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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:03,540

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00:00:03,540 --> 00:00:06,390
This is a continuation of
the United States Holocaust

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00:00:06,390 --> 00:00:09,600
Memorial Museum interview
with Agnes Hoffman.

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00:00:09,600 --> 00:00:12,060
This is track number two.

5
00:00:12,060 --> 00:00:15,220
And you were talking about
now being in this house,

6
00:00:15,220 --> 00:00:16,610
with a little bit of water.

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00:00:16,610 --> 00:00:21,030
Yes, it was amazing.

8
00:00:21,030 --> 00:00:24,420
There was a bathroom, you
could go to the bathroom

9
00:00:24,420 --> 00:00:29,250
and not outside on the latrine.

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00:00:29,250 --> 00:00:34,290
Because while we
were in Auschwitz,

11
00:00:34,290 --> 00:00:41,880
they woke us up at 3:00 in the
morning to go to the latrine,

12
00:00:41,880 --> 00:00:45,510
and then back to

sleep on the floor.

13
00:00:45,510 --> 00:00:48,360
So it was wonderful--

14
00:00:48,360 --> 00:00:50,010
clean.

15
00:00:50,010 --> 00:00:58,350
And we would sit on the
bunk beds in the evening,

16
00:00:58,350 --> 00:01:03,840
and we would talk about what
we would eat when we got free.

17
00:01:03,840 --> 00:01:09,960
And we would only be able
to think in association

18
00:01:09,960 --> 00:01:11,490
what we had--

19
00:01:11,490 --> 00:01:16,530
bread, coffee, and soup.

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00:01:16,530 --> 00:01:20,910
So we never could
remember any other food

21
00:01:20,910 --> 00:01:26,160
except to compare with
what we had to eat.

22
00:01:26,160 --> 00:01:32,070
We got up very, very
early in the morning.

23
00:01:32,070 --> 00:01:36,300
The stars were still shining.

24
00:01:36,300 --> 00:01:42,270

And we would march through
the city, through the town,

25
00:01:42,270 --> 00:01:46,890
whatever, to the factory.

26
00:01:46,890 --> 00:01:49,507
Are you still wearing
your white summer dress

27
00:01:49,507 --> 00:01:50,340
that you had gotten?

28
00:01:50,340 --> 00:01:53,380
Yes, the whole time.

29
00:01:53,380 --> 00:01:57,300
And it was amazing--

30
00:01:57,300 --> 00:02:04,980
the people, first of all,
the women, the SS women,

31
00:02:04,980 --> 00:02:10,425
were local women who really
did not know how to be bad.

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00:02:10,425 --> 00:02:14,070

33
00:02:14,070 --> 00:02:19,110
But after a while they taught
them, and a few of them

34
00:02:19,110 --> 00:02:22,980
were tough on us.

35
00:02:22,980 --> 00:02:29,880
But there was a family
who had a little girl.

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00:02:29,880 --> 00:02:34,260

And as we were marching,
the little girl

37
00:02:34,260 --> 00:02:37,020
ran out and gave me--

38
00:02:37,020 --> 00:02:40,890
she was looking, they
knew I was a young child--

39
00:02:40,890 --> 00:02:47,100
she ran out and gave me some
food, and then ran back out.

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00:02:47,100 --> 00:02:52,180
If they would have caught them,
they would have been punished.

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00:02:52,180 --> 00:02:56,745
But they did not care,
and they did that.

42
00:02:56,745 --> 00:02:58,260
It was fantastic.

43
00:02:58,260 --> 00:03:04,800
And she would come every so
often and bring me something.

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00:03:04,800 --> 00:03:12,960
In the factory
where I was working,

45
00:03:12,960 --> 00:03:16,515
you had to have
very delicate hands.

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00:03:16,515 --> 00:03:20,010

47
00:03:20,010 --> 00:03:24,450
You had to straighten out
tiny little wires, which

48
00:03:24,450 --> 00:03:30,000
was part of an airplane part.

49
00:03:30,000 --> 00:03:33,780
And they were sort
of twisted, and you

50
00:03:33,780 --> 00:03:35,850
had to straighten them out.

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00:03:35,850 --> 00:03:38,550

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00:03:38,550 --> 00:03:42,440
And that's what I was doing.

53
00:03:42,440 --> 00:03:49,670
Some people were blowing
bulbs and heat with heat,

54
00:03:49,670 --> 00:03:52,010
I think, a tough one.

55
00:03:52,010 --> 00:03:56,180
But most of us were
just doing parts

56
00:03:56,180 --> 00:04:00,440
of this for the airplane parts.

57
00:04:00,440 --> 00:04:04,460
But they were standing
behind us, the German,

58
00:04:04,460 --> 00:04:12,860
and they made us work
faster and faster.

59
00:04:12,860 --> 00:04:20,300
And then, we worked
till late at night.

60
00:04:20,300 --> 00:04:24,440
And then we went back,
they took us back home--

61
00:04:24,440 --> 00:04:26,090
home.

62
00:04:26,090 --> 00:04:31,280
And then, the next day, we
were there the longest time

63
00:04:31,280 --> 00:04:33,480
in Weisswasser.

64
00:04:33,480 --> 00:04:37,940
But it was better
than Auschwitz.

65
00:04:37,940 --> 00:04:44,990
Then we started-- we heard that
there were airplanes coming,

66
00:04:44,990 --> 00:04:51,260
and bombed these German
factories and things.

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00:04:51,260 --> 00:05:00,110
And they had us go outside
and lie on the ground,

68
00:05:00,110 --> 00:05:05,180
and just be there while
the bombs were coming.

69
00:05:05,180 --> 00:05:12,920
And we said, thank God,
maybe the bombs will hit them

70
00:05:12,920 --> 00:05:15,830
and we can get out of here.

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00:05:15,830 --> 00:05:19,100
We were praying for that.

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00:05:19,100 --> 00:05:23,150
But nothing happened.

73
00:05:23,150 --> 00:05:28,370
Then, after some few months--

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00:05:28,370 --> 00:05:34,250
we never knew what day it
was, or date, or anything.

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00:05:34,250 --> 00:05:41,930
Then they moved us to
another factory, Horneburg.

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00:05:41,930 --> 00:05:48,350
And if I tell you how
one or the other was,

77
00:05:48,350 --> 00:05:51,770
I wouldn't know
which one was which.

78
00:05:51,770 --> 00:06:02,840
So I can say that one of the
factories that we went to,

79
00:06:02,840 --> 00:06:07,850
it was in a salt mine, inside--

80
00:06:07,850 --> 00:06:12,290
that's where the factory was,
and that's where we had to go.

81
00:06:12,290 --> 00:06:18,080
And it was hard to walk
on the salt, and all.

82
00:06:18,080 --> 00:06:22,400
And that was a horrible place.

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00:06:22,400 --> 00:06:29,090

So Auschwitz, Weisswasser,
Porta-- oh, Porta,

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00:06:29,090 --> 00:06:33,380

[? Porta-Westfalica ?]
was one before.

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00:06:33,380 --> 00:06:41,000

Then Horneburg-- no, Horneburg,
Porta, Beendorf was the worst.

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00:06:41,000 --> 00:06:43,950

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00:06:43,950 --> 00:06:48,270

And when we got there,
everybody was full--

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00:06:48,270 --> 00:06:51,990

who were there--
they were full of--

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00:06:51,990 --> 00:06:54,540

a man is looking in here, now.

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00:06:54,540 --> 00:06:57,950

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00:06:57,950 --> 00:06:59,190

What is he saying?

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00:06:59,190 --> 00:07:00,920

Please-- Beendorf.

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00:07:00,920 --> 00:07:02,610

Yeah, OK.

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00:07:02,610 --> 00:07:03,540

You tell me.

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00:07:03,540 --> 00:07:04,500
OK.

96
00:07:04,500 --> 00:07:08,070
Beendorf was the worst place.

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00:07:08,070 --> 00:07:14,340
It was filthy, the
people were full of lice,

98
00:07:14,340 --> 00:07:22,080
and it was just horrible.

99
00:07:22,080 --> 00:07:25,260
You couldn't go to the bathroom.

100
00:07:25,260 --> 00:07:31,590
You could not wash your
hands, or anything.

101
00:07:31,590 --> 00:07:38,220
It was just a horrible,
filthy, dirty place.

102
00:07:38,220 --> 00:07:42,160
And we were there for a while.

103
00:07:42,160 --> 00:07:50,010
And from Porta-Beendorf,
then they sent us to Hamburg.

104
00:07:50,010 --> 00:07:59,400
And there, they had a
bestial SS who beat us a lot.

105
00:07:59,400 --> 00:08:06,840
And it was a scary,
horrible place

106
00:08:06,840 --> 00:08:11,730
where we just didn't know what
was going to happen to us.

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00:08:11,730 --> 00:08:13,620

He beat us.

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00:08:13,620 --> 00:08:20,400

He just abused-- abusive
person, yeah, SS.

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00:08:20,400 --> 00:08:26,370

OK, you're a young girl, and
this is happening to you.

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00:08:26,370 --> 00:08:30,420

Did you talk it over with
the older women about what

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00:08:30,420 --> 00:08:32,770

was happening to all of you?

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00:08:32,770 --> 00:08:35,480

It happened to all
of us the same way.

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00:08:35,480 --> 00:08:36,539

No, I understand that.

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00:08:36,539 --> 00:08:40,500

Is it something you shared with
each other about your feelings

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00:08:40,500 --> 00:08:42,690

and thoughts about what
you all were going through?

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00:08:42,690 --> 00:08:45,060

Or was it so
traumatic that you--

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00:08:45,060 --> 00:08:48,450

Oh, we were talking,
we were all talking

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00:08:48,450 --> 00:08:52,110

to each other about all
this, what's going to be,

119
00:08:52,110 --> 00:08:54,300
what's going to happen.

120
00:08:54,300 --> 00:08:59,250
And it-- yeah, we talked, but--

121
00:08:59,250 --> 00:09:01,650
Were any of them very
motherly towards you,

122
00:09:01,650 --> 00:09:02,670
being such a young girl?

123
00:09:02,670 --> 00:09:08,350
Well, we were all
like close family.

124
00:09:08,350 --> 00:09:14,070
So there were some
girls, and I think

125
00:09:14,070 --> 00:09:18,180
when they came to Sweden,
one beautiful one,

126
00:09:18,180 --> 00:09:20,670
she got married there.

127
00:09:20,670 --> 00:09:25,950
But I feel-- and
Blanca had a cousin,

128
00:09:25,950 --> 00:09:29,830
and she came to America.

129
00:09:29,830 --> 00:09:37,770
And so we knew, but otherwise,
there we all stuck together.

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00:09:37,770 --> 00:09:40,350

About how many women
where you with?

131

00:09:40,350 --> 00:09:43,830

Oh, 1,000 women in one barrack.

132

00:09:43,830 --> 00:09:45,300

No, no, no, but
then when you left

133

00:09:45,300 --> 00:09:48,390

to go to the
different factories?

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00:09:48,390 --> 00:09:52,140

Oh, it was--

135

00:09:52,140 --> 00:09:55,920

I don't know, how
many fit in each.

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00:09:55,920 --> 00:09:59,038

So now you're with
this abusive guard,

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00:09:59,038 --> 00:10:00,080

and you said he beat you.

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00:10:00,080 --> 00:10:03,420

Oh, he was vicious.

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00:10:03,420 --> 00:10:07,740

He was very, very
vicious, very bad.

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00:10:07,740 --> 00:10:10,950

But we were there
for a little while.

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00:10:10,950 --> 00:10:12,480

Did he beat you, particularly?

142
00:10:12,480 --> 00:10:13,260
Did he--

143
00:10:13,260 --> 00:10:13,770
No, no.

144
00:10:13,770 --> 00:10:15,330
You were not beaten?

145
00:10:15,330 --> 00:10:16,140
Were you beaten?

146
00:10:16,140 --> 00:10:16,920
Did he beat you?

147
00:10:16,920 --> 00:10:25,630
No, no, but that
was the last place.

148
00:10:25,630 --> 00:10:34,860
But when we were in the better
places, like Weisswasser,

149
00:10:34,860 --> 00:10:41,580
we would dream about being home.

150
00:10:41,580 --> 00:10:43,230
And we would sing.

151
00:10:43,230 --> 00:10:51,360
And being-- Blanca and the
older girls, when we marched,

152
00:10:51,360 --> 00:10:56,850
we had to march 100
kilometers one time,

153
00:10:56,850 --> 00:11:02,130
and we would sing so
the others don't cry.

154

00:11:02,130 --> 00:11:03,820
What did you sing?

155
00:11:03,820 --> 00:11:04,377
I don't know.

156
00:11:04,377 --> 00:11:05,460
Do you remember the songs?

157
00:11:05,460 --> 00:11:06,410
No.

158
00:11:06,410 --> 00:11:07,380
No songs?

159
00:11:07,380 --> 00:11:11,550
No, I don't know, but we sang
the whole time as we walked,

160
00:11:11,550 --> 00:11:13,740
we marched.

161
00:11:13,740 --> 00:11:16,020
We stuck together.

162
00:11:16,020 --> 00:11:20,220
And the unfortunate
thing was, well,

163
00:11:20,220 --> 00:11:23,490
they had no use for
children and babies.

164
00:11:23,490 --> 00:11:25,030
They took them all away.

165
00:11:25,030 --> 00:11:31,350
But one woman was
pregnant, and she was due.

166
00:11:31,350 --> 00:11:37,380
And Blanca took her

into the barrack,

167
00:11:37,380 --> 00:11:40,620
and she delivered the baby.

168
00:11:40,620 --> 00:11:46,240
And then she took the
baby to the German nurse,

169
00:11:46,240 --> 00:11:52,630
and asked her to
take some care of it.

