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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:59,000

2
00:00:59,000 --> 00:01:00,186
And we are back 10 seconds.

3
00:01:00,186 --> 00:01:05,790

4
00:01:05,790 --> 00:01:06,510
OK.

5
00:01:06,510 --> 00:01:07,770
OK.

6
00:01:07,770 --> 00:01:08,550
All right.

7
00:01:08,550 --> 00:01:14,430
So I was talking about Dr.
[? Lavacheck ?] and his family.

8
00:01:14,430 --> 00:01:21,210
And they're very caring
and very supportive,

9
00:01:21,210 --> 00:01:26,250
simply because they
also understood, related

10
00:01:26,250 --> 00:01:29,740
to the predicament we were in.

11
00:01:29,740 --> 00:01:31,950
And so they're
very eager to help,

12
00:01:31,950 --> 00:01:35,190
and they were the ones who
were the major suppliers of all

13

00:01:35,190 --> 00:01:40,980
the things which they sent to
me, which included medication,

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00:01:40,980 --> 00:01:46,860
which certainly helped me to
save my father's life because

15

00:01:46,860 --> 00:01:49,150
of his dysentery and whatever.

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00:01:49,150 --> 00:01:56,850
Because some medication which
countervail whatever dysentery

17

00:01:56,850 --> 00:01:57,550
and all that.

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00:01:57,550 --> 00:02:01,650
And so I was able to get many
of the things which helped him

19

00:02:01,650 --> 00:02:05,550
because he was beginning to get
into bad shape and anyone who

20

00:02:05,550 --> 00:02:07,260
was at that particular time.

21

00:02:07,260 --> 00:02:16,170
He was 44 years old, 44.

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00:02:16,170 --> 00:02:18,890
And when you are 44, you
were already an old person

23

00:02:18,890 --> 00:02:20,400
in a concentration camp.

24

00:02:20,400 --> 00:02:23,770
I mean, an old person, which
was a very interesting thing,

25
00:02:23,770 --> 00:02:25,520
which, by the way,
I want to bring up

26
00:02:25,520 --> 00:02:28,830
that I'm very dismayed
about the fact

27
00:02:28,830 --> 00:02:30,600
that not enough
research has been done

28
00:02:30,600 --> 00:02:36,000
with survivors, particularly
from a medical point of view

29
00:02:36,000 --> 00:02:39,570
because I think much
could be learned.

30
00:02:39,570 --> 00:02:43,350
Much could be learned and
had been totally neglected.

31
00:02:43,350 --> 00:02:47,610
And for reasons which escape
me because it's either

32
00:02:47,610 --> 00:02:52,680
unbelievable ignorance or
indifference or whatever.

33
00:02:52,680 --> 00:02:55,920
And anyway, because of some of
the things which I've noticed

34
00:02:55,920 --> 00:02:59,400
the way people responded to
infections in extreme stress

35
00:02:59,400 --> 00:03:02,940
situations and

deprivation and all that.

36

00:03:02,940 --> 00:03:06,480

Anyway, so he was in that particular predicament

37

00:03:06,480 --> 00:03:10,440

that he was on the verge of dying.

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00:03:10,440 --> 00:03:12,435

He was actually in a sick barrack,

39

00:03:12,435 --> 00:03:15,700

as I was also for a while.

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00:03:15,700 --> 00:03:24,450

And that was a deadly situation because they

41

00:03:24,450 --> 00:03:29,790

had periodic selections and selected those people who

42

00:03:29,790 --> 00:03:35,870

were in such bad shape that they could not

43

00:03:35,870 --> 00:03:37,910

be used as workers anymore.

44

00:03:37,910 --> 00:03:41,730

And they send them to Auschwitz, where they can now gas them.

45

00:03:41,730 --> 00:03:42,300

And--

46

00:03:42,300 --> 00:03:44,850

He slept out of the sick bay.

47

00:03:44,850 --> 00:03:45,350
Yeah.

48
00:03:45,350 --> 00:03:47,390
Out of the sick's bay, yeah.

49
00:03:47,390 --> 00:03:48,530
In the sick's bay, yeah.

50
00:03:48,530 --> 00:03:49,220
Sick barrack.

51
00:03:49,220 --> 00:03:51,590
And so my father was in--

52
00:03:51,590 --> 00:03:56,630

53
00:03:56,630 --> 00:04:01,440
particularly towards the end,
when it no longer mattered,

54
00:04:01,440 --> 00:04:05,550
because then, they
didn't send them anymore

55
00:04:05,550 --> 00:04:10,950
because the Russians
were already

56
00:04:10,950 --> 00:04:13,615
their own-- they
had other problems.

57
00:04:13,615 --> 00:04:15,990
So they weren't going to send
people to sick bay anymore?

58
00:04:15,990 --> 00:04:16,600
No, no, no.

59
00:04:16,600 --> 00:04:20,459

From the sick bay to
Auschwitz to gas people,

60
00:04:20,459 --> 00:04:22,140
because they had
stopped doing that.

61
00:04:22,140 --> 00:04:25,800
It was no longer-- they
destroyed things and all that

62
00:04:25,800 --> 00:04:29,970
towards the end of '44,
end of '44, summer '44.

63
00:04:29,970 --> 00:04:32,310
They still were doing
up to summer '44.

64
00:04:32,310 --> 00:04:39,310
They'd still be gassing people
and in large quantities,

65
00:04:39,310 --> 00:04:39,810
numbers.

66
00:04:39,810 --> 00:04:43,160

67
00:04:43,160 --> 00:04:46,690
So I was able to get that
through with medication

68
00:04:46,690 --> 00:04:51,890
and food stuff and all
sorts of preparation which

69
00:04:51,890 --> 00:04:55,640
give you some energy
and all this and that.

70
00:04:55,640 --> 00:04:59,050
And so I was able to

share that with him.

71

00:04:59,050 --> 00:05:04,120

These people had access
to this material.

72

00:05:04,120 --> 00:05:06,440

And what this fellow
got and said, well,

73

00:05:06,440 --> 00:05:10,060

what can we do for you so that
you continue these services,

74

00:05:10,060 --> 00:05:12,640

you know, they go between.

75

00:05:12,640 --> 00:05:15,610

And he was collecting
stamps or something else,

76

00:05:15,610 --> 00:05:18,230

so they gave him stamps or
whatever things like that.

77

00:05:18,230 --> 00:05:21,320

So that there'd be something
in for him as well.

78

00:05:21,320 --> 00:05:21,820

Yes.

79

00:05:21,820 --> 00:05:24,310

I was going to ask what
his motivation was.

80

00:05:24,310 --> 00:05:34,300

Well, his motivation was
partially compassion and also,

81

00:05:34,300 --> 00:05:38,350

trying to get something
for him because he was also

82
00:05:38,350 --> 00:05:39,400
be deprived.

83
00:05:39,400 --> 00:05:42,310
I mean, the
deprivation there, too.

84
00:05:42,310 --> 00:05:45,940
So I mean, I wouldn't
hold it against him.

85
00:05:45,940 --> 00:05:47,620
I met him after the war.

86
00:05:47,620 --> 00:05:48,700
What's his name?

87
00:05:48,700 --> 00:05:49,960
I forget.

88
00:05:49,960 --> 00:05:51,280
I forget.

89
00:05:51,280 --> 00:05:53,150
And I've met him.

90
00:05:53,150 --> 00:05:55,780
I made a point in meeting
him after the war.

91
00:05:55,780 --> 00:06:04,870
And we got some jewelry back,
the least significant jewelry.

92
00:06:04,870 --> 00:06:08,480
Just for example,
in a tie needles--

93
00:06:08,480 --> 00:06:13,780
whatever you call it-- tie
pins, things of that need.

94
00:06:13,780 --> 00:06:17,500
And so I gave him with
ruby and all that.

95
00:06:17,500 --> 00:06:20,740
So I gave him a tie pin
after the war and all that.

96
00:06:20,740 --> 00:06:22,210
I just said, I don't want it.

97
00:06:22,210 --> 00:06:24,110
But he was very happy to get.

98
00:06:24,110 --> 00:06:25,780
Is he a prisoner of war or what?

99
00:06:25,780 --> 00:06:26,280
What was--

100
00:06:26,280 --> 00:06:28,100
No, he was a Czech worker.

101
00:06:28,100 --> 00:06:29,140
Just that was a--

102
00:06:29,140 --> 00:06:32,320

103
00:06:32,320 --> 00:06:35,410
so they rounded up instead
of sending them to war

104
00:06:35,410 --> 00:06:38,980
because they didn't send
them to war, Czechs,

105
00:06:38,980 --> 00:06:42,430
unless they were a special
group of people or whatever.

106

00:06:42,430 --> 00:06:46,870

And viewed by the
SS as acceptable.

107

00:06:46,870 --> 00:06:50,320

And it's a very small
number of Czechs

108

00:06:50,320 --> 00:06:55,210

who would have been
used by the Nazis.

109

00:06:55,210 --> 00:07:01,430

And sent into the SS.

110

00:07:01,430 --> 00:07:06,830

So they used all workers,
all over occupied Europe

111

00:07:06,830 --> 00:07:11,480

and sent them to important
industries, war industries

112

00:07:11,480 --> 00:07:12,830

and rounded them up.

113

00:07:12,830 --> 00:07:15,080

They didn't have a
choice not to go,

114

00:07:15,080 --> 00:07:18,950

except the conditions were much
better in concentration camps,

115

00:07:18,950 --> 00:07:25,020

but they're still rather inhuman
and very confined and hard

116

00:07:25,020 --> 00:07:28,010

and all that because the
Russians were bad and all this.

117

00:07:28,010 --> 00:07:30,470
But I mean, still,
it was much better

118
00:07:30,470 --> 00:07:36,440
than what people suffered
in concentration camps.

119
00:07:36,440 --> 00:07:39,020
Was it difficult for this family
that was sending the goods?

120
00:07:39,020 --> 00:07:41,240
Was it difficult to get
those goods at that time.

121
00:07:41,240 --> 00:07:42,860
Oh, yeah, of course.

122
00:07:42,860 --> 00:07:45,080
But I mean, they
were well connected.

123
00:07:45,080 --> 00:07:47,540
So many of the things
which were perhaps not

124
00:07:47,540 --> 00:07:51,500
as easy for other people to
obtain, they were able to

125
00:07:51,500 --> 00:07:54,590
and therefore did
what they could.

126
00:07:54,590 --> 00:07:58,622
And I had a very close
relationship with them,

127
00:07:58,622 --> 00:07:59,330
and I still have.

128
00:07:59,330 --> 00:08:00,997

One of the daughter--
they all are dead.

129
00:08:00,997 --> 00:08:06,260
That one daughter committed
suicide after the war.

130
00:08:06,260 --> 00:08:14,960
And the other, the parents of
these two girls died of old age

131
00:08:14,960 --> 00:08:15,470
in Vienna.

132
00:08:15,470 --> 00:08:18,050

133
00:08:18,050 --> 00:08:22,970
They had to leave
Czechoslovakia because they

134
00:08:22,970 --> 00:08:27,590
are viewed as select Germans
and therefore, are wanted

135
00:08:27,590 --> 00:08:28,970
because they all deported.

136
00:08:28,970 --> 00:08:31,370
And then they went to--

137
00:08:31,370 --> 00:08:37,159
so they went to Vienna
and the tragic situation.

138
00:08:37,159 --> 00:08:38,450
OK.

139
00:08:38,450 --> 00:08:41,299
How about how often
did you get a package?

140

00:08:41,299 --> 00:08:48,380
Oh, quite-- every two
weeks or so, three weeks.

141
00:08:48,380 --> 00:08:51,650
Quite frequently
and periodically.

142
00:08:51,650 --> 00:08:54,310
And that was mainly
decide the difference.

143
00:08:54,310 --> 00:08:55,930
It was not enough,
I mean, obviously.

144
00:08:55,930 --> 00:09:00,110
But it did decide
the difference.

145
00:09:00,110 --> 00:09:00,610
All right.

146
00:09:00,610 --> 00:09:03,850
Now, then the other
thing with the shoes.

147
00:09:03,850 --> 00:09:08,020
I woke up and saw that
my shoes were gone.

148
00:09:08,020 --> 00:09:10,750
Well, then I mean,
that's the end you know.

149
00:09:10,750 --> 00:09:14,937
So I went to the barrack
and looked for my shoes

150
00:09:14,937 --> 00:09:16,270
because someone had stolen them.

151
00:09:16,270 --> 00:09:19,000

And they are shoes which
they had sent to me, too,

152
00:09:19,000 --> 00:09:23,660
which were leather shoes
which was unheard of.

153
00:09:23,660 --> 00:09:29,470
And they turned out to be
a curse, another blessing.

154
00:09:29,470 --> 00:09:33,490
Later on, that's March, because
they pretty much contributed

155
00:09:33,490 --> 00:09:35,470
towards the fact
that I had frozen

156
00:09:35,470 --> 00:09:46,280
feet because once leather shoes
get wet and soaked and freeze,

157
00:09:46,280 --> 00:09:50,740
they are much worse than
the canvas actually.

158
00:09:50,740 --> 00:09:53,230
Anyway, so--

159
00:09:53,230 --> 00:09:55,360
How did you find shoes?

