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DANTE, ITZCAK

TAPE I

1.00 Dante, Itzcak, called Dente Pampiri, was born in Corfu 1929. 2000 Jews lived in Hebreica area. Describes Jewish life. His family was poor.

1.05 Describes school where he learned Greek and Hebrew. At home he talked Italian, like all Jews. Chief Rabbi was Nachmias. Antisemitism he experienced as a child.

1.12 Describes home life. Father's jobs.

1.15 Describes Jewish cemetery, life in the ghetto, history of Jews in Corfu.

1.35 Under the Italian occupation.

1.38 1939 - describes bombardments by Italians and then by Germans.

1.54 What they knew about the war until 1943 when Saloniki was taken.

1.58 Describes Italian entry into Corfu and life under Italian occupation. Food rationing, bantering.

2.26 German bombardments. German entry to Corfu and slaughter of Italians. German treatment of Jews.

2.36 'Black Saturday' - order for all Jews to assemble. Some rich Jews bribed their way out and escaped to Albania. The rest were taken by boat to Pireus and then to Athens. From there by train to Bulgaria, then Hungary and finally to Birkenau.

3.01 Arrival in Birkenau, initiation and selection. Shows diagram of

camp.

3.09 All Jews from Corfu were taken to camp D block 27. The children were taken to block 29.

3.16 Describes suicides.

3.19 Describes block 29 for children and Russians. Selections by Mengele. How he managed to survive.

3.25 Punishments in the camp.

3.29 Work on the airfield and beatings by SS.

3.40 Describes arrival of the last transports in '44 from Hungary and Czechoslovakia.

3.47 After 2-3 months he was taken to camp Furstengrube.

3.54 Sexual assaults by kapos.

TAPE II

4.00 He was taken from Birkenau to Furstenbrube. Describes camp, accomodations, work. Was attacked and wounded by SS dogs.

4.06 Taken by train and then marched to camp Dora. Describes horrible train ride and march.

4.13 Describes camp Dora. He passed as a non-Jewish Italian and was taken care of in sick block.

4.19 By train to Bergen Belsen. Describes camp and his very weak condition. Also bombardments.

4.28 Liberation by the British. Sickness and death as a result of too much food. Help of the Red Cross.

- 4.34 Revenge Russians took on the Germans.
- 4.36 Organized by Red Cross to go back to Corfu. Meets aunt and cousin in Corfu. Leon Mizrachi was head of the Jewish community.
- 4.42 His difficult adjustment back in Corfu. Alcoholism. houliganisms, nights spent in jail.
- 4.53 Describes a typical day, friends.
- 4.56 He is now in Israel, married with family.
- 5.01 Adds about life in Birkenau and Dora. Treatment by kapos.
- 5.09 Feelings at liberation.
- 5.10 Cannibalism in the camps.
- 5.17 Bombing of crematorium in Birkenau.
- 5.20 Punitive actions in the camps, public hangings.
- 5.38 Communism in the camp.
- 5.42 The Joint in Athens put him in Hachshara in preparation for aliya. Describes boat ride to Haifa. They were caught by the British army and taken to Atlit. He was 16 years old then and sent to chadera to study and work for one year. In 1948 he joined the navy.
- 5.55 Married when he was 19. Has 4 children and 11 grandchildren.

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