

1
00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:59,550

2
00:00:59,550 --> 00:01:02,280
OK.

3
00:01:02,280 --> 00:01:04,019
From the Olympic
Village, did you

4
00:01:04,019 --> 00:01:06,990
ever travel around
or go into Berlin

5
00:01:06,990 --> 00:01:09,840
and have any
unusual experiences?

6
00:01:09,840 --> 00:01:10,440
Yes.

7
00:01:10,440 --> 00:01:13,770
There were opportunities to
go from the Olympic Village

8
00:01:13,770 --> 00:01:16,500
into the city of Berlin.

9
00:01:16,500 --> 00:01:18,780
Every 30 minutes,
there was a special bus

10
00:01:18,780 --> 00:01:22,290
arranged for the athletes
from different countries.

11
00:01:22,290 --> 00:01:27,390
I can recall one event when
Marty Glickman, a friend

12
00:01:27,390 --> 00:01:29,990

of mine from Syracuse
University, I

13
00:01:29,990 --> 00:01:33,030
had an opportunity to
go downtown together.

14
00:01:33,030 --> 00:01:37,530
And we went and we
went out on the road,

15
00:01:37,530 --> 00:01:41,070
ready to thumb a
ride into the town.

16
00:01:41,070 --> 00:01:54,420
And the way it worked out
was that a German Jeep

17
00:01:54,420 --> 00:02:02,850
or [MUMBLING] with sidecar,
came by and saw our thumbs

18
00:02:02,850 --> 00:02:05,230
out waiting for a ride.

19
00:02:05,230 --> 00:02:09,389
And so they stopped
and they invited us in.

20
00:02:09,389 --> 00:02:14,010
We went in, into their vehicle.

21
00:02:14,010 --> 00:02:17,880
And we moved along very rapidly.

22
00:02:17,880 --> 00:02:27,390
And at one point in the ride,
the German driver said to us,

23
00:02:27,390 --> 00:02:31,560
can I see your passport?

24

00:02:31,560 --> 00:02:33,510

Your autograph?

25

00:02:33,510 --> 00:02:38,280

And he said to me, can I see
your autograph, also in German.

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00:02:38,280 --> 00:02:41,220

And we had them with us.

27

00:02:41,220 --> 00:02:45,190

But we didn't think it was
their right to have them.

28

00:02:45,190 --> 00:02:56,100

And so I went beyond that,
and I said, tell me, did

29

00:02:56,100 --> 00:03:00,850

will Jackie Wilson, from
[YIDDISH],, from North America,

30

00:03:00,850 --> 00:03:03,690

[YIDDISH]?

31

00:03:03,690 --> 00:03:06,900

I was really speaking Yiddish.

32

00:03:06,900 --> 00:03:10,020

The word haynt meaning tonight.

33

00:03:10,020 --> 00:03:15,300

And instead of saying heute,
which is tonight in German,

34

00:03:15,300 --> 00:03:17,970

I said haynt.

35

00:03:17,970 --> 00:03:22,530

And so that aroused
their concern somewhat.

36

00:03:22,530 --> 00:03:28,420

And they asked us to stay over
on the side of the highway.

37

00:03:28,420 --> 00:03:31,350

They talked to us a
little bit, much of which

38

00:03:31,350 --> 00:03:33,120

we couldn't understand.

39

00:03:33,120 --> 00:03:37,740

But they asked for our
autographs in spite of the fact

40

00:03:37,740 --> 00:03:39,630

that they were
saying to themselves,

41

00:03:39,630 --> 00:03:41,970

these are two Jewish athletes.

42

00:03:41,970 --> 00:03:45,270

And we were dressed
in uniforms, so they

43

00:03:45,270 --> 00:03:49,680

knew what we were doing there.

44

00:03:49,680 --> 00:03:57,270

The opportunity for
knowledge of other country

45

00:03:57,270 --> 00:03:58,750

would be helpful to them.

46

00:03:58,750 --> 00:04:03,540

So they asked us
for our autographs.

47

00:04:03,540 --> 00:04:08,730

But being stopped on the

road, driving along with them

48

00:04:08,730 --> 00:04:16,920

and then being stopped to be
asked what your autograph, what

49

00:04:16,920 --> 00:04:25,350

your number was, and
then linking that

50

00:04:25,350 --> 00:04:31,710

to a request for an
autograph, was unusual.

