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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:32,640

2
00:00:32,640 --> 00:00:35,640
All right.

3
00:00:35,640 --> 00:00:42,630
In those days, Jewish
prisoners could

4
00:00:42,630 --> 00:00:49,740
get released if they could prove
they would be able to leave

5
00:00:49,740 --> 00:00:53,610
the country, Germany.

6
00:00:53,610 --> 00:01:02,460
And the problem was to
have the possibility

7
00:01:02,460 --> 00:01:04,454
to go to some other country.

8
00:01:04,454 --> 00:01:09,630

9
00:01:09,630 --> 00:01:14,250
Well, my relatives who
were on the outside,

10
00:01:14,250 --> 00:01:22,490
they managed to secure a
visa for me for Shanghai,

11
00:01:22,490 --> 00:01:25,700
so I had the chance
to be released.

12
00:01:25,700 --> 00:01:27,890
But it took time.

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00:01:27,890 --> 00:01:39,890

To get this process going, i
Had to sign papers, mail them

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00:01:39,890 --> 00:01:45,050

back home to my
parents, and also get

15

00:01:45,050 --> 00:01:51,090

a picture taken for
a visa or whatever.

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00:01:51,090 --> 00:01:56,470

And when they took you
to the photographer

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00:01:56,470 --> 00:02:07,520

in the facility in
Dachau, well, the chair

18

00:02:07,520 --> 00:02:14,310

that you were to
sit on had a needle

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00:02:14,310 --> 00:02:20,460

inserted in the seat which
the SS men the photographer

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00:02:20,460 --> 00:02:30,770

could raise by remote control,
sticking into the buttock.

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00:02:30,770 --> 00:02:35,370

And the picture would
come out grotesque.

22

00:02:35,370 --> 00:02:40,340

But I was always very
alert and I had noticed

23

00:02:40,340 --> 00:02:44,230

immediately the situation.

24
00:02:44,230 --> 00:02:46,180
I didn't sit straight.

25
00:02:46,180 --> 00:02:51,430
I raised myself a little
bit and I did not get--

26
00:02:51,430 --> 00:02:55,220
Even so, my picture
looks terrible.

27
00:02:55,220 --> 00:02:56,530
I mean, I have it.

28
00:02:56,530 --> 00:03:01,680

29
00:03:01,680 --> 00:03:13,320
Anyway, when I was arrested back
in Vienna, when I was beaten up

30
00:03:13,320 --> 00:03:17,100
at the police station
in the train station,

31
00:03:17,100 --> 00:03:25,470
my face was swollen and
black, had black marks on it

32
00:03:25,470 --> 00:03:28,480
under my eyes.

33
00:03:28,480 --> 00:03:31,410
I couldn't take
my picture for, I

34
00:03:31,410 --> 00:03:36,090
don't know, for several months
before all that had cleared up.

35
00:03:36,090 --> 00:03:41,500

36

00:03:41,500 --> 00:03:43,280

Well, that's one story.

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00:03:43,280 --> 00:03:53,730

Another story is
that the food we got

38

00:03:53,730 --> 00:04:03,060

was, oh, quite a bit of
herring, barrels of herring

39

00:04:03,060 --> 00:04:06,300

came from Holland, we were told.

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00:04:06,300 --> 00:04:11,460

Somebody in Holland donated it.

41

00:04:11,460 --> 00:04:17,100

Many of the men couldn't stand
to eat the salty herring.

42

00:04:17,100 --> 00:04:22,980

They preferred to eat just
the bread that we got.

43

00:04:22,980 --> 00:04:24,630

The bread was terrible.

44

00:04:24,630 --> 00:04:28,990

45

00:04:28,990 --> 00:04:37,060

And it appear that it had a lot
of sawdust mixed in, of course.

46

00:04:37,060 --> 00:04:41,890

But I ate the herring, and
I think that helped me.

47

00:04:41,890 --> 00:04:48,790

Herring had more nutrition
than anything else we got,

48
00:04:48,790 --> 00:04:52,825
so I frequently swapped
my bread for herring.

49
00:04:52,825 --> 00:04:57,380

50
00:04:57,380 --> 00:05:06,150
Another item we got was some
kind of soup made with tapioca.