160
00:09:55,360 --> 00:09:58,210
Well I want-- I just saw them.

161
00:09:58,210 --> 00:09:59,900
Someone had taken
them and put them--

162
00:09:59,900 --> 00:10:05,380
they didn't put them up--
put them under the bunk.

163
00:10:05,380 --> 00:10:10,750
And so I just took
them and retrieve them.

164
00:10:10,750 --> 00:10:13,990
But that was while all
the other people slept.

165
00:10:13,990 --> 00:10:18,100
And people slept there, not just
like you wake up very easily.

166
00:10:18,100 --> 00:10:18,755
You know.

167
00:10:18,755 --> 00:10:23,455
But somehow, I woke up
because I sort of sense--

168
00:10:23,455 --> 00:10:26,760

169
00:10:26,760 --> 00:10:28,940
because if I had not,
it would have been--

170
00:10:28,940 --> 00:10:31,560

171
00:10:31,560 --> 00:10:33,870
could have meant death.

172
00:10:33,870 --> 00:10:35,190
You would have been no shoes.

173
00:10:35,190 --> 00:10:36,330
No shoes.

174
00:10:36,330 --> 00:10:39,258
What had happened to
your canvas shoes?

175
00:10:39,258 --> 00:10:40,550
I didn't have the canvas shoes.

176
00:10:40,550 --> 00:10:41,402
You didn't have any.

177
00:10:41,402 --> 00:10:44,260
No, no.

178
00:10:44,260 --> 00:10:47,050
I just gave them to
someone else or whatever

179
00:10:47,050 --> 00:10:50,440
and just use those instead.

180
00:10:50,440 --> 00:10:54,850
If say, the camp guards had
seen you with these shoes,

181
00:10:54,850 --> 00:10:56,710
would that have been a problem?

182
00:10:56,710 --> 00:10:57,520
No.

183
00:10:57,520 --> 00:11:00,730
It was not a problem
for some reason.

184
00:11:00,730 --> 00:11:02,620
Because obviously,
they could see me,

185
00:11:02,620 --> 00:11:04,390
but they didn't look at it.

186
00:11:04,390 --> 00:11:07,250
But no, no.

187

00:11:07,250 --> 00:11:08,835
We certainly haven't
had any problems.

188
00:11:08,835 --> 00:11:13,520

189
00:11:13,520 --> 00:11:17,510
Wasn't it a problem,
generally, if say,

190
00:11:17,510 --> 00:11:20,940
you got these special
things and other prisoners

191
00:11:20,940 --> 00:11:24,320
would try to steal them?

192
00:11:24,320 --> 00:11:26,270
Well, we had to be very careful.

193
00:11:26,270 --> 00:11:30,530
And of course, I
kept quiet about it.

194
00:11:30,530 --> 00:11:33,440
And I only had a buddy,
and he knew about it

195
00:11:33,440 --> 00:11:35,000
because I confided in him.

196
00:11:35,000 --> 00:11:36,650
And I talked to
him, and he wanted

197
00:11:36,650 --> 00:11:43,710
to somehow join in on the spoils
without contributing anything

198
00:11:43,710 --> 00:11:44,210
at all.

199

00:11:44,210 --> 00:11:54,700

I said, well, let's
have kind of a group,

200

00:11:54,700 --> 00:11:57,260

be part of a group to
support each other.

201

00:11:57,260 --> 00:12:00,910

And well, that was
very nice for him,

202

00:12:00,910 --> 00:12:02,590

but he had nothing
to contribute.

203

00:12:02,590 --> 00:12:04,990

So it was not in our interest.

204

00:12:04,990 --> 00:12:06,740

And my father said,
don't be crazy.

205

00:12:06,740 --> 00:12:08,740

Don't do it.

206

00:12:08,740 --> 00:12:11,290

He's not going to contribute.

207

00:12:11,290 --> 00:12:14,310

And we don't have
that much to share.

208

00:12:14,310 --> 00:12:16,180

And so we did.

209

00:12:16,180 --> 00:12:21,310

Well, as you alluded to
before that it was understood

210

00:12:21,310 --> 00:12:23,240

that if prisoners

stole from each other,

211
00:12:23,240 --> 00:12:24,350
this was a capital crime.

212
00:12:24,350 --> 00:12:25,570
Yeah.

213
00:12:25,570 --> 00:12:29,110
And how was this
capital crime affected?

214
00:12:29,110 --> 00:12:32,890
Well, I mean, they'll
beat you to death.

215
00:12:32,890 --> 00:12:34,660
Was it just that
there was a designated

216
00:12:34,660 --> 00:12:35,910
group that would do this, sir?

217
00:12:35,910 --> 00:12:37,390
Well, not as a designated group.

218
00:12:37,390 --> 00:12:39,070
But I mean, there
would be an outrage.

219
00:12:39,070 --> 00:12:43,750
And so that if you say,
well, you done this and that.

220
00:12:43,750 --> 00:12:46,570
And other people say,
they would join in,

221
00:12:46,570 --> 00:12:48,280
simply because they're around.

222
00:12:48,280 --> 00:12:49,750

Because that was totally--

223

00:12:49,750 --> 00:12:51,400
it was a taboo.

224

00:12:51,400 --> 00:12:54,380
And that happened in Dachau
the same thing in that regard.

225

00:12:54,380 --> 00:12:55,270
Which camp?

226

00:12:55,270 --> 00:12:59,280
That was a Soviet
prisoner of war,

227

00:12:59,280 --> 00:13:02,380
a young kid who tried
to escape was caught

228

00:13:02,380 --> 00:13:05,800
And instead of being
sent back to a Stalag,

229

00:13:05,800 --> 00:13:08,050
he was sent to Dachau.

230

00:13:08,050 --> 00:13:13,000
And poor fellow, he was
hungry and all that,

231

00:13:13,000 --> 00:13:15,280
just like anyone
else, but he just

232

00:13:15,280 --> 00:13:18,130
apparently came from back
home where you just simply

233

00:13:18,130 --> 00:13:18,840
go and steal.

234

00:13:18,840 --> 00:13:23,170
He was caught stealing
from a fellow inmate.

235
00:13:23,170 --> 00:13:25,321
He was beaten to death.

236
00:13:25,321 --> 00:13:28,020
It was the end of him.

237
00:13:28,020 --> 00:13:29,160
I remember that.

238
00:13:29,160 --> 00:13:32,480

239
00:13:32,480 --> 00:13:36,110
And so the other thing, same
thing, you know, same thing.

240
00:13:36,110 --> 00:13:39,597
That was absolutely
unacceptable.

241
00:13:39,597 --> 00:13:42,890

242
00:13:42,890 --> 00:13:48,320
Okay, so I don't know what
to say about any other.

243
00:13:48,320 --> 00:13:50,490
About Blechhammer except
this sort of air raids

244
00:13:50,490 --> 00:13:54,470
were very deadly
because we were not

245
00:13:54,470 --> 00:14:00,620
permitted to go into any
shelters, air raid shelters.

246

00:14:00,620 --> 00:14:04,970

And had to simply be in their
cellars of normal buildings.

247

00:14:04,970 --> 00:14:07,790

And I remember that some
of the things just bombed

248

00:14:07,790 --> 00:14:09,350

and collapsed.

249

00:14:09,350 --> 00:14:12,710

And I remember when
I only used the time

250

00:14:12,710 --> 00:14:14,960

to sleep because that's
what I needed most.

251

00:14:14,960 --> 00:14:19,340

So I slept through these things
and because we were unobserved

252

00:14:19,340 --> 00:14:20,000

and all that.

253

00:14:20,000 --> 00:14:24,080

And that was the only freedom I
enjoyed tremendously because I

254

00:14:24,080 --> 00:14:26,570

was not bothered by anyone.

255

00:14:26,570 --> 00:14:27,930

And I use that time.

256

00:14:27,930 --> 00:14:31,160

And some other
people prayed and had

257

00:14:31,160 --> 00:14:34,130

the jitters I just

didn't because I just

258

00:14:34,130 --> 00:14:35,630
didn't concern me very much.

259

00:14:35,630 --> 00:14:39,020
So I lay down and slept,
hoped for the best.

260

00:14:39,020 --> 00:14:42,840
And one time, there was a
tremendous noise and all that.

261

00:14:42,840 --> 00:14:45,140
And I could see a
hole through the wall.

262

00:14:45,140 --> 00:14:48,110
Side wall and bomb come
through and just get stuck.

263

00:14:48,110 --> 00:14:48,980
It doesn't explode.

264

00:14:48,980 --> 00:14:51,410
I could see it coming, boop-sh.

265

00:14:51,410 --> 00:14:55,242
And it didn't explode.

266

00:14:55,242 --> 00:14:57,160
What a luck.

267

00:14:57,160 --> 00:14:58,680
Well, I don't know at times.

268

00:14:58,680 --> 00:14:59,660
That's another thing.

269

00:14:59,660 --> 00:15:02,740
So some people say well,
you're lucky that you survived.

270
00:15:02,740 --> 00:15:05,730
And you know, I mean, that's
a question I don't know.

271
00:15:05,730 --> 00:15:07,760
And it's something which is--

272
00:15:07,760 --> 00:15:13,600
at times, I'm not so sure that
this could be defined as luck.

273
00:15:13,600 --> 00:15:15,910
But under the circumstances--

274
00:15:15,910 --> 00:15:18,490
and we will be
talking about it when

275
00:15:18,490 --> 00:15:20,740
we wrap up the thing
because I have a few things

276
00:15:20,740 --> 00:15:22,157
to say about that.

277
00:15:22,157 --> 00:15:24,490
Well, what about your father's
life during this period--

278
00:15:24,490 --> 00:15:28,930
My father's life, he had a much
more difficult life than I.

279
00:15:28,930 --> 00:15:32,650
And that's why he was somehow
also aging more rapidly

280
00:15:32,650 --> 00:15:43,390
and was more prone to
catch things and disease,

281

00:15:43,390 --> 00:15:45,910
susceptible to
disease, by virtue

282
00:15:45,910 --> 00:15:51,160
of the fact that his major
job was to carry cement

283
00:15:51,160 --> 00:15:55,550
sacks that's dreadfully heavy.

284
00:15:55,550 --> 00:15:59,030
And dreadful work, you
know, and all that.

285
00:15:59,030 --> 00:16:03,010
And so I had much,
physically, much easier work,

286
00:16:03,010 --> 00:16:07,060
except I was under very
strict supervision,

287
00:16:07,060 --> 00:16:08,460
and I already said that.

288
00:16:08,460 --> 00:16:11,480
So that's what my
father's job was.

289
00:16:11,480 --> 00:16:14,740
What about he had
technical skills--

290
00:16:14,740 --> 00:16:16,900
Well, he didn't, you see.

291
00:16:16,900 --> 00:16:19,660
And he didn't have
any technical skill.

292
00:16:19,660 --> 00:16:23,710
He would have wound up

if he had stayed alive.

293

00:16:23,710 --> 00:16:27,220

He would have been
a bank executive,

294

00:16:27,220 --> 00:16:28,200

which he was already.

295

00:16:28,200 --> 00:16:31,123

I mean, he's senior back then.

296

00:16:31,123 --> 00:16:32,540

But I thought he
had [INAUDIBLE]..

297

00:16:32,540 --> 00:16:36,310

But he-- well, I mean, yeah.

298

00:16:36,310 --> 00:16:42,160

Well, I mean, he was
quite capable of working

299

00:16:42,160 --> 00:16:46,630

with his hands, and did some
gardening back in Prague

300

00:16:46,630 --> 00:16:49,170

when it was nothing
else he could do.

301

00:16:49,170 --> 00:16:51,770

So he was employed as in
a gardener kind of thing.

302

00:16:51,770 --> 00:16:52,570

You learn this.

303

00:16:52,570 --> 00:16:56,230

So I wish to god he would
have come to my place

304

00:16:56,230 --> 00:16:58,390
and did some work, but--

305
00:16:58,390 --> 00:17:02,320
[CHUCKLES] which he didn't do.

306
00:17:02,320 --> 00:17:09,970
But he didn't have any
real skills in this regard,

307
00:17:09,970 --> 00:17:14,950
except that he could work as a
laborer-- as unskilled labor.

308
00:17:14,950 --> 00:17:18,069
And whatever he said, I
forget actually what he said.

309
00:17:18,069 --> 00:17:19,510
Because what can you do?

310
00:17:19,510 --> 00:17:22,780
So he must have said something
was just a straight lie.

311
00:17:22,780 --> 00:17:25,960
Because they wanted to have
people with very specific

312
00:17:25,960 --> 00:17:31,240
skills which would fit into
this ? syn fuel plant, this big,

313
00:17:31,240 --> 00:17:33,250
big thing there.

314
00:17:33,250 --> 00:17:36,706
So I forget what he
actually claimed to be--

315
00:17:36,706 --> 00:17:37,206
whatever.

316

00:17:37,206 --> 00:17:41,630

So they used him for
whatever he could do,

317

00:17:41,630 --> 00:17:49,120

which was just schlepping
these cement sacks.

318

00:17:49,120 --> 00:17:52,360

And so he was totally exhausted.

319

00:17:52,360 --> 00:17:53,900

Also, we didn't stay.

320

00:17:53,900 --> 00:17:57,340

We were not able to be
in one barrack together.