51

00:04:31,710 --> 00:04:33,480

That did happen, yes.

52

00:04:33,480 --> 00:04:35,670

And was frightening.

53

00:04:35,670 --> 00:04:38,700

Did you, in going
into Berlin, did

54

00:04:38,700 --> 00:04:46,230

you notice any signs of Nazi
Germany and anti-Semitism?

55

00:04:46,230 --> 00:04:52,830

There were beginning
signs going up.

56

00:04:52,830 --> 00:04:55,530

There were workmen.

57

00:04:55,530 --> 00:04:58,710

Some men, some women in ladders.

58

00:04:58,710 --> 00:05:02,880

Climbing, three, four,
five step ladders.

59

00:05:02,880 --> 00:05:07,710
Taking down signs,
putting up signs.

60
00:05:07,710 --> 00:05:12,150
Identifying where they
did not want you to be.

61
00:05:12,150 --> 00:05:16,560
Where you were forbidden to go.

62
00:05:16,560 --> 00:05:18,860
We saw those quite often.

63
00:05:18,860 --> 00:05:19,800
As a Jew.

64
00:05:19,800 --> 00:05:22,650
That's right.

65
00:05:22,650 --> 00:05:25,410
What did the sign say?

66
00:05:25,410 --> 00:05:27,450
[NON-ENGLISH].

67
00:05:27,450 --> 00:05:35,370
Jews forbidden to
ride on this road.

68
00:05:35,370 --> 00:05:37,920
You know what, I think I
need you to restate this,

69
00:05:37,920 --> 00:05:39,480
because I interrupted you.

70
00:05:39,480 --> 00:05:42,030
And I need you to say it
as a complete thought,

71
00:05:42,030 --> 00:05:43,050

as if I'm not here.

72
00:05:43,050 --> 00:05:43,830
OK.

73
00:05:43,830 --> 00:05:47,760
So did you see indications
of anti-Semitism

74
00:05:47,760 --> 00:05:49,380
when you went into Berlin?

75
00:05:49,380 --> 00:05:50,304
Yes.

76
00:05:50,304 --> 00:05:52,620
There were some.

77
00:05:52,620 --> 00:05:53,370
There were what?

78
00:05:53,370 --> 00:05:54,270
I need the whole--

79
00:05:54,270 --> 00:06:01,630
There were two situation
which was very frightening.

80
00:06:01,630 --> 00:06:06,940
Marty Glickman and I were
on the highway we had--

81
00:06:06,940 --> 00:06:08,170
I don't need that story.

82
00:06:08,170 --> 00:06:08,890
I want the signs.

83
00:06:08,890 --> 00:06:11,350
Oh.

84

00:06:11,350 --> 00:06:22,240
We were in the bus and we
were asked for our autographs.

85
00:06:22,240 --> 00:06:24,070
We wondered why.

86
00:06:24,070 --> 00:06:28,510
And they were
beginning to understand

87
00:06:28,510 --> 00:06:36,180
when they saw my autograph,
Herman Goldberg, Yiddishah

88
00:06:36,180 --> 00:06:40,630
[? man ?], a Jewish man.

89
00:06:40,630 --> 00:06:44,320
That it was something
that they should

90
00:06:44,320 --> 00:06:46,120
have been more cautious
about, at least

91
00:06:46,120 --> 00:06:50,380
they were very scary
to us at the beginning.

92
00:06:50,380 --> 00:06:57,220
And we did our very best
to steer clear of them

93
00:06:57,220 --> 00:07:02,440
and we walked the last
mile or two into town.

94
00:07:02,440 --> 00:07:10,750
And I went to where I wanted
to go, to the Music Hall

95
00:07:10,750 --> 00:07:15,220

to hear the opera
Die Fledermaus.

96
00:07:15,220 --> 00:07:20,320
And Marty went to some event,
I can't recall what he went to.

97
00:07:20,320 --> 00:07:25,855
In Berlin itself, were there
signs of the Nazi regime?

98
00:07:25,855 --> 00:07:30,770

99
00:07:30,770 --> 00:07:31,670
No.