51
00:05:06,150 --> 00:05:10,460

52
00:05:10,460 --> 00:05:19,000
And when some higher officials
came to inspect the camp site,

53
00:05:19,000 --> 00:05:23,530
we got some better meals
with some kind of meet

54
00:05:23,530 --> 00:05:27,280
in the soup, tripe or whatever.

55
00:05:27,280 --> 00:05:29,185
We don't know what.

56
00:05:29,185 --> 00:05:36,280
Once we saw a horse-drawn
wagon come into the camp

57
00:05:36,280 --> 00:05:41,290
and we never saw that horse
and wagon leave the camp so

58
00:05:41,290 --> 00:05:45,400
we assumed the horse
wound up in our soup.

59

00:05:45,400 --> 00:05:46,555

Could be, who knows?

60

00:05:46,555 --> 00:05:52,220

61

00:05:52,220 --> 00:05:56,765

Also, we always got some tea.

62

00:05:56,765 --> 00:05:59,300

63

00:05:59,300 --> 00:06:06,210

The tea was made from
some herbs, herbal tea.

64

00:06:06,210 --> 00:06:11,760

And those who knew about
it among the prisoners

65

00:06:11,760 --> 00:06:13,890

said it contained
a lot of bromide

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00:06:13,890 --> 00:06:18,580

and it will cause us in
later years some problems.

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00:06:18,580 --> 00:06:19,770

I forgot what.

68

00:06:19,770 --> 00:06:23,355

I think prostate problems.

69

00:06:23,355 --> 00:06:28,940

70

00:06:28,940 --> 00:06:39,470

Well, the food was
carried in big containers,

71

00:06:39,470 --> 00:06:47,900
in big cans, heavy cans.

72
00:06:47,900 --> 00:06:55,340
And there was always a detail
who had to run to the kitchen

73
00:06:55,340 --> 00:07:00,860
and pick up the containers
and then the empty containers

74
00:07:00,860 --> 00:07:01,700
take them back.

75
00:07:01,700 --> 00:07:05,480
And occasionally I had
to be on that detail too.

76
00:07:05,480 --> 00:07:08,010

77
00:07:08,010 --> 00:07:12,410
I'm short, and there
were two handles

78
00:07:12,410 --> 00:07:17,060
on each side and
two men carried one

79
00:07:17,060 --> 00:07:20,090
of these big heavy containers.

80
00:07:20,090 --> 00:07:27,380
One grabbed one handle and
the other the other handle.

81
00:07:27,380 --> 00:07:32,480
And I am short, and if I
wound up with a tall fellow

82
00:07:32,480 --> 00:07:36,305
most of the weight
was on me to carry.

83
00:07:36,305 --> 00:07:39,160

84
00:07:39,160 --> 00:07:41,110
And when we came
into the kitchen,

85
00:07:41,110 --> 00:07:50,120
the SS men there played tricks
and they turned water hoses

86
00:07:50,120 --> 00:07:56,170
on us, cold water hoses,
and got us soaking wet

87
00:07:56,170 --> 00:08:02,500
and made us run and
spilled things and got

88
00:08:02,500 --> 00:08:04,050
punished for that and so.

89
00:08:04,050 --> 00:08:15,630

90
00:08:15,630 --> 00:08:19,530
In my group that was
a Orthodox rabbi.

91
00:08:19,530 --> 00:08:22,170

92
00:08:22,170 --> 00:08:26,020
He was very religious.

93
00:08:26,020 --> 00:08:35,980
He wanted to have prayer
meetings every morning

94
00:08:35,980 --> 00:08:42,220
and every evening according to

our Jewish Orthodox tradition.

95

00:08:42,220 --> 00:08:49,200

And in this Orthodox
Jewish religion

96

00:08:49,200 --> 00:08:51,150

it's required for
a prayer meeting

97

00:08:51,150 --> 00:08:58,230

there's a number of 10 men, so
he always looks for volunteers.

98

00:08:58,230 --> 00:09:05,520

It was not permitted to have
prayer meetings going on,

99

00:09:05,520 --> 00:09:09,870

but he was taking
a chance, a risk.

100

00:09:09,870 --> 00:09:11,260

And I volunteered.

101

00:09:11,260 --> 00:09:13,940

I was always a
faithful volunteer.