321

00:17:57,340 --> 00:18:00,970

So he was in a
different barrack.

322

00:18:00,970 --> 00:18:02,320

Could you meet up?

323

00:18:02,320 --> 00:18:03,040

Oh, we met.

324

00:18:03,040 --> 00:18:05,830

You know, of course we
met very frequently.

325

00:18:05,830 --> 00:18:08,920

And that was possible.

326

00:18:08,920 --> 00:18:10,870

What was the food
like in Blechhammer?

327

00:18:10,870 --> 00:18:15,530

Well, the food was slightly
better, but not significantly

328
00:18:15,530 --> 00:18:16,030
so.

329
00:18:16,030 --> 00:18:18,290
The quality was a bit better.

330
00:18:18,290 --> 00:18:21,160
Than soup was a bit
more substantive,

331
00:18:21,160 --> 00:18:23,330
although it was also
turnip and all that.

332
00:18:23,330 --> 00:18:26,680
It was just a little bit more.

333
00:18:26,680 --> 00:18:29,410
And then we are
able to occasionally

334
00:18:29,410 --> 00:18:32,440
get some things from other
people, maybe, who worked

335
00:18:32,440 --> 00:18:37,810
and all that, and steal lots,
you know, and like [INAUDIBLE]..

336
00:18:37,810 --> 00:18:38,370
And--

337
00:18:38,370 --> 00:18:40,090
You mean, like, the cabbage?

338
00:18:40,090 --> 00:18:42,350
Yeah, this sort of
thing, and then be

339
00:18:42,350 --> 00:18:45,250
alert if after an air raid,

you would find a few things.

340

00:18:45,250 --> 00:18:47,710

Like, I found a full thing.

341

00:18:47,710 --> 00:18:55,000

It was just like a [INAUDIBLE]--

342

00:18:55,000 --> 00:18:57,700

just find a knapsack,
you know, the knapsack

343

00:18:57,700 --> 00:19:01,000

with all the stuff in it.

344

00:19:01,000 --> 00:19:02,440

And--

345

00:19:02,440 --> 00:19:06,220

What about washing and
toilet facilities there?

346

00:19:06,220 --> 00:19:12,520

Well, the toilet facilities
were much better,

347

00:19:12,520 --> 00:19:14,350

because there was
really some place where

348

00:19:14,350 --> 00:19:18,370

you could go, and wash
up, and all that, which

349

00:19:18,370 --> 00:19:21,170

did not exist at all back
in Auschwitz-Birkenau.

350

00:19:21,170 --> 00:19:24,070

And also, the toilets
were much different.

351

00:19:24,070 --> 00:19:25,690
Because Auschwitz-Birkenau,
I'll never

352
00:19:25,690 --> 00:19:27,970
forget the toilets,
which were just

353
00:19:27,970 --> 00:19:34,760
rows of holes which people
sat by in the dozens.

354
00:19:34,760 --> 00:19:38,050
And the place was
infested with all sorts

355
00:19:38,050 --> 00:19:43,210
of crawling things, white
worms, whatever they were,

356
00:19:43,210 --> 00:19:45,010
and just awful stuff.

357
00:19:45,010 --> 00:19:49,660
And you couldn't really
wipe anything, you know--

358
00:19:49,660 --> 00:19:51,260
just awful stuff.

359
00:19:51,260 --> 00:19:55,870
And in Blechhammer and it was
apparently a little bit more

360
00:19:55,870 --> 00:19:59,810
able to wash up and be clean.

361
00:19:59,810 --> 00:20:05,110
And the problem of vermin
was not quite as acute

362
00:20:05,110 --> 00:20:10,570
there as it was in

Auschwitz-Birkenau.

363
00:20:10,570 --> 00:20:13,520
Were you able to keep warm?

364
00:20:13,520 --> 00:20:19,250
Well, I think it was--

365
00:20:19,250 --> 00:20:29,630
I think we had better chances
to get blankets and things

366
00:20:29,630 --> 00:20:32,420
than-- it was better than
back in Auschwitz-Birkenau

367
00:20:32,420 --> 00:20:35,480
or something.

368
00:20:35,480 --> 00:20:40,370
And so I can remember that
the bunks were pretty much

369
00:20:40,370 --> 00:20:49,430
the same, except I think we've
had better straw mats, sacks,

370
00:20:49,430 --> 00:20:51,800
whatever they were,
and filled with straw,

371
00:20:51,800 --> 00:20:57,770
and blankets which were a
bit superior than what we've

372
00:20:57,770 --> 00:20:59,130
had back there.

373
00:20:59,130 --> 00:21:01,330
Did do you have any days off?

374
00:21:01,330 --> 00:21:02,065

Sunday.

375

00:21:02,065 --> 00:21:04,460

You did?

376

00:21:04,460 --> 00:21:06,150

What could you do for amusement?

377

00:21:06,150 --> 00:21:06,650

Amusement?

378

00:21:06,650 --> 00:21:08,240

Mm-hmm.

379

00:21:08,240 --> 00:21:14,740

Well, amusement was none,
actually, so to speak.

380

00:21:14,740 --> 00:21:19,190

We just simply tried to relax,
and come to, and all that.

381

00:21:19,190 --> 00:21:22,820

382

00:21:22,820 --> 00:21:26,570

And occasionally,
there is some people

383

00:21:26,570 --> 00:21:31,640

with a great deal
of initiative who

384

00:21:31,640 --> 00:21:34,730

gave performances to
which even SS came,

385

00:21:34,730 --> 00:21:38,090

because they felt
that they themselves

386

00:21:38,090 --> 00:21:40,070

didn't have any [INAUDIBLE].

387

00:21:40,070 --> 00:21:42,980

And some of these things were, of course,

388

00:21:42,980 --> 00:21:48,350

performed by professionals, and had a very high level

389

00:21:48,350 --> 00:21:50,108

of sophistication.

390

00:21:50,108 --> 00:21:52,400

And since you've mentioned that, it was something which

391

00:21:52,400 --> 00:21:57,500

was had very important ramifications later on for me

392

00:21:57,500 --> 00:22:00,470

personally, was for other people who remember that,

393

00:22:00,470 --> 00:22:02,640

as well as for that person himself,

394

00:22:02,640 --> 00:22:04,970

who was an SS person, who--

395

00:22:04,970 --> 00:22:07,400

all the SS, they all campuses came

396

00:22:07,400 --> 00:22:08,960

to these sort of performances.

397

00:22:08,960 --> 00:22:13,940

And in one particular instance, one person who actually had

398

00:22:13,940 --> 00:22:20,750
the SD, so he was really into
SD room and all that, he just--

399

00:22:20,750 --> 00:22:23,690
after performance, he stood
up and said in public--

400

00:22:23,690 --> 00:22:28,400
in front of all the SS people
and all the inmates-- and said,

401

00:22:28,400 --> 00:22:32,210
we always are told that you
are subhuman, and whatever,

402

00:22:32,210 --> 00:22:33,410
vermin, all that.

403

00:22:33,410 --> 00:22:36,470
And people who, under
those circumstances,

404

00:22:36,470 --> 00:22:40,070
can give such a performance
deserve our respect.

405

00:22:40,070 --> 00:22:42,020
And he said that in public.

406

00:22:42,020 --> 00:22:43,410
And then he disappeared.

407

00:22:43,410 --> 00:22:46,440
And I said, well,
that's the end of him.

408

00:22:46,440 --> 00:22:48,300
But no, it was not
the end of him.

409

00:22:48,300 --> 00:22:49,910

And when I was a witness--

410
00:22:49,910 --> 00:22:53,870
supposed to be a witness in the
so-called Blechhammer trial,

411
00:22:53,870 --> 00:22:55,880
where I was an
official witness--

412
00:22:55,880 --> 00:23:01,580
except it never came to it that
I was called in and all that--

413
00:23:01,580 --> 00:23:03,530
but I had to testify.

414
00:23:03,530 --> 00:23:08,790
And here in San Francisco, the
Consul was just a real SOB,

415
00:23:08,790 --> 00:23:09,290
you know?

416
00:23:09,290 --> 00:23:12,040
And you could see that the
man was a Nazi, you know,

417
00:23:12,040 --> 00:23:21,740
and just really resentful,
and treated me like a--

418
00:23:21,740 --> 00:23:28,070
if I had been some
sort of a criminal.

419
00:23:28,070 --> 00:23:40,760
And so this fellow then was
during the Blechhammer trial--

420
00:23:40,760 --> 00:23:43,640
which, apparently, none of
these people really survived.

421
00:23:43,640 --> 00:23:45,110
He was one of the
few who survived.

422
00:23:45,110 --> 00:23:46,250
Because they all--

423
00:23:46,250 --> 00:23:51,000
"Tom Mix" got killed,
which comes to me

424
00:23:51,000 --> 00:23:52,310
as some sort of-- as a relief.

425
00:23:52,310 --> 00:23:55,520
Because, I mean, I'm not
particularly bloodthirsty

426
00:23:55,520 --> 00:24:01,920
individual, but I think he
certainly got what he was--

427
00:24:01,920 --> 00:24:05,600
what was coming to him.

428
00:24:05,600 --> 00:24:06,740
Anyway--

429
00:24:06,740 --> 00:24:09,344
How did he get killed?

430
00:24:09,344 --> 00:24:11,450
Somehow in combat or whatever.

431
00:24:11,450 --> 00:24:17,330

432
00:24:17,330 --> 00:24:24,770
And so this fellow didn't,
and that got him off the hook.

433

00:24:24,770 --> 00:24:29,750

So he was actually in
the trial and accused

434

00:24:29,750 --> 00:24:30,710

of whatever they said.

435

00:24:30,710 --> 00:24:34,028

But then he said, I've
said this and that

436

00:24:34,028 --> 00:24:35,570

and there are
witnesses and all that.

437

00:24:35,570 --> 00:24:40,350

Apparently found witnesses
in my testimony also.

438

00:24:40,350 --> 00:24:50,030

And he was not
sentenced to anything.

439

00:24:50,030 --> 00:24:53,870

Did he receive any punishment
by the SS at the time?

440

00:24:53,870 --> 00:24:55,310

That I don't know
because I always

441

00:24:55,310 --> 00:24:56,393

wanted to meet the fellow.

442

00:24:56,393 --> 00:24:59,760

443

00:24:59,760 --> 00:25:02,420

And I worked very
closely with Ludwigsburg,

444

00:25:02,420 --> 00:25:13,970

as a matter of fact,
the person in charge,

445
00:25:13,970 --> 00:25:22,410
the attorney in charge
of the whole outfit

446
00:25:22,410 --> 00:25:26,750
which is to find people
who committed crimes

447
00:25:26,750 --> 00:25:27,960
against humanity.

448
00:25:27,960 --> 00:25:31,080

449
00:25:31,080 --> 00:25:33,000
The attorney in charge.

450
00:25:33,000 --> 00:25:37,620
Well no, not a--

451
00:25:37,620 --> 00:25:51,050

452
00:25:51,050 --> 00:25:58,280
What do you call the attorney
who in chooses people?

453
00:25:58,280 --> 00:25:59,240
I don't know that.

454
00:25:59,240 --> 00:26:04,232

455
00:26:04,232 --> 00:26:06,440
You don't mean like
a district attorney?

456
00:26:06,440 --> 00:26:09,630
District attorney type of

thing, something like that.

457

00:26:09,630 --> 00:26:14,180

So he was in something
like that except in charge

458

00:26:14,180 --> 00:26:15,260

of all the things.

459

00:26:15,260 --> 00:26:18,710

So I came there to
do some research

460

00:26:18,710 --> 00:26:23,690

and look into the archives,
and I got to know him and said,

461

00:26:23,690 --> 00:26:24,740

you have to look at this.

462

00:26:24,740 --> 00:26:28,160

And then just didn't want
to let me go or something.

463

00:26:28,160 --> 00:26:30,540

He came out with a number of
interesting very important

464

00:26:30,540 --> 00:26:33,920

books, some of which have been
translated into a English.

465

00:26:33,920 --> 00:26:38,030

A man called [? Rickel, ?]
[? Rickarol. ?] Very

466

00:26:38,030 --> 00:26:38,740

interesting man.

467

00:26:38,740 --> 00:26:41,360

468

00:26:41,360 --> 00:26:43,190
So I went with him.

469
00:26:43,190 --> 00:26:46,370
He was under protection
all the time.

470
00:26:46,370 --> 00:26:50,730
It's just interesting because
a lot of attempts to kill him

471
00:26:50,730 --> 00:26:51,750
or whatever.

472
00:26:51,750 --> 00:26:53,970
So I've been through
that with him.

473
00:26:53,970 --> 00:26:55,790
And because he told
me all these stories

474
00:26:55,790 --> 00:27:00,680
and I had to work in his
office with him directly

475
00:27:00,680 --> 00:27:02,450
and looking into the
file and all that.

476
00:27:02,450 --> 00:27:03,740
It was very helpful.

477
00:27:03,740 --> 00:27:04,880
Died, unfortunately.

478
00:27:04,880 --> 00:27:09,590
Died of old age more
than anything, I guess.