100
00:07:31,670 --> 00:07:32,450
There were not.

101
00:07:32,450 --> 00:07:38,690
They were being very
careful to keep those

102
00:07:38,690 --> 00:07:41,225
hidden from direct public view.

103
00:07:41,225 --> 00:07:44,750

104
00:07:44,750 --> 00:07:57,020
There were some evidences where
news people, news syndicated

105
00:07:57,020 --> 00:08:03,380
people, syndicate people, wanted
to see if there were troubles

106
00:08:03,380 --> 00:08:09,050
going on between Germany and
the United States because

107

00:08:09,050 --> 00:08:15,470
of the existence of Hebrews
on the American team.

108
00:08:15,470 --> 00:08:23,760
And it was clear to us that
they wanted those signs down.

109
00:08:23,760 --> 00:08:31,580
And so there were some ladders,
maybe four to six feet tall,

110
00:08:31,580 --> 00:08:34,370
that I noticed very carefully.

111
00:08:34,370 --> 00:08:41,150
And there were men and
women on that ladder core,

112
00:08:41,150 --> 00:08:44,450
directing whether
or not those people

113
00:08:44,450 --> 00:08:48,050
were going to stay
on that or were

114
00:08:48,050 --> 00:08:49,670
going to move away from it.

115
00:08:49,670 --> 00:08:52,940

116
00:08:52,940 --> 00:08:55,910
There was no smooth sailing.

117
00:08:55,910 --> 00:09:02,570
It was dreadful to think of
what might be coming ahead.

118
00:09:02,570 --> 00:09:06,680
You couldn't quite
tell everything.

119
00:09:06,680 --> 00:09:10,580
The preparation for
athletic events,

120
00:09:10,580 --> 00:09:12,810
the preparation
for musical events,

121
00:09:12,810 --> 00:09:17,540
et cetera, were all things
that were good things.

122
00:09:17,540 --> 00:09:21,020
And you couldn't
tell immediately

123
00:09:21,020 --> 00:09:30,890
that their anxiety over seeing
what they could do to Americans

124
00:09:30,890 --> 00:09:33,800
could be completed.

125
00:09:33,800 --> 00:09:36,890
Did you have any
other experiences

126
00:09:36,890 --> 00:09:42,690
where you were alarmed or
felt that there was danger

127
00:09:42,690 --> 00:09:49,370
or that this
anti-Semitism was rampant?

128
00:09:49,370 --> 00:09:54,350
Yes, there was one series of
events where I felt that the--

129
00:09:54,350 --> 00:09:59,780

130

00:09:59,780 --> 00:10:03,770

some news syndicates
in America were

131

00:10:03,770 --> 00:10:11,390

very anxious to get evidence
that things were not going well

132

00:10:11,390 --> 00:10:14,150

for American athletes.

133

00:10:14,150 --> 00:10:21,470

And that they would like to have
me, and then perhaps others,

134

00:10:21,470 --> 00:10:27,290

spread the story through
their syndicated news service.

135

00:10:27,290 --> 00:10:33,170

Spread the word
that things were not

136

00:10:33,170 --> 00:10:38,330

going to be good for American
athletes of Jewish background.

137

00:10:38,330 --> 00:10:42,500

138

00:10:42,500 --> 00:10:47,960

The possibility of manufacturing
such events when they really

139

00:10:47,960 --> 00:10:53,240

didn't exist was
presented by one person

140

00:10:53,240 --> 00:10:55,970

from an American news syndicate.

141

00:10:55,970 --> 00:11:03,020

It was the kind of situation
where my greatest hope

142
00:11:03,020 --> 00:11:09,020
would have been the ability
to just knock them out

143
00:11:09,020 --> 00:11:11,240
on the floor.

144
00:11:11,240 --> 00:11:14,930
And get them off the boat.

145
00:11:14,930 --> 00:11:20,810
He followed the boat
out into the river

146
00:11:20,810 --> 00:11:26,510
and then met the boat
80 miles from New York,

147
00:11:26,510 --> 00:11:30,500
checking on where could
he get it, where could he

148
00:11:30,500 --> 00:11:32,337
dig a good story?

