was the Bible of every
young German boy.

758
00:43:52,140 --> 00:43:57,070
And unless you had read
at least 20 of them--

759
00:43:57,070 --> 00:44:00,120
and they were all
600-page books--

760
00:44:00,120 --> 00:44:02,880
you read them at night
underneath your blanket

761
00:44:02,880 --> 00:44:06,000
with a flashlight--

762
00:44:06,000 --> 00:44:09,590
you were not accepted in
your group of Germans--

763
00:44:09,590 --> 00:44:11,370
Karl May, you were--

764
00:44:11,370 --> 00:44:12,205
and of course--

765

00:44:12,205 --> 00:44:13,330
How do you spell his last--

766
00:44:13,330 --> 00:44:14,610
M-A--

767
00:44:14,610 --> 00:44:15,120
I?

768
00:44:15,120 --> 00:44:15,800
M-A-Y.

769
00:44:15,800 --> 00:44:17,010
M-A-Y.

770
00:44:17,010 --> 00:44:19,820
Karl May, yeah.

771
00:44:19,820 --> 00:44:21,760
And he's known in this country.

772
00:44:21,760 --> 00:44:23,670
He's translated.

773
00:44:23,670 --> 00:44:27,090
But it was one of those
things that Karl May was

774
00:44:27,090 --> 00:44:31,770
every young school boy's Bible.

775
00:44:31,770 --> 00:44:34,590
And you read about
the Wild West.

776
00:44:34,590 --> 00:44:39,600
And the chief Indian of the
Apache Indian tribe, his name

777
00:44:39,600 --> 00:44:41,730
was Winnetou.

778

00:44:41,730 --> 00:44:48,420

And the cowboy chief
was Old Shatterhand.

779

00:44:48,420 --> 00:44:53,730

And there was another
cowboy was Old Surehand.

780

00:44:53,730 --> 00:44:57,960

And their rifles and their
armaments and what they had--

781

00:44:57,960 --> 00:45:03,150

and these Apaches were
fighting the Comanches.

782

00:45:03,150 --> 00:45:12,070

And so you knew all about Kansas
and "Ar-Kansas"-- not Arkansas,

783

00:45:12,070 --> 00:45:13,810

"Ar-Kansas."

784

00:45:13,810 --> 00:45:19,330

And you knew everything
about Cowboys and Indians

785

00:45:19,330 --> 00:45:21,250

that you learned.

786

00:45:21,250 --> 00:45:26,110

At the same time, you also
were acquainted with the Middle

787

00:45:26,110 --> 00:45:34,430

East, where the hero was
a white Anglo-Saxon--

788

00:45:34,430 --> 00:45:35,840

or maybe German.

789

00:45:35,840 --> 00:45:37,790

[? Offendi ?] was his name.

790

00:45:37,790 --> 00:45:43,340

And he had an assistant, an Arab
whose name was [PERSONAL NAME]..

791

00:45:43,340 --> 00:45:47,930

792

00:45:47,930 --> 00:45:49,910

And he was the--

793

00:45:49,910 --> 00:45:56,390

to this day-- [LAUGHS]
so he wrote about 20,

794

00:45:56,390 --> 00:45:59,470

30 books about the Middle East.

795

00:45:59,470 --> 00:46:05,090

And so you were acquainted
with these two areas.

796

00:46:05,090 --> 00:46:08,847

And your whole education
about America was Karl May.

797

00:46:08,847 --> 00:46:09,430

Was from that?

798

00:46:09,430 --> 00:46:10,700

Yeah.

799

00:46:10,700 --> 00:46:11,900

So you come.

800

00:46:11,900 --> 00:46:14,780

And as you say, your
relative greets you.

801

00:46:14,780 --> 00:46:17,420

And you had your dinner.

802
00:46:17,420 --> 00:46:24,620
Actually, again, my
cousin, but my aunt,

803
00:46:24,620 --> 00:46:34,070
was one of those well-educated,
wonderful person who had

804
00:46:34,070 --> 00:46:36,990
absolute--

805
00:46:36,990 --> 00:46:44,080
her idea of how she was to treat
me and accept me in her family,

806
00:46:44,080 --> 00:46:47,600
she was going to be my mother.

807
00:46:47,600 --> 00:46:49,980
I called her Aunt Helen.

808
00:46:49,980 --> 00:46:53,850
But she treated me in
exactly the same way

809
00:46:53,850 --> 00:46:56,070
as she treated her own son.

810
00:46:56,070 --> 00:46:58,960
There was absolutely
no difference.

811
00:46:58,960 --> 00:47:01,200
So much so, that
she knew that I had

812
00:47:01,200 --> 00:47:04,440
been bar mitzvahed in Germany.

813
00:47:04,440 --> 00:47:07,290
Her son, my cousin

Jeff, was going

814

00:47:07,290 --> 00:47:13,520
to be confirmed in the
reformed Jewish in Kansas City.

815

00:47:13,520 --> 00:47:16,700
He was going to be
confirmed the next spring.