479
00:27:09,590 --> 00:27:13,910

480

00:27:13,910 --> 00:27:15,890

So then I found out
from these files

481

00:27:15,890 --> 00:27:18,950

that this man was let off
the hook simply because--

482

00:27:18,950 --> 00:27:22,130

This was known and obviously
I was not the only one witness

483

00:27:22,130 --> 00:27:28,700

that remembered that of those
survivors, which I think

484

00:27:28,700 --> 00:27:29,492

is terrific.

485

00:27:29,492 --> 00:27:30,700

I really think it's terrific.

486

00:27:30,700 --> 00:27:32,960

Was he known for--

487

00:27:32,960 --> 00:27:33,710

No, he was not.

488

00:27:33,710 --> 00:27:35,210

No, no.

489

00:27:35,210 --> 00:27:37,090

He didn't do anything.

490

00:27:37,090 --> 00:27:40,130

491

00:27:40,130 --> 00:27:42,250

And I talked to a
number of people

492

00:27:42,250 --> 00:27:46,510
and observed a lot of SS
officers and how they--

493
00:27:46,510 --> 00:27:48,510
And with the exception--

494
00:27:48,510 --> 00:27:49,720
It was terrible.

495
00:27:49,720 --> 00:27:51,970
Some assisted in the
hanging of people

496
00:27:51,970 --> 00:27:55,030
and some of the
weekly hangings--

497
00:27:55,030 --> 00:27:57,880
Well, actually not every week
but most of the week someone

498
00:27:57,880 --> 00:27:59,710
was there and hanged.

499
00:27:59,710 --> 00:28:01,300
And then they read
the whole thing

500
00:28:01,300 --> 00:28:05,080
and then they just said,
OK, and then they hang them.

501
00:28:05,080 --> 00:28:10,780
They had some very strange type
of strings, ropes or whatever,

502
00:28:10,780 --> 00:28:12,820
and they broke and then
they hang them again.

503
00:28:12,820 --> 00:28:15,760
And they broke

again and you know.

504

00:28:15,760 --> 00:28:17,890

And this sort of thing
was terrible to watch.

505

00:28:17,890 --> 00:28:21,130

And most of the people they
hanged were very brave.

506

00:28:21,130 --> 00:28:23,350

And that's something
which I won't forget.

507

00:28:23,350 --> 00:28:26,840

They also just went into
their death head high

508

00:28:26,840 --> 00:28:36,580

and then addressed the crowd
of inmates, this is to survive.

509

00:28:36,580 --> 00:28:38,830

You will survive.

510

00:28:38,830 --> 00:28:41,320

Don't let yourself be--

511

00:28:41,320 --> 00:28:43,090

I was terribly
impressed with that

512

00:28:43,090 --> 00:28:46,640

just for us to see that,
to be forced to see that.

513

00:28:46,640 --> 00:28:50,680

And There is Tom Mix,
you know, just anyone who

514

00:28:50,680 --> 00:28:55,970

wanted to hide in the
barracks to avoid watching it,

515
00:28:55,970 --> 00:28:58,240
so he was getting them
out and shooting at them

516
00:28:58,240 --> 00:28:59,820
and all that with pistol drawn.

517
00:28:59,820 --> 00:29:04,750

518
00:29:04,750 --> 00:29:09,250
And I escaped his threats
for reasons which are--

519
00:29:09,250 --> 00:29:09,790
All right.

520
00:29:09,790 --> 00:29:12,490

521
00:29:12,490 --> 00:29:18,250
Well, what was this particular
play that the inmates put on?

522
00:29:18,250 --> 00:29:19,340
Well, it was a cabaret.

523
00:29:19,340 --> 00:29:21,970
It was kind of a cabaret
type of thing on camp life

524
00:29:21,970 --> 00:29:28,180
and which parodied the life,
including SS and all that.

525
00:29:28,180 --> 00:29:32,080
It was highly
incredibly sophisticated

526
00:29:32,080 --> 00:29:33,640
and very impressive.

527
00:29:33,640 --> 00:29:36,130
Sounds very daring.

528
00:29:36,130 --> 00:29:37,030
Oh, yeah.

529
00:29:37,030 --> 00:29:40,750
It was very daring.

530
00:29:40,750 --> 00:29:47,170
But in a way which was very
amusing to the SS and they just

531
00:29:47,170 --> 00:29:50,770
took it in, just
thought it was great.

532
00:29:50,770 --> 00:29:52,870
How else could you
pass your time?

533
00:29:52,870 --> 00:29:54,560
Well, pass your
time what you did

534
00:29:54,560 --> 00:29:58,750
is you didn't pass your time
because you just talked about

535
00:29:58,750 --> 00:30:01,210
pass your time.

536
00:30:01,210 --> 00:30:02,180
People are exhausted.

537
00:30:02,180 --> 00:30:03,480
They slept.

538
00:30:03,480 --> 00:30:04,630
I mean, what do you do?

539

00:30:04,630 --> 00:30:08,050

You just go around a little
bit maybe the camp premises

540

00:30:08,050 --> 00:30:09,760

and talk to some
friends and all that.

541

00:30:09,760 --> 00:30:11,110

Yes, that was done.

542

00:30:11,110 --> 00:30:12,556

And people you knew.

543

00:30:12,556 --> 00:30:15,340

544

00:30:15,340 --> 00:30:18,440

But there was so
little energy left.

545

00:30:18,440 --> 00:30:22,300

So that if there is any time,
we've got any time to spare

546

00:30:22,300 --> 00:30:26,380

and all that, you went and
slept or organized some food

547

00:30:26,380 --> 00:30:28,750

or just so it could be
had and talk to friends.

548

00:30:28,750 --> 00:30:30,760

That's it, period.

549

00:30:30,760 --> 00:30:32,880

How would you organize food?

550

00:30:32,880 --> 00:30:33,970

I tell you already.

551

00:30:33,970 --> 00:30:36,050

The cabbage I know,
but what else?

552

00:30:36,050 --> 00:30:36,550

Oh.

553

00:30:36,550 --> 00:30:41,260

Well, just simply
see where were you--

554

00:30:41,260 --> 00:30:44,850

Well, my father did
one thing, for example.

555

00:30:44,850 --> 00:30:49,360

You know that some SS
people through some inmates

556

00:30:49,360 --> 00:30:53,140

that they bought
gold or something.

557

00:30:53,140 --> 00:30:57,340

So my father went to a
dentist, had his gold fillings,

558

00:30:57,340 --> 00:31:01,160

one filling or two
fillings, removed,

559

00:31:01,160 --> 00:31:03,700

and gave it to this inmate.

560

00:31:03,700 --> 00:31:10,690

And he gave it to the SS, and
then they got a piece of bread

561

00:31:10,690 --> 00:31:13,330

and that's why we had
some bread, which was

562

00:31:13,330 --> 00:31:16,720
his contribution to our things.

563
00:31:16,720 --> 00:31:18,410
And that's what he did.

564
00:31:18,410 --> 00:31:23,260
And it was very bad because my
father died with false teeth,

565
00:31:23,260 --> 00:31:24,910
and he had the best
teeth in the world.

566
00:31:24,910 --> 00:31:27,910
I mean, he was 40.

567
00:31:27,910 --> 00:31:29,240
During that particular time.

568
00:31:29,240 --> 00:31:32,440
He had just healthy strong teeth
which hardly had any fillings,

569
00:31:32,440 --> 00:31:34,090
with just a few of these gold.

570
00:31:34,090 --> 00:31:38,170
And that gold he removed
to sell for bread.

571
00:31:38,170 --> 00:31:40,780
OK, so that's one device he did.

572
00:31:40,780 --> 00:31:44,080
And then what I did,
just made contacts

573
00:31:44,080 --> 00:31:49,660
with people who had more than
you had and trade and organize,

574

00:31:49,660 --> 00:31:53,320
which included stealing.

575
00:31:53,320 --> 00:31:57,130
Oh, what I did too was
just stole some things

576
00:31:57,130 --> 00:32:00,580
after air raids, removed
it from air raids, which

577
00:32:00,580 --> 00:32:02,590
was, of some value
to some people

578
00:32:02,590 --> 00:32:05,360
and sold it for
a piece of bread.

579
00:32:05,360 --> 00:32:08,260
This was kind of necessary.

580
00:32:08,260 --> 00:32:12,130
There's dual morality where
it was quite OK to steal

581
00:32:12,130 --> 00:32:14,440
from anybody except your peers.

582
00:32:14,440 --> 00:32:16,180
That's right.

583
00:32:16,180 --> 00:32:19,367
There was no problem
with stealing from--

584
00:32:19,367 --> 00:32:21,700
Now in Theresienstadt that
there was another thing which

585
00:32:21,700 --> 00:32:23,470
I thought was very interesting.

586

00:32:23,470 --> 00:32:27,790

The gendarmes, which were
very close to where I stayed,

587

00:32:27,790 --> 00:32:31,520

they had their barracks, which
of course are very different.

588

00:32:31,520 --> 00:32:35,170

And in the windows they
had sausage hanging.

589

00:32:35,170 --> 00:32:38,710

So some people went
and stole the sausage.

590

00:32:38,710 --> 00:32:40,910

I was tempted to do
that, but at that time,

591

00:32:40,910 --> 00:32:43,360

I was not somehow pushed
far enough to do it.

592

00:32:43,360 --> 00:32:49,050

I thought about it
back in Theresienstadt,

593

00:32:49,050 --> 00:32:50,980

and I should have
done it and I didn't.

594

00:32:50,980 --> 00:32:54,220

I could have, and
I didn't do it.

595

00:32:54,220 --> 00:32:57,100

But then Blechhammer
and Auschwitz and all

596

00:32:57,100 --> 00:33:01,960

that, then I said, hey, there
was no question anymore.

597

00:33:01,960 --> 00:33:04,840

So you had a gradual
sort of demoralization

598

00:33:04,840 --> 00:33:12,730

of the mundane morality,
change in your mundane morality

599

00:33:12,730 --> 00:33:15,280

into the camp
morality, and that was

600

00:33:15,280 --> 00:33:19,510

very different from the
mundane everyday morality.

601

00:33:19,510 --> 00:33:20,800

And that's what I did.

602

00:33:20,800 --> 00:33:25,720

AND then I had absolutely
no problem stealing, as long

603

00:33:25,720 --> 00:33:27,380

as it was not from
a fellow inmate.

604

00:33:27,380 --> 00:33:32,680

But of course, then
we've had back in Dachau,

605

00:33:32,680 --> 00:33:36,700

if you could see that
a person was a goner

606

00:33:36,700 --> 00:33:40,570

and not going to
live, then you just

607

00:33:40,570 --> 00:33:46,380

try to be around him just like
a vulture, just like a hyena

608
00:33:46,380 --> 00:33:50,230
or whatever some animals
who wait until someone

609
00:33:50,230 --> 00:33:52,180
dies so that you can take.

610
00:33:52,180 --> 00:33:59,628
That was acceptable

611
00:33:59,628 --> 00:34:01,420
Like the Muslim men
you were talking about.

612
00:34:01,420 --> 00:34:02,050
Well, yeah.

613
00:34:02,050 --> 00:34:05,350
Particularly people who
just about to croak.

614
00:34:05,350 --> 00:34:09,084
And then you just saw to it
that you were around them

615
00:34:09,084 --> 00:34:15,040
and actually nursed
them to their end

616
00:34:15,040 --> 00:34:18,010
so that you would inherit
whatever may have been left,

617
00:34:18,010 --> 00:34:20,800
which may have been part of
a ration or something they

618
00:34:20,800 --> 00:34:21,670
no longer could eat.

619
00:34:21,670 --> 00:34:23,710

620

00:34:23,710 --> 00:34:25,840

When they reached, the
Muslim, that stage,

621

00:34:25,840 --> 00:34:28,090

did they go and get
their food on the list?

622

00:34:28,090 --> 00:34:32,320

623

00:34:32,320 --> 00:34:34,810

Someone got it for
them, which was.

624

00:34:34,810 --> 00:34:40,840

Someone else had to and just and
gave it to them and sometimes

625

00:34:40,840 --> 00:34:42,190

didn't.

626

00:34:42,190 --> 00:34:47,530

I wouldn't have done
that, but it was done.

627

00:34:47,530 --> 00:34:50,080

So they would have died
more quickly if they weren't

628

00:34:50,080 --> 00:34:52,010

sustained by other people.

629

00:34:52,010 --> 00:34:54,570

But some people
couldn't, that's right.

630

00:34:54,570 --> 00:34:56,949

But some people simply
collected and didn't

631

00:34:56,949 --> 00:34:59,260

give it to them and just
at it themselves and all

632

00:34:59,260 --> 00:35:02,406

that because they couldn't
defend themselves.

633

00:35:02,406 --> 00:35:06,300

634

00:35:06,300 --> 00:35:08,730

Then there was an
important incident

635

00:35:08,730 --> 00:35:11,610

when I had some sort of--

636

00:35:11,610 --> 00:35:15,630

I still have the
marks on my leg.

637

00:35:15,630 --> 00:35:22,453

Because of the shoes I've
then had the canvas shoes,

638

00:35:22,453 --> 00:35:24,120

and the severe winter,
they were rubbing

639

00:35:24,120 --> 00:35:29,110

against the skin and all that,
of course no socks or anything,

640

00:35:29,110 --> 00:35:32,880

just pieces of rags
which were filthy,

641

00:35:32,880 --> 00:35:41,040

lice-ridden or infected,
rubbed against the skin.