149
00:11:32,337 --> 00:11:33,920
But there was no
foundation for that--

150
00:11:33,920 --> 00:11:36,740
But there was no foundation
for that, that's correct.

151
00:11:36,740 --> 00:11:39,470
Speaking of the boat ride
over, what was that like?

152
00:11:39,470 --> 00:11:40,820
Was it exciting?

153

00:11:40,820 --> 00:11:42,200

It was very exciting--

154

00:11:42,200 --> 00:11:43,820

Please say the the
boat ride over.

155

00:11:43,820 --> 00:11:44,960

Yes.

156

00:11:44,960 --> 00:11:48,500

The boat ride over
was very exciting.

157

00:11:48,500 --> 00:11:55,610

People were thinking about
Eleanor Holm Jarrett,

158

00:11:55,610 --> 00:12:02,000

wondering about the allegations
that she was drinking,

159

00:12:02,000 --> 00:12:05,930

using alcohol, using tobacco.

160

00:12:05,930 --> 00:12:11,780

There were statements
having to do with, I think,

161

00:12:11,780 --> 00:12:15,590

a reduction in the
credibility of some

162

00:12:15,590 --> 00:12:19,160

of the American
athletes was rampant.

163

00:12:19,160 --> 00:12:28,070

And it got cleared up, I think
after the thing was laid out

164

00:12:28,070 --> 00:12:31,580

on the table and was
forcefully presented.

165
00:12:31,580 --> 00:12:34,490
But what was special
about this boat ride over?

166
00:12:34,490 --> 00:12:37,250
What was happening?

167
00:12:37,250 --> 00:12:42,980
What was happening
was the athletes

168
00:12:42,980 --> 00:12:44,780
were not sitting around.

169
00:12:44,780 --> 00:12:47,960
They were in training.

170
00:12:47,960 --> 00:12:50,870
I was surprised.

171
00:12:50,870 --> 00:12:54,470
Jesse Owens, Marty
Glickman, Marty Stoller,

172
00:12:54,470 --> 00:12:58,160
a whole bunch of athletes,
running, jumping--

173
00:12:58,160 --> 00:13:00,620
I need you to say that over,
because you said Marty Stoller

174
00:13:00,620 --> 00:13:01,820
instead of Sam Stoller.

175
00:13:01,820 --> 00:13:02,660
Yes.

176
00:13:02,660 --> 00:13:05,660

So what was going
on on the boat?

177
00:13:05,660 --> 00:13:08,550
There was a great deal of
activity going on on the boat.

178
00:13:08,550 --> 00:13:11,760
They were practicing
in their events.

179
00:13:11,760 --> 00:13:12,890
They were movement.

180
00:13:12,890 --> 00:13:17,700
There was nobody sitting
around reading a book.

181
00:13:17,700 --> 00:13:21,620
They were trying hard to
keep their weight down,

182
00:13:21,620 --> 00:13:30,360
they worked very hard in
every aspect of self care.

183
00:13:30,360 --> 00:13:35,390
And it was important,
because these athletes

184
00:13:35,390 --> 00:13:41,540
needed to have that great
spirit, the great ability,

185
00:13:41,540 --> 00:13:49,420
the great bodily condition
in which to participate.

186
00:13:49,420 --> 00:13:52,580
And I think the
Americans had it.

187
00:13:52,580 --> 00:13:54,980

Was this an exciting
opportunity for you?

188
00:13:54,980 --> 00:14:00,050

It was an exciting opportunity
for me, for the first reason,

189
00:14:00,050 --> 00:14:02,450
Mickey Cochrane was aboard ship.

190
00:14:02,450 --> 00:14:08,300
And one wondered why would the
manager of the Detroit Tigers

191
00:14:08,300 --> 00:14:11,660
be on board ship?

192
00:14:11,660 --> 00:14:18,710
Well, all the anxiety
about it ended for me

193
00:14:18,710 --> 00:14:24,080
when I got word that I was
picked up by the Detroit Tigers

194
00:14:24,080 --> 00:14:30,140
to become a member of the
Detroit Tigers baseball team

195
00:14:30,140 --> 00:14:35,510
and to become a member
of that rookie staff.