102

00:09:13,940 --> 00:09:17,280

103

00:09:17,280 --> 00:09:22,800

I was not that
religious, but just the

104

00:09:22,800 --> 00:09:29,120

suggest to this rabbi I
always helped him out.

105

00:09:29,120 --> 00:09:31,920

106

00:09:31,920 --> 00:09:40,530

And when he was released, he
wrote a card to my father,

107

00:09:40,530 --> 00:09:51,850

I still have it, thanking
me for helping him out.

108

00:09:51,850 --> 00:09:55,450

And this Orthodox man
never ate anything

109

00:09:55,450 --> 00:10:07,990

that is any kind of food that
appeared to be not kosher.

110

00:10:07,990 --> 00:10:10,090

Nothing was really
kosher, but anything

111

00:10:10,090 --> 00:10:11,920

containing meat he would avoid.

112

00:10:11,920 --> 00:10:16,240

113

00:10:16,240 --> 00:10:19,590

Well, we didn't get too
much of meat anyway.

114

00:10:19,590 --> 00:10:22,420

115

00:10:22,420 --> 00:10:24,090

What else should I tell you?

116

00:10:24,090 --> 00:10:33,700

117

00:10:33,700 --> 00:10:39,715

I think I started to
talk about the days

118
00:10:39,715 --> 00:10:44,260
we were marched into a
quarry to dig ditches.

119
00:10:44,260 --> 00:10:49,600
And it was hard work
and a very scary.

120
00:10:49,600 --> 00:10:58,660
And we removed our jackets
and we and later next to us.

121
00:10:58,660 --> 00:11:03,900
And as we kept
digging and moved on,

122
00:11:03,900 --> 00:11:09,120
we had to remember to
move our jackets along.

123
00:11:09,120 --> 00:11:16,060
If we didn't do that,
if somebody forgot

124
00:11:16,060 --> 00:11:20,020
and run back to get the
jacket, he got killed, shot.

125
00:11:20,020 --> 00:11:23,230
He was not supposed to run back.

126
00:11:23,230 --> 00:11:27,910
So we had to be on
the alert, remember

127
00:11:27,910 --> 00:11:36,710
to move your jacket with
you as you moved on digging.

128
00:11:36,710 --> 00:11:45,415
And they had some vicious
dogs in his quarry.

129
00:11:45,415 --> 00:11:48,780

130
00:11:48,780 --> 00:11:56,790
If any man started to run away,
the dogs were sent after them.

131
00:11:56,790 --> 00:11:58,980
And the dogs were
trained to attack

132
00:11:58,980 --> 00:12:01,620
the men by the testicles,
by the genitals.

133
00:12:01,620 --> 00:12:05,070

134
00:12:05,070 --> 00:12:13,600
Well, of course I
never saw that happen,

135
00:12:13,600 --> 00:12:16,720
but I'm sure that happened.

136
00:12:16,720 --> 00:12:23,830
And the dogs were black
dogs with constantly

137
00:12:23,830 --> 00:12:33,900
growling and barking and had
a dark red mouth and fangs.

138
00:12:33,900 --> 00:12:41,710

139
00:12:41,710 --> 00:12:45,010
I'm sure a number
of these prisoners,

140
00:12:45,010 --> 00:12:48,640

not just Jewish but other
kind of Aryan prisoners,

141
00:12:48,640 --> 00:12:55,190
got attacked by these
dogs and badly mauled.

142
00:12:55,190 --> 00:13:06,800
And once when I was
in the infirmary,

143
00:13:06,800 --> 00:13:09,380
they had the hospital
room there too.

144
00:13:09,380 --> 00:13:16,820
And once when I came in I
saw a man lying on the table.

145
00:13:16,820 --> 00:13:27,620
He was completely pale and
also completely undressed.

146
00:13:27,620 --> 00:13:34,700
And he had no genitals.

147
00:13:34,700 --> 00:13:37,040
They were missing.

148
00:13:37,040 --> 00:13:43,010
There must have been a small
hole for urinating left,

149
00:13:43,010 --> 00:13:46,880
but I couldn't figure
out first whether it

150
00:13:46,880 --> 00:13:49,830
was a woman or a man,
but I found later

151
00:13:49,830 --> 00:13:55,640
it was a man that was castrated.