642

00:35:41,040 --> 00:35:46,330
And so combination with
frost and infection,

643
00:35:46,330 --> 00:35:50,670
I wound up with
a leg wound which

644
00:35:50,670 --> 00:35:55,170
was so infected that I
just couldn't walk anymore

645
00:35:55,170 --> 00:35:58,440
and I was accepted
in the sick bay.

646
00:35:58,440 --> 00:36:06,400
And the sick bay was run
by I don't know what.

647
00:36:06,400 --> 00:36:07,755
I forget.

648
00:36:07,755 --> 00:36:09,330
A Polish Jew or French Jew.

649
00:36:09,330 --> 00:36:10,320
I just forget.

650
00:36:10,320 --> 00:36:13,250
I don't know why I didn't put
it down when I still remember.

651
00:36:13,250 --> 00:36:14,845
Could it be Belgian?

652
00:36:14,845 --> 00:36:16,200
Yeah, could be.

653
00:36:16,200 --> 00:36:19,950
I just forget some
of the things.

654

00:36:19,950 --> 00:36:25,680

And so he treated the
people who were already

655

00:36:25,680 --> 00:36:34,935

dying of malnutrition in
putting a suction thing

656

00:36:34,935 --> 00:36:39,930

and bleeding them
so that put things

657

00:36:39,930 --> 00:36:47,670

on them, leech-like
things, suction cups.

658

00:36:47,670 --> 00:36:52,850

They didn't have leeches,
but suction cups.

659

00:36:52,850 --> 00:36:56,820

And just absolute sadist.

660

00:36:56,820 --> 00:37:01,260

And worked hand in
hand with the SS

661

00:37:01,260 --> 00:37:05,940

and designated those people who
were to be selected and sent

662

00:37:05,940 --> 00:37:06,600

into gas.

663

00:37:06,600 --> 00:37:08,670

And he was an inmate.

664

00:37:08,670 --> 00:37:13,020

And somehow he took some liking
to me and he let me be there.

665

00:37:13,020 --> 00:37:17,820

And somehow then there was
another sort of male nurse

666
00:37:17,820 --> 00:37:21,420
there and he just was very
protective of me and all that.

667
00:37:21,420 --> 00:37:25,260
So they nursed me so that I
was OK again and all that.

668
00:37:25,260 --> 00:37:28,440
Nothing happened and I was
kind of given special attention

669
00:37:28,440 --> 00:37:29,430
and all that.

670
00:37:29,430 --> 00:37:31,740
And that happened
because I don't know why.

671
00:37:31,740 --> 00:37:33,855
It just simply happened.

672
00:37:33,855 --> 00:37:39,960

673
00:37:39,960 --> 00:37:44,008
And other people he
just virtually killed.

674
00:37:44,008 --> 00:37:46,300
So it was a situation where
nobody would go to sick bay

675
00:37:46,300 --> 00:37:47,425
unless they were desperate.

676
00:37:47,425 --> 00:37:48,190
Oh, absolutely.

677

00:37:48,190 --> 00:37:50,620
Because he was deadly
thing, a deadly game.

678
00:37:50,620 --> 00:37:54,190
Because you didn't know whether
you would ever come out.

679
00:37:54,190 --> 00:37:56,800
But I had no option because
I simply couldn't, I

680
00:37:56,800 --> 00:38:00,250
was just no longer in
a position to walk.

681
00:38:00,250 --> 00:38:03,080
They did all for
me that I could.

682
00:38:03,080 --> 00:38:04,880
And the whole thing healed.

683
00:38:04,880 --> 00:38:09,250
And that's precisely the thing,
that under certain situations

684
00:38:09,250 --> 00:38:12,110
people had types of
infectious disease

685
00:38:12,110 --> 00:38:15,230
and all that which are not
normal conditions people don't

686
00:38:15,230 --> 00:38:15,730
survive.

687
00:38:15,730 --> 00:38:18,700
In concentration camps they
did, and he just beats me.

688
00:38:18,700 --> 00:38:21,370

And the type of research
which has been neglected

689
00:38:21,370 --> 00:38:23,180
is inexcusable.

690
00:38:23,180 --> 00:38:25,000
How do you understand that?

691
00:38:25,000 --> 00:38:26,680
I don't.

692
00:38:26,680 --> 00:38:29,050
I don't have the expertise.

693
00:38:29,050 --> 00:38:32,050
But I really think
that the only thing

694
00:38:32,050 --> 00:38:33,880
is the drive of
self-preservation

695
00:38:33,880 --> 00:38:38,710
or that your defensive
system or whatever

696
00:38:38,710 --> 00:38:42,460
is so mobilized that
it countervailed

697
00:38:42,460 --> 00:38:46,730
all the other things much more
than other normal conditions.

698
00:38:46,730 --> 00:38:49,150
But that's a
social/psychological

699
00:38:49,150 --> 00:38:53,380
explanation and
not a medical one.

700

00:38:53,380 --> 00:38:58,150

But yeah, just unbelievable.

701

00:38:58,150 --> 00:39:01,100

Things which you
normally don't survive,

702

00:39:01,100 --> 00:39:02,920

disease, they survived.

703

00:39:02,920 --> 00:39:05,650

On the other hand, some
people died within a day,

704

00:39:05,650 --> 00:39:11,590

just like my second cousin
or whatever, Dr. Peter

705

00:39:11,590 --> 00:39:12,130

Schleissner.

706

00:39:12,130 --> 00:39:18,370

And he had the
[INAUDIBLE] on the nose.

707

00:39:18,370 --> 00:39:22,210

And one day he comes to see
me and says, how are you

708

00:39:22,210 --> 00:39:23,710

and all this and all that.

709

00:39:23,710 --> 00:39:25,040

And next day he's dead.

710

00:39:25,040 --> 00:39:26,430

So I said, what happened?

711

00:39:26,430 --> 00:39:28,900

He's not coming,
I didn't see him.

712
00:39:28,900 --> 00:39:31,600
He died within 24 hours.

713
00:39:31,600 --> 00:39:36,070

714
00:39:36,070 --> 00:39:39,610
But I had pneumonia, I had
pleurisy, I had a typhus,

715
00:39:39,610 --> 00:39:42,370
I had a jaundice.

716
00:39:42,370 --> 00:39:43,760
You name it, I've had it.

717
00:39:43,760 --> 00:39:47,530
And I survived for reasons
which escape me why.

718
00:39:47,530 --> 00:39:51,010
People die here under normal
conditions of pneumonia,

719
00:39:51,010 --> 00:39:54,160
and through some
combination of that.

720
00:39:54,160 --> 00:39:58,170
And then I contracted
tuberculosis as well.

721
00:39:58,170 --> 00:40:00,910
That I only found out
after the liberation

722
00:40:00,910 --> 00:40:04,060
because we were given x-rays.

723
00:40:04,060 --> 00:40:07,060
So how long were you in Dachau?

724
00:40:07,060 --> 00:40:10,580
Well it was just about 3/4
of a year I would imagine.

725
00:40:10,580 --> 00:40:11,080
Yeah.

726
00:40:11,080 --> 00:40:18,790

727
00:40:18,790 --> 00:40:20,320
No, probably more.

728
00:40:20,320 --> 00:40:22,270
Actually more, probably.

729
00:40:22,270 --> 00:40:24,460
No, 3/4 of a year.

730
00:40:24,460 --> 00:40:29,380
Because I was shipped to
Auschwitz-Birkenau '43,

731
00:40:29,380 --> 00:40:33,820
was there for
about eight months.

732
00:40:33,820 --> 00:40:35,710
Yeah, just about that.

733
00:40:35,710 --> 00:40:38,920
And again you see
all the inaccuracies.

734
00:40:38,920 --> 00:40:41,320
And that's what people,
revisionists say,

735
00:40:41,320 --> 00:40:43,870
oh, it's inaccurate and
all this because you

736

00:40:43,870 --> 00:40:45,400
didn't have calendars there.

737

00:40:45,400 --> 00:40:47,930
You only went by this season.

738

00:40:47,930 --> 00:40:50,740
And so the timing was
exceedingly difficult.

739

00:40:50,740 --> 00:40:54,040
And in retrospect it
is going to reflect

740

00:40:54,040 --> 00:41:00,160
on saying things which are
inaccurate, very inaccurate

741

00:41:00,160 --> 00:41:02,920
in terms of time, perception.

742

00:41:02,920 --> 00:41:05,920

743

00:41:05,920 --> 00:41:12,640
All right, when it came
to the end of Blechhammer

744

00:41:12,640 --> 00:41:18,940
then we heard already
the Russians advancing.

745

00:41:18,940 --> 00:41:21,530
And then they rounded
us up and said,

746

00:41:21,530 --> 00:41:24,650
OK, those so you can
stay who just can't walk.

747

00:41:24,650 --> 00:41:28,900
And my father was in a position

where he just simply was

748

00:41:28,900 --> 00:41:34,300

at that time in the sick
bay, and nothing very much

749

00:41:34,300 --> 00:41:37,450

could happen to him at that
time because they no longer were

750

00:41:37,450 --> 00:41:41,200

selected, as I said before,
and sent to the gas chambers

751

00:41:41,200 --> 00:41:43,750

to Auschwitz-Birkenau.

752

00:41:43,750 --> 00:41:46,660

And so I had that
chance, of course,

753

00:41:46,660 --> 00:41:49,510

I had a choice
because I was totally

754

00:41:49,510 --> 00:41:52,990

in a position to hide and
all that and could have.

755

00:41:52,990 --> 00:41:55,820

And I had to make a decision.

756

00:41:55,820 --> 00:41:58,840

Am I going to risk
that they will kill us

757

00:41:58,840 --> 00:42:01,270

because we counted
pretty much on the fact

758

00:42:01,270 --> 00:42:05,290

that they would wipe
us out before they

759
00:42:05,290 --> 00:42:07,270
let us fall into the
hands of the Russians?

760
00:42:07,270 --> 00:42:11,500
Or am I going to
join the majority who

761
00:42:11,500 --> 00:42:19,150
still were able to walk
and start the death march?

762
00:42:19,150 --> 00:42:24,810
And then I talked it
over with my father,

763
00:42:24,810 --> 00:42:28,780
and I don't know what he really
said to me, but he couldn't.

764
00:42:28,780 --> 00:42:30,160
He couldn't come.

765
00:42:30,160 --> 00:42:34,720
And then I said, well I probably
instead of staying with him,

766
00:42:34,720 --> 00:42:37,630
I said, I'll probably walk.

767
00:42:37,630 --> 00:42:41,980
And it was the biggest mistake
that could have possibly made.

768
00:42:41,980 --> 00:42:45,490
Because he was liberated
by the Russians

769
00:42:45,490 --> 00:42:48,580
and freed so many
months before I was.

770

00:42:48,580 --> 00:42:54,100

And I had to go through
the death march, the boxcar

771

00:42:54,100 --> 00:42:58,720

to Dachau which took
about 10 days or 2 weeks

772

00:42:58,720 --> 00:43:00,800

or something of that nature.

773

00:43:00,800 --> 00:43:03,430

And then Dachau itself
until the liberation,

774

00:43:03,430 --> 00:43:05,440

which was quite a few months.

775

00:43:05,440 --> 00:43:10,060

So I made the wrong decision
and that saved his life

776

00:43:10,060 --> 00:43:12,530

because otherwise he
would have not survived

777

00:43:12,530 --> 00:43:14,210

the death March, no way.

778

00:43:14,210 --> 00:43:15,950

Of course, how can you know?

779

00:43:15,950 --> 00:43:16,450

Of course.

780

00:43:16,450 --> 00:43:20,470

Yeah, but-- No, I couldn't.

781

00:43:20,470 --> 00:43:22,090

Now some people got killed.

782

00:43:22,090 --> 00:43:27,020
Because some people got killed,
shot by the SS and all that.

783
00:43:27,020 --> 00:43:31,240
But he was not and he was able
to survive and come through

784
00:43:31,240 --> 00:43:37,200
and got on his feet very quickly
because of food and help,

785
00:43:37,200 --> 00:43:38,590
Russians, Soviets, whatever.

786
00:43:38,590 --> 00:43:41,470

787
00:43:41,470 --> 00:43:44,950
And so we went on
the death march--

788
00:43:44,950 --> 00:43:47,020
I think I'd like to stop you.

789
00:43:47,020 --> 00:43:50,170
Start with that fresh next time
you let anybody ask questions.

790
00:43:50,170 --> 00:43:52,527
OK, great.

791
00:43:52,527 --> 00:43:53,110
How about you?

792
00:43:53,110 --> 00:43:56,110

793
00:43:56,110 --> 00:43:59,110
Just two brief questions.

794
00:43:59,110 --> 00:44:02,530

795

00:44:02,530 --> 00:44:04,720

Was German the most
common language used

796

00:44:04,720 --> 00:44:08,410

between the various
ethnic groups?

797

00:44:08,410 --> 00:44:09,340

No.