196
00:14:35,510 --> 00:14:39,980
And then to play with that
team and to play with Buffalo

197
00:14:39,980 --> 00:14:42,500
in the International League.

198
00:14:42,500 --> 00:14:47,250
They were all very exciting
to have Major League managers

199
00:14:47,250 --> 00:14:48,770
talk to you.

200
00:14:48,770 --> 00:14:51,800
And who knows how much
they were watching

201
00:14:51,800 --> 00:14:54,110
and what notes they would take?

202
00:14:54,110 --> 00:14:54,990
Who knows?

203
00:14:54,990 --> 00:14:56,030
I don't know.

204
00:14:56,030 --> 00:14:59,570
But at any rate, it
was a great feeling

205
00:14:59,570 --> 00:15:07,880
that having important people
on board ship was present

206
00:15:07,880 --> 00:15:15,350
and they were taking plenty
of time to talk to athletes

207
00:15:15,350 --> 00:15:20,660
and to be with them
and to try to assess

208
00:15:20,660 --> 00:15:22,970
what they were really like.

209
00:15:22,970 --> 00:15:25,880
And I was lucky.

210
00:15:25,880 --> 00:15:30,605
I happened to hook on well
with the Detroit Tigers.

211
00:15:30,605 --> 00:15:33,620

212
00:15:33,620 --> 00:15:36,980
The games themselves.

213
00:15:36,980 --> 00:15:38,390
What was it like being there?

214
00:15:38,390 --> 00:15:40,960

215
00:15:40,960 --> 00:15:44,680
It was thrilling
in so many ways,

216
00:15:44,680 --> 00:15:49,270
because you looked out
on the playing area

217
00:15:49,270 --> 00:15:54,850
and you saw room
for 125,000 people.

218
00:15:54,850 --> 00:16:02,080
Not every event drew 125,000,
some drew fewer numbers

219
00:16:02,080 --> 00:16:03,520
than that.

220
00:16:03,520 --> 00:16:06,850
But however, it was
a very exciting thing

221
00:16:06,850 --> 00:16:10,660
to see that size crowd.

222
00:16:10,660 --> 00:16:19,240
Also to see a group playing a
game that they weren't used to.

223

00:16:19,240 --> 00:16:26,020

The foul lines were white
ribbon, four inches wide.

224

00:16:26,020 --> 00:16:33,340

And they didn't put plaster
of Paris or yellow white dirt

225

00:16:33,340 --> 00:16:34,847

down on the field.

226

00:16:34,847 --> 00:16:37,180

You know what, I think you've
explained that really well

227

00:16:37,180 --> 00:16:38,170

already.

228

00:16:38,170 --> 00:16:42,250

So I'm going to move on to
when you were in the stands.

229

00:16:42,250 --> 00:16:44,890

You can kind of tell me
about the atmosphere,

230

00:16:44,890 --> 00:16:50,590

if you saw Hitler, and the
sort of general ambience.

231

00:16:50,590 --> 00:16:56,500

In the stands, where I
sat next to Marty Glickman

232

00:16:56,500 --> 00:17:03,490

for several weeks while
events were going on,

233

00:17:03,490 --> 00:17:09,819

there were some things happening
that gave you some more

234

00:17:09,819 --> 00:17:11,800
idea of what was going on.

235

00:17:11,800 --> 00:17:16,750
Hitler did not stay
in the visible area

236

00:17:16,750 --> 00:17:23,290
of his private balcony when a
German athlete won an event.

237

00:17:23,290 --> 00:17:26,079
When a German
athlete won an event,

238

00:17:26,079 --> 00:17:31,930
he walked out on his little
balcony, he raised his hand,

239

00:17:31,930 --> 00:17:33,325
it was round of applause.

240

00:17:33,325 --> 00:17:36,280

241

00:17:36,280 --> 00:17:41,200
And then he went back in.

242

00:17:41,200 --> 00:17:46,720
When a Black athlete, perhaps
the Jewish athletes, too,

243

00:17:46,720 --> 00:17:50,200
there were very few of
us, I couldn't count.

244

00:17:50,200 --> 00:17:52,690
There wasn't time to count.