170
00:11:52,630 --> 00:11:55,840
What they did was,
though, they destroyed

171
00:11:55,840 --> 00:11:58,240
the baby, most likely.

172
00:11:58,240 --> 00:12:00,580
But she could not do anything.

173
00:12:00,580 --> 00:12:05,560
But she wasn't allowed
to have a pregnant woman,

174
00:12:05,560 --> 00:12:08,650
she wasn't allowed anything.

175
00:12:08,650 --> 00:12:23,350
But the systems that they had,
the horrible, brutal behavior

176
00:12:23,350 --> 00:12:32,110
of the SS by that time, it
was all new SS, not the ones

177
00:12:32,110 --> 00:12:34,990
that were in Weisswasser.

178
00:12:34,990 --> 00:12:44,470

They had women, soldiers,
who were used to being bad.

179
00:12:44,470 --> 00:12:52,022
So it was very,
very devastating.

180
00:12:52,022 --> 00:12:55,620

181
00:12:55,620 --> 00:12:59,190
And so the last factory,
the last camp you were in--

182
00:12:59,190 --> 00:13:02,850
The last place was Hamburg.

183
00:13:02,850 --> 00:13:09,960
And I don't know if it was a
factory, or that was just--

184
00:13:09,960 --> 00:13:13,170
I don't know which is which.

185
00:13:13,170 --> 00:13:19,140
I know that we were working
in ammunition factory

186
00:13:19,140 --> 00:13:22,560
in the beginning, I think.

187
00:13:22,560 --> 00:13:24,440
I don't want to quote--

188
00:13:24,440 --> 00:13:27,900
Hornburg Weisswasser
was the big one,

189
00:13:27,900 --> 00:13:30,870
that we were there the longest.

190
00:13:30,870 --> 00:13:34,920

But we were working
in other factories,

191
00:13:34,920 --> 00:13:42,770
like I don't want to say it,
because if people will know,

192
00:13:42,770 --> 00:13:47,130
they may say, they
didn't have one there.

193
00:13:47,130 --> 00:13:50,570
But I know that
there were places

194
00:13:50,570 --> 00:14:00,230
that were out of sight, like
the salt mine, in there.

195
00:14:00,230 --> 00:14:04,320
They were hiding
those factories there.

196
00:14:04,320 --> 00:14:11,270
So we went through the
hardest, the toughest.

197
00:14:11,270 --> 00:14:15,380
And it was a miracle
that I survived.

198
00:14:15,380 --> 00:14:18,900
I kept saying, I wish
we were all dead.

199
00:14:18,900 --> 00:14:22,160
We wish that God
would take us away

200
00:14:22,160 --> 00:14:27,080
so we wouldn't have
to suffer anymore.

201

00:14:27,080 --> 00:14:31,040
But I was a skeleton by then.

202
00:14:31,040 --> 00:14:43,310
And at the end of the war,
Hamburg was the last place.

203
00:14:43,310 --> 00:14:47,510
I had sores, I had--

204
00:14:47,510 --> 00:14:50,270

205
00:14:50,270 --> 00:14:51,750
Lice?

206
00:14:51,750 --> 00:14:52,250
What?

207
00:14:52,250 --> 00:14:53,210
Lice?

208
00:14:53,210 --> 00:14:57,680
Oh, I had lice from Beendorf.

209
00:14:57,680 --> 00:15:07,010
And you were not a
human being anymore.

210
00:15:07,010 --> 00:15:09,423
I'm a skeleton,
I was a skeleton.

211
00:15:09,423 --> 00:15:12,110

212
00:15:12,110 --> 00:15:15,140
So let's now talk
about the liberation.

213
00:15:15,140 --> 00:15:17,690
Yes, so--

214
00:15:17,690 --> 00:15:19,940
You're in Hamburg, right?

215
00:15:19,940 --> 00:15:20,990
For liberation.

216
00:15:20,990 --> 00:15:23,990
Yes, OK.

217
00:15:23,990 --> 00:15:36,930
So one day, we had a girl who--

218
00:15:36,930 --> 00:15:41,940
they let us get
out of the wagon,

219
00:15:41,940 --> 00:15:44,880
to be outside the wagons.

220
00:15:44,880 --> 00:15:51,780
And one day, she comes
in and says, I have news.

221
00:15:51,780 --> 00:15:55,360
Today, they are going to
cut the bread-- you know,

222
00:15:55,360 --> 00:16:00,930
a loaf of bread-- cut
the bread in six--

223
00:16:00,930 --> 00:16:01,680
in four.

224
00:16:01,680 --> 00:16:04,260

225
00:16:04,260 --> 00:16:13,290
And we are going to get some
of the margarine and things.

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00:16:13,290 --> 00:16:19,110

But they will cut it in four,
which means you get a bigger

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00:16:19,110 --> 00:16:23,190

piece, and not cut in six.

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00:16:23,190 --> 00:16:27,630

And then when it
came, they said,

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00:16:27,630 --> 00:16:34,020

no, it was still cut in six,
that she they lied to her.

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00:16:34,020 --> 00:16:36,840

And we still had the same thing.

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00:16:36,840 --> 00:16:42,210

And we always said, oh,
that girl, she always

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00:16:42,210 --> 00:16:47,850

comes with these news
and they are never true.

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00:16:47,850 --> 00:16:55,860

So we did not know that
the war was over until--

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00:16:55,860 --> 00:16:58,810

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00:16:58,810 --> 00:17:04,230

then she came in and
says, the war is over,

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00:17:04,230 --> 00:17:06,869

and Hitler is dead.

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00:17:06,869 --> 00:17:11,790

And we said, oh, she

comes with these stories.

238
00:17:11,790 --> 00:17:14,280
We did not believe her.

239
00:17:14,280 --> 00:17:20,520
Then, they let us get
out of the wagons.

240
00:17:20,520 --> 00:17:27,630
And there was an engine,
a train, on the other--

241
00:17:27,630 --> 00:17:28,170
Track?

242
00:17:28,170 --> 00:17:29,370
Track.

243
00:17:29,370 --> 00:17:38,970
And the engineer gave
me a cup of hot water,

244
00:17:38,970 --> 00:17:44,280
and I wrote in my story,
I couldn't believe it.

245
00:17:44,280 --> 00:17:49,260
I could wash my
dirty hands and face.

246
00:17:49,260 --> 00:17:56,350
And then, he gave
me a Maggi cube.

247
00:17:56,350 --> 00:18:03,660
And from the rest of the water,
I put that in the hot water

248
00:18:03,660 --> 00:18:08,520
so I could have
like a chicken soup.

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00:18:08,520 --> 00:18:09,600

It was like a bullion--

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00:18:09,600 --> 00:18:14,060

A bullion, and I said,
at home, the chicken soup

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00:18:14,060 --> 00:18:17,040

didn't taste as good as this.

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00:18:17,040 --> 00:18:21,870

But again, he also
said, the war is over,

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00:18:21,870 --> 00:18:25,560

and the head had fallen--

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00:18:25,560 --> 00:18:28,080

Hitler is dead.

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00:18:28,080 --> 00:18:31,980

And you are going to Denmark.

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00:18:31,980 --> 00:18:35,845

We could not believe
that we were free.

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00:18:35,845 --> 00:18:40,150

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00:18:40,150 --> 00:18:47,520

So they loaded us in real
trains, and they took us--

259

00:18:47,520 --> 00:18:51,150

we really went to Denmark.

260

00:18:51,150 --> 00:18:54,360

And you ask the questions
you want to ask,

261

00:18:54,360 --> 00:18:56,040
then I'll tell you about that.

262
00:18:56,040 --> 00:18:58,230
OK, well is there
anything else you

263
00:18:58,230 --> 00:19:03,150
want to talk about the
factories and the labor camps?

264
00:19:03,150 --> 00:19:06,150
Anything you wanted to include?

265
00:19:06,150 --> 00:19:08,010
Oh, I see.

266
00:19:08,010 --> 00:19:09,390
But if not, we could go on.

267
00:19:09,390 --> 00:19:13,770
Except the fact that we--

268
00:19:13,770 --> 00:19:17,640
from early morning, till
10 o'clock at night,

269
00:19:17,640 --> 00:19:24,840
we got back to our quarters.

270
00:19:24,840 --> 00:19:26,070
And just--

271
00:19:26,070 --> 00:19:28,490
Were you still wearing
that white dress?

272
00:19:28,490 --> 00:19:29,650
Yes, yes.

273
00:19:29,650 --> 00:19:30,150
Still?

274
00:19:30,150 --> 00:19:33,690
Yes, and freezing, freezing.

275
00:19:33,690 --> 00:19:37,230
And at the time of liberation,
you were wearing that dress?

276
00:19:37,230 --> 00:19:38,580
Yes.

277
00:19:38,580 --> 00:19:45,060
There was no way-- and luckily,
that jacket saved my life, too.

278
00:19:45,060 --> 00:19:51,570
Because you know how these
jackets are, they were heavier.

279
00:19:51,570 --> 00:19:54,255
So you're 14 years old at
the time of liberation.

280
00:19:54,255 --> 00:19:54,990
Yes.

281
00:19:54,990 --> 00:19:58,610
Had you started to
menstruate at all?

282
00:19:58,610 --> 00:20:06,150
No, actually, I
started in the ghetto--

283
00:20:06,150 --> 00:20:11,290
the first time, I didn't
even know what it was.

284
00:20:11,290 --> 00:20:14,490
But they gave us--

285
00:20:14,490 --> 00:20:19,020

the water they gave us had
this medicine in there that

286
00:20:19,020 --> 00:20:21,360
stopped you from getting it.

287
00:20:21,360 --> 00:20:24,240
So at that time,
I didn't have it.

288
00:20:24,240 --> 00:20:26,280
So from then on, you did not?

289
00:20:26,280 --> 00:20:29,880
Yeah, after that, I
didn't get it anymore.

290
00:20:29,880 --> 00:20:32,460
And I don't remember
then when I got it again.

291
00:20:32,460 --> 00:20:36,350

292
00:20:36,350 --> 00:20:39,810
So now it's liberation, and you
said you're going to Denmark.

293
00:20:39,810 --> 00:20:42,140
They said we're
going to Denmark.

294
00:20:42,140 --> 00:20:44,060
And we said, we can't--

295
00:20:44,060 --> 00:20:45,380
that's not true.

296
00:20:45,380 --> 00:20:47,790
We were talking to each other.

297
00:20:47,790 --> 00:20:49,260

Did you do any kind of--

298
00:20:49,260 --> 00:20:51,260
did you and the women do
any kind of celebration

299
00:20:51,260 --> 00:20:52,910
when you really realized?

300
00:20:52,910 --> 00:20:56,870
Wait, wait, wait, we
said, it's not true,

301
00:20:56,870 --> 00:21:02,720
because Hitler would kill
us, murderer before--

302
00:21:02,720 --> 00:21:06,860
he would not let
us be free again.

303
00:21:06,860 --> 00:21:12,440
He would kill us before, so
it cannot be true that we are

304
00:21:12,440 --> 00:21:15,200
liberated.

305
00:21:15,200 --> 00:21:20,630
So, but then, I said,
but it was really true.

306
00:21:20,630 --> 00:21:27,800
They brought us to Denmark,
and they put us in a school--

307
00:21:27,800 --> 00:21:29,660
empty school.

308
00:21:29,660 --> 00:21:37,460
They had fixed up bunk beds,
and white sheets and blankets,

309

00:21:37,460 --> 00:21:40,020
and white nightgowns.

310

00:21:40,020 --> 00:21:43,250
So we could not believe we got--

311

00:21:43,250 --> 00:21:44,690
Is this in Copenhagen?

312

00:21:44,690 --> 00:21:46,140
Or where-- in Copenhagen?

313

00:21:46,140 --> 00:21:48,680
No, no.

314

00:21:48,680 --> 00:21:49,680
You don't know the town.

315

00:21:49,680 --> 00:21:51,200
I don't remember.

316

00:21:51,200 --> 00:21:52,500
That's all right.

317

00:21:52,500 --> 00:21:53,620
I don't remember.

318

00:21:53,620 --> 00:21:55,155
It was close to the border.

319

00:21:55,155 --> 00:21:58,370

320

00:21:58,370 --> 00:22:03,860
So it was the most
heavenly feeling.

321

00:22:03,860 --> 00:22:10,550
And then, we sang, and we
talked about happy things,

322

00:22:10,550 --> 00:22:14,090

or what we're going to
do when we get home.

323

00:22:14,090 --> 00:22:16,890

Did you think your
mother was still alive?

324

00:22:16,890 --> 00:22:17,390

No.

325

00:22:17,390 --> 00:22:18,098

And your sisters?

326

00:22:18,098 --> 00:22:24,170

No, because the women
that were there before,

327

00:22:24,170 --> 00:22:31,190

they said that they had put them
in a shower and they were gone.

328

00:22:31,190 --> 00:22:39,260

And then, when I
spoke to a lady here

329

00:22:39,260 --> 00:22:44,130

who researched it
for me, my father,

330

00:22:44,130 --> 00:22:48,350

because he was the only one
that I knew nothing about.

331

00:22:48,350 --> 00:22:54,770

And then she sent
me the information,

332

00:22:54,770 --> 00:23:02,810

and she told me that the
last place that they took him

333

00:23:02,810 --> 00:23:07,400
was Bergen-Belsen, and
no more news after that.

334
00:23:07,400 --> 00:23:11,180
And that's where they
were killing them.

335
00:23:11,180 --> 00:23:13,430
So now you're in Denmark.