816

00:47:16,700 --> 00:47:20,270
She insisted that I
would be confirmed again

817

00:47:20,270 --> 00:47:22,700
with him because she
wanted me to have

818

00:47:22,700 --> 00:47:27,710
the same number of presence
that he got, that I would--

819

00:47:27,710 --> 00:47:30,340
she treated me as
her own family's son.

820

00:47:30,340 --> 00:47:33,350
And it was just terrific.

821

00:47:33,350 --> 00:47:39,450
I was accepted completely
into her family.

822

00:47:39,450 --> 00:47:42,470
She was well-to-do.

823

00:47:42,470 --> 00:47:51,800
Her father had founded, in St.
Joe Missouri, a company, which

824

00:47:51,800 --> 00:47:57,200
moved to Kansas City I think
right after World War I,

825
00:47:57,200 --> 00:48:00,560
of cigars and pipes wholesale.

826
00:48:00,560 --> 00:48:05,060
And my uncle, my cousin, was
the executive vice president

827
00:48:05,060 --> 00:48:09,320
of that company and
was that until he died.

828
00:48:09,320 --> 00:48:14,780
And my cousin Jeff took it
over and finally sold it.

829
00:48:14,780 --> 00:48:19,850
But I was accepted
into my American Family

830
00:48:19,850 --> 00:48:24,110
as though I were a
complete member of it

831
00:48:24,110 --> 00:48:25,610
and was treated as such.

832
00:48:25,610 --> 00:48:28,290
What kind of past policies
you have with your mother?

833
00:48:28,290 --> 00:48:28,790
I

834
00:48:28,790 --> 00:48:33,780
Wrote to her every week.

835
00:48:33,780 --> 00:48:36,750
And she saved the letters.

836
00:48:36,750 --> 00:48:45,860
As a matter of fact, I wrote

to my mother through my service

837

00:48:45,860 --> 00:48:48,290

until she came to
the United States.

838

00:48:48,290 --> 00:48:49,760

And she saved them all.

839

00:48:49,760 --> 00:48:55,400

And I kept those
letters until last year.

840

00:48:55,400 --> 00:48:56,900

And I had them down
in the basement.

841

00:48:56,900 --> 00:48:58,800

I finally got rid of them.

842

00:48:58,800 --> 00:48:59,840

There was nothing--

843

00:48:59,840 --> 00:49:02,940

I took out the photos
and things like that.

844

00:49:02,940 --> 00:49:05,720

And I got rid of them.

845

00:49:05,720 --> 00:49:08,390

But I wrote to her.

846

00:49:08,390 --> 00:49:11,030

And she wrote to me.

847

00:49:11,030 --> 00:49:14,490

She could not get
out of Germany,

848

00:49:14,490 --> 00:49:26,970

because she did not have

a visa until March 1940,

849

00:49:26,970 --> 00:49:30,110
after the war started.

850

00:49:30,110 --> 00:49:35,460
She got a visa to go
to the Philippines

851

00:49:35,460 --> 00:49:37,920
while she waited for--

852

00:49:37,920 --> 00:49:39,150
she had an affidavit.

853

00:49:39,150 --> 00:49:41,070
But she didn't have a visa.

854

00:49:41,070 --> 00:49:47,220
So in March 1940, she
went to the Philippines

855

00:49:47,220 --> 00:49:52,830
by boat from Genoa
and spent a year

856

00:49:52,830 --> 00:49:59,220
in the Philippines, where her
younger brother and his wife

857

00:49:59,220 --> 00:50:03,360
were also already waiting for
a visa to the United States.

858

00:50:03,360 --> 00:50:05,730
So they were together.

859

00:50:05,730 --> 00:50:13,600
And her younger brother
and his wife had a child.

860

00:50:13,600 --> 00:50:14,700

No, I'm sorry.

861
00:50:14,700 --> 00:50:19,020
My mother got out of the
Philippines in August 1941

862
00:50:19,020 --> 00:50:20,810
and came to Kansas City.

863
00:50:20,810 --> 00:50:23,880
And that's when
we were reunited.

864
00:50:23,880 --> 00:50:26,920
What was that like?

865
00:50:26,920 --> 00:50:30,010
It was very interesting,
in retrospect.

866
00:50:30,010 --> 00:50:33,880

867
00:50:33,880 --> 00:50:41,860
I was by that time an American,
living with my American Family.

868
00:50:41,860 --> 00:50:47,290
And I was thoroughly
Americanized, language-wise.

869
00:50:47,290 --> 00:50:49,510
I only spoke English.

870
00:50:49,510 --> 00:50:52,390
I would not speak
German to my mother

871
00:50:52,390 --> 00:50:54,400
because you are in
the United States now.

872

00:50:54,400 --> 00:50:57,650
You learn English.

873
00:50:57,650 --> 00:51:00,050
And she did.

874
00:51:00,050 --> 00:51:04,540
And a peculiar thing about
my mother over the years,

875
00:51:04,540 --> 00:51:08,270
she spoke German
with her friends.

876
00:51:08,270 --> 00:51:10,600
She could not speak
German with me.

877
00:51:10,600 --> 00:51:14,550
She switched it to English
when she talked to people.

878
00:51:14,550 --> 00:51:17,020
And this is something
psychological.