245

00:17:52,690 --> 00:17:55,630

246

00:17:55,630 --> 00:18:01,240

The Jewish athletes, and the
black athletes, especially,

247

00:18:01,240 --> 00:18:06,430

caused Hitler to turn
around and to walk out

248

00:18:06,430 --> 00:18:08,950

of his own private balcony.

249

00:18:08,950 --> 00:18:11,230

In other words, he
did not want to be

250

00:18:11,230 --> 00:18:23,830

seen praising a Black athlete
even in his own track and field

251

00:18:23,830 --> 00:18:25,330

area.

252

00:18:25,330 --> 00:18:28,090

He just didn't want to be seen.

253

00:18:28,090 --> 00:18:33,550

So what you're saying is,
explain this to me once more.

254

00:18:33,550 --> 00:18:35,950

You could see Hitler from
where you were sitting?

255

00:18:35,950 --> 00:18:37,810

From where I could
see Hitler, I could

256

00:18:37,810 --> 00:18:42,130

see Hitler every single day.

257

00:18:42,130 --> 00:18:47,950

I could see him every day

because his travels were mainly

258

00:18:47,950 --> 00:18:56,570
going from inside the balcony,
outside, some applause,

259

00:18:56,570 --> 00:19:02,810
for the German athlete, his hand
down when a Black athlete won

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00:19:02,810 --> 00:19:09,320
an event, and his reverse and
his walking out of his balcony

261

00:19:09,320 --> 00:19:13,940
when some other country
became the winner of an event.

262

00:19:13,940 --> 00:19:20,480
He did not demonstrate
the real feelings

263

00:19:20,480 --> 00:19:28,970
of Olympic history, Olympic
meaning, Olympic strength.

264

00:19:28,970 --> 00:19:31,290
He did not demonstrate
that at all.

265

00:19:31,290 --> 00:19:35,930
It was only what he could
gain out of his own team's

266

00:19:35,930 --> 00:19:37,940
participation.

267

00:19:37,940 --> 00:19:41,300
And so he didn't even
salute other white athletes?

268

00:19:41,300 --> 00:19:43,460
Basically just his own.

269
00:19:43,460 --> 00:19:46,310
He did not salute
white athletes.

270
00:19:46,310 --> 00:19:52,340
He stayed away from
any opportunity

271
00:19:52,340 --> 00:20:02,300
to applaud an athlete who won
an event who came from a country

272
00:20:02,300 --> 00:20:04,730
that he didn't like, perhaps.

273
00:20:04,730 --> 00:20:06,560
I can't describe
it in another way,

274
00:20:06,560 --> 00:20:14,990
but I would say it would be
accurate to say that he removed

275
00:20:14,990 --> 00:20:19,760
himself from his own
private balcony as often

276
00:20:19,760 --> 00:20:25,220
as he wanted to to
demonstrate his own feeling.

277
00:20:25,220 --> 00:20:30,060
And that's what I
saw all the time.

278
00:20:30,060 --> 00:20:36,830
Marty and I were very close to
the balcony, Hitler's balcony.

279
00:20:36,830 --> 00:20:39,530
We were not far away.

280

00:20:39,530 --> 00:20:44,600

We could see that happening,
his walking back and forth.

281

00:20:44,600 --> 00:20:49,880

What was it like seeing
Hitler up close like that?

282

00:20:49,880 --> 00:20:53,510

I was no more than
five feet away from him

283

00:20:53,510 --> 00:20:54,840

in the swimming meets.

284

00:20:54,840 --> 00:20:57,770

I went to the
swimming meets and I

285

00:20:57,770 --> 00:21:03,350

learned that Hitler went
to many of the events

286

00:21:03,350 --> 00:21:05,180

without prior notice.

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00:21:05,180 --> 00:21:08,135

For example,
wrestling, swimming.

288

00:21:08,135 --> 00:21:11,180

289

00:21:11,180 --> 00:21:14,690

Kinds of events that
didn't draw big crowds

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00:21:14,690 --> 00:21:16,850

and without prior notice.

291

00:21:16,850 --> 00:21:21,500

In other words, he didn't

call, on the phone,

292

00:21:21,500 --> 00:21:27,770
the committee connected
with a particular event.