336
00:23:13,430 --> 00:23:18,200
We're in Denmark, and
when the train stopped,

337
00:23:18,200 --> 00:23:23,300
the people, the Danish
people were rushing to us

338
00:23:23,300 --> 00:23:28,430
and brought us all
kinds of things--

339
00:23:28,430 --> 00:23:33,470
cookies, chocolates,
food, everything.

340
00:23:33,470 --> 00:23:38,990
And little children--
and I wrote

341
00:23:38,990 --> 00:23:48,920
in my story that was the saddest
thing, because we remember

342
00:23:48,920 --> 00:23:53,450
that our family were
killed, they were gone,

343
00:23:53,450 --> 00:23:59,570
and we'll never see
older people, our elders,

344

00:23:59,570 --> 00:24:02,360
and our children.

345
00:24:02,360 --> 00:24:06,110
We remember that
they are all gone.

346
00:24:06,110 --> 00:24:12,290
And what are we going to
do now without that family?

347
00:24:12,290 --> 00:24:15,280
And-- you want me to--

348
00:24:15,280 --> 00:24:16,680
Yeah, keep going.

349
00:24:16,680 --> 00:24:18,420
So how long did you
stay in Denmark?

350
00:24:18,420 --> 00:24:24,890
So we stayed overnight,
and they brought us food.

351
00:24:24,890 --> 00:24:29,570
And couldn't believe
the wonderful things,

352
00:24:29,570 --> 00:24:31,730
like oatmeal or things--

353
00:24:31,730 --> 00:24:38,300
they had to feed us light
food in the beginning.

354
00:24:38,300 --> 00:24:41,700
And we could have all we want.

355
00:24:41,700 --> 00:24:44,120
And it was terrific.

356

00:24:44,120 --> 00:24:51,830
The next day, they put
us on a ferry boat,

357
00:24:51,830 --> 00:24:55,730
and took us across to Sweden.

358
00:24:55,730 --> 00:25:00,980
Because Sweden went to
Germany and asked them,

359
00:25:00,980 --> 00:25:08,030
at the end of the war,
and asked them to that

360
00:25:08,030 --> 00:25:13,190
they should give
them 5,000 survivors.

361
00:25:13,190 --> 00:25:16,310
They wanted to take--
the Red Cross--

362
00:25:16,310 --> 00:25:19,140
wanted to take them to Sweden.

363
00:25:19,140 --> 00:25:20,120
And they did.

364
00:25:20,120 --> 00:25:25,200
That's why we went to
Denmark, then Sweden.

365
00:25:25,200 --> 00:25:33,170
So then, we arrived
in Sweden next day.

366
00:25:33,170 --> 00:25:40,250
And they took us to
another big school,

367
00:25:40,250 --> 00:25:45,275
and again, they had fixed

up all the bunk beds.

368
00:25:45,275 --> 00:25:49,340

369
00:25:49,340 --> 00:25:58,530
And they fed us wonderful
foods again, all we wanted.

370
00:25:58,530 --> 00:26:02,510
And it was unreal.

371
00:26:02,510 --> 00:26:11,270
It was hard to really grasp
that after one whole year,

372
00:26:11,270 --> 00:26:12,080
we were free.

373
00:26:12,080 --> 00:26:18,140

374
00:26:18,140 --> 00:26:21,890
But then, they
took all the people

375
00:26:21,890 --> 00:26:29,690
who were sick into the hospital,
and one of them was me.

376
00:26:29,690 --> 00:26:35,450
And I also had an
infection on my finger

377
00:26:35,450 --> 00:26:39,680
that was very, very, very bad.

378
00:26:39,680 --> 00:26:47,240
And they did surgery on it,
you know, they took care of it,

379
00:26:47,240 --> 00:26:49,250

and they fixed it.

380
00:26:49,250 --> 00:26:55,220
And then, they x-rayed,
and all the things.

381
00:26:55,220 --> 00:26:56,780
I was coughing.

382
00:26:56,780 --> 00:27:02,840
They found that I had
a spot on my lung.

383
00:27:02,840 --> 00:27:07,820
I don't know here in America
what you would call it,

384
00:27:07,820 --> 00:27:10,895
but it was on one spot--

385
00:27:10,895 --> 00:27:17,170

386
00:27:17,170 --> 00:27:22,630
it was a sign of lung trouble.

387
00:27:22,630 --> 00:27:31,810
And oh, and in that wagon,
when they put us in the wagon

388
00:27:31,810 --> 00:27:37,420
and pushed the wagon into the
woods, when they opened it,

389
00:27:37,420 --> 00:27:43,480
I don't know if I mentioned, 54
people were dead in my wagon.

390
00:27:43,480 --> 00:27:50,890
And I was one of the six
that was still breathing.

391

00:27:50,890 --> 00:27:57,140
So when I came to Sweden,
they had to put me together.

392
00:27:57,140 --> 00:28:01,010
They had to nurse
me back to life.

393
00:28:01,010 --> 00:28:04,540
And I was in the
hospital for a while.

394
00:28:04,540 --> 00:28:11,440
And after that, they fed
me and got me healthy.

395
00:28:11,440 --> 00:28:16,630
And didn't let me
out until I was OK.

396
00:28:16,630 --> 00:28:27,370
And there, we were very close
again with all our friends,

397
00:28:27,370 --> 00:28:32,000
because we were
in the same wagon.

398
00:28:32,000 --> 00:28:41,050
And they had a lot
of visitors coming.

399
00:28:41,050 --> 00:28:48,760
First of all, they had people
from every paper in the world--

400
00:28:48,760 --> 00:28:53,980
overseas, and Sweden,
and everywhere.

401
00:28:53,980 --> 00:29:00,010
My uncle in Australia
saw the story,

402
00:29:00,010 --> 00:29:04,180
and saw that I was alive.

403
00:29:04,180 --> 00:29:05,926
It was amazing.

404
00:29:05,926 --> 00:29:08,630

405
00:29:08,630 --> 00:29:16,180
And so, it took quite a
while before they let me out

406
00:29:16,180 --> 00:29:17,950
of the hospital.

407
00:29:17,950 --> 00:29:20,770
I have some pictures--

408
00:29:20,770 --> 00:29:25,330
very little, but I'll
show it to you afterwards.

409
00:29:25,330 --> 00:29:28,345
And they put us--

410
00:29:28,345 --> 00:29:30,940

411
00:29:30,940 --> 00:29:37,690
and they had us in the school
yard, and people were coming.

412
00:29:37,690 --> 00:29:47,320
We were closed off from the
public because we were sick,

413
00:29:47,320 --> 00:29:53,740
but when we were at the
fence, and the Swedish people

414

00:29:53,740 --> 00:29:56,770
came on the other
side of the fence,

415
00:29:56,770 --> 00:30:01,720
and they kept throwing
things over to us.

416
00:30:01,720 --> 00:30:11,960
And because I was a small child,
they threw a small suitcase--

417
00:30:11,960 --> 00:30:14,540
this little one.

418
00:30:14,540 --> 00:30:18,140
That was the most
precious thing in my life.

419
00:30:18,140 --> 00:30:23,480
That was the only
belonging that I had.

420
00:30:23,480 --> 00:30:29,720
And there was a
young man, Leonard--

421
00:30:29,720 --> 00:30:34,400
fantastic, he was a
gymnast and terrific--

422
00:30:34,400 --> 00:30:39,980
I don't know, he was 20
maybe, or 20-- whatever.

423
00:30:39,980 --> 00:30:44,360
And he would come
every day to there.

424
00:30:44,360 --> 00:30:49,310
And one day, he took his
sister with, Anne-Marie,

425

00:30:49,310 --> 00:30:52,890
and then she would come
every day with him.

426
00:30:52,890 --> 00:30:56,540
And they said, when
you get out, will you

427
00:30:56,540 --> 00:31:00,710
please come and live with us?

428
00:31:00,710 --> 00:31:05,000
I said, I'll tell you
when we get out of here,

429
00:31:05,000 --> 00:31:09,170
they're going to
take us to a school.

430
00:31:09,170 --> 00:31:16,130
But after I get out of the
school, I will come to you.

431
00:31:16,130 --> 00:31:18,710
I would love to.

432
00:31:18,710 --> 00:31:27,290
And when I came back 10
years ago, to Sweden,

433
00:31:27,290 --> 00:31:32,150
the newspapers came out, because
they came out the first time

434
00:31:32,150 --> 00:31:33,680
when I was there.

435
00:31:33,680 --> 00:31:38,750
They came out and
they asked Leonard,

436
00:31:38,750 --> 00:31:46,850
how come that you got

friendly with her?

437

00:31:46,850 --> 00:31:48,290

A child?

438

00:31:48,290 --> 00:31:55,550

He said, that's because she was
so sweet, she looked so sweet,

439

00:31:55,550 --> 00:31:59,090

that I had to-- a sweet child--

440

00:31:59,090 --> 00:32:04,610

that I had to take care of her.

441

00:32:04,610 --> 00:32:09,240

You know, and
Anne-Marie, his sister,

442

00:32:09,240 --> 00:32:12,590

we wanted her to come
and live with us.

443

00:32:12,590 --> 00:32:17,060

And their mother had
died a long time before.

444

00:32:17,060 --> 00:32:22,940

But their father, Fabro
Gustav, Uncle Gustav,

445

00:32:22,940 --> 00:32:28,160

was the sweetest man in
the whole wide world.

446

00:32:28,160 --> 00:32:34,490

And he loved me like he
loves his own children.

447

00:32:34,490 --> 00:32:37,800

And he pampered me.

448

00:32:37,800 --> 00:32:40,280

He was so--

449

00:32:40,280 --> 00:32:42,950

I lived with them
for quite a while.

450

00:32:42,950 --> 00:32:45,980

How long did you live with them?

451

00:32:45,980 --> 00:32:48,590

At least one year, at least.

452

00:32:48,590 --> 00:32:52,160

I don't remember, but
I know at least a year.

453

00:32:52,160 --> 00:32:54,380

And then where did you go after?

454

00:32:54,380 --> 00:32:57,275

Where in Sweden-- what
town in Sweden were you?

455

00:32:57,275 --> 00:33:00,380

OK, wait, I'll tell you first.

456

00:33:00,380 --> 00:33:06,612

After we got out of that
school, and this-- yes.

457

00:33:06,612 --> 00:33:08,570

Then you went to the
school after the hospital.

458

00:33:08,570 --> 00:33:12,500

And they took us
first to Visingso,

459

00:33:12,500 --> 00:33:16,010

which was an island in Sweden--

460

00:33:16,010 --> 00:33:18,440
beautiful island.

461
00:33:18,440 --> 00:33:22,250
And there, they
had us in a school.

462
00:33:22,250 --> 00:33:26,150
They were teaching us,
they had professors--

463
00:33:26,150 --> 00:33:28,560
they came from everywhere.

464
00:33:28,560 --> 00:33:30,650
They taught us everything.

465
00:33:30,650 --> 00:33:38,810
And there were both Hungarians,
and Polish, and young,

466
00:33:38,810 --> 00:33:43,460
and boys, and girls, and women.

467
00:33:43,460 --> 00:33:49,010
But women, they had
little, cute little houses.

468
00:33:49,010 --> 00:33:57,350
It was like a resort.

469
00:33:57,350 --> 00:34:02,640
And we were very happy there.

470
00:34:02,640 --> 00:34:11,570
And from thereon, later on, they
sent us to a school up north--

471
00:34:11,570 --> 00:34:13,920
was another school.

472
00:34:13,920 --> 00:34:17,120

And we were there
for quite a while.

473
00:34:17,120 --> 00:34:19,760
And last of all.

474
00:34:19,760 --> 00:34:24,290
They brought us
back to Stockholm.

475
00:34:24,290 --> 00:34:28,324
And by then, we were well.

476
00:34:28,324 --> 00:34:32,960

477
00:34:32,960 --> 00:34:35,790
When you keep saying, they,
you mean the Red Cross?

478
00:34:35,790 --> 00:34:41,570
Yes, the Red Cross, or
the UN, or whoever--

479
00:34:41,570 --> 00:34:48,385
all the people that were giving
us their lives, you know, help.

480
00:34:48,385 --> 00:34:52,501

481
00:34:52,501 --> 00:34:54,330
So now you're in Stockholm.

482
00:34:54,330 --> 00:35:01,490
Yes, but outside of Stockholm
was a town called Hesselby,

483
00:35:01,490 --> 00:35:03,890
and that's where
they brought us.

484

00:35:03,890 --> 00:35:06,590
It was a boarding school.

485
00:35:06,590 --> 00:35:12,690
And there, they had people
coming from everywhere.

486
00:35:12,690 --> 00:35:16,400
There were actors, there were--

487
00:35:16,400 --> 00:35:30,530
I mean, every kind of company or
organizations that would come.

488
00:35:30,530 --> 00:35:42,580
And wrote articles, and
treated us to certain things.

489
00:35:42,580 --> 00:35:46,830
So when we got out
of there, one day,

490
00:35:46,830 --> 00:35:50,140
I have to tell you a story--

491
00:35:50,140 --> 00:36:00,270
one day, that is in
Sweden, after camp--

492
00:36:00,270 --> 00:36:04,630
that was the last school.

493
00:36:04,630 --> 00:36:11,580
And one day, I said to
a girlfriend of mine,

494
00:36:11,580 --> 00:36:17,850
let's go visit another school
on the other side of Stockholm.

495
00:36:17,850 --> 00:36:19,780
You sound like a very
independent young woman.

496

00:36:19,780 --> 00:36:27,000

Yes, yes, yes-- well, they
told us how to take the train,

497

00:36:27,000 --> 00:36:32,470

and take the bus to
the other school.

498

00:36:32,470 --> 00:36:36,120

By that time, we
knew what was around.