152
00:13:55,640 --> 00:14:00,910
He didn't even have the
pubic hair in that area.

153
00:14:00,910 --> 00:14:03,440

154
00:14:03,440 --> 00:14:04,250
He looked terrible.

155
00:14:04,250 --> 00:14:07,970

156
00:14:07,970 --> 00:14:12,667
You were not permitted to
look and stare at anything,

157
00:14:12,667 --> 00:14:13,875
otherwise you can't punished.

158
00:14:13,875 --> 00:14:17,040

159
00:14:17,040 --> 00:14:31,770
One of these barracks was used
for conducting some research

160
00:14:31,770 --> 00:14:32,270
on--

161
00:14:32,270 --> 00:14:35,960

162
00:14:35,960 --> 00:14:42,120
One of these SS men did
some medical experiments.

163
00:14:42,120 --> 00:14:47,160
And occasionally we were
called out to appear there

164

00:14:47,160 --> 00:14:57,090
and to be questioned and
looked at for medical purposes.

165

00:14:57,090 --> 00:15:00,380
I was also one they
picked out because

166

00:15:00,380 --> 00:15:02,735
of the form of my skull.

167

00:15:02,735 --> 00:15:06,440

168

00:15:06,440 --> 00:15:10,880
Apparently this one
scientist, this SS man,

169

00:15:10,880 --> 00:15:13,280
he collected skulls.

170

00:15:13,280 --> 00:15:19,640
And if he saw some
interesting skulls,

171

00:15:19,640 --> 00:15:22,340
the prisoner was
earmarked, apparently.

172

00:15:22,340 --> 00:15:29,030
I was one of them,
I came in there

173

00:15:29,030 --> 00:15:32,390
and they took my
measurements and so on

174

00:15:32,390 --> 00:15:37,760
and everything was recorded but
I never heard again from them.

175

00:15:37,760 --> 00:15:42,380

But it didn't scare me.

176

00:15:42,380 --> 00:15:50,390

I was even glad to have a few
minutes of being indoors out

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00:15:50,390 --> 00:15:52,480

of the cold.

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00:15:52,480 --> 00:15:59,060

And I enjoyed what time
it took to be indoors out

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00:15:59,060 --> 00:16:01,220

of the cold in a
nice, warm room.

180

00:16:01,220 --> 00:16:04,570

181

00:16:04,570 --> 00:16:19,600

Well, why don't you ask
me some questions now?

182

00:16:19,600 --> 00:16:20,100

OK.

183

00:16:20,100 --> 00:16:24,790

184

00:16:24,790 --> 00:16:29,490

Going back to when you
were picked up and jailed.

185

00:16:29,490 --> 00:16:32,002

186

00:16:32,002 --> 00:16:33,960

You were in just one
building or they moved you

187

00:16:33,960 --> 00:16:35,850

to another building?

188

00:16:35,850 --> 00:16:39,750

We were moved from one
police station to another,

189

00:16:39,750 --> 00:16:43,110

one time into I
think it was a school

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00:16:43,110 --> 00:16:47,467

building in a gymnasium where
we were crowded in, pressed.

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00:16:47,467 --> 00:16:50,714

192

00:16:50,714 --> 00:16:56,520

We couldn't even sit down on the
floor, that tight like really

193

00:16:56,520 --> 00:17:00,210

tight packed like sardines.

194

00:17:00,210 --> 00:17:02,100

Do you remember
where you were held?

195

00:17:02,100 --> 00:17:02,760

What?

196

00:17:02,760 --> 00:17:05,910

Do you remember the name of
the places where you were held?

197

00:17:05,910 --> 00:17:06,630

No.

198

00:17:06,630 --> 00:17:08,579

It was a local police stations.

199

00:17:08,579 --> 00:17:14,530

I know the first one was
[GERMAN] near where I lived.

200
00:17:14,530 --> 00:17:16,400
And then I don't know.

201
00:17:16,400 --> 00:17:19,020
They didn't have any--

202
00:17:19,020 --> 00:17:21,990
The main police station,
whatever they called it.

203
00:17:21,990 --> 00:17:25,660
Central police
station in Vienna.

204
00:17:25,660 --> 00:17:27,750
How long were you held
in these police stations

205
00:17:27,750 --> 00:17:29,550
before they put you
on the transport?