879
00:51:17,020 --> 00:51:20,560
She was never able to
speak German with me.

880
00:51:20,560 --> 00:51:23,470
And I said, Mother, speak
German, for heaven's sakes.

881
00:51:23,470 --> 00:51:26,800
We were in Bonn, in Germany.

882
00:51:26,800 --> 00:51:29,890
We were in a department store.

883
00:51:29,890 --> 00:51:32,080
And she would ask
me to translate

884
00:51:32,080 --> 00:51:39,320
for her because she would not
speak German in front of me.

885
00:51:39,320 --> 00:51:42,110
And it is obviously
something psychologically.

886
00:51:42,110 --> 00:51:48,740
But she absolutely
learned English.

887
00:51:48,740 --> 00:51:51,410
And she spoke only
English with me

888
00:51:51,410 --> 00:51:53,960
and learned English
really very well.

889
00:51:53,960 --> 00:51:56,700
She became a business woman.

890
00:51:56,700 --> 00:52:00,200
She was the credit manager of
the [INAUDIBLE] Meat Packing

891
00:52:00,200 --> 00:52:03,180
Company in Kansas
City for many years.

892
00:52:03,180 --> 00:52:05,150
So you moved out
and lived with her?

893
00:52:05,150 --> 00:52:07,820
I moved out and
lived with her first

894
00:52:07,820 --> 00:52:11,060
in a very small
apartment in Kansas City.

895

00:52:11,060 --> 00:52:14,780

And then some years later,
we moved into another apart.

896

00:52:14,780 --> 00:52:16,870

Did you miss Germany
those first few years?

897

00:52:16,870 --> 00:52:17,640

No.

898

00:52:17,640 --> 00:52:18,650

You did not?

899

00:52:18,650 --> 00:52:19,370

Mm-mm.

900

00:52:19,370 --> 00:52:23,600

I became immediately so--

901

00:52:23,600 --> 00:52:32,190

my aunt, when I came to Germany,
right away said, for two weeks,

902

00:52:32,190 --> 00:52:33,830

let us have--

903

00:52:33,830 --> 00:52:36,280

every morning she
took me to a teacher--

904

00:52:36,280 --> 00:52:41,330

or her chauffeur, they
took me to the teacher

905

00:52:41,330 --> 00:52:46,540

to study English
with her for two--

906

00:52:46,540 --> 00:52:47,090

Like a tutor?

907
00:52:47,090 --> 00:52:50,810
Like a tutor, for two
hours every morning.

908
00:52:50,810 --> 00:52:54,850
She happened to be a
friend of the family.

909
00:52:54,850 --> 00:53:00,160
And after two weeks, she sent
me to Southwest High School.

910
00:53:00,160 --> 00:53:04,140
And I was thrown into
Southwest High School.

911
00:53:04,140 --> 00:53:05,550
And that was it.

912
00:53:05,550 --> 00:53:07,620
What was the reaction
of the other students?

913
00:53:07,620 --> 00:53:10,050
Did they ask you
about your background?

914
00:53:10,050 --> 00:53:11,700
Not very much.

915
00:53:11,700 --> 00:53:15,600
They just-- I was the new kid.

916
00:53:15,600 --> 00:53:20,730
But my 50th high school reunion,
Mimi and I went to Kansas City.

917
00:53:20,730 --> 00:53:21,960
And we went to this.

918
00:53:21,960 --> 00:53:26,600

And we walked into the country
club where it was being held.

919
00:53:26,600 --> 00:53:30,160
And there were two
people standing there.

920
00:53:30,160 --> 00:53:34,320
And one of them says,
Tom Tuch, Hans Tuch,

921
00:53:34,320 --> 00:53:37,770
you were the kid who
couldn't speak English.

922
00:53:37,770 --> 00:53:40,620
And me this is how
they remembered me,

923
00:53:40,620 --> 00:53:43,050
as the kid who
didn't speak English.

924
00:53:43,050 --> 00:53:47,100
And I was thrown
into a high school.

925
00:53:47,100 --> 00:53:50,010
And it was probably
the wisest decision

926
00:53:50,010 --> 00:53:53,010
that she ever
made, sink or swim.

927
00:53:53,010 --> 00:53:58,640
And I had a number of teachers
who were very sympathetic.

928
00:53:58,640 --> 00:54:02,690
Did anybody ask you
about your background?

929

00:54:02,690 --> 00:54:05,830
Yeah, I'm sure they did.

930
00:54:05,830 --> 00:54:11,770
But I was integrated into
American high school life.

931
00:54:11,770 --> 00:54:17,790
The interesting thing too was
we lived on the Kansas side

932
00:54:17,790 --> 00:54:21,630
across the state line from
Kansas City, Missouri--

933
00:54:21,630 --> 00:54:24,900
across the state just 1 block.

934
00:54:24,900 --> 00:54:28,590
There was no high
school in that area

935
00:54:28,590 --> 00:54:32,070
of Shawnee Mission, Kansas.

936
00:54:32,070 --> 00:54:36,240
So we were permitted,
Jeff and I,

937
00:54:36,240 --> 00:54:39,360
to go across the
state line in Missouri

938
00:54:39,360 --> 00:54:41,460
and Kansas City to
go to high school.