499

00:36:36,120 --> 00:36:39,390

So we got on the bus, and
we went to the school.

500

00:36:39,390 --> 00:36:45,750

But I-- oh, I had my
little suitcase with me.

501

00:36:45,750 --> 00:36:51,030

And when we were in
Stockholm, in the street,

502

00:36:51,030 --> 00:36:57,930

we saw a lady munching
on an ice cream cone.

503

00:36:57,930 --> 00:37:01,920

And we had a little
bit of money, not much,

504

00:37:01,920 --> 00:37:03,940

and we were excited.

505

00:37:03,940 --> 00:37:05,860

We wanted one.

506

00:37:05,860 --> 00:37:09,420

So we went up to the
guy with the cart

507

00:37:09,420 --> 00:37:13,620
and we said, two, please.

508

00:37:13,620 --> 00:37:20,760
And he opened the top and gave
us, and opened up the buns--

509

00:37:20,760 --> 00:37:23,882
hot dog.

510

00:37:23,882 --> 00:37:26,350
And when we saw it,
we were shocked--

511

00:37:26,350 --> 00:37:28,980
we never had seen that.

512

00:37:28,980 --> 00:37:30,420
We wanted ice cream.

513

00:37:30,420 --> 00:37:34,440
So we gave him the money
and got the hot dog.

514

00:37:34,440 --> 00:37:41,310
So we were ashamed of having
it, because in Hungary,

515

00:37:41,310 --> 00:37:44,670
when you went to
the market, people

516

00:37:44,670 --> 00:37:48,060
were selling sausage hot dogs.

517

00:37:48,060 --> 00:37:54,330
And that was not a
nice thing to do.

518

00:37:54,330 --> 00:37:57,640
I know in Budapest
and in big cities,

519
00:37:57,640 --> 00:38:01,350
they would sell those
things, but we didn't know--

520
00:38:01,350 --> 00:38:02,950
as children.

521
00:38:02,950 --> 00:38:09,810
And so what we did
was, I put the hot dogs

522
00:38:09,810 --> 00:38:17,580
inside the suitcase, and I
was going to throw it away

523
00:38:17,580 --> 00:38:20,800
when we got to a place.

524
00:38:20,800 --> 00:38:25,320
So we went to the
school, and then

525
00:38:25,320 --> 00:38:28,590
when the end of the
day, we came back,

526
00:38:28,590 --> 00:38:33,390
we're standing at the
bus stop, waiting.

527
00:38:33,390 --> 00:38:37,320
And the bus came, had
to rush get on it,

528
00:38:37,320 --> 00:38:46,920
and I forgot the suitcase on
in the street outside the bus.

529
00:38:46,920 --> 00:38:53,790
So then, oh, my God, once I was
on the bus, took off, I said,

530

00:38:53,790 --> 00:38:56,670

I left my suitcase!

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00:38:56,670 --> 00:39:01,060

And so I asked the
driver, and he said,

532

00:39:01,060 --> 00:39:05,880

you can call lost and found.

533

00:39:05,880 --> 00:39:09,565

And I didn't even know
what it was, or the name.

534

00:39:09,565 --> 00:39:15,030

But I called next day, I called
lost and found, and they said,

535

00:39:15,030 --> 00:39:17,050

can you describe it?

536

00:39:17,050 --> 00:39:20,400

I said, yes, a small suitcase.

537

00:39:20,400 --> 00:39:24,270

And he said, what
was inside of it?

538

00:39:24,270 --> 00:39:26,520

And I said a cold dog.

539

00:39:26,520 --> 00:39:31,560

[LAUGHS] Oh, no,
he didn't ask then.

540

00:39:31,560 --> 00:39:35,370

So we went to pick
it up next day,

541

00:39:35,370 --> 00:39:39,150

and that's when he
asked what was inside.

542
00:39:39,150 --> 00:39:45,600
And when I was so embarrassed,
opened it up, and there was

543
00:39:45,600 --> 00:39:46,980
the hot dog [LAUGHS].

544
00:39:46,980 --> 00:39:47,970
[LAUGHTER]

545
00:39:47,970 --> 00:39:56,310
And he laughed so hard and
gave me the little suitcase.

546
00:39:56,310 --> 00:40:02,460
And I had a fantastic
life for a year

547
00:40:02,460 --> 00:40:05,460
with Anne-Marie and Leonard.

548
00:40:05,460 --> 00:40:10,410
They were brother
and sister to me.

549
00:40:10,410 --> 00:40:15,660
And then the newspapers
came out to Anne-Marie's,

550
00:40:15,660 --> 00:40:23,430
to their house, and
they wrote the article.

551
00:40:23,430 --> 00:40:27,660
Oh, but I forgot to say
is that, when we got back,

552
00:40:27,660 --> 00:40:32,370
the first thing they
did to us, before

553

00:40:32,370 --> 00:40:40,440
we even stepped into any clean
place, they disinfected us,

554
00:40:40,440 --> 00:40:45,660
cleaned us, no lice, no nothing.

555
00:40:45,660 --> 00:40:49,230
So we were clean already.

556
00:40:49,230 --> 00:40:57,960
And but Anne-Marie was
working for a company,

557
00:40:57,960 --> 00:41:01,830
but she was only a few--

558
00:41:01,830 --> 00:41:08,700
well, maybe six, seven years
older, maybe she was 23, or 25,

559
00:41:08,700 --> 00:41:11,760
but she was like a mother to me.

560
00:41:11,760 --> 00:41:18,240
And Leonard was like a
brother who spoiled me.

561
00:41:18,240 --> 00:41:26,370
And he was a gymnast, and
when he went on a trip

562
00:41:26,370 --> 00:41:33,040
overseas with the national
gymnasts, he came back

563
00:41:33,040 --> 00:41:38,860
and he brought me a little ring
from some other Middle Eastern

564
00:41:38,860 --> 00:41:39,940
country.

565

00:41:39,940 --> 00:41:43,720

I haven't got it--
somebody got it from me.

566

00:41:43,720 --> 00:41:46,982

Did you want to go back
to Hungary at that point?

567

00:41:46,982 --> 00:41:48,440

Did you have any
feelings about it?

568

00:41:48,440 --> 00:41:48,940

No.

569

00:41:48,940 --> 00:41:50,410

You did not want to.

570

00:41:50,410 --> 00:41:51,220

Not then, no.

571

00:41:51,220 --> 00:41:53,440

So then, after you
stayed on with them--

572

00:41:53,440 --> 00:41:59,526

So, I-- from Hungary, no, I
didn't go back to Hungary until

573

00:41:59,526 --> 00:42:00,026

10 years--

574

00:42:00,026 --> 00:42:02,110

I meant, did you
want to go back?

575

00:42:02,110 --> 00:42:04,120

No, no, no.

576

00:42:04,120 --> 00:42:06,500

I wanted to come to America.

577

00:42:06,500 --> 00:42:14,140

But first, in Sweden, I was
in Sweden for five years.

578

00:42:14,140 --> 00:42:18,640

And they sent me
to boarding school.

579

00:42:18,640 --> 00:42:26,050

And they-- then, when I got out,
and I lived with Anne-Marie,

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00:42:26,050 --> 00:42:33,280

then I got a job with
five of-- by then,

581

00:42:33,280 --> 00:42:36,010

I taught myself Swedish.

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00:42:36,010 --> 00:42:40,750

I looked the words up
in the dictionaries,

583

00:42:40,750 --> 00:42:45,070

and I was one of the
few who could speak

584

00:42:45,070 --> 00:42:48,020

Swedish at such a short time.

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00:42:48,020 --> 00:42:56,460

586

00:42:56,460 --> 00:43:00,130

So now it's 1950.

587

00:43:00,130 --> 00:43:07,710

Yes, but before
that, in Sweden, I

588

00:43:07,710 --> 00:43:15,360

got a job with five of

the top women's magazines

589

00:43:15,360 --> 00:43:20,130

to translate stories, because
I could speak languages

590

00:43:20,130 --> 00:43:24,090

from other countries,
into Swedish.

591

00:43:24,090 --> 00:43:28,050

And that was such a thrill.

592

00:43:28,050 --> 00:43:38,800

That here is a greenhorn who can
work to do this for a magazine,

593

00:43:38,800 --> 00:43:42,032

it was unheard of, unbelievable.

594

00:43:42,032 --> 00:43:43,590

595

00:43:43,590 --> 00:43:48,330

But before that,
I had my first job

596

00:43:48,330 --> 00:43:51,030

that I'm telling you
about, the fun one.

597

00:43:51,030 --> 00:43:57,810

Before, they were making
marzipan in a big kettle,

598

00:43:57,810 --> 00:44:08,070

and all I had to do is stir the
big kettle with the marzipan.

599

00:44:08,070 --> 00:44:14,400

But after that, I got that
good job, and it was fantastic.

600

00:44:14,400 --> 00:44:21,420

And we had lots--

601

00:44:21,420 --> 00:44:25,500

in Hesselby, in that
boarding school--

602

00:44:25,500 --> 00:44:29,940

we had lots-- and
the last place--

603

00:44:29,940 --> 00:44:32,340

lots of visitors.

604

00:44:32,340 --> 00:44:38,340

And they were, like I said,
actors, they were pianists,

605

00:44:38,340 --> 00:44:41,580

they were to entertain
us, and things.

606

00:44:41,580 --> 00:44:54,780

They had a Hungarian ballet
dancer who had a place--

607

00:44:54,780 --> 00:44:58,710

you know, she has a
school to teach ballet.

608

00:44:58,710 --> 00:45:02,490

And she would come to
the boarding school

609

00:45:02,490 --> 00:45:10,590

to check to see who would be
good to bring to her school.

610

00:45:10,590 --> 00:45:12,270

It's so funny.

611

00:45:12,270 --> 00:45:16,710

And of course, I'm dancing
with the movements,

612
00:45:16,710 --> 00:45:21,630
and because my father
used to teach me to dance.

613
00:45:21,630 --> 00:45:26,220
And I did Latin,
and tango, and fox--

614
00:45:26,220 --> 00:45:27,420
everything.

615
00:45:27,420 --> 00:45:30,330
But here, when the
music was on, I

616
00:45:30,330 --> 00:45:34,500
was gyrating with
my Latin movements.

617
00:45:34,500 --> 00:45:38,130
She says, no, that won't do.

618
00:45:38,130 --> 00:45:39,220
No ballerina.

619
00:45:39,220 --> 00:45:45,690
[LAUGHS] So that was very funny.

620
00:45:45,690 --> 00:45:55,830
And then, we-- yes, and
then we had a pianist--

621
00:45:55,830 --> 00:46:04,140
a young man that was
very good-looking.

622
00:46:04,140 --> 00:46:12,310
And all the girls were
surrounded with him.

623

00:46:12,310 --> 00:46:14,470

And I did not--

624

00:46:14,470 --> 00:46:19,800

I was a child, still, but

I mean, still I didn't.

625

00:46:19,800 --> 00:46:27,390

And so that was [? Hjalmar-- ?]

and that was the one time

626

00:46:27,390 --> 00:46:29,400

that I saw him.

627

00:46:29,400 --> 00:46:34,140

Then many, many years later--

628

00:46:34,140 --> 00:46:38,245

I mean, towards the

last year in Sweden--

629

00:46:38,245 --> 00:46:40,920

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00:46:40,920 --> 00:46:50,760

I was at a party, and whom

do I see but [? Hjalmar? ?]

631

00:46:50,760 --> 00:46:55,020

Then he started to take me out.

632

00:46:55,020 --> 00:47:01,240

And he had asked

me to marry him.

633

00:47:01,240 --> 00:47:04,390

And I wanted to go to America.

634

00:47:04,390 --> 00:47:06,690

I said, no, but I--

635

00:47:06,690 --> 00:47:09,570
here, I was a young woman.

636
00:47:09,570 --> 00:47:14,370
Before I was-- oh,
thank you, thank you.

637
00:47:14,370 --> 00:47:19,890
Before, I was a child, and
now I was a young woman

638
00:47:19,890 --> 00:47:22,830
that he asked me to marry him.

639
00:47:22,830 --> 00:47:27,120
He wanted me to stay in Sweden.

640
00:47:27,120 --> 00:47:31,840
And I just turned him down.

641
00:47:31,840 --> 00:47:35,910
And I said, when I come to
America, if I don't like it,

642
00:47:35,910 --> 00:47:37,020
I'll write to you.

643
00:47:37,020 --> 00:47:40,920
Of course, that did not happen.

644
00:47:40,920 --> 00:47:45,570
But it was exciting to be
considered a human being

645
00:47:45,570 --> 00:47:47,740
after that.

646
00:47:47,740 --> 00:47:55,140
So then, Anne-Marie
said-- oh, they joined--

647
00:47:55,140 --> 00:48:00,690

they were in a sports
club, where the sports

648
00:48:00,690 --> 00:48:09,600
club had a base close to wood.

649
00:48:09,600 --> 00:48:13,470
They had a building,
and the families

650
00:48:13,470 --> 00:48:17,550
could come with children,
or the young people

651
00:48:17,550 --> 00:48:22,320
to come for weekends.

652
00:48:22,320 --> 00:48:29,670
And they had all kinds of
outdoor sports, and all.

653
00:48:29,670 --> 00:48:34,740
So Anne-Marie said to me,
the vacation is coming.

654
00:48:34,740 --> 00:48:39,510
And we, the other girl,
Bisa, from the building,

655
00:48:39,510 --> 00:48:44,880
other friend, and her, we're
going to the sports club's

656
00:48:44,880 --> 00:48:48,330
headquarters, the camp.

657
00:48:48,330 --> 00:48:49,470
Are you going?