206
00:17:29,550 --> 00:17:32,370

207
00:17:32,370 --> 00:17:37,380
It must have been 20 hours.

208
00:17:37,380 --> 00:17:40,665
I think one night
I spent overnight

209
00:17:40,665 --> 00:17:44,610
in this police station.

210
00:17:44,610 --> 00:17:49,720
It is not very clear in my
memory some of the details.

211

00:17:49,720 --> 00:17:58,680

Strange as it is, but many
things I simply forgot.

212

00:17:58,680 --> 00:18:11,460

When I was released, I was
put on the train in Munich

213

00:18:11,460 --> 00:18:14,690

for a train to Vienna.

214

00:18:14,690 --> 00:18:22,270

It completely escaped my memory
who met me at the train station

215

00:18:22,270 --> 00:18:22,900

in Vienna.

216

00:18:22,900 --> 00:18:26,140

How did I get from the train
station back to my home?

217

00:18:26,140 --> 00:18:27,760

I don't remember that.

218

00:18:27,760 --> 00:18:32,540

Whether I walked or somebody
met me there, I don't remember.

219

00:18:32,540 --> 00:18:35,390

How did you get enough money to
take the train back to Vienna?

220

00:18:35,390 --> 00:18:37,750

They paid for it.

221

00:18:37,750 --> 00:18:39,250

Did they give you
any money for food

222

00:18:39,250 --> 00:18:40,820

or any food for the journey?

223

00:18:40,820 --> 00:18:41,320

No.

224

00:18:41,320 --> 00:18:46,580

225

00:18:46,580 --> 00:18:51,800

It couldn't have been a very
long ride, maybe a day's

226

00:18:51,800 --> 00:18:55,430

ride from Munich to Vienna.

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00:18:55,430 --> 00:19:05,490

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00:19:05,490 --> 00:19:10,470

When I tell people this
story about my imprisonment

229

00:19:10,470 --> 00:19:19,130

in Dachau, invariably if they
listen to me the first question

230

00:19:19,130 --> 00:19:22,190

is, how did you get out?

231

00:19:22,190 --> 00:19:25,330

Well, I told you at that
time they still let you out

232

00:19:25,330 --> 00:19:30,280

if you could prove you
could leave the country.

233

00:19:30,280 --> 00:19:36,630

And we Jews were
fortunate compared

234

00:19:36,630 --> 00:19:37,890

to the Aryan prisoners.

235

00:19:37,890 --> 00:19:41,310

And some of the Aryan
prisoners envied us,

236

00:19:41,310 --> 00:19:46,800

they wished they were Jews
because the Aryan prisoners,

237

00:19:46,800 --> 00:19:50,430

some of them, had absolutely
no chance to get out

238

00:19:50,430 --> 00:19:53,730

of a concentration camp.

239

00:19:53,730 --> 00:19:57,270

They were not permitted,
they didn't have the choice

240

00:19:57,270 --> 00:19:59,510

to leave the country.

241

00:19:59,510 --> 00:20:04,130

And I know I met
Aryan prisoners who

242

00:20:04,130 --> 00:20:09,490

wished there were Jewish,
strange as it sounds.

243

00:20:09,490 --> 00:20:14,690

And also I told you they
ask me, how did I get out?

244

00:20:14,690 --> 00:20:18,430

Well, I was able to get out.

245

00:20:18,430 --> 00:20:26,470

People apparently expect to hear
some heroic story that escaped,

246

00:20:26,470 --> 00:20:28,600

I killed some
guards or whatever.

247
00:20:28,600 --> 00:20:31,400
No, that wasn't like that.

248
00:20:31,400 --> 00:20:35,510
When they released
us from camp, when

249
00:20:35,510 --> 00:20:41,390
my time came from and together
with others, we were warned,

250
00:20:41,390 --> 00:20:43,940
you are going to
leave that camp,

251
00:20:43,940 --> 00:20:47,510
but do not talk about
your experience in camp.

252
00:20:47,510 --> 00:20:50,060
And the minute
you talk about it,

253
00:20:50,060 --> 00:20:53,300
you will be arrested
and taken back.