798

00:44:09,340 --> 00:44:12,150

Depends on the
region and what was--

799

00:44:12,150 --> 00:44:19,120

Auschwitz-Birkenau,
depending with whom you were,

800

00:44:19,120 --> 00:44:22,870

Auschwitz-Birkenau, because
these people came primarily

801

00:44:22,870 --> 00:44:26,980

from Czechoslovakia and--

802

00:44:26,980 --> 00:44:29,530

803

00:44:29,530 --> 00:44:38,660

In that particular
B2 family camp,

804

00:44:38,660 --> 00:44:43,730

so the most common language
was Czech, German Czech

805

00:44:43,730 --> 00:44:49,040

because most of them were
actually from from that people.

806

00:44:49,040 --> 00:44:56,030

And in Blechhammer, for
example, most of the people,

807

00:44:56,030 --> 00:44:59,690

work detail and all that, they
were I worked with Belgians,

808

00:44:59,690 --> 00:45:04,460

I worked with French
Jews, Belgian Jews.

809

00:45:04,460 --> 00:45:08,490

But the majority I think
were Polish and so Polish

810

00:45:08,490 --> 00:45:10,880

it was probably more
frequently spoken

811

00:45:10,880 --> 00:45:12,600

than many other languages.

812

00:45:12,600 --> 00:45:14,780

But I mean you found
always enough people

813

00:45:14,780 --> 00:45:18,480

to speak whatever
language you wanted to

814

00:45:18,480 --> 00:45:22,890

or you were more familiar
with, I should say.

815

00:45:22,890 --> 00:45:24,990

You spoke German
and Czechoslovakian?

816

00:45:24,990 --> 00:45:26,870

Yeah.

817

00:45:26,870 --> 00:45:31,700
And then I've learned in
these godforsaken places

818
00:45:31,700 --> 00:45:37,980
to speak Yiddish, which I had
no absolutely no knowledge of.

819
00:45:37,980 --> 00:45:40,400
But I picked it up in the camp.

820
00:45:40,400 --> 00:45:44,490

821
00:45:44,490 --> 00:45:49,430
What was the status
of the inmates

822
00:45:49,430 --> 00:45:52,400
who took the jobs of
barber, Sonderkommando,

823
00:45:52,400 --> 00:45:54,200
those type of jobs?

824
00:45:54,200 --> 00:45:55,430
How were they looked upon?

825
00:45:55,430 --> 00:46:02,370

826
00:46:02,370 --> 00:46:06,660
Well, they were just
viewed as something

827
00:46:06,660 --> 00:46:11,520
in between the SS and an enemy.

828
00:46:11,520 --> 00:46:14,730
They were viewed certainly as
depending on how they behaved.

829

00:46:14,730 --> 00:46:20,430
And since most of them
misused their power

830
00:46:20,430 --> 00:46:28,410
and made the lives of those whom
they supervised more difficult

831
00:46:28,410 --> 00:46:33,450
and were very frequently
very cruel individuals,

832
00:46:33,450 --> 00:46:34,860
they were hated.

833
00:46:34,860 --> 00:46:37,800

834
00:46:37,800 --> 00:46:41,190
And people couldn't defend
themselves against them

835
00:46:41,190 --> 00:46:44,780
because they had the power
and could enforce it.

836
00:46:44,780 --> 00:46:50,490
So they are hated,
and feared, obviously.

837
00:46:50,490 --> 00:47:04,488

838
00:47:04,488 --> 00:47:05,030
You want to--

839
00:47:05,030 --> 00:47:08,710

840
00:47:08,710 --> 00:47:12,310
Yeah, I've got a couple
of short questions.

841

00:47:12,310 --> 00:47:16,180

I wondered if you happen
to recall any of the poems

842

00:47:16,180 --> 00:47:18,130

from Theresienstadt.

843

00:47:18,130 --> 00:47:20,710

Not offhand I don't.

844

00:47:20,710 --> 00:47:23,020

No, not offhand.

845

00:47:23,020 --> 00:47:24,070

Not offhand, no.

846

00:47:24,070 --> 00:47:27,160

847

00:47:27,160 --> 00:47:35,180

I have published some of
them, but even at school I

848

00:47:35,180 --> 00:47:38,070

had problems remembering poems.

849

00:47:38,070 --> 00:47:43,150

And I just always had an ordeal
when I was in primary school

850

00:47:43,150 --> 00:47:48,340

and we had to go
front and recite

851

00:47:48,340 --> 00:47:53,290

and I was just
absolutely miserable.

852

00:47:53,290 --> 00:47:57,265

Must have been pretty comical,
to be sure, but I suffered.

853

00:47:57,265 --> 00:48:01,650

854

00:48:01,650 --> 00:48:04,050

There's a Swiss
psychotherapist named

855

00:48:04,050 --> 00:48:06,930

Alice Miller who's
written a bunch of books

856

00:48:06,930 --> 00:48:09,000

about child psychology.

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00:48:09,000 --> 00:48:10,770

And she's written
one book in which

858

00:48:10,770 --> 00:48:14,040

she has a very long
chapter on Hitler

859

00:48:14,040 --> 00:48:18,270

and German child-rearing
practices of the 19th century.

860

00:48:18,270 --> 00:48:22,110

She quotes at length from
child-rearing manuals

861

00:48:22,110 --> 00:48:25,140

that she said were common
in households of the day.

862

00:48:25,140 --> 00:48:31,080

And there is a very
severe and sadistic tone

863

00:48:31,080 --> 00:48:35,520

in these manuals, a
tone in which parents

864

00:48:35,520 --> 00:48:38,010
are counseled to be
abusive to children

865
00:48:38,010 --> 00:48:40,020
and beat them and be severe.

866
00:48:40,020 --> 00:48:44,580
And this author's theory is that
these child-rearing practices

867
00:48:44,580 --> 00:48:47,070
of the 19th century
in Germany and Austria

868
00:48:47,070 --> 00:48:50,580
helped to create Nazi
culture in adults

869
00:48:50,580 --> 00:48:53,370
who were acting out some
sort of compensation

870
00:48:53,370 --> 00:48:54,930
for this abuse as children.

871
00:48:54,930 --> 00:48:57,240
And it sounds a little
glib when you summarize it

872
00:48:57,240 --> 00:49:00,390
in one sentence, but when
you read her theory in detail

873
00:49:00,390 --> 00:49:01,830
it's fairly persuasive.

874
00:49:01,830 --> 00:49:03,720
I wondered if you
were familiar with it.

875
00:49:03,720 --> 00:49:06,090
Well, I haven't read

that particular thing,

876
00:49:06,090 --> 00:49:08,700
but I'm familiar
with that notion

877
00:49:08,700 --> 00:49:13,050
and that the various
theories from other sources.

878
00:49:13,050 --> 00:49:15,570

879
00:49:15,570 --> 00:49:17,550
And I have very mixed
feelings about it

880
00:49:17,550 --> 00:49:20,500
because I don't think we can
generalize that first of all.

881
00:49:20,500 --> 00:49:23,130
Just in Hitler's case
it's certainly very true,

882
00:49:23,130 --> 00:49:28,800
and from other sources which
you'd be familiar with, that he

883
00:49:28,800 --> 00:49:33,240
was beaten virtually every day
by his father and all that.

884
00:49:33,240 --> 00:49:35,880
But not because it was
manuals but also there's

885
00:49:35,880 --> 00:49:40,650
a difference in terms of, again,
she not being a sociologist,

886
00:49:40,650 --> 00:49:43,530
she doesn't know that there are

different practices depending

887

00:49:43,530 --> 00:49:47,530
what class you belong to, what
social class you belong to.

888

00:49:47,530 --> 00:49:50,220
So I think it's just
absolute baloney

889

00:49:50,220 --> 00:49:53,950
to think that the severity
was just universal.

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00:49:53,950 --> 00:49:54,660
It was not.

891

00:49:54,660 --> 00:49:57,540
It was particularly
the lower classes.

892

00:49:57,540 --> 00:49:59,680
That was more prevalent.

893

00:49:59,680 --> 00:50:01,860
But middle class
is absolutely not.

894

00:50:01,860 --> 00:50:05,190
Because for example
I have a whole book

895

00:50:05,190 --> 00:50:10,620
which goes back into the
early 19th century, which

896

00:50:10,620 --> 00:50:14,580
has been translated
from German into Czech,

897

00:50:14,580 --> 00:50:17,100
about child-rearing practices.

898

00:50:17,100 --> 00:50:20,680

It's an original book, and
all that, which is not known,

899

00:50:20,680 --> 00:50:23,850

but then was very
popular, where you

900

00:50:23,850 --> 00:50:29,700

have the most liberal
psychologically insightful

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00:50:29,700 --> 00:50:33,750

advice you can possibly
find which even has is very

902

00:50:33,750 --> 00:50:37,560

direct application for today.

903

00:50:37,560 --> 00:50:40,560

And that was for the
more educated people

904

00:50:40,560 --> 00:50:43,170

who could read because they
uneducated people didn't

905

00:50:43,170 --> 00:50:45,150

read these sort of things.

906

00:50:45,150 --> 00:50:49,950

And so I would totally reject
a universal sort of thing.

907

00:50:49,950 --> 00:50:56,010

I would certainly look into it
and say, yes, the lower classes

908

00:50:56,010 --> 00:50:58,620

had this sort of
punitive tendency

909

00:50:58,620 --> 00:51:01,140
which I think I would certainly
agree that certainly--

910
00:51:01,140 --> 00:51:05,140
and Hitler falls
into that category.

911
00:51:05,140 --> 00:51:10,080
Now middle class is very much
more enlightened and much more

912
00:51:10,080 --> 00:51:15,190
humanistic and pedagogy
was very different.

913
00:51:15,190 --> 00:51:18,180
So I think we just
simply cannot--

914
00:51:18,180 --> 00:51:21,130
Now the idea is that,
indeed, if you said,

915
00:51:21,130 --> 00:51:26,550
well where did these
sadistic SS people come from?

916
00:51:26,550 --> 00:51:30,330
Well, they came from most
of the low classes because

917
00:51:30,330 --> 00:51:32,430
and they jumped to
the occasion that they

918
00:51:32,430 --> 00:51:33,930
could get a lot of power.

919
00:51:33,930 --> 00:51:36,210
Just like today we have cops.

920
00:51:36,210 --> 00:51:39,180

Cops don't have to have any education and a bachelor's

921
00:51:39,180 --> 00:51:45,420
degree, they just go to police academies.

922
00:51:45,420 --> 00:51:49,280
They don't learn very much at all except training something.

923
00:51:49,280 --> 00:51:53,340
And so SS jump to that and other people.

924
00:51:53,340 --> 00:51:54,795
They just couldn't write properly,

925
00:51:54,795 --> 00:51:59,230
their language was lousy, unpolished, what have you.

926
00:51:59,230 --> 00:52:00,330
And that's known.

927
00:52:00,330 --> 00:52:02,370
These people were low-class people.

928
00:52:02,370 --> 00:52:05,880
Low-class people.

929
00:52:05,880 --> 00:52:11,340
One I've interviewed, and I have stacks of letters written,

930
00:52:11,340 --> 00:52:15,540
I mean just unbelievable this by itself would make a book--

931
00:52:15,540 --> 00:52:19,530
was so-called the

Hangman of Buchenwald,

932

00:52:19,530 --> 00:52:23,130
interviewed and also
taped interviews.

933

00:52:23,130 --> 00:52:26,670
And he told me over the years,
because I was the only one who

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00:52:26,670 --> 00:52:30,690
showed interest in him, so he
was very thankful, grateful,

935

00:52:30,690 --> 00:52:33,570
and he was never to get
out because he was--

936

00:52:33,570 --> 00:52:38,850
If there had been a
death sentence in Germany

937

00:52:38,850 --> 00:52:43,150
they would have
sentenced him to death.

938

00:52:43,150 --> 00:52:49,440
So this fellow had
no education, was one

939

00:52:49,440 --> 00:52:51,600
of the most powerful people.

940

00:52:51,600 --> 00:52:57,730
Relatively high non-commissioned
officer rank in Buchenwald.

941

00:52:57,730 --> 00:53:01,920
And he was the lowest
of the low, class-wise.

942

00:53:01,920 --> 00:53:03,120
Low class.

943
00:53:03,120 --> 00:53:05,220
I mean bottom of the barrel.

944
00:53:05,220 --> 00:53:08,580

945
00:53:08,580 --> 00:53:11,270
SS were not necessarily
lower class.

946
00:53:11,270 --> 00:53:14,310
I'm trying to tell you yes.

947
00:53:14,310 --> 00:53:15,480
Yes.

948
00:53:15,480 --> 00:53:19,860
Most of them were low-class
people, particularly

949
00:53:19,860 --> 00:53:21,120
in these sort of outfits.

950
00:53:21,120 --> 00:53:25,500
Not in terms of the
military branch of the SS,

951
00:53:25,500 --> 00:53:31,200
but this type of camp and
death head, low class.

952
00:53:31,200 --> 00:53:33,330
No question.

953
00:53:33,330 --> 00:53:37,620
And I have in my book statistics
in terms of the percentage

954
00:53:37,620 --> 00:53:39,670
of where they came from.

955

00:53:39,670 --> 00:53:46,410

And it's in my book, which
is SS statistics, not mine.

956

00:53:46,410 --> 00:53:50,130

Official SS by the
official SS statistician.

957

00:53:50,130 --> 00:53:52,590

You're not talking
about the leadership,

958

00:53:52,590 --> 00:53:55,530

you're talking about the people
who are running the camps.