658
00:48:49,470 --> 00:49:00,480
I said, no, because I read a
magazine that the Swedish peace

659

00:49:00,480 --> 00:49:05,340

organization will pay
for any young people,

660

00:49:05,340 --> 00:49:13,260

anywhere in the world, to
come outside of Stockholm

661

00:49:13,260 --> 00:49:19,140

to a farmer that will give
you a job for six weeks,

662

00:49:19,140 --> 00:49:24,750

and pay you for the work.

663

00:49:24,750 --> 00:49:31,920

And you had to sleep
and live in tents.

664

00:49:31,920 --> 00:49:34,710

I said, that's where I'm
going, because they want

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00:49:34,710 --> 00:49:38,350

to prove that young people--

666

00:49:38,350 --> 00:49:44,520

all kinds of people in the world
can live together in peace.

667

00:49:44,520 --> 00:49:47,710

And I said, that's
where I'm going.

668

00:49:47,710 --> 00:50:01,050

So when I went there, they came
out to visit us from the UN.

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00:50:01,050 --> 00:50:05,820

And the Swedish
organization, they said,

670

00:50:05,820 --> 00:50:10,770
we are going to
Switzerland to a UN world

671
00:50:10,770 --> 00:50:14,850
conference for three weeks.

672
00:50:14,850 --> 00:50:18,120
Would you like to go with us?

673
00:50:18,120 --> 00:50:22,080
We will cover all your expenses.

674
00:50:22,080 --> 00:50:27,180
And that was because I could
speak all the languages.

675
00:50:27,180 --> 00:50:31,290
And the Swedes, at that
time, hardly knew English.

676
00:50:31,290 --> 00:50:32,970
They didn't.

677
00:50:32,970 --> 00:50:39,185
So I said, yes, I
would love to go.

678
00:50:39,185 --> 00:50:41,700

679
00:50:41,700 --> 00:50:45,060
And then, I said,
I'd love to go.

680
00:50:45,060 --> 00:50:49,560
They said, we're
going in six cars.

681
00:50:49,560 --> 00:50:57,750
And with the statesmen
and their wives.

682

00:50:57,750 --> 00:51:04,320

But then, in the camp,
where I was in the tents,

683

00:51:04,320 --> 00:51:09,630

this young woman stopped
by one night, and said,

684

00:51:09,630 --> 00:51:14,790

you know, I was
hitchhiking here,

685

00:51:14,790 --> 00:51:21,990

and a man, 65-year-old
man, had given me a ride.

686

00:51:21,990 --> 00:51:26,910

And he asked me if I would
want to be a governess

687

00:51:26,910 --> 00:51:31,440

for his 11-year-old child, son.

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00:51:31,440 --> 00:51:39,390

And he lived in a mansion,
and he was the president

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00:51:39,390 --> 00:51:43,380

of the biggest steel factory.

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00:51:43,380 --> 00:51:49,620

And she said, I would have
loved to, but I told him that

691

00:51:49,620 --> 00:51:52,650

I'm getting married, so I can't.

692

00:51:52,650 --> 00:51:55,830

But Agnes judging you--

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00:51:55,830 --> 00:51:59,820

the way you speak

languages, the way you

694

00:51:59,820 --> 00:52:05,850

are acting perfect
for a job like that,

695

00:52:05,850 --> 00:52:09,090

and I recommend you to the man.

696

00:52:09,090 --> 00:52:17,910

So she wrote to him, and he
invited me to his mansion

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00:52:17,910 --> 00:52:20,590

to see if I would like it.

698

00:52:20,590 --> 00:52:24,990

So when I got there,
the chauffeur met me,

699

00:52:24,990 --> 00:52:30,750

and they drove into the
front of the mansion.

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00:52:30,750 --> 00:52:33,420

It was like a dream.

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00:52:33,420 --> 00:52:43,470

And after a while, after he
talked to me for a while,

702

00:52:43,470 --> 00:52:48,900

he said I'd love for you
to come and take the job.

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00:52:48,900 --> 00:52:52,530

I said, I would love
to, but I can't,

704

00:52:52,530 --> 00:52:57,180

because I am going to
Switzerland to a UN world

705

00:52:57,180 --> 00:53:00,210
conference for three weeks.

706

00:53:00,210 --> 00:53:03,870
And he said, I will wait.

707

00:53:03,870 --> 00:53:07,680
You come back, and after
that, you come here.

708

00:53:07,680 --> 00:53:09,660
So I did.

709

00:53:09,660 --> 00:53:13,425
And I took the job of a dream.

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00:53:13,425 --> 00:53:15,990

711

00:53:15,990 --> 00:53:22,320
The mansion was
absolutely breathtaking.

712

00:53:22,320 --> 00:53:26,490
He had all the servants,
all the workers.

713

00:53:26,490 --> 00:53:33,960
But he wanted someone who could
always be a family member,

714

00:53:33,960 --> 00:53:38,760
so when he went-- he
traveled a lot for business--

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00:53:38,760 --> 00:53:43,980
and he wanted someone who was
close to the boy, not just

716

00:53:43,980 --> 00:53:46,050
the servants.

717

00:53:46,050 --> 00:53:50,880

So I said, OK, I'll be back.

718

00:53:50,880 --> 00:53:55,990

So yeah, then I came
and I took the job.

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00:53:55,990 --> 00:54:03,700

My friends were dukes,
baronesses, and barons, all.

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00:54:03,700 --> 00:54:09,210

And every weekend, he
had lots of guests.

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00:54:09,210 --> 00:54:13,350

He had-- this was
his second marriage,

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00:54:13,350 --> 00:54:17,640

with a 11-year-old boy,
and a six-year-old girl,

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00:54:17,640 --> 00:54:20,910

who was with her mother.

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00:54:20,910 --> 00:54:26,760

But he had a grown
son who was running

725

00:54:26,760 --> 00:54:33,120

their plant in South America.

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00:54:33,120 --> 00:54:40,980

He had a daughter who was
in New York in a theater--

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00:54:40,980 --> 00:54:48,940

she was a stage designer-- they
were grown people, they were.

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00:54:48,940 --> 00:54:55,610

And so it was
fantastic that he had

729
00:54:55,610 --> 00:55:02,490
chosen me to be able to meet
all those famous people.

730
00:55:02,490 --> 00:55:05,180
They were all kinds of--

731
00:55:05,180 --> 00:55:06,470
and locally.

732
00:55:06,470 --> 00:55:11,600
And there was an
engineer's hotel there,

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00:55:11,600 --> 00:55:14,000
that he was
associated with, too.

734
00:55:14,000 --> 00:55:18,740
And every time he got an
invitation to any big event

735
00:55:18,740 --> 00:55:23,270
there, they sent me
an invitation, too.

736
00:55:23,270 --> 00:55:24,950
When you were with
these people, did you

737
00:55:24,950 --> 00:55:27,650
tell them about what you had
experienced during the war?

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00:55:27,650 --> 00:55:28,340
Did you?

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00:55:28,340 --> 00:55:30,047
I guess I did.

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00:55:30,047 --> 00:55:30,630

Did tell them?

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00:55:30,630 --> 00:55:31,795

I-- yes.

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00:55:31,795 --> 00:55:34,640

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00:55:34,640 --> 00:55:35,850

Let's move on a little bit.

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00:55:35,850 --> 00:55:38,450

So you stayed there,
and then how did you

745

00:55:38,450 --> 00:55:39,830

get to the United States?

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00:55:39,830 --> 00:55:47,540

Well, finally, I'd
been waiting for the--

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00:55:47,540 --> 00:55:51,530

the Hungarian quota was filled.

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00:55:51,530 --> 00:55:56,150

And I had to wait for five
years before it opened.

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00:55:56,150 --> 00:55:59,750

And when it opened,
then I could travel.

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00:55:59,750 --> 00:56:01,410

This was 1950?

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00:56:01,410 --> 00:56:02,090

What?

752

00:56:02,090 --> 00:56:03,260

1950?

753

00:56:03,260 --> 00:56:07,160

1950, and my uncle--

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00:56:07,160 --> 00:56:13,040

see, I had a few relatives

who left Hungary 25

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00:56:13,040 --> 00:56:14,900

years before that.

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00:56:14,900 --> 00:56:18,870

They lived in Cleveland,

and in New York.

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00:56:18,870 --> 00:56:23,420

And my father was in touch

with them, my family,

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00:56:23,420 --> 00:56:26,690

we were in touch with

them the whole time.

759

00:56:26,690 --> 00:56:34,850

And he looked at these

Jewish organizations--

760

00:56:34,850 --> 00:56:37,980

had lists of survivors.

761

00:56:37,980 --> 00:56:41,930

And he saw my name only.

762

00:56:41,930 --> 00:56:46,430

My whole family, nobody

was on there but me.

763

00:56:46,430 --> 00:56:49,520

So he wrote to me.

764

00:56:49,520 --> 00:56:54,800

And it was the
thrill of a lifetime.

765
00:56:54,800 --> 00:56:58,710
And he sent me a ticket
to come to America.

766
00:56:58,710 --> 00:57:01,995
And finally, I had the visa.

767
00:57:01,995 --> 00:57:04,550

768
00:57:04,550 --> 00:57:08,090
What did America mean
to you as a young woman,

769
00:57:08,090 --> 00:57:09,440
at that point in your life?

770
00:57:09,440 --> 00:57:10,160
Life.

771
00:57:10,160 --> 00:57:15,200
And I wrote, and a new
life started for me.

772
00:57:15,200 --> 00:57:21,620
And by that time, I was one
year in concentration camp,

773
00:57:21,620 --> 00:57:23,470
five years in Sweden--

774
00:57:23,470 --> 00:57:26,990
this was six years later.

775
00:57:26,990 --> 00:57:32,270
And I've gone through so
many different lives there,

776
00:57:32,270 --> 00:57:37,130

but this is going to
be my future life.

777
00:57:37,130 --> 00:57:38,910
Did you come by boat?

778
00:57:38,910 --> 00:57:42,650
I came on the Queen Elizabeth.

779
00:57:42,650 --> 00:57:46,040
That's where he had the
ticket for me, on that.

780
00:57:46,040 --> 00:57:48,890
And I came to America.

781
00:57:48,890 --> 00:57:50,560
What was it like
to get off the boat

782
00:57:50,560 --> 00:57:52,715
and step onto the soil
of the United States?

783
00:57:52,715 --> 00:57:58,710
Oh, it was-- it was
like a dream, a miracle.

784
00:57:58,710 --> 00:58:02,220
I could not believe
that I was in America.

785
00:58:02,220 --> 00:58:04,190
Di you see the Statue of
Liberty when you came?

786
00:58:04,190 --> 00:58:05,220
Yes, yes.

787
00:58:05,220 --> 00:58:07,230
Did that have any
meaning for you?

788

00:58:07,230 --> 00:58:13,680

Well, I knew about that,
because my uncle in Australia--

789

00:58:13,680 --> 00:58:18,390

like I mentioned, so many,
they were all writers.

790

00:58:18,390 --> 00:58:23,410

And he wrote a story
about New York.

791

00:58:23,410 --> 00:58:27,210

And he's never been here,
but how much he read.

792

00:58:27,210 --> 00:58:31,740

And he described
everything about New York,

793

00:58:31,740 --> 00:58:33,870

every little nook.

794

00:58:33,870 --> 00:58:38,370

And so when I saw that,
I couldn't believe it.

795

00:58:38,370 --> 00:58:43,890

And I had a cousin who met me.

796

00:58:43,890 --> 00:58:53,010

I had another uncle in New York,
and had a son and daughter--

797

00:58:53,010 --> 00:58:58,680

these were grown people,
grown up not like me.

798

00:58:58,680 --> 00:59:01,080

And they met me at the ship.

799

00:59:01,080 --> 00:59:02,850

And oh, my God.

800
00:59:02,850 --> 00:59:08,400
And I stayed with
them for a few days.

801
00:59:08,400 --> 00:59:15,180
And on and on, my life
was a dream after that.

802
00:59:15,180 --> 00:59:16,290
In New York--

803
00:59:16,290 --> 00:59:21,120
I lived in New York, but
my uncle was in Cleveland.

804
00:59:21,120 --> 00:59:24,750
And after a while,
sent me a ticket

805
00:59:24,750 --> 00:59:32,400
to come to Cleveland to meet
all my relatives in Cleveland.

806
00:59:32,400 --> 00:59:35,520
It was just--

807
00:59:35,520 --> 00:59:37,780
Did you live in
Cleveland after that?

808
00:59:37,780 --> 00:59:42,570
No, because he--

809
00:59:42,570 --> 00:59:48,900
Uncle Dave, David,
his wife had a sister

810
00:59:48,900 --> 00:59:53,070
in New York who had
daughters my age.

811
00:59:53,070 --> 00:59:56,910
But they were in Cleveland,
they were older people.

812
00:59:56,910 --> 01:00:02,940
So they said, I should come
and stay with the sister.

813
01:00:02,940 --> 01:00:05,070
And they were my age--

814
01:00:05,070 --> 01:00:05,900
daughters.

815
01:00:05,900 --> 01:00:08,350
So I was in New York.

816
01:00:08,350 --> 01:00:14,730
And from there,
it was on and on.

817
01:00:14,730 --> 01:00:17,760
Just generally tell me where
you were, then, after that.

818
01:00:17,760 --> 01:00:18,300
Pardon?

819
01:00:18,300 --> 01:00:21,060
After that, tell me just
generally where you were.

820
01:00:21,060 --> 01:00:21,982
Yes, yes.

821
01:00:21,982 --> 01:00:23,190
So you went back to New York.

822
01:00:23,190 --> 01:00:27,100
First, I was in New York.

823

01:00:27,100 --> 01:00:36,570
And first, I was staying
with their relatives.