939
00:54:41,460 --> 00:54:46,170
To get there, we got
driver's licenses

940
00:54:46,170 --> 00:54:49,920
when we were 14 in

Kansas, so that we could

941

00:54:49,920 --> 00:54:57,320

go to Southwest High School.

942

00:54:57,320 --> 00:55:00,270

And my cousin wasn't
doing very well.

943

00:55:00,270 --> 00:55:03,160

So after one year, he
went to private school,

944

00:55:03,160 --> 00:55:04,610

Pembroke Country Day School.

945

00:55:04,610 --> 00:55:10,960

And I continued at Southwest
and went there for four years.

946

00:55:10,960 --> 00:55:13,940

So you felt welcomed?

947

00:55:13,940 --> 00:55:14,630

Yes.

948

00:55:14,630 --> 00:55:18,107

Were you aware of what was
happening in Germany then?

949

00:55:18,107 --> 00:55:18,940

Were you interested?

950

00:55:18,940 --> 00:55:19,440

Yes.

951

00:55:19,440 --> 00:55:24,070

952

00:55:24,070 --> 00:55:27,650

Kristallnacht became
something that I was aware of.

953
00:55:27,650 --> 00:55:28,923
But I was not really--

954
00:55:28,923 --> 00:55:31,340
What were your thoughts when
you heard about Kristallnacht

955
00:55:31,340 --> 00:55:35,651
and made aware of the damage?

956
00:55:35,651 --> 00:55:38,490
I heard from my
mother she was OK.

957
00:55:38,490 --> 00:55:45,765
And I became more
conscious as I grew older--

958
00:55:45,765 --> 00:55:47,070
Yes, of course.

959
00:55:47,070 --> 00:55:50,640
--of what was going on.

960
00:55:50,640 --> 00:55:56,760
But as I said, I had
no personal contact

961
00:55:56,760 --> 00:56:00,300
in Germany anymore,
no relatives.

962
00:56:00,300 --> 00:56:02,970
No friends.

963
00:56:02,970 --> 00:56:07,090
My mother's friends,
there were some,

964
00:56:07,090 --> 00:56:08,830
but I was not aware of them.

965
00:56:08,830 --> 00:56:12,110
I was not familiar with them.

966
00:56:12,110 --> 00:56:14,850
So you move in with your mother.

967
00:56:14,850 --> 00:56:16,657
And then you
finished high school.

968
00:56:16,657 --> 00:56:17,240
And then what?

969
00:56:17,240 --> 00:56:24,790

970
00:56:24,790 --> 00:56:33,250
I was just 18 in 1942.

971
00:56:33,250 --> 00:56:42,160
And I started immediately after
I graduated, in June of 1942,

972
00:56:42,160 --> 00:56:45,310
at the University of
Kansas City, which

973
00:56:45,310 --> 00:56:48,540
was then a private university.

974
00:56:48,540 --> 00:56:56,110
And my aunt's brother-in-law
was the chairman

975
00:56:56,110 --> 00:56:59,170
of the board of the university.

976
00:56:59,170 --> 00:57:01,480
And I went there--

977

00:57:01,480 --> 00:57:03,760
started summer school.

978
00:57:03,760 --> 00:57:08,290
And I got in a year and three--

979
00:57:08,290 --> 00:57:10,540
and I went that fall.

980
00:57:10,540 --> 00:57:14,920
And I went to night school
at the same summer school

981
00:57:14,920 --> 00:57:17,020
that winter.

982
00:57:17,020 --> 00:57:23,410
And I was working in the
cafeteria to earn money,

983
00:57:23,410 --> 00:57:26,410
and I was working in the
library to earn money,

984
00:57:26,410 --> 00:57:29,110
and then I was working
in the front office,

985
00:57:29,110 --> 00:57:34,430
\$0.30 per hour as a student.

986
00:57:34,430 --> 00:57:40,480
And I managed to enroll in
night school at the same time

987
00:57:40,480 --> 00:57:45,280
when I was going to day school,
which was not permitted.

988
00:57:45,280 --> 00:57:46,690
But I was able to.

989

00:57:46,690 --> 00:57:49,360
Because I was working at
the registration department,

990
00:57:49,360 --> 00:57:51,670
I kept the two records separate.

991
00:57:51,670 --> 00:57:59,800
And so I got in a year and
3/4 in one year [INAUDIBLE]

992
00:57:59,800 --> 00:58:01,510
of college.

993
00:58:01,510 --> 00:58:04,630
By May of the
following year, '43,

994
00:58:04,630 --> 00:58:07,860
I was drafted into the army.

995
00:58:07,860 --> 00:58:09,550
Let's go back a little bit.

996
00:58:09,550 --> 00:58:10,580
What about Pearl Harbor?

997
00:58:10,580 --> 00:58:11,650
Do you remember that?

998
00:58:11,650 --> 00:58:14,110
Oh yes, I do remember that.

999
00:58:14,110 --> 00:58:21,580
My family on Sunday
had a family lunch.

1000
00:58:21,580 --> 00:58:26,290
And we went into the sun
room where their radio was.