254
00:20:53,300 --> 00:20:57,560
Anyway, they said,
nobody will believe you

255
00:20:57,560 --> 00:21:01,580
if you tell them
all the stories.

256
00:21:01,580 --> 00:21:04,160
And it was so true.

257
00:21:04,160 --> 00:21:05,750
They knew it.

258
00:21:05,750 --> 00:21:08,870
Frequently when I told
people about my experience

259
00:21:08,870 --> 00:21:12,740
they didn't believe it when
I came to the United States

260
00:21:12,740 --> 00:21:15,470
and so on.

261
00:21:15,470 --> 00:21:26,470
Also, when I left Europe I
came for the United States

262
00:21:26,470 --> 00:21:35,430
eventually, I went to--

263
00:21:35,430 --> 00:21:43,220
When I left after release
from concentration camp,

264
00:21:43,220 --> 00:21:48,200
a left Vienna for
London, where I

265
00:21:48,200 --> 00:21:54,830
waited several months for my
American visa to come through.

266
00:21:54,830 --> 00:22:03,870
And I got to London
in May of 1939

267
00:22:03,870 --> 00:22:08,295
and I got my visa in
late August of '39.

268
00:22:08,295 --> 00:22:10,860

269

00:22:10,860 --> 00:22:21,720
And the war in Europe broke
out on September 3, 1939,

270
00:22:21,720 --> 00:22:27,840
when Britain declared war on
Germany after Germany invaded

271
00:22:27,840 --> 00:22:30,490
Poland.

272
00:22:30,490 --> 00:22:42,060
And I was able to get
a booking on a ship

273
00:22:42,060 --> 00:22:46,650
to leave for the United States.

274
00:22:46,650 --> 00:22:48,660
The war had already started.

275
00:22:48,660 --> 00:22:59,110
When I came to claim my
ticket at this travel agency,

276
00:22:59,110 --> 00:23:06,560
they told me somebody got
ahead of me and got my space.

277
00:23:06,560 --> 00:23:11,030
So they told me
they will try to get

278
00:23:11,030 --> 00:23:14,360
me another ticket
for another boat.

279
00:23:14,360 --> 00:23:18,380
This ship that I was
supposed to be on

280
00:23:18,380 --> 00:23:24,290
was the first one that got sunk

in the war, first passenger

281
00:23:24,290 --> 00:23:26,140
ship.

282
00:23:26,140 --> 00:23:31,030
And the people in
the United States

283
00:23:31,030 --> 00:23:34,980
who had helped me to come
to the United States,

284
00:23:34,980 --> 00:23:40,510
they thought I was on that
ship and I would never come.

285
00:23:40,510 --> 00:23:45,370
But I was able to get a booking
on another ship, and I left.

286
00:23:45,370 --> 00:23:53,420
I came to the United States
on September 16, 1939.

287
00:23:53,420 --> 00:24:01,870
So I was lucky
that I didn't get--

288
00:24:01,870 --> 00:24:06,290
that somebody took my
space on that ship.

289
00:24:06,290 --> 00:24:11,200
I forgot the name of the
ship, but I have in my record

290
00:24:11,200 --> 00:24:13,570
the name of the ship
that it came on.

291
00:24:13,570 --> 00:24:15,870
I must have it, I'm sure.

292
00:24:15,870 --> 00:24:23,750

293
00:24:23,750 --> 00:24:31,680
And when I was in
the United States

294
00:24:31,680 --> 00:24:36,960
only three years,
not yet a citizen--

295
00:24:36,960 --> 00:24:42,990
it took five years to
apply for citizenship--

296
00:24:42,990 --> 00:24:48,270
and I got drafted
into the American Army

297
00:24:48,270 --> 00:24:59,370
and got my basic training
and was sent back to Europe.

298
00:24:59,370 --> 00:25:05,670
And at one time, it was
already after the shooting war,

299
00:25:05,670 --> 00:25:09,130
I was with the American
Army near Munich.

300
00:25:09,130 --> 00:25:14,760
And I managed to get a
Jeep and drive to Dachau.

301
00:25:14,760 --> 00:25:19,160
I wanted to go back to see it.