824
01:00:36,570 --> 01:00:48,110
Then, there was another
family that had daughters,

825
01:00:48,110 --> 01:00:52,940
and they were
closer to the city.

826
01:00:52,940 --> 01:00:55,760
The other family was way out.

827
01:00:55,760 --> 01:01:02,480
And so, I lived with them.

828
01:01:02,480 --> 01:01:07,970
And I was getting
offers from people

829
01:01:07,970 --> 01:01:15,300
to work in different capacity--

830
01:01:15,300 --> 01:01:17,840

831
01:01:17,840 --> 01:01:20,480
like governesses.

832
01:01:20,480 --> 01:01:24,620
And I think maybe I
tried it one time,

833
01:01:24,620 --> 01:01:34,070
but it was an actress that
was working and wanted someone

834
01:01:34,070 --> 01:01:35,240
to watch her--

835

01:01:35,240 --> 01:01:37,880
but I didn't stay.

836
01:01:37,880 --> 01:01:42,980
That wasn't why
I came there for.

837
01:01:42,980 --> 01:01:54,590
And then, I got a job
counting bottles in--

838
01:01:54,590 --> 01:02:01,700
packaging bottles, 144,
one gross in each box.

839
01:02:01,700 --> 01:02:09,440
And I was doing that briefly,
because the owner liked me

840
01:02:09,440 --> 01:02:13,100
for his son.

841
01:02:13,100 --> 01:02:17,810
And that's why he
hired me-- he wanted

842
01:02:17,810 --> 01:02:21,110
me to be close by to her son.

843
01:02:21,110 --> 01:02:30,450
But I left that job, because
I could speak the languages.

844
01:02:30,450 --> 01:02:35,470
And once I went to the airport--

845
01:02:35,470 --> 01:02:40,000
that was the Idyllwild airport,
now is the international--

846
01:02:40,000 --> 01:02:40,500
Kennedy.

847

01:02:40,500 --> 01:02:41,000

848

01:02:41,000 --> 01:02:43,730

Kennedy, yes.

849

01:02:43,730 --> 01:02:54,080

And I went out there for some reason, and one of the airlines

850

01:02:54,080 --> 01:02:59,450

said, would you like to work for--

851

01:02:59,450 --> 01:03:02,870

it was Scandinavian Airlines, because I

852

01:03:02,870 --> 01:03:05,420

could speak the language.

853

01:03:05,420 --> 01:03:10,520

And the family I lived with, lived close

854

01:03:10,520 --> 01:03:12,920

to the train station.

855

01:03:12,920 --> 01:03:15,380

So I could go out there.

856

01:03:15,380 --> 01:03:17,180

I said, yes.

857

01:03:17,180 --> 01:03:21,030

So I got the job.

858

01:03:21,030 --> 01:03:22,760

I was on the switchboard.

859

01:03:22,760 --> 01:03:28,790

I was greeting people,
important people.

860
01:03:28,790 --> 01:03:33,380
And it was a very
exciting job, meeting

861
01:03:33,380 --> 01:03:37,040
all these very famous people.

862
01:03:37,040 --> 01:03:44,396
Then Canada-- was it--

863
01:03:44,396 --> 01:03:47,750

864
01:03:47,750 --> 01:03:50,925
Canada airlines--
was is it, now?

865
01:03:50,925 --> 01:03:52,040
I'm trying--

866
01:03:52,040 --> 01:03:53,840
It's OK, let's move
along a little bit.

867
01:03:53,840 --> 01:03:54,340
So--

868
01:03:54,340 --> 01:04:03,140
Yeah, anyway, so they hired
me for a ticket agent.

869
01:04:03,140 --> 01:04:05,810
And they trained me.

870
01:04:05,810 --> 01:04:11,330
And I could travel free,
although, I was working,

871
01:04:11,330 --> 01:04:14,480

I didn't have much
time to travel.

872
01:04:14,480 --> 01:04:23,120
But there, they mostly hired
me to greet the famous people

873
01:04:23,120 --> 01:04:29,300
when they arrived and
they had to change planes.

874
01:04:29,300 --> 01:04:33,350
I would take them to the
lounge and entertain them,

875
01:04:33,350 --> 01:04:39,140
and take them back to the next
airplane when they had to go.

876
01:04:39,140 --> 01:04:45,380
And I had politicians,
I had Rock Hudson,

877
01:04:45,380 --> 01:04:47,600
I had Steve Cochran--

878
01:04:47,600 --> 01:04:52,070
which you would not
remember, in the movie.

879
01:04:52,070 --> 01:04:59,210
And many other famous
people who came.

880
01:04:59,210 --> 01:05:04,340
And that was very exciting.

881
01:05:04,340 --> 01:05:09,750
Steve Cochran wanted
to take me away.

882
01:05:09,750 --> 01:05:13,380
But I was not ready for that.

883
01:05:13,380 --> 01:05:18,440
And so I was working there.

884
01:05:18,440 --> 01:05:23,420
And the ticket agent, which
made me meet the whole world.

885
01:05:23,420 --> 01:05:31,700
And I was in a uniform, and
oh, it was just fabulous life.

886
01:05:31,700 --> 01:05:36,480
And then, I got my visa
to come to America.

887
01:05:36,480 --> 01:05:41,240
And that was fantastic.

888
01:05:41,240 --> 01:05:45,350
Oh, and then, in the
meantime, Hjalmar--

889
01:05:45,350 --> 01:05:52,310
the pianist-- he begged
me to stay in Sweden.

890
01:05:52,310 --> 01:05:56,450
But nothing could keep me
from coming to America.

891
01:05:56,450 --> 01:05:59,390
So when did you
meet your husband?

892
01:05:59,390 --> 01:06:03,860
Oh, I met him a
couple of years later.

893
01:06:03,860 --> 01:06:07,990
But let me see first--

894

01:06:07,990 --> 01:06:11,041
when I came to--

895
01:06:11,041 --> 01:06:12,890
You'd been working out--

896
01:06:12,890 --> 01:06:15,230
yeah, you went to New York,
you worked at the airport.

897
01:06:15,230 --> 01:06:20,240
And is that when you met
your husband, after that?

898
01:06:20,240 --> 01:06:22,960
I met my husband at a family--

899
01:06:22,960 --> 01:06:26,700

900
01:06:26,700 --> 01:06:31,490
it wasn't a party,
it was a funeral.

901
01:06:31,490 --> 01:06:36,410
And after, with the
family relatives,

902
01:06:36,410 --> 01:06:42,680
it was not my
immediate family, it

903
01:06:42,680 --> 01:06:48,290
was my cousin's family,
who was another family.

904
01:06:48,290 --> 01:06:50,990
And that's when I met him.

905
01:06:50,990 --> 01:06:57,380
And he started to
call me and date me.

906

01:06:57,380 --> 01:06:59,310

Was he born in
Europe, or was he--

907

01:06:59,310 --> 01:06:59,810

No.

908

01:06:59,810 --> 01:07:01,400

He's American, he
was born in America.

909

01:07:01,400 --> 01:07:03,780

No, he was born in America.

910

01:07:03,780 --> 01:07:04,828

And lived--

911

01:07:04,828 --> 01:07:06,245

And what year did
you get married?

912

01:07:06,245 --> 01:07:08,960

913

01:07:08,960 --> 01:07:14,240

19-- let's see, I
came here in '50.

914

01:07:14,240 --> 01:07:18,508

915

01:07:18,508 --> 01:07:19,550

And do you have children?

916

01:07:19,550 --> 01:07:20,870

'53--

917

01:07:20,870 --> 01:07:22,010

'53?

918

01:07:22,010 --> 01:07:23,150

'53.

919

01:07:23,150 --> 01:07:24,740

And do you have any children?

920

01:07:24,740 --> 01:07:28,970

I have four fabulous children.

921

01:07:28,970 --> 01:07:37,880

Shauna, and I have

Kerry, and Keith--

922

01:07:37,880 --> 01:07:41,553

923

01:07:41,553 --> 01:07:45,940

[LAUGHS]

924

01:07:45,940 --> 01:07:48,550

Shauna, Kerry, and Keith--

925

01:07:48,550 --> 01:07:51,300

[LAUGHTER]

926

01:07:51,300 --> 01:07:52,300

Do you have another son?

927

01:07:52,300 --> 01:07:53,500

Do you have another son?

928

01:07:53,500 --> 01:07:56,230

929

01:07:56,230 --> 01:07:59,410

No, but I started to think--

930

01:07:59,410 --> 01:08:03,520

not the name, not

because of the name,

931

01:08:03,520 --> 01:08:08,750

don't you dare tell him,
because I didn't forget him.

932
01:08:08,750 --> 01:08:13,000
I was thinking ahead.

933
01:08:13,000 --> 01:08:14,200
Then where did you live?

934
01:08:14,200 --> 01:08:17,140
Where did you live
after you got married?

935
01:08:17,140 --> 01:08:23,870
You see, that's why I got
slowed down, because--

936
01:08:23,870 --> 01:08:26,020
Can we talk a little
bit now about--

937
01:08:26,020 --> 01:08:28,689
Yes, I will tell you
what you want to know.

938
01:08:28,689 --> 01:08:31,270
OK, and I want to talk
to you now a little bit

939
01:08:31,270 --> 01:08:33,460
about your thoughts
and your feelings,

940
01:08:33,460 --> 01:08:37,359
because you said you got
married, you had the children.

941
01:08:37,359 --> 01:08:39,310
Do you think about,
now that you're

942
01:08:39,310 --> 01:08:41,229
a little bit older, do

you think about what

943

01:08:41,229 --> 01:08:45,399

you went through even more
at this time in your life?

944

01:08:45,399 --> 01:08:47,660

About your wartime
experience, your childhood?

945

01:08:47,660 --> 01:08:48,620

Oh, yes, yes.

946

01:08:48,620 --> 01:08:50,359

Do you think about it a lot?

947

01:08:50,359 --> 01:08:54,970

I think about it
a lot on holidays.

948

01:08:54,970 --> 01:09:03,250

And I imagine how we were
together on holidays.

949

01:09:03,250 --> 01:09:07,300

And whenever I speak--

950

01:09:07,300 --> 01:09:11,830

and I speak all the time about
the Holocaust, everywhere.

951

01:09:11,830 --> 01:09:14,370

You speak publicly about
the Holocaust, to groups.

952

01:09:14,370 --> 01:09:19,569

And I think all the time, and
vision in front of my eyes.

953

01:09:19,569 --> 01:09:24,189

I dream-- I think about
them all the time.

954

01:09:24,189 --> 01:09:27,399

Do you sometimes feel like
you're two different people?

955

01:09:27,399 --> 01:09:29,560

Somebody on the
outside to the public,

956

01:09:29,560 --> 01:09:31,630

and somebody different inside?

957

01:09:31,630 --> 01:09:39,129

No, I'm all that
story when I speak.

958

01:09:39,129 --> 01:09:41,889

It's your inside
speaking, in a sense.

959

01:09:41,889 --> 01:09:42,389

Yeah.

960

01:09:42,389 --> 01:09:45,550

961

01:09:45,550 --> 01:09:49,990

The people love to
hear the stories,

962

01:09:49,990 --> 01:09:53,080

the children love
to hear the stories.

963

01:09:53,080 --> 01:09:59,290

Because what the
average person had heard

964

01:09:59,290 --> 01:10:07,300

was either on television,
or in a movie,

965

01:10:07,300 --> 01:10:11,980

or in a book, or a newspaper.

966
01:10:11,980 --> 01:10:16,360
And they never heard
the personal stories

967
01:10:16,360 --> 01:10:17,365
about the persons.

968
01:10:17,365 --> 01:10:21,160

969
01:10:21,160 --> 01:10:23,800
So you said you
do speak publicly.

970
01:10:23,800 --> 01:10:25,960
You, in a sense,
lost your childhood,

971
01:10:25,960 --> 01:10:30,640
because you were so young
when the war started.

972
01:10:30,640 --> 01:10:33,850
Do you feel you got it
back, or you just lost it?

973
01:10:33,850 --> 01:10:36,610
Did you ever get
your childhood back?

974
01:10:36,610 --> 01:10:39,580
Well, yes, with my children.

975
01:10:39,580 --> 01:10:40,940
With your children.

976
01:10:40,940 --> 01:10:42,880
I want to tell you something--

977
01:10:42,880 --> 01:10:45,370

I just wanted to ask
this one question-- when

978
01:10:45,370 --> 01:10:48,550
your children were
the age that you

979
01:10:48,550 --> 01:10:52,570
were when the Germans
invaded Hungary,

980
01:10:52,570 --> 01:10:54,460
did that bring
those memories back?

981
01:10:54,460 --> 01:10:57,130

982
01:10:57,130 --> 01:10:59,410
When they were 13, let's say.

983
01:10:59,410 --> 01:11:00,550
No.

984
01:11:00,550 --> 01:11:01,570
Did it--

985
01:11:01,570 --> 01:11:06,940
I was so happy with my
children that I did not

986
01:11:06,940 --> 01:11:11,120
connect them with such things.

987
01:11:11,120 --> 01:11:13,330
When did you start
telling them about what

988
01:11:13,330 --> 01:11:15,880
you had gone through?

989
01:11:15,880 --> 01:11:18,610

I don't remember.

990

01:11:18,610 --> 01:11:28,000

I guess when-- they knew
it from quite a young age,

991

01:11:28,000 --> 01:11:35,320

because I was up to
speak from day one.

992

01:11:35,320 --> 01:11:38,800

And in school, they
learned-- that's when

993

01:11:38,800 --> 01:11:41,030

they learned in school.

994

01:11:41,030 --> 01:11:45,370

And that's when I would
tell them something.