1001
00:58:26,290 --> 00:58:29,680

And we had the radio on
when we heard about this.

1002
00:58:29,680 --> 00:58:33,910
Actually this was-- yeah,
that was Pearl Harbor.

1003
00:58:33,910 --> 00:58:38,320
And then the next day the
president's speech about it.

1004
00:58:38,320 --> 00:58:39,250
FDR, yeah.

1005
00:58:39,250 --> 00:58:41,050
Yeah, FDR's speech.

1006
00:58:41,050 --> 00:58:42,610
I remember that.

1007
00:58:42,610 --> 00:58:45,950
And then, of course--

1008
00:58:45,950 --> 00:58:48,640
Now you were not a
citizen yet when you--

1009
00:58:48,640 --> 00:58:49,927
No.

1010
00:58:49,927 --> 00:58:50,927
--when you were drafted?

1011
00:58:50,927 --> 00:58:52,150
That is another story.

1012
00:58:52,150 --> 00:58:53,067
So now you're drafted.

1013
00:58:53,067 --> 00:58:53,900
You get the noticed.

1014
00:58:53,900 --> 00:58:54,640
I was drafted.

1015
00:58:54,640 --> 00:58:59,310
And I was at Camp Sibert
in Gadsden, Alabama,

1016
00:58:59,310 --> 00:59:02,980
in chemical warfare
basic training.

1017
00:59:02,980 --> 00:59:05,438
What were your thoughts about
going into the American Army?

1018
00:59:05,438 --> 00:59:08,130

1019
00:59:08,130 --> 00:59:10,300
Were you upset?

1020
00:59:10,300 --> 00:59:10,800
No.

1021
00:59:10,800 --> 00:59:11,912
I was--

1022
00:59:11,912 --> 00:59:12,412
Proud?

1023
00:59:12,412 --> 00:59:15,030

1024
00:59:15,030 --> 00:59:16,690
I didn't have a
chance to volunteer.

1025
00:59:16,690 --> 00:59:19,740
I was drafted.

1026
00:59:19,740 --> 00:59:22,920

I was in the army 6
months after I was 18.

1027
00:59:22,920 --> 00:59:24,990
[INAUDIBLE]

1028
00:59:24,990 --> 00:59:28,890
And I was in Camp
Sibert in Alabama

1029
00:59:28,890 --> 00:59:32,910
in chemical warfare, which
meant that you did everything

1030
00:59:32,910 --> 00:59:36,090
in basic training as
the infantry does,

1031
00:59:36,090 --> 00:59:38,340
except with gas masks on.

1032
00:59:38,340 --> 00:59:43,320
You walked, jumped,
ran with gas masks on.

1033
00:59:43,320 --> 00:59:46,680
Then I guess the Army
decided that there

1034
00:59:46,680 --> 00:59:49,710
were some going to be any
chemical warfare in this war.

1035
00:59:49,710 --> 00:59:51,660
So they close the camp.

1036
00:59:51,660 --> 00:59:54,930
And I was sent to
New Orleans to be

1037
00:59:54,930 --> 00:59:58,950
in a port battalion
as a stevedore,

1038
00:59:58,950 --> 01:00:04,500
loading and
unloading army ships.

1039
01:00:04,500 --> 01:00:07,060
And I was doing this.

1040
01:00:07,060 --> 01:00:09,700
And I said, I've got
to get out of here.

1041
01:00:09,700 --> 01:00:19,400
And so I applied for training,
ASTP, Advanced Specialized

1042
01:00:19,400 --> 01:00:21,050
Training Program as a soldier.

1043
01:00:21,050 --> 01:00:23,390
I was a private.

1044
01:00:23,390 --> 01:00:27,290
And I was accepted.

1045
01:00:27,290 --> 01:00:30,910
But you had to have some
kind of a security clearance.

1046
01:00:30,910 --> 01:00:34,330
And they came to me and said,
you can't go into the ASTP.

1047
01:00:34,330 --> 01:00:37,380
You're an enemy alien.

1048
01:00:37,380 --> 01:00:38,700
So

1049
01:00:38,700 --> 01:00:44,820
They assigned my sergeant,
who supervised me.

1050
01:00:44,820 --> 01:00:48,460

1051
01:00:48,460 --> 01:00:51,290
And now he said,
you will go down

1052
01:00:51,290 --> 01:00:55,280
to New Orleans to
the district court.

1053
01:00:55,280 --> 01:00:58,190
And you will be sworn
in as a citizen.

1054
01:00:58,190 --> 01:01:00,320
You will be made a citizen.

1055
01:01:00,320 --> 01:01:02,990
But you have to have a
witness who has known you

1056
01:01:02,990 --> 01:01:05,150
for three years to do this.

1057
01:01:05,150 --> 01:01:07,100
And of course, I knew nobody.

1058
01:01:07,100 --> 01:01:10,240
My sergeant, I've known
him for three years.

1059
01:01:10,240 --> 01:01:12,710
He's known me for three weeks.

1060
01:01:12,710 --> 01:01:16,420
And he says, I swear
that I've known him.