293

00:21:27,770 --> 00:21:30,530
He would just arrive
there in his car,

294

00:21:30,530 --> 00:21:35,900
get out, follow his entourage,
get up in the stands,

295

00:21:35,900 --> 00:21:38,630
sit there for three,
four, or five minutes,

296

00:21:38,630 --> 00:21:41,870
get out, go on to the next one.

297

00:21:41,870 --> 00:21:43,520
That we saw very often.

298

00:21:43,520 --> 00:21:46,190

299

00:21:46,190 --> 00:21:49,610
There was nothing
that I can report

300

00:21:49,610 --> 00:21:54,320
that indicates that
someone in charge

301

00:21:54,320 --> 00:21:58,310
of an athletic event of
such great importance

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00:21:58,310 --> 00:22:00,560
would behave that way.

303

00:22:00,560 --> 00:22:02,270
I could sense that.

304
00:22:02,270 --> 00:22:04,410
Yes.

305
00:22:04,410 --> 00:22:08,220
Was there something
frightening about him,

306
00:22:08,220 --> 00:22:11,100
something awesome about him?

307
00:22:11,100 --> 00:22:12,480
Yes, because--

308
00:22:12,480 --> 00:22:14,920
I need you to say
the whole thought.

309
00:22:14,920 --> 00:22:16,590
Yes.

310
00:22:16,590 --> 00:22:23,550
I think there were some
frightening characteristics

311
00:22:23,550 --> 00:22:31,380
of that type of behavior,
because it was evident

312
00:22:31,380 --> 00:22:36,390
that he did not wish
to demonstrate fairness

313
00:22:36,390 --> 00:22:42,900
to athletes from several
different countries.

314
00:22:42,900 --> 00:22:52,650
He avoided the opportunity
to be even handed

315

00:22:52,650 --> 00:22:55,590

as often as possible,
which is one

316

00:22:55,590 --> 00:23:04,830

of the one of the
credos of the Olympiad,

317

00:23:04,830 --> 00:23:09,090

to be fair to all the
countries of the world.

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00:23:09,090 --> 00:23:16,320

Was there anything just
viscerally significant

319

00:23:16,320 --> 00:23:17,130

about his presence?

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00:23:17,130 --> 00:23:24,780

321

00:23:24,780 --> 00:23:29,250

Walking out onto the field,
he did that at the beginning,

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00:23:29,250 --> 00:23:30,630

walking out--

323

00:23:30,630 --> 00:23:31,950

Please say that again, sir.

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00:23:31,950 --> 00:23:34,440

Walking out into
the field, Hitler.

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00:23:34,440 --> 00:23:37,260

When Hitler was walking
out onto the field,

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00:23:37,260 --> 00:23:41,220

and that happened several times,

it was very, very difficult

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00:23:41,220 --> 00:23:46,920
to understand how
he could possibly

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00:23:46,920 --> 00:23:51,970
behave one way in the stands,
another way on the field,

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00:23:51,970 --> 00:23:57,480
another way to the press,
another way to perhaps

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00:23:57,480 --> 00:24:00,585
his own political leadership.

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00:24:00,585 --> 00:24:04,260
It was very difficult
to understand that.

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00:24:04,260 --> 00:24:10,070
Because the work
of the Olympiad is

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00:24:10,070 --> 00:24:15,250
entirely different than
being angry at other people.

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00:24:15,250 --> 00:24:16,650
It's being friendly.

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00:24:16,650 --> 00:24:23,360
It's being-- togetherness,
trying to work together,

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00:24:23,360 --> 00:24:26,810
trying to understand each
other from different parts

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00:24:26,810 --> 00:24:28,550
of the world.

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00:24:28,550 --> 00:24:30,720

Did he have a
commanding presence?

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00:24:30,720 --> 00:24:31,220

What is it?

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00:24:31,220 --> 00:24:35,810

Did Hitler have a
commanding presence?

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00:24:35,810 --> 00:24:39,290

Hitler had a very
commanding presence.

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00:24:39,290 --> 00:24:44,900

Never strong enough
to present it

343

00:24:44,900 --> 00:24:50,600

solo, but always
second or third line

344

00:24:50,600 --> 00:24:55,610

with other protective units
around him all the time.