995

01:11:45,370 --> 01:11:46,930

Like you were very
open with them

996

01:11:46,930 --> 01:11:49,810

about what you had experienced?

997

01:11:49,810 --> 01:11:52,180

When they were, what, teenagers?

998

01:11:52,180 --> 01:11:54,130

Yes, oh, yes, yes.

999

01:11:54,130 --> 01:11:58,640

1000

01:11:58,640 --> 01:11:59,870

Now I forgot--

1001

01:11:59,870 --> 01:12:00,890

That's OK.

1002
01:12:00,890 --> 01:12:03,410
What were your thoughts
during the Eichmann trial?

1003
01:12:03,410 --> 01:12:05,930
Do you remember having
any specific thoughts

1004
01:12:05,930 --> 01:12:11,480
when Adolf Eichmann was
put on trial in Israel?

1005
01:12:11,480 --> 01:12:15,430

1006
01:12:15,430 --> 01:12:17,200
Do you remember that?

1007
01:12:17,200 --> 01:12:20,160
That time?

1008
01:12:20,160 --> 01:12:29,290
Well, I don't really
remember exactly.

1009
01:12:29,290 --> 01:12:35,560
I was inside of me.

1010
01:12:35,560 --> 01:12:43,690
I was connected to that,
but I tried not to.

1011
01:12:43,690 --> 01:12:47,260
Do you have any feelings
for Hungary now?

1012
01:12:47,260 --> 01:12:48,960
Do you feel Hungarian?

1013
01:12:48,960 --> 01:12:50,560
How would you describe yourself?

1014
01:12:50,560 --> 01:12:53,830
No, I don't feel Hungarian.

1015
01:12:53,830 --> 01:12:54,940
But I do--

1016
01:12:54,940 --> 01:13:04,210
I mean, it still is a
life of mine that I loved.

1017
01:13:04,210 --> 01:13:11,020
And I still find I say
things to the children--

1018
01:13:11,020 --> 01:13:15,790
I taught them Hungarian
words and sentences,

1019
01:13:15,790 --> 01:13:25,420
and Shauna and I and two friends
went back with us to Hungary.

1020
01:13:25,420 --> 01:13:33,610
And I was very happy that they
could see where I grew up.

1021
01:13:33,610 --> 01:13:37,390
And Hungary is beautiful.

1022
01:13:37,390 --> 01:13:42,190
And I wish that I
could take all of them

1023
01:13:42,190 --> 01:13:47,020
with me to Hungary, even now.

1024
01:13:47,020 --> 01:13:51,640
What was it like for you to
become an American citizen?

1025
01:13:51,640 --> 01:13:54,850

Well, it was very
exciting, of course.

1026
01:13:54,850 --> 01:13:58,870
I got my green card.

1027
01:13:58,870 --> 01:14:01,780

1028
01:14:01,780 --> 01:14:08,110
And then when I got married,
I turned American right away.

1029
01:14:08,110 --> 01:14:13,360
And actually, I felt like I'm
an American when I came here,

1030
01:14:13,360 --> 01:14:15,020
after that.

1031
01:14:15,020 --> 01:14:19,820
And I was in the world, in
that world, in that life.

1032
01:14:19,820 --> 01:14:28,410
I had jobs, I had a job
that no other woman had ever

1033
01:14:28,410 --> 01:14:31,150
had here in America.

1034
01:14:31,150 --> 01:14:38,590
I was the first lady
commodity broker in America--

1035
01:14:38,590 --> 01:14:41,260
trading commodities.

1036
01:14:41,260 --> 01:14:49,390
And still, today, a lot of
women in the field, but nobody

1037

01:14:49,390 --> 01:14:51,940
trades commodities.

1038
01:14:51,940 --> 01:14:53,950
I was the only woman--

1039
01:14:53,950 --> 01:14:57,340
for 11 years, I
was the only woman.

1040
01:14:57,340 --> 01:15:04,040
That's how I raised my children,
after they went to school.

1041
01:15:04,040 --> 01:15:10,270
And it was wonderful because
I dropped them off at school,

1042
01:15:10,270 --> 01:15:14,170
or they took the bus to
school in the morning,

1043
01:15:14,170 --> 01:15:19,270
and I was home in the afternoon,
because the markets closed

1044
01:15:19,270 --> 01:15:20,680
at 1 o'clock.

1045
01:15:20,680 --> 01:15:22,930
What city did you
raise your children in?

1046
01:15:22,930 --> 01:15:29,740
In-- [LAUGHS] I was going
to say in Helsingborg--

1047
01:15:29,740 --> 01:15:30,820
in Chicago.

1048
01:15:30,820 --> 01:15:32,800
In Chicago, OK.

1049

01:15:32,800 --> 01:15:39,640

You see, I still dream about
Sweden and Helsingborg.

1050

01:15:39,640 --> 01:15:42,280

Well, I was going to ask
you, in a sense, about that.

1051

01:15:42,280 --> 01:15:45,730

Do you dream about
your life in Europe?

1052

01:15:45,730 --> 01:15:47,470

In Hungary or in Sweden?

1053

01:15:47,470 --> 01:15:49,660

Do you find that you
dream a lot about that?

1054

01:15:49,660 --> 01:15:53,590

Oh, yes, it comes up
in different times,

1055

01:15:53,590 --> 01:15:56,350

different occasions, yes.

1056

01:15:56,350 --> 01:16:04,990

Especially when I tell them
about funny expressions

1057

01:16:04,990 --> 01:16:05,910

about things.

1058

01:16:05,910 --> 01:16:08,910

1059

01:16:08,910 --> 01:16:10,440

Do you get reparations?

1060

01:16:10,440 --> 01:16:11,220

1061

01:16:11,220 --> 01:16:13,320

Yes, from Germany.

1062

01:16:13,320 --> 01:16:14,160

From Germany.

1063

01:16:14,160 --> 01:16:25,060

Damaging for-- in the
factories, my hands are shaky.

1064

01:16:25,060 --> 01:16:31,140

And after the war,
also, my lung.

1065

01:16:31,140 --> 01:16:35,550

But this is still--

1066

01:16:35,550 --> 01:16:40,560

What are your thoughts
about Germany, today?

1067

01:16:40,560 --> 01:16:44,370

People had asked me
often, do you hate them?

1068

01:16:44,370 --> 01:16:45,450

No.

1069

01:16:45,450 --> 01:16:52,270

I lived in Germany when my
husband was in the army.

1070

01:16:52,270 --> 01:16:55,500

And we were sent overseas--

1071

01:16:55,500 --> 01:16:57,730

I lived there with him.

1072

01:16:57,730 --> 01:17:02,940

And there were many wonderful
people, and I loved them.

1073

01:17:02,940 --> 01:17:08,880

And it isn't the
country that you hated,

1074

01:17:08,880 --> 01:17:12,900

it is the people,
the bad people,

1075

01:17:12,900 --> 01:17:16,710

that had done terrible things.

1076

01:17:16,710 --> 01:17:21,390

And those are the ones I hated.

1077

01:17:21,390 --> 01:17:26,910

Otherwise, people, there are
good and bad people everywhere.

1078

01:17:26,910 --> 01:17:30,750

And I loved the good people.

1079

01:17:30,750 --> 01:17:33,240

Do you feel that you're a
different person because

1080

01:17:33,240 --> 01:17:34,740

of what you went through?

1081

01:17:34,740 --> 01:17:38,702

That if you hadn't gone
through and had the difficulty,

1082

01:17:38,702 --> 01:17:39,660

you would be different?

1083

01:17:39,660 --> 01:17:47,640

Well, I am much more loving
to people in general,

1084

01:17:47,640 --> 01:17:53,070

because I have been
through so many bad things,

1085
01:17:53,070 --> 01:17:54,375
that good people--

1086
01:17:54,375 --> 01:17:58,110

1087
01:17:58,110 --> 01:18:02,730
you treasure them,
and you nurture them,

1088
01:18:02,730 --> 01:18:05,010
and you love them.

1089
01:18:05,010 --> 01:18:08,670
So I don't hate anybody.

1090
01:18:08,670 --> 01:18:14,370
Of course, those who did
wrong to us, they're gone.

1091
01:18:14,370 --> 01:18:18,500

1092
01:18:18,500 --> 01:18:21,890
They got their reward.

1093
01:18:21,890 --> 01:18:24,810
Do you think the Holocaust
could happen again?

1094
01:18:24,810 --> 01:18:30,050
I hope not-- not if I can
tell the world about it.

1095
01:18:30,050 --> 01:18:31,940
No.

1096
01:18:31,940 --> 01:18:35,600
There was something I wanted to
tell you, and you stopped me.

1097

01:18:35,600 --> 01:18:36,560

Oh, I'm sorry.

1098

01:18:36,560 --> 01:18:38,940

Well, please, do you
remember what it was?

1099

01:18:38,940 --> 01:18:41,450

I'll think a minute.

1100

01:18:41,450 --> 01:18:44,780

1101

01:18:44,780 --> 01:18:47,260

Did it have to do with life
here in the United States,

1102

01:18:47,260 --> 01:18:50,280

or back in--

1103

01:18:50,280 --> 01:18:54,490

I'll think a minute.

1104

01:18:54,490 --> 01:18:57,460

If not, it wasn't important.

1105

01:18:57,460 --> 01:19:02,500

Yeah, is there-- about--

1106

01:19:02,500 --> 01:19:03,830

block?

1107

01:19:03,830 --> 01:19:04,330

Blanca.

1108

01:19:04,330 --> 01:19:06,660

Yes, yes, Blanca-- yes.

1109

01:19:06,660 --> 01:19:07,285

Oh, Blanca.

1110
01:19:07,285 --> 01:19:09,220
Yes, the most important thing.

1111
01:19:09,220 --> 01:19:14,800
I mentioned that
Blanca was a nurse,

1112
01:19:14,800 --> 01:19:17,200
and that she pulled out her--

1113
01:19:17,200 --> 01:19:19,070
tried to do that.

1114
01:19:19,070 --> 01:19:23,980
Well, we came to America,
but we lost each other.

1115
01:19:23,980 --> 01:19:28,300
We thought the
other one was dead,

1116
01:19:28,300 --> 01:19:34,180
but we, each of us,
we came to New York.

1117
01:19:34,180 --> 01:19:38,420
We found out later on we
both lived in New York,

1118
01:19:38,420 --> 01:19:42,110
and we both lived in Chicago.

1119
01:19:42,110 --> 01:19:44,530
And I have--

1120
01:19:44,530 --> 01:19:49,680

1121
01:19:49,680 --> 01:19:53,940
I worked, then, as
a commodity broker.

1122

01:19:53,940 --> 01:20:01,620

And one day, I was in
a financial building,

1123

01:20:01,620 --> 01:20:03,840

in the lobby, waiting.

1124

01:20:03,840 --> 01:20:11,310

I had bought-- from Mexico, I
bought a big, beautiful vase.

1125

01:20:11,310 --> 01:20:15,760

And it was next to
me in the lobby.

1126

01:20:15,760 --> 01:20:22,240

And I was waiting for a friend
to pick me up to take me home.

1127

01:20:22,240 --> 01:20:32,050

And I was watching the people,
and the elevator door opened.

1128

01:20:32,050 --> 01:20:34,950

And this woman stepped out.

1129

01:20:34,950 --> 01:20:41,670

And I said, gee, she
looks so familiar.

1130

01:20:41,670 --> 01:20:48,090

And she wore French
couturier outfit, beautiful.

1131

01:20:48,090 --> 01:20:50,730

And I yelled over to her--

1132

01:20:50,730 --> 01:20:55,050

I couldn't leave my vase--

1133

01:20:55,050 --> 01:20:56,820

I said, you!

1134
01:20:56,820 --> 01:20:58,630
You over there!

1135
01:20:58,630 --> 01:21:00,450
I know you!

1136
01:21:00,450 --> 01:21:03,370
So she came over to me.

1137
01:21:03,370 --> 01:21:06,630
And she said, what's your name?

1138
01:21:06,630 --> 01:21:11,280
I heard her Hungarian
accent, so I said, Aggie,

1139
01:21:11,280 --> 01:21:14,470
in Hungarian, Aggie.

1140
01:21:14,470 --> 01:21:14,970
Aggie!

1141
01:21:14,970 --> 01:21:18,390
Oh, I am Blanca!

1142
01:21:18,390 --> 01:21:21,900
I said, Blanca,
then we both cried.

1143
01:21:21,900 --> 01:21:28,890
And there was a priest in
the lobby, and he came over,

1144
01:21:28,890 --> 01:21:31,290
and he blessed us.

1145
01:21:31,290 --> 01:21:34,890
And then, I guess the
people in the lobby

1146

01:21:34,890 --> 01:21:39,690
called the newspapers--
the Chicago Tribune.

1147
01:21:39,690 --> 01:21:44,610
And they took the story,
the took our pictures,

1148
01:21:44,610 --> 01:21:50,760
and they took our story to AP,
UP, all over America, and all

1149
01:21:50,760 --> 01:21:51,870
over the world.

1150
01:21:51,870 --> 01:21:58,830
And my uncle in Australia
saw the article, the picture.

1151
01:21:58,830 --> 01:22:06,630
And Blanca-- this
was 23 years later,

1152
01:22:06,630 --> 01:22:12,700
and our homes were 20
minutes from each other.

1153
01:22:12,700 --> 01:22:15,660
But it was in an
area where I never

1154
01:22:15,660 --> 01:22:20,220
went to that part of the town.

1155
01:22:20,220 --> 01:22:25,290
And after that, it was
on my birthday, I said,

1156
01:22:25,290 --> 01:22:30,840
that was the most fantastic
birthday present I ever had.