1061
01:01:16,420 --> 01:01:17,000
I'm with him.

1062
01:01:17,000 --> 01:01:19,500
So he could get a
day off that way.

1063
01:01:19,500 --> 01:01:21,930
And we went into the
city of New Orleans.

1064
01:01:21,930 --> 01:01:28,690
And I was sworn in as an
American citizen on that day.

1065
01:01:28,690 --> 01:01:30,800
Did that have any
meaning for you?

1066
01:01:30,800 --> 01:01:37,080
Yeah, I was able to
get out of stevedore.

1067
01:01:37,080 --> 01:01:38,420
That's what it meant.

1068
01:01:38,420 --> 01:01:39,290
Exactly.

1069
01:01:39,290 --> 01:01:45,940
And I went to the University
of Illinois for several months

1070
01:01:45,940 --> 01:01:50,290
and did-- actually, I was
put into a graduate program

1071
01:01:50,290 --> 01:01:53,140
in German.

1072
01:01:53,140 --> 01:01:57,220
And I ended up with
12 hours of credit

1073

01:01:57,220 --> 01:02:00,580
towards my bachelor's
degree later on.

1074
01:02:00,580 --> 01:02:04,070
And I was there
for about 3 months.

1075
01:02:04,070 --> 01:02:07,970
And then I went to Camp Ritchie.

1076
01:02:07,970 --> 01:02:14,686
That was my-- from University of
Illinois I went to Camp Ritchie

1077
01:02:14,686 --> 01:02:17,840
in Maryland.

1078
01:02:17,840 --> 01:02:21,710
Now let's start talking a
little bit about Camp Ritchie.

1079
01:02:21,710 --> 01:02:23,660
Did you know what it was?

1080
01:02:23,660 --> 01:02:26,870
Yes, it was the Army
Intelligence school.

1081
01:02:26,870 --> 01:02:31,820
And I was going to be an
intelligence specialist,

1082
01:02:31,820 --> 01:02:38,000
knowing German and having
German as my main qualification

1083
01:02:38,000 --> 01:02:40,820
for going there.

1084
01:02:40,820 --> 01:02:48,920
And I was used to army
life by that time.

1085
01:02:48,920 --> 01:02:50,910
Camp Ritchie was different.

1086
01:02:50,910 --> 01:02:55,670
It was a camp close
to Washington,

1087
01:02:55,670 --> 01:03:01,460
where your training was not six
days a week and one day off.

1088
01:03:01,460 --> 01:03:05,780
It was seven days a week
and the eighth day off,

1089
01:03:05,780 --> 01:03:10,820
which was called Ban Day because
the commanding general of Camp

1090
01:03:10,820 --> 01:03:15,980
Ritchie was a brigadier general
by the name of Banfield.

1091
01:03:15,980 --> 01:03:21,170
So you worked seven days
and got the eighth day off.

1092
01:03:21,170 --> 01:03:24,920
And the course, I think,
was eight weeks long.

1093
01:03:24,920 --> 01:03:34,190
It was also a peculiar camp
because many of the soldiers

1094
01:03:34,190 --> 01:03:41,300
there were privileged kids
of senators and congressmen

1095
01:03:41,300 --> 01:03:44,120
and people in the
administration.

1096
01:03:44,120 --> 01:03:46,430
And on weekends, very often--

1097
01:03:46,430 --> 01:03:49,730
on Ban Day-- there were
limousines coming up

1098
01:03:49,730 --> 01:03:52,490
to take their sons
and daughters.

1099
01:03:52,490 --> 01:03:58,910
There were some very fancy
people who were soldiers there.

1100
01:03:58,910 --> 01:04:07,530
The permanent staff at Camp
Ritchie were primarily--

1101
01:04:07,530 --> 01:04:12,570

1102
01:04:12,570 --> 01:04:16,740
they were not German
specialties or anything.

1103
01:04:16,740 --> 01:04:21,030
There were a lot of refugee
children, youngsters

1104
01:04:21,030 --> 01:04:22,650
at Camp Ritchie.

1105
01:04:22,650 --> 01:04:28,305
And some of them were children
of very prominent people.

1106
01:04:28,305 --> 01:04:30,990

1107
01:04:30,990 --> 01:04:34,460

When you say refugees, you mean
German-Jewish young people?

1108
01:04:34,460 --> 01:04:37,860
Yeah, because we
all spoke German.

1109
01:04:37,860 --> 01:04:39,310
German was your native language.

1110
01:04:39,310 --> 01:04:39,810
Right.

1111
01:04:39,810 --> 01:04:43,680
The previous element
at Camp Ritchie

1112
01:04:43,680 --> 01:04:48,330
was Italian speakers
because initially there

1113
01:04:48,330 --> 01:04:52,380
was plans to invade
Europe through Italy.

1114
01:04:52,380 --> 01:04:55,790
And they were training
Italian speakers.

1115
01:04:55,790 --> 01:04:58,500
And when it was determined
that they were not

1116
01:04:58,500 --> 01:05:04,140
going through Italy, they
kept these youngsters--

1117
01:05:04,140 --> 01:05:07,160
these Italians
speaking-- as staff.