345

00:24:55,610 --> 00:24:59,990

Never walking into a
situation by himself,

346

00:24:59,990 --> 00:25:04,610

but at least Goebbels
and many of the others,

347

00:25:04,610 --> 00:25:10,610

10, 12 people
surrounding, walking

348

00:25:10,610 --> 00:25:14,510

in a way that would
give you fright.

349

00:25:14,510 --> 00:25:17,220

And the audience
went wild for him?

350

00:25:17,220 --> 00:25:20,720

351

00:25:20,720 --> 00:25:23,060

When he entered the
stadium, what happened?

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00:25:23,060 --> 00:25:25,220

When he entered the stadium?

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00:25:25,220 --> 00:25:28,910

When Hitler entered the stadium,
there was great applause.

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00:25:28,910 --> 00:25:36,710

There was a tremendous
attempt for his own citizens,

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00:25:36,710 --> 00:25:45,350

his German participants,
his German spectators,

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00:25:45,350 --> 00:25:50,180

to applaud his presence.

357

00:25:50,180 --> 00:25:52,100

Yes, that's true.

358

00:25:52,100 --> 00:25:55,700

And they felt that
he was the producer

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00:25:55,700 --> 00:26:01,340

of this grand spectacle,
this grand spectacle,

360

00:26:01,340 --> 00:26:06,830

to make it possible for

the rest of the world

361
00:26:06,830 --> 00:26:08,495
to be waiting and watching.

362
00:26:08,495 --> 00:26:11,210

363
00:26:11,210 --> 00:26:16,100
What was going on in Hitler,
in Germany, at this place.

364
00:26:16,100 --> 00:26:21,680

365
00:26:21,680 --> 00:26:23,540
I want to just ask
you a question,

366
00:26:23,540 --> 00:26:25,880
again, about your
role over there,

367
00:26:25,880 --> 00:26:29,630
because I know that in Berlin,
you played exhibition games.

368
00:26:29,630 --> 00:26:33,110
And after that, you did what?

369
00:26:33,110 --> 00:26:36,020
After we played an
exhibition game,

370
00:26:36,020 --> 00:26:41,750
we assigned a
series of locations

371
00:26:41,750 --> 00:26:47,720
where the 28 of us on
the Olympic baseball team

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00:26:47,720 --> 00:26:51,980
were divided into
squads and working

373
00:26:51,980 --> 00:27:00,470
with local physical education
teachers and leaders

374
00:27:00,470 --> 00:27:09,230
to teach baseball to clubs,
to teams, not to fight them

375
00:27:09,230 --> 00:27:13,880
against their great
desire to play soccer,

376
00:27:13,880 --> 00:27:16,880
but to teach them that
there was another sport

377
00:27:16,880 --> 00:27:20,750
and that the rest of the
world was waiting for them

378
00:27:20,750 --> 00:27:23,870
to come in to baseball.

379
00:27:23,870 --> 00:27:26,360
Did you play exhibition
games in these locations?

380
00:27:26,360 --> 00:27:29,300
We played exhibition
games throughout Germany.

381
00:27:29,300 --> 00:27:30,080
Yes.

382
00:27:30,080 --> 00:27:34,640
Did you ever experience
any Jewish sentiment

383
00:27:34,640 --> 00:27:37,280

while you were doing this?

384
00:27:37,280 --> 00:27:40,790
None whatsoever.

385
00:27:40,790 --> 00:27:41,900
None on my part.

386
00:27:41,900 --> 00:27:51,140
The only anti-Semitic feeling
that I had slight touch from

387
00:27:51,140 --> 00:28:03,823
had to do with the
newspaper syndicated people.

388
00:28:03,823 --> 00:28:06,240
You explained that, so you
don't have to go through that--

389
00:28:06,240 --> 00:28:09,060
Who wanted to
manufacture a story.

390
00:28:09,060 --> 00:28:10,220
Right.

391
00:28:10,220 --> 00:28:12,570
I'm going to change the tape.

392
00:28:12,570 --> 00:28:13,360
How are you doing?

393
00:28:13,360 --> 00:28:13,860
Are you OK?

394
00:28:13,860 --> 00:28:14,580
Yeah.

395
00:28:14,580 --> 00:28:16,790
Am I wearing you out?

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00:28:16,790 --> 00:30:15,360