1157
01:22:30,840 --> 01:22:34,680

And then, we saw each
other constantly,

1158
01:22:34,680 --> 01:22:38,190
and we lived and
loved each other.

1159
01:22:38,190 --> 01:22:41,460
And it was so fantastic.

1160
01:22:41,460 --> 01:22:50,010
Then-- and she got married,
and I moved to Texas.

1161
01:22:50,010 --> 01:23:01,690
And then her husband died, and
she went into a home here--

1162
01:23:01,690 --> 01:23:02,535
here?

1163
01:23:02,535 --> 01:23:03,550
Where am I now?

1164
01:23:03,550 --> 01:23:04,050
[LAUGHS]

1165
01:23:04,050 --> 01:23:06,270
In Chicago?

1166
01:23:06,270 --> 01:23:13,200
No, in California-- that's
why I said, where am I?

1167
01:23:13,200 --> 01:23:16,680
In California, and
she lived there.

1168
01:23:16,680 --> 01:23:23,250
And just about eight months
ago, she passed away.

1169

01:23:23,250 --> 01:23:30,390
I had visited her several
times, we talked on the phone.

1170
01:23:30,390 --> 01:23:35,970
And her nephew
sent me her album,

1171
01:23:35,970 --> 01:23:40,750
and I look at it twice a day.

1172
01:23:40,750 --> 01:23:47,880
And the greatest joy,
happiness that I had

1173
01:23:47,880 --> 01:23:49,900
while we were together there.

1174
01:23:49,900 --> 01:23:51,860
It's a wonderful story.

1175
01:23:51,860 --> 01:23:54,580

1176
01:23:54,580 --> 01:23:56,360
That's a wonderful story.

1177
01:23:56,360 --> 01:23:59,800
How did you get the training
to be a commodities broker?

1178
01:23:59,800 --> 01:24:01,330
I had a neighbor--

1179
01:24:01,330 --> 01:24:05,410
I lived in Evanston
outside of Chicago,

1180
01:24:05,410 --> 01:24:09,280
and I had a neighbor
who was a floor trader.

1181

01:24:09,280 --> 01:24:13,360

1182

01:24:13,360 --> 01:24:20,890

And one day, he said,
I'd like to take you down

1183

01:24:20,890 --> 01:24:24,520

to see the trading floor.

1184

01:24:24,520 --> 01:24:25,940

I said, I'd love to.

1185

01:24:25,940 --> 01:24:31,480

So we went, and he introduced
me to the number one wheat

1186

01:24:31,480 --> 01:24:34,330

trader in the world.

1187

01:24:34,330 --> 01:24:42,460

That was a company, and he
was doing work with them.

1188

01:24:42,460 --> 01:24:48,250

And he started-- the man started
to talk to me about a half

1189

01:24:48,250 --> 01:24:49,570

hour.

1190

01:24:49,570 --> 01:24:52,270

And after he finished,
he says, would you

1191

01:24:52,270 --> 01:24:55,990

like to be a commodity broker?

1192

01:24:55,990 --> 01:25:00,760

I said, well, I'll
tell you, I would

1193

01:25:00,760 --> 01:25:06,400
love to when my youngest
child is in school all day.

1194
01:25:06,400 --> 01:25:08,620
How much education had
you had up to then?

1195
01:25:08,620 --> 01:25:11,100
Did you do any college
in the United States?

1196
01:25:11,100 --> 01:25:18,190
No, but in Sweden, we studied
for three years, all year

1197
01:25:18,190 --> 01:25:19,210
round.

1198
01:25:19,210 --> 01:25:22,540
And that was the
equivalent of college--

1199
01:25:22,540 --> 01:25:30,310
everything, plus more than
what they study [INAUDIBLE]

1200
01:25:30,310 --> 01:25:37,880
And so then, two years
later, he called me.

1201
01:25:37,880 --> 01:25:39,820
He said, are you ready?

1202
01:25:39,820 --> 01:25:41,930
I said, yes.

1203
01:25:41,930 --> 01:25:43,930
It was fantastic.

1204
01:25:43,930 --> 01:25:50,380
And then they coached
me, they taught me.

1205
01:25:50,380 --> 01:25:55,960
And 11 years, it
was so fantastic.

1206
01:25:55,960 --> 01:25:59,200
I made extra money
to give the children,

1207
01:25:59,200 --> 01:26:03,880
but I was home before
they got home from school.

1208
01:26:03,880 --> 01:26:06,480
What kind of work
did your husband do?

1209
01:26:06,480 --> 01:26:07,450
What kind of work?

1210
01:26:07,450 --> 01:26:13,090
He was a sales rep
for big chains.

1211
01:26:13,090 --> 01:26:16,550

1212
01:26:16,550 --> 01:26:17,050
Yeah.

1213
01:26:17,050 --> 01:26:21,510

1214
01:26:21,510 --> 01:26:30,450
And then, after I got
out of the commodities,

1215
01:26:30,450 --> 01:26:34,200
then I turned to
be a sales rep--

1216
01:26:34,200 --> 01:26:46,320

I came to Texas, and I
had a business partner--

1217
01:26:46,320 --> 01:26:49,170
he did mostly the--

1218
01:26:49,170 --> 01:26:53,250
drove me to the
different big chains,

1219
01:26:53,250 --> 01:26:58,140
and he entertained
the customers.

1220
01:26:58,140 --> 01:27:02,310
And he gave me his
brilliance, because he

1221
01:27:02,310 --> 01:27:10,020
had three of the biggest
plants in America

1222
01:27:10,020 --> 01:27:14,140
before he retired from there.

1223
01:27:14,140 --> 01:27:23,970
And so we traveled,
and I was selling--

1224
01:27:23,970 --> 01:27:25,350
I was doing the selling.

1225
01:27:25,350 --> 01:27:28,380
It was for how many years?

1226
01:27:28,380 --> 01:27:30,240
Also 11 years.

1227
01:27:30,240 --> 01:27:35,160
And then I retired
and I opened a shop.

1228

01:27:35,160 --> 01:27:41,670
And I did that for a while,
then I retired for good.

1229
01:27:41,670 --> 01:27:44,250
Since you lived in a
time, and in a country

1230
01:27:44,250 --> 01:27:47,220
where people's civil rights
were taken away from them,

1231
01:27:47,220 --> 01:27:52,980
in Hungary, were you in any
way active in the Civil Rights

1232
01:27:52,980 --> 01:27:54,990
movement here in
the United States?

1233
01:27:54,990 --> 01:27:56,970
Obviously, your children
were very young.

1234
01:27:56,970 --> 01:27:58,230
No, no.

1235
01:27:58,230 --> 01:28:00,490
And you had other things to do.

1236
01:28:00,490 --> 01:28:05,460
No, first of all, when I was
in Hungary, I was too young.

1237
01:28:05,460 --> 01:28:06,510
No, no, I meant--

1238
01:28:06,510 --> 01:28:09,000
To know about it.

1239
01:28:09,000 --> 01:28:11,540
And here, I'm not--

1240

01:28:11,540 --> 01:28:14,010

I'm a peaceful person.

1241

01:28:14,010 --> 01:28:15,660

I'm not interested--

1242

01:28:15,660 --> 01:28:20,010

I don't want to hear any more
bad things about anything,

1243

01:28:20,010 --> 01:28:22,800

anybody, any people.

1244

01:28:22,800 --> 01:28:25,050

So do you read about
the Holocaust at all?

1245

01:28:25,050 --> 01:28:28,390

Or see movies or films about it?

1246

01:28:28,390 --> 01:28:32,400

Well, first of all, I
did see Schindler's List,

1247

01:28:32,400 --> 01:28:34,170

and I have read a lot.

1248

01:28:34,170 --> 01:28:35,075

You do read.

1249

01:28:35,075 --> 01:28:39,000

Years before, not anymore--

1250

01:28:39,000 --> 01:28:42,370

a lot of years before.

1251

01:28:42,370 --> 01:28:48,630

And I live for my children.

1252

01:28:48,630 --> 01:28:57,780

I was lucky that I have them--

1253
01:28:57,780 --> 01:29:01,560
I am lucky, I have the
most fantastic children.

1254
01:29:01,560 --> 01:29:08,070
And not because I am
partial, but they all

1255
01:29:08,070 --> 01:29:12,930
have had terrific
education, they all

1256
01:29:12,930 --> 01:29:17,880
have accomplished
tremendous things.

1257
01:29:17,880 --> 01:29:27,510
My daughter, Shauna, is
an actress for 25 years,

1258
01:29:27,510 --> 01:29:33,210
and also wanted a profession.

1259
01:29:33,210 --> 01:29:40,020
And she is a
psychotherapist, also.

1260
01:29:40,020 --> 01:29:43,770
And she had seen a
lot of the world,

1261
01:29:43,770 --> 01:29:54,930
and she is active in all
aspects of the show business,

1262
01:29:54,930 --> 01:30:01,260
and in therapy.

1263
01:30:01,260 --> 01:30:04,130

1264

01:30:04,130 --> 01:30:05,720
Because of what
you went through,

1265
01:30:05,720 --> 01:30:07,910
were you more protective
of your children

1266
01:30:07,910 --> 01:30:09,140
when they were growing up?

1267
01:30:09,140 --> 01:30:10,370
I was, yes.

1268
01:30:10,370 --> 01:30:12,500
More so than an average
American family.

1269
01:30:12,500 --> 01:30:14,780
Yes, you know what
I used to say?

1270
01:30:14,780 --> 01:30:20,630
I could pick up my skirt, and
big skirt-- no, I didn't have--

1271
01:30:20,630 --> 01:30:25,850
I felt like I wanted
to lift up my big skirt

1272
01:30:25,850 --> 01:30:32,720
and put them all under
the skirt to safety them.

1273
01:30:32,720 --> 01:30:34,670
So you were more protective?

1274
01:30:34,670 --> 01:30:35,930
Oh, yes, definitely.

1275
01:30:35,930 --> 01:30:36,860
In what ways?

1276

01:30:36,860 --> 01:30:43,440
And I divorced when the children
were two, five, six, and eight

1277

01:30:43,440 --> 01:30:47,870
and a half-- so I
raised them all alone.

1278

01:30:47,870 --> 01:30:50,315
And they came out pretty good.

1279

01:30:50,315 --> 01:30:52,865

1280

01:30:52,865 --> 01:31:01,280
And the other two boys are in
the stock brokerage business--

1281

01:31:01,280 --> 01:31:05,420
they are quite successful.

1282

01:31:05,420 --> 01:31:13,070
And the youngest one is--

1283

01:31:13,070 --> 01:31:15,905
the oldest one is--

1284

01:31:15,905 --> 01:31:20,330

1285

01:31:20,330 --> 01:31:28,195
I just-- excuse me, I
can't think [INAUDIBLE]..

1286

01:31:28,195 --> 01:31:32,770

1287

01:31:32,770 --> 01:31:34,270
You mean the business
that he's in?

1288

01:31:34,270 --> 01:31:38,280
Yes, he's a mortgage banker--

1289
01:31:38,280 --> 01:31:39,530
mortgage banking.

1290
01:31:39,530 --> 01:31:43,890
He has his own
business, own company.

1291
01:31:43,890 --> 01:31:49,140
This is what happens
when you become 83.

1292
01:31:49,140 --> 01:31:51,180
Excuse me.

1293
01:31:51,180 --> 01:31:53,340
Well, before we end,
is there any message

1294
01:31:53,340 --> 01:31:55,770
you wanted to give to your--

1295
01:31:55,770 --> 01:31:57,998
I assume you have
some grandchildren?

1296
01:31:57,998 --> 01:31:58,540
Do you have--

1297
01:31:58,540 --> 01:32:03,460
Yes, I have five
beautiful grandchildren.

1298
01:32:03,460 --> 01:32:05,430
Wonderful, is there
any message you wanted

1299
01:32:05,430 --> 01:32:08,650
to give to them before we end?

1300

01:32:08,650 --> 01:32:13,560

I tell that not only
for the grandchildren,

1301

01:32:13,560 --> 01:32:15,470

but to all children--

1302

01:32:15,470 --> 01:32:20,100

1303

01:32:20,100 --> 01:32:22,950

love all the people.

1304

01:32:22,950 --> 01:32:26,520

Love them in your life.

1305

01:32:26,520 --> 01:32:27,646

Love your family.

1306

01:32:27,646 --> 01:32:30,240

1307

01:32:30,240 --> 01:32:34,260

Love you teachers,
because I had a lot

1308

01:32:34,260 --> 01:32:37,530

of students, a lot of teachers.

1309

01:32:37,530 --> 01:32:42,120

1310

01:32:42,120 --> 01:32:46,180

Don't let the bad
things happen--

1311

01:32:46,180 --> 01:32:51,340

the future of America
is in your hands.

1312

01:32:51,340 --> 01:32:56,760

You have to see to it that

things like that never, never

1313
01:32:56,760 --> 01:32:59,470
happen again.

1314
01:32:59,470 --> 01:33:06,930
And your children and
your grandchildren

1315
01:33:06,930 --> 01:33:11,690
will be safe forever.

1316
01:33:11,690 --> 01:33:15,060
Well, that's a beautiful
note to end on.

1317
01:33:15,060 --> 01:33:17,280
Thank you.

1318
01:33:17,280 --> 01:33:18,560
I did want--

1319
01:33:18,560 --> 01:33:20,472
I forgot what I
was going to say.

1320
01:33:20,472 --> 01:33:23,620

1321
01:33:23,620 --> 01:33:26,920
This concludes the United
States Holocaust Memorial Museum

1322
01:33:26,920 --> 01:33:30,540
interview with Agnes Hoffman.

1323
01:33:30,540 --> 01:33:32,000