959

00:53:55,530 --> 00:53:56,430

Right.

960

00:53:56,430 --> 00:54:00,390

But even those who
became officers,

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00:54:00,390 --> 00:54:03,930

they're not necessarily educated
people at all and low class

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00:54:03,930 --> 00:54:06,750

also.

963

00:54:06,750 --> 00:54:09,240

I mean there was
1% of people who

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00:54:09,240 --> 00:54:12,390

went further than high school.

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00:54:12,390 --> 00:54:13,260

1%.

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00:54:13,260 --> 00:54:15,570

And I've got that in my book.

967
00:54:15,570 --> 00:54:16,470
It's all there.

968
00:54:16,470 --> 00:54:26,170
And it's not my statistics,
it's the official statistics

969
00:54:26,170 --> 00:54:31,780
gathered by SS statisticians,
official SS statisticians

970
00:54:31,780 --> 00:54:39,760
and restricted to those
who have a need to know.

971
00:54:39,760 --> 00:54:40,260
OK.

972
00:54:40,260 --> 00:54:43,060

973
00:54:43,060 --> 00:54:45,010
One last question.

974
00:54:45,010 --> 00:54:47,530
There was another
Holocaust movie

975
00:54:47,530 --> 00:54:49,540
that was released a
couple of years ago called

976
00:54:49,540 --> 00:54:54,220
Triumph of the Spirit
about a boxer in Auschwitz.

977
00:54:54,220 --> 00:54:56,740
And I was just going to ask
you if you'd seen the movie

978
00:54:56,740 --> 00:54:58,660

and if you could tell
us to what extent it

979
00:54:58,660 --> 00:55:02,620
was an accurate or inaccurate
portrayal of life in Auschwitz.

980
00:55:02,620 --> 00:55:04,330
I don't think I've seen it.

981
00:55:04,330 --> 00:55:12,290

982
00:55:12,290 --> 00:55:12,895
No.

983
00:55:12,895 --> 00:55:14,050
A boxer?

984
00:55:14,050 --> 00:55:19,060
About a man in Auschwitz
who had been a championship

985
00:55:19,060 --> 00:55:23,110
boxer as a boy or
a teenager and who

986
00:55:23,110 --> 00:55:27,910
became a boxer performer in the
camp as his way of surviving.

987
00:55:27,910 --> 00:55:29,970
I haven't seen that.

988
00:55:29,970 --> 00:55:38,340
Now most of all what I'm trying
to do to the article about some

989
00:55:38,340 --> 00:55:42,960
of my whatever things I'm trying
to do in the Press-Democrat,

990

00:55:42,960 --> 00:55:47,040
I got a lot of responses,
and one of the responses

991
00:55:47,040 --> 00:55:53,430
was a lady whose brother
was one of the liberators

992
00:55:53,430 --> 00:56:00,300
and a official army
information officer

993
00:56:00,300 --> 00:56:03,960
of sorts and apparently
who had something

994
00:56:03,960 --> 00:56:09,310
to do with a documentary which
they took after the liberation.

995
00:56:09,310 --> 00:56:17,910
And so there are
unbelievable factual things

996
00:56:17,910 --> 00:56:19,410
which are available.

997
00:56:19,410 --> 00:56:21,940

998
00:56:21,940 --> 00:56:29,710
And even the material which
was taken by SS during the war,

999
00:56:29,710 --> 00:56:30,990
and I've seen some.

1000
00:56:30,990 --> 00:56:33,960
One of them was on
the Lodz ghetto, which

1001
00:56:33,960 --> 00:56:37,080
we've seen on the

Lodz ghetto, and there

1002
00:56:37,080 --> 00:56:39,940
was actual footage
where I recognized

1003
00:56:39,940 --> 00:56:44,700
people I'd interviewed,
one of them in particular.

1004
00:56:44,700 --> 00:56:47,820
And I think those
things should be

1005
00:56:47,820 --> 00:56:51,720
used, that's my view,
for teaching purposes,

1006
00:56:51,720 --> 00:56:55,380
information purposes,
rather than movies which

1007
00:56:55,380 --> 00:56:58,890
have been done by people who
have not done adequate research

1008
00:56:58,890 --> 00:57:02,970
and distort the situation,
which starts with Holocaust,

1009
00:57:02,970 --> 00:57:04,550
one of the major first movie.

1010
00:57:04,550 --> 00:57:06,930
It was called Holocaust.

1011
00:57:06,930 --> 00:57:09,360
Unbelievable
inaccuracies and all

1012
00:57:09,360 --> 00:57:13,050
that, just distortions,
and just write down

1013
00:57:13,050 --> 00:57:16,710
this information I think
doesn't serve any purpose

1014
00:57:16,710 --> 00:57:19,140
because people are
ignorant as it is.

1015
00:57:19,140 --> 00:57:25,470
And just to inform them in a
way which will further distort

1016
00:57:25,470 --> 00:57:28,260
the wrong idea, I think--

1017
00:57:28,260 --> 00:57:33,870
So I work with these things,
have been for years now,

1018
00:57:33,870 --> 00:57:36,570
trying to make
documentaries which are

1019
00:57:36,570 --> 00:57:39,630
based on some factual stuff.

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00:57:39,630 --> 00:57:43,350
And there are also movies
which are, for example, Wannsee

1021
00:57:43,350 --> 00:57:45,710
Conference, which came out.

1022
00:57:45,710 --> 00:57:49,140
First-rate stuff because
it's beautifully documented.

1023
00:57:49,140 --> 00:57:53,130
But it's usually done by Germans
because they know what is what.

1024

00:57:53,130 --> 00:57:55,620

If it was done by
some Hollywood thing,

1025

00:57:55,620 --> 00:57:58,980

then the chances are
that it's distorted

1026

00:57:58,980 --> 00:58:01,890

and highly inaccurate.

1027

00:58:01,890 --> 00:58:04,830

So you've got this and that.

1028

00:58:04,830 --> 00:58:10,620

And I say we have lots of movies
which are actual documentaries,

1029

00:58:10,620 --> 00:58:13,950

why not use those
instead or some--

1030

00:58:13,950 --> 00:58:16,140

Unless we know that
some are really good,

1031

00:58:16,140 --> 00:58:18,810

there is no substitute
for something

1032

00:58:18,810 --> 00:58:22,170

which we don't have
which was not filmed

1033

00:58:22,170 --> 00:58:24,570

and all that like the
documentary on the Wannsee

1034

00:58:24,570 --> 00:58:25,080

Conference.

1035

00:58:25,080 --> 00:58:27,330

But I mean the way

it was put together,

1036
00:58:27,330 --> 00:58:31,140
and I just have read very
carefully Wannsee protocol,

1037
00:58:31,140 --> 00:58:33,770
and some of the things the
way it is done, I think,

1038
00:58:33,770 --> 00:58:37,260
is pretty interesting.

1039
00:58:37,260 --> 00:58:39,918
probably not 100%
accurate, obviously,

1040
00:58:39,918 --> 00:58:42,210
because how do you know
something where you've not been

1041
00:58:42,210 --> 00:58:45,120
and it's not enough to go by.

1042
00:58:45,120 --> 00:58:52,530
But I think it's very
persuasive, some of this stuff.

1043
00:58:52,530 --> 00:58:55,170
And I've seen some, and I
worked on another one which

1044
00:58:55,170 --> 00:58:59,070
is based on Heydrich
many years ago,

1045
00:58:59,070 --> 00:59:07,170
for which I didn't get the
recognition I should have,

1046
00:59:07,170 --> 00:59:10,350
but that's beside the point,
and that was psychologically

1047
00:59:10,350 --> 00:59:12,250
and otherwise just fantastic.

1048
00:59:12,250 --> 00:59:14,310
Except it was taken out of--

1049
00:59:14,310 --> 00:59:22,920
I tried to get it brought
here into the United States

1050
00:59:22,920 --> 00:59:28,330
with the synchronized
whatever, and for some reason,

1051
00:59:28,330 --> 00:59:30,090
they didn't do it.

1052
00:59:30,090 --> 00:59:33,210
But I thought it was a very
excellent, very accurate

1053
00:59:33,210 --> 00:59:35,820
portrayal of Heydrich.

1054
00:59:35,820 --> 00:59:40,140
And I looked into Heydrich's
situation quite a bit

1055
00:59:40,140 --> 00:59:44,220
myself in going back
to his relatives

1056
00:59:44,220 --> 00:59:48,360
and trying to find
out what I could,

1057
00:59:48,360 --> 00:59:51,600
and I thought it
was very well done.

1058
00:59:51,600 --> 00:59:52,930

So you've got this and that.

1059
00:59:52,930 --> 00:59:56,980
So I haven't seen this
one you mentioned.

1060
00:59:56,980 --> 00:59:59,540
That's it.

1061
00:59:59,540 --> 01:00:04,380
I just wanted you
to specifically say

1062
01:00:04,380 --> 01:00:07,450
the dates that were added.

1063
01:00:07,450 --> 01:00:10,630
You said that you didn't have
specific dates that if we could

1064
01:00:10,630 --> 01:00:13,030
have an approximate
month of the year,

1065
01:00:13,030 --> 01:00:16,330
starting with Theresienstadt,
which was August 10th.

1066
01:00:16,330 --> 01:00:20,010
Well, that was
August 10 is right.

1067
01:00:20,010 --> 01:00:21,490
No, it's not actually.

1068
01:00:21,490 --> 01:00:24,970
Because August 10 I had to
go into the assembly place

1069
01:00:24,970 --> 01:00:29,530
and we stayed there overnight
and we probably left there

1070

01:00:29,530 --> 01:00:33,790
on the 11th on the 12th.

1071

01:00:33,790 --> 01:00:41,410
And so I stayed
in Theresienstadt

1072

01:00:41,410 --> 01:01:00,880
I guess until roughly late
spring or something '43.

1073

01:01:00,880 --> 01:01:02,400
Might be April or May?

1074

01:01:02,400 --> 01:01:06,650

1075

01:01:06,650 --> 01:01:09,380
I don't know.

1076

01:01:09,380 --> 01:01:11,730
But it was late spring.

1077

01:01:11,730 --> 01:01:15,608
Yeah, well I don't think it
was hot enough for being summer

1078

01:01:15,608 --> 01:01:17,150
because I would have
remembered that.

1079

01:01:17,150 --> 01:01:19,770

1080

01:01:19,770 --> 01:01:21,020
Yeah.

1081

01:01:21,020 --> 01:01:39,464
And then Auschwitz until spring,
early spring '44 something.

1082

01:01:39,464 --> 01:01:43,340

1083

01:01:43,340 --> 01:01:48,830

Yeah, early spring
'44, if not earlier.

1084

01:01:48,830 --> 01:01:54,020

1085

01:01:54,020 --> 01:01:54,940

And then you said--

1086

01:01:54,940 --> 01:01:57,540

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1087

01:01:57,540 --> 01:01:58,260

That's right.

1088

01:01:58,260 --> 01:02:05,590

And then January '45,
shipped out end of December,

1089

01:02:05,590 --> 01:02:09,050

beginning of January
with death march.

1090

01:02:09,050 --> 01:02:12,590

And how long would that take?

1091

01:02:12,590 --> 01:02:14,860

Well, it just took
10 days for what I--

1092

01:02:14,860 --> 01:02:21,280

10 days and then about another
10 days in the open boxcar.

1093

01:02:21,280 --> 01:02:25,520

And I must have come either
at the end of January,

1094

01:02:25,520 --> 01:02:27,850
beginning of February to Dachau.

1095
01:02:27,850 --> 01:02:30,070
Actually, I have the exact
date because I've got

1096
01:02:30,070 --> 01:02:32,547
the exact date in my column.

1097
01:02:32,547 --> 01:02:33,130
It's in there.

1098
01:02:33,130 --> 01:02:36,160

1099
01:02:36,160 --> 01:02:37,830
I think it was February.

1100
01:02:37,830 --> 01:02:40,420

1101
01:02:40,420 --> 01:02:43,450
And I found, because
I went to Dachau when

1102
01:02:43,450 --> 01:02:54,750
I was doing the documentary with
the Hitler thing which we did,

1103
01:02:54,750 --> 01:02:58,140
and then I got the
official Dachau document

1104
01:02:58,140 --> 01:03:01,200
of all the signers and I
found myself there when I came

1105
01:03:01,200 --> 01:03:03,120
and what happened then.

1106
01:03:03,120 --> 01:03:08,210

1107
01:03:08,210 --> 01:03:11,240
Should we save it
for the next time?

1108
01:03:11,240 --> 01:03:13,670
No, go ahead.

1109
01:03:13,670 --> 01:03:19,910
You've talked about some of the
material or physical reasons

1110
01:03:19,910 --> 01:03:21,990
that you've survived
such as finding

1111
01:03:21,990 --> 01:03:25,930
the knapsack, such as having
certain people help you,

1112
01:03:25,930 --> 01:03:27,680
the fact that you spoke
several languages,

1113
01:03:27,680 --> 01:03:28,830
and a number of things.

1114
01:03:28,830 --> 01:03:31,040
No, several languages
was totally unimportant.

1115
01:03:31,040 --> 01:03:34,460
The fact that I spoke German.

1116
01:03:34,460 --> 01:03:36,920
OK, so it's more specific.