1118
01:05:07,160 --> 01:05:10,740
And they became

the enemy that we

1119
01:05:10,740 --> 01:05:14,550
were trained to come to fight.

1120
01:05:14,550 --> 01:05:15,550
They were the enemy.

1121
01:05:15,550 --> 01:05:21,270
They were all Italian-speaking
kids, Italian Americans.

1122
01:05:21,270 --> 01:05:26,610
The German speakers, there
was a permanent staff there.

1123
01:05:26,610 --> 01:05:32,280
And the man in charge, Master
Sergeant, [PERSONAL NAME],,

1124
01:05:32,280 --> 01:05:37,200
a very well-known former
wrestling chaplain,

1125
01:05:37,200 --> 01:05:41,280
was the Master Sergeant
in charge of our barracks

1126
01:05:41,280 --> 01:05:42,870
and so forth.

1127
01:05:42,870 --> 01:05:44,420
His name was [PERSONAL NAME].

1128
01:05:44,420 --> 01:05:46,800
He was a huge guy.

1129
01:05:46,800 --> 01:05:50,350
And I remember distinctly
he was a very nice person.

1130
01:05:50,350 --> 01:05:52,185

But his name was
[PERSONAL NAME]..

1131
01:05:52,185 --> 01:05:55,080

1132
01:05:55,080 --> 01:06:03,600
There were some children of
well-known people in the camp.

1133
01:06:03,600 --> 01:06:10,970
And I just cannot
remember him now--

1134
01:06:10,970 --> 01:06:21,580
a well-known writer and author,
who later on in later life was

1135
01:06:21,580 --> 01:06:24,400
defected to East Germany.

1136
01:06:24,400 --> 01:06:27,330
And I will be able
to look it up.

1137
01:06:27,330 --> 01:06:29,450
But I just don't
remember it now.

1138
01:06:29,450 --> 01:06:38,340
But we were-- and it was a
pretty fancy kind of a camp.

1139
01:06:38,340 --> 01:06:41,700
Being a private in the
army in Camp Ritchie,

1140
01:06:41,700 --> 01:06:43,920
I was very impressed.

1141
01:06:43,920 --> 01:06:50,790
And our intelligence
training consisted

1142
01:06:50,790 --> 01:06:54,960
of fighting the
Battle of Gettysburg

1143
01:06:54,960 --> 01:06:58,470
from the intelligence
point of view.

1144
01:06:58,470 --> 01:07:05,340
And we were taken out at
night and put on trucks.

1145
01:07:05,340 --> 01:07:07,760
And we were taken into the--

1146
01:07:07,760 --> 01:07:10,230
we were at Camp Ritchie--

1147
01:07:10,230 --> 01:07:12,780
in the Gettysburg area.

1148
01:07:12,780 --> 01:07:15,210
And they let us
out of the trucks

1149
01:07:15,210 --> 01:07:18,750
and said, find yourself
back to Camp Ritchie

1150
01:07:18,750 --> 01:07:21,240
within the next three hours.

1151
01:07:21,240 --> 01:07:24,090
This is your compass.

1152
01:07:24,090 --> 01:07:26,670

1153
01:07:26,670 --> 01:07:32,010
We all had learned by that
time, from other kids,

1154
01:07:32,010 --> 01:07:35,810
you went to the next
farm, rang the door,

1155
01:07:35,810 --> 01:07:39,180
the farmer would-- saying,
we're from Camp Ritchie.

1156
01:07:39,180 --> 01:07:42,470

1157
01:07:42,470 --> 01:07:42,970
What--

1158
01:07:42,970 --> 01:07:43,770
direction?

1159
01:07:43,770 --> 01:07:45,180
--direction should I take?

1160
01:07:45,180 --> 01:07:47,550
They said, take
[INAUDIBLE] with so-and-so.

1161
01:07:47,550 --> 01:07:49,140
And you will find your way back.

1162
01:07:49,140 --> 01:07:52,470
Now they would ask you,
what language are you in?

1163
01:07:52,470 --> 01:07:53,920
And it's German.

1164
01:07:53,920 --> 01:07:56,080
He says, take such and
such an [INAUDIBLE]..

1165
01:07:56,080 --> 01:07:58,570
And you will get back to camp.

1166

01:07:58,570 --> 01:08:00,320

And we all learned that.

1167

01:08:00,320 --> 01:08:02,850

And so that's what
you did to get--

1168

01:08:02,850 --> 01:08:05,100

but you fought the
Battle of Gettysburg

1169

01:08:05,100 --> 01:08:07,510

from the intelligence
point of view.

1170

01:08:07,510 --> 01:08:10,550

And that was in the
Gettysburg area.

1171

01:08:10,550 --> 01:08:13,950

And that was part
of your training.

1172

01:08:13,950 --> 01:08:15,990

Anything else you can
tell me about the training

1173

01:08:15,990 --> 01:08:17,310

that you're allowed to tell?

1174

01:08:17,310 --> 01:08:21,450

Oh, there was nothing
classified in those days.

1175

01:08:21,450 --> 01:08:25,649

1176

01:08:25,649 --> 01:08:30,359

As I said, we were
treated really very well.