302
00:25:19,160 --> 00:25:22,690
When I came back
to Dachau, first I

303

00:25:22,690 --> 00:25:25,690

couldn't get out
when I was an inmate,

304

00:25:25,690 --> 00:25:29,410

but this time I want to go
in and I couldn't because

305

00:25:29,410 --> 00:25:33,385

of the typhus epidemic
and they didn't let me.

306

00:25:33,385 --> 00:25:36,100

307

00:25:36,100 --> 00:25:41,440

But I talked to some of
the local people in Dachau

308

00:25:41,440 --> 00:25:42,730

that I met on the street.

309

00:25:42,730 --> 00:25:46,540

And I asked them what
they knew about it

310

00:25:46,540 --> 00:25:48,700

and everyone denied it.

311

00:25:48,700 --> 00:25:51,820

They said they had no
idea what was going on

312

00:25:51,820 --> 00:25:52,810

throughout the years.

313

00:25:52,810 --> 00:25:57,680

And yet they lived
right outside the camp.

314

00:25:57,680 --> 00:26:01,310

They must have known it.

315
00:26:01,310 --> 00:26:05,290
Well, another thing
that I remember.

316
00:26:05,290 --> 00:26:10,120
When we had to stand
for hours on camp ground

317
00:26:10,120 --> 00:26:14,890
to be counted in
the cold weather,

318
00:26:14,890 --> 00:26:22,160
sometimes I found pleasure
just to see a nice sunset.

319
00:26:22,160 --> 00:26:33,980
Or at one time I heard a flock
of geese or cranes flying,

320
00:26:33,980 --> 00:26:38,180
you know noisy flying over.

321
00:26:38,180 --> 00:26:40,340
And I remember that.

322
00:26:40,340 --> 00:26:43,950

323
00:26:43,950 --> 00:26:47,910
There was this
well-known German poet,

324
00:26:47,910 --> 00:26:54,690
a classic, Friedrich Schiller,
and he wrote a ballad.

325
00:26:54,690 --> 00:26:59,750

326
00:26:59,750 --> 00:27:09,260

In Germany it's called [GERMAN]
"The Cranes of Ibycus."

327
00:27:09,260 --> 00:27:14,470
It's a story of a Greek
by the name of Ibycus

328
00:27:14,470 --> 00:27:22,320
who was a poet and a songwriter.

329
00:27:22,320 --> 00:27:29,040
And he was on the way to
the festivals at Corinth.

330
00:27:29,040 --> 00:27:37,500
And on his way there, he was
waylaid by a couple of thugs

331
00:27:37,500 --> 00:27:40,650
and they murdered him.

332
00:27:40,650 --> 00:27:47,640
And while he was lying
there in his last moments,

333
00:27:47,640 --> 00:27:53,070
he lamented that there was no
witness to this horrible deed.

334
00:27:53,070 --> 00:27:58,560
But he heard the cranes
fly overhead and said

335
00:27:58,560 --> 00:28:04,560
he shouted out, you cranes,
are the only witness to what

336
00:28:04,560 --> 00:28:07,290
happened to me.

337
00:28:07,290 --> 00:28:15,210
And those two thugs, they went
on to attend those festivals.

338
00:28:15,210 --> 00:28:27,330
And while they were sitting on
the bleachers a flock of cranes

339
00:28:27,330 --> 00:28:34,260
flew overhead and one of them
said to his buddy, [GERMAN]

340
00:28:34,260 --> 00:28:39,510
was his name, see the kinds
of Ibycus flying overhead.

341
00:28:39,510 --> 00:28:46,020
And the people
sitting next to them

342
00:28:46,020 --> 00:28:50,520
heard them make that statement,
and so they discovered

343
00:28:50,520 --> 00:28:54,900
that they must be
implicated in this murder

344
00:28:54,900 --> 00:28:58,020
and they got caught
and arrested.

345
00:28:58,020 --> 00:29:00,180
Well anyway, my story is this.

346
00:29:00,180 --> 00:29:04,710
When I was standing on the camp
ground in the dark the beast

347
00:29:04,710 --> 00:29:09,000
or the cranes flying
overhead, I was

348
00:29:09,000 --> 00:29:12,210
surprised I could
from memory recite

349

00:29:12,210 --> 00:29:17,820

to myself the entire story.

350

00:29:17,820 --> 00:29:19,370

Stop?

351

00:29:19,370 --> 00:31:16,000