1117
01:03:36,920 --> 01:03:38,180
Do you remember?

1118
01:03:38,180 --> 01:03:38,680

Why?

1119
01:03:38,680 --> 01:03:41,860
Because I just know that
there was no accent.

1120
01:03:41,860 --> 01:03:46,483
It was just Prague German is
one of the most pure German

1121
01:03:46,483 --> 01:03:48,400
But don't you think
speaking other languages--

1122
01:03:48,400 --> 01:03:51,130
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1123
01:03:51,130 --> 01:03:53,980

1124
01:03:53,980 --> 01:03:58,420
In terms of that I had something
with the Czech and all that.

1125
01:03:58,420 --> 01:04:00,370
But I mean we
happened to be Czech

1126
01:04:00,370 --> 01:04:02,740
and then I spoke obviously.

1127
01:04:02,740 --> 01:04:06,220
But I don't know
whether that was--

1128
01:04:06,220 --> 01:04:07,270
I don't think so.

1129
01:04:07,270 --> 01:04:09,850
German was certainly the
most important language

1130

01:04:09,850 --> 01:04:13,600
at that particular situation.

1131
01:04:13,600 --> 01:04:20,020
Besides that, and you and
I have talked about this,

1132
01:04:20,020 --> 01:04:21,250
what helped you survive?

1133
01:04:21,250 --> 01:04:23,260
What kept you going?

1134
01:04:23,260 --> 01:04:26,350
Well, I thought I talked
about it all the time.

1135
01:04:26,350 --> 01:04:28,630
You have to be more specific?

1136
01:04:28,630 --> 01:04:31,750
Well, I mean it's just like
I said very specifically

1137
01:04:31,750 --> 01:04:33,880
alert, to be alert.

1138
01:04:33,880 --> 01:04:39,280
Physically in a relatively
condition to be young.

1139
01:04:39,280 --> 01:04:43,870
And have a certain
measure of intelligence

1140
01:04:43,870 --> 01:04:46,840
to adjust to novel
conditions, which is

1141
01:04:46,840 --> 01:04:49,060
the definition of intelligence.

1142

01:04:49,060 --> 01:04:52,360
And the ability to adjust
to novel conditions,

1143
01:04:52,360 --> 01:04:54,670
the definition of intelligence.

1144
01:04:54,670 --> 01:04:59,950
And then you have
a measure of luck.

1145
01:04:59,950 --> 01:05:04,630
And then the connections
you make, support

1146
01:05:04,630 --> 01:05:08,680
system which you have,
and that is decisive.

1147
01:05:08,680 --> 01:05:13,070
And to what extent you
retain your health.

1148
01:05:13,070 --> 01:05:18,940
And then also you have to
have some sort of meaning

1149
01:05:18,940 --> 01:05:24,610
and find meaning
in that and somehow

1150
01:05:24,610 --> 01:05:27,130
find meaning in the suffering.

1151
01:05:27,130 --> 01:05:28,930
Or why.

1152
01:05:28,930 --> 01:05:29,710
Find meaning.

1153
01:05:29,710 --> 01:05:34,120
And that you only can do if you
have some sort of belief system

1154
01:05:34,120 --> 01:05:37,340
or some sort of
philosophy of life

1155
01:05:37,340 --> 01:05:40,210
which will enable you
to explain and make

1156
01:05:40,210 --> 01:05:49,600
some sort of unreasonable,
chaotic, dreadful stuff relate

1157
01:05:49,600 --> 01:05:52,210
to it and give it some meaning.

1158
01:05:52,210 --> 01:05:54,010
So that you can
say, well, there's

1159
01:05:54,010 --> 01:05:59,290
a meaning which
makes it possible

1160
01:05:59,290 --> 01:06:07,480
for me to endure because of
some cause or other reasons

1161
01:06:07,480 --> 01:06:15,500
which I can use in order
to make sense of it.

1162
01:06:15,500 --> 01:06:17,102
So what about your philosophy?

1163
01:06:17,102 --> 01:06:18,310
Well, that's what I'm saying.

1164
01:06:18,310 --> 01:06:20,630
That's precisely
the things, yeah,

1165

01:06:20,630 --> 01:06:24,550
that I think it was very helpful
for me to have been brought up

1166
01:06:24,550 --> 01:06:27,790
in this particular situation,
with this type of philosophy

1167
01:06:27,790 --> 01:06:29,170
my parents had.

1168
01:06:29,170 --> 01:06:31,520
And I think that, in that
particular situation,

1169
01:06:31,520 --> 01:06:33,470
was exceedingly helpful.

1170
01:06:33,470 --> 01:06:35,800
Can you speak about
exactly what you believe?

1171
01:06:35,800 --> 01:06:38,680

1172
01:06:38,680 --> 01:06:40,540
Well it's just a question of--

1173
01:06:40,540 --> 01:06:45,880

1174
01:06:45,880 --> 01:06:48,410
The notion of
karma, for example,

1175
01:06:48,410 --> 01:06:53,140
is very important in terms of
that some of the things which

1176
01:06:53,140 --> 01:07:01,090
you have done in previous
lives which will come

1177

01:07:01,090 --> 01:07:03,580

and you will have to
atone for it in order

1178

01:07:03,580 --> 01:07:07,460

to make some reparations,
restitution for that.

1179

01:07:07,460 --> 01:07:10,840

So that certain things you
have done to other people

1180

01:07:10,840 --> 01:07:15,010

will somehow come back at
some sort of future life.

1181

01:07:15,010 --> 01:07:18,010

And that, of course, is
a very persuasive thing

1182

01:07:18,010 --> 01:07:20,800

in situations like that to
say, hey you know I mean,

1183

01:07:20,800 --> 01:07:25,900

God, what did I do in order
to have this sort of fate?

1184

01:07:25,900 --> 01:07:28,570

1185

01:07:28,570 --> 01:07:32,590

And so that may be
very specific and also

1186

01:07:32,590 --> 01:07:36,940

in terms of what we have to
go through in order to evolve.

1187

01:07:36,940 --> 01:07:40,570

What is the suffering
which may make you

1188

01:07:40,570 --> 01:07:43,340

into a better person,
a purification process,

1189

01:07:43,340 --> 01:07:44,530

so to speak.

1190

01:07:44,530 --> 01:07:46,120

And that's very
concrete and that

1191

01:07:46,120 --> 01:07:48,310

gives you some sort of
meaning with which it just

1192

01:07:48,310 --> 01:07:52,300

helps you to cope and Yes I have
that and certainly used it made

1193

01:07:52,300 --> 01:07:55,450

myself, availed myself of that.

1194

01:07:55,450 --> 01:08:00,460

And I read in some books
which I was able to--

1195

01:08:00,460 --> 01:08:03,700

Steiner books which I was able
to get in to Auschwitz-Birkenau

1196

01:08:03,700 --> 01:08:05,830

because of my friend
Hans Fischer--

1197

01:08:05,830 --> 01:08:07,330

and so I read these things.

1198

01:08:07,330 --> 01:08:09,760

And I actually also
had, by the way,

1199

01:08:09,760 --> 01:08:13,030

the Bible there too,
which I've read.

1200
01:08:13,030 --> 01:08:15,550
Old and New Testaments?

1201
01:08:15,550 --> 01:08:16,990
Yeah.

1202
01:08:16,990 --> 01:08:17,710
Yeah.

1203
01:08:17,710 --> 01:08:21,290
And so that was very helpful.

1204
01:08:21,290 --> 01:08:23,200
I found it.

1205
01:08:23,200 --> 01:08:28,060
And well that's it.

1206
01:08:28,060 --> 01:08:32,109
Now you also talked to me about
have been allowed [INAUDIBLE]

1207
01:08:32,109 --> 01:08:36,010
and also talk
quickly about feeling

1208
01:08:36,010 --> 01:08:40,960
that the loving, strong
relationships that you had

1209
01:08:40,960 --> 01:08:43,930
in your childhood,
in your family

1210
01:08:43,930 --> 01:08:48,050
gave you a certain strength
and a certain faith in humanity

1211
01:08:48,050 --> 01:08:56,710

or faith in family and goodness,
maybe goodness or maybe

1212
01:08:56,710 --> 01:09:01,060
some other words that would be
of your own choosing that gave

1213
01:09:01,060 --> 01:09:04,930
you strength in that situation.

1214
01:09:04,930 --> 01:09:08,439
Can you talk about that?

1215
01:09:08,439 --> 01:09:14,330
Well, I think that I wouldn't
say faith in goodness,

1216
01:09:14,330 --> 01:09:17,240
but also the fact that there
was a great deal of love

1217
01:09:17,240 --> 01:09:20,680
in this world which I
experienced which gave me

1218
01:09:20,680 --> 01:09:21,180
a lot of--

1219
01:09:21,180 --> 01:09:23,359
For example, if I
go into some place

1220
01:09:23,359 --> 01:09:28,399
where I have to be
under dreadful pressure

1221
01:09:28,399 --> 01:09:30,979
and I go there starved
and obviously I

1222
01:09:30,979 --> 01:09:35,880
won't have any sort of
protective coat, so to speak.

1223
01:09:35,880 --> 01:09:46,370
And this sort of love and this
sort of affection and positive

1224
01:09:46,370 --> 01:09:50,720
experience I've had, it's
something which still somehow

1225
01:09:50,720 --> 01:09:53,090
nourishes me now in a way.

1226
01:09:53,090 --> 01:09:55,100
Because I've not
with much of that

1227
01:09:55,100 --> 01:10:00,140
left because of circumstances.

1228
01:10:00,140 --> 01:10:03,810
And they made quite a
bit of a difference,

1229
01:10:03,810 --> 01:10:06,740
yes, because I think they
gave me the resources which

1230
01:10:06,740 --> 01:10:09,770
I otherwise would have not had.

1231
01:10:09,770 --> 01:10:14,820
And that I think is a
very important point.

1232
01:10:14,820 --> 01:10:15,320
Yeah.

1233
01:10:15,320 --> 01:10:21,770
Because the love I've
experienced is sort of,

1234
01:10:21,770 --> 01:10:27,500

yeah, well love more or less
what this four-letter word

1235
01:10:27,500 --> 01:10:28,400
really stands for.

1236
01:10:28,400 --> 01:10:30,740

1237
01:10:30,740 --> 01:10:32,360
Caring.

1238
01:10:32,360 --> 01:10:34,160
Well, it's just more than care.

1239
01:10:34,160 --> 01:10:35,360
It's not strong enough.

1240
01:10:35,360 --> 01:10:44,840
It's just the type of
affection and nurture

1241
01:10:44,840 --> 01:10:47,030
which I received made
all the difference.

1242
01:10:47,030 --> 01:10:53,470
Nurture which gave me
this sort of strength.

1243
01:10:53,470 --> 01:10:55,900
Because some people were
physically much stronger

1244
01:10:55,900 --> 01:11:02,815
than I am, much more athletic,
muscle big things and all that,

1245
01:11:02,815 --> 01:11:04,330
all perished.

1246
01:11:04,330 --> 01:11:05,730

And they said, how come?

1247

01:11:05,730 --> 01:11:07,540

You were one of the
weakest we've had,

1248

01:11:07,540 --> 01:11:14,500

thinnest, most
X-ray type looking.

1249

01:11:14,500 --> 01:11:17,710

And we are finished and that
happened to the death march.

1250

01:11:17,710 --> 01:11:19,030

I remember that.

1251

01:11:19,030 --> 01:11:23,980

And so how come you still
in this sort of shape?

1252

01:11:23,980 --> 01:11:27,250

We are the big fellow,
strong and all that.

1253

01:11:27,250 --> 01:11:30,800

And they didn't make it.

1254

01:11:30,800 --> 01:11:32,140

So it wasn't physical, was it?

1255

01:11:32,140 --> 01:11:37,390

1256

01:11:37,390 --> 01:11:39,700

And you know the
fact that I'm still

1257

01:11:39,700 --> 01:11:42,340

relatively sane is simply
that, because I haven't

1258

01:11:42,340 --> 01:11:47,320
had much nature ever since
because many people died

1259
01:11:47,320 --> 01:11:48,040
and all that.

1260
01:11:48,040 --> 01:11:50,290
People who have been--

1261
01:11:50,290 --> 01:11:53,500
And I wasn't blessed
with-- moved from one place

1262
01:11:53,500 --> 01:11:55,300
to another, wasn't
blessed with this sort

1263
01:11:55,300 --> 01:11:57,070
of nurturing environment.

1264
01:11:57,070 --> 01:12:00,280
And I'm still-- it's kind of
wearing thin, but you know--

1265
01:12:00,280 --> 01:12:04,020

1266
01:12:04,020 --> 01:12:06,580
You had kind of
a special family.

1267
01:12:06,580 --> 01:12:12,610
And you were living in
kind of a special time

1268
01:12:12,610 --> 01:12:16,630
Do you think that that was a
kind of accumulation of culture

1269
01:12:16,630 --> 01:12:22,520
and education and
an interesting mix

1270
01:12:22,520 --> 01:12:25,410
of Jewish and Christian
secular influences going on

1271
01:12:25,410 --> 01:12:30,690
during that time that you
enjoyed and thrived on.

1272
01:12:30,690 --> 01:12:34,950
Do you feel