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Summary

Sioma Zubicky, born in Berlin, Germany in 1926 is interviewed in a Swedish Radio (Sveriges Radio) documentary about him [starting at 11 minutes 30 seconds of the tape and ending at 53 minutes]; Sioma's brother Victor was born in 1932; his father was born in St. Petersburg, Russia, served in the Russian Tsar's army fighting the Bolsheviks, was a wrestling champion in Russia and worked at a circus as a Cossack rider, trapeze artist and acrobat; his mother was born in Odessa and also worked at the circus; the family traveled around Europe, to the US and South Africa when Sioma was a child; they had several homes, one of them in Berlin, on Lothringerstrasse; age 7, Sioma started playing the xylophone and became a child prodigy, providing financially for his family at age 8; the family fled to Czechoslovakia in 1938; fled to France three days before beginning of World War II; arrived in Paris June 13, 1940; the French Nazi authorities gave them a working permit; they avoided getting registered as Jews and were hired by the entertainment section of the Nazi forces, which provided protection; the parents joined the communist resistance with a Russian friend, Harry; Sioma, his brother and mother were arrested by Gestapo on July 14, 1943 and his mother denied that they were part of the resistance but said they were Jews; his father was arrested by the French Gestapo and denied all charges; father fled from transport to a prison where he expected to be tortured, together with a French policeman who was in the resistance; father survived the war in the resistance in southern France and got several French medals; Sioma, his brother and mother were transported to Auschwitz; Sioma was separated from them on arrival and never saw his mother and brother again; Sioma's camp number was 146 021; two years later, when Sioma was 19, he was liberated by the Third Army in a satellite camp of Dachau; Sioma was married twice in Sweden; lived in Värmdö, Sweden with his first wife; worked as a journalist in Sweden; talked about his experiences in schools in Sweden.