1177

01:08:30,359 --> 01:08:33,060

Food was good.

1178
01:08:33,060 --> 01:08:35,609
It was not like basic
training and so forth.

1179
01:08:35,609 --> 01:08:37,479
It was a country
setting, wasn't it?

1180
01:08:37,479 --> 01:08:39,545
Oh, it's a lovely--

1181
01:08:39,545 --> 01:08:40,170
you don't know.

1182
01:08:40,170 --> 01:08:40,435
I've seen pictures.

1183
01:08:40,435 --> 01:08:41,384
I've seen--

1184
01:08:41,384 --> 01:08:44,790

1185
01:08:44,790 --> 01:08:47,580
They have guide tours to it.

1186
01:08:47,580 --> 01:08:50,310

1187
01:08:50,310 --> 01:08:53,370
It's next to the president's--

1188
01:08:53,370 --> 01:08:53,930
Camp David.

1189
01:08:53,930 --> 01:08:54,430
David.

1190
01:08:54,430 --> 01:08:55,685

Yeah, it's really next to it.

1191
01:08:55,685 --> 01:08:58,040
[QUIET MUMBLING]

1192
01:08:58,040 --> 01:09:00,830

1193
01:09:00,830 --> 01:09:06,630
And at the end, I remember
after we graduated--

1194
01:09:06,630 --> 01:09:08,760
You were there for how long?

1195
01:09:08,760 --> 01:09:09,885
Six weeks.

1196
01:09:09,885 --> 01:09:11,540
Oh, just to Camp
Ritchie for six weeks?

1197
01:09:11,540 --> 01:09:12,040
Yeah.

1198
01:09:12,040 --> 01:09:12,540
I see.

1199
01:09:12,540 --> 01:09:15,250

1200
01:09:15,250 --> 01:09:18,010
When you were there,
you said there

1201
01:09:18,010 --> 01:09:21,010
were other refugee young men.

1202
01:09:21,010 --> 01:09:22,750
Did you talk about Germany?

1203

01:09:22,750 --> 01:09:23,890
Did you--

1204
01:09:23,890 --> 01:09:25,060
Very little, not.

1205
01:09:25,060 --> 01:09:27,992

1206
01:09:27,992 --> 01:09:28,825
No, we didn't talk--

1207
01:09:28,825 --> 01:09:30,307
Did you stick
together with them?

1208
01:09:30,307 --> 01:09:31,390
Did you feel a connection?

1209
01:09:31,390 --> 01:09:36,069
We were all-- they were
all German speakers.

1210
01:09:36,069 --> 01:09:38,425
So most of them were
refugee children.

1211
01:09:38,425 --> 01:09:41,260

1212
01:09:41,260 --> 01:09:42,630
There were very few--

1213
01:09:42,630 --> 01:09:46,120
Did you feel an emotional
connection with them,

1214
01:09:46,120 --> 01:09:47,630
their having gone through what--

1215
01:09:47,630 --> 01:09:48,130
No.

1216
01:09:48,130 --> 01:09:50,410
We were army kids--

1217
01:09:50,410 --> 01:09:53,630
I mean, we were the
GIs who spoke German

1218
01:09:53,630 --> 01:09:56,110
and had similar backgrounds.

1219
01:09:56,110 --> 01:09:58,635
Most of us came from Germany.

1220
01:09:58,635 --> 01:09:59,560
And they were Jewish?

1221
01:09:59,560 --> 01:10:00,460
Or were some--

1222
01:10:00,460 --> 01:10:01,435
Many of them.

1223
01:10:01,435 --> 01:10:03,580
Not all?

1224
01:10:03,580 --> 01:10:06,760
Practically all, but you
didn't know and didn't pay--

1225
01:10:06,760 --> 01:10:12,460
this was not an element
that you were conscious of.

1226
01:10:12,460 --> 01:10:18,830
As a matter of fact, throughout
my foreign service career,

1227
01:10:18,830 --> 01:10:23,360
I had many friends
who were Jewish.

1228

01:10:23,360 --> 01:10:26,300

And I didn't have any idea
that they were Jewish.

1229

01:10:26,300 --> 01:10:28,700

It just was not an
element that was known.

1230

01:10:28,700 --> 01:10:31,260

1231

01:10:31,260 --> 01:10:34,400

As a matter of fact, one
of my closest friends,

1232

01:10:34,400 --> 01:10:36,860

his name was Heartree.

1233

01:10:36,860 --> 01:10:39,920

And about 10 years after
we'd know each other,

1234

01:10:39,920 --> 01:10:43,460

I found out he was
born in Austria.

1235

01:10:43,460 --> 01:10:47,750

I said Heartree, how
come from Austria?

1236

01:10:47,750 --> 01:10:50,264

He says, it was Herzbaum.

1237

01:10:50,264 --> 01:10:53,850

[LAUGHS] This is the
way it would work.

1238

01:10:53,850 --> 01:10:56,980

1239

01:10:56,980 --> 01:10:58,790

That's the end of Ritchie.

1240
01:10:58,790 --> 01:11:00,340
OK.

1241
01:11:00,340 --> 01:11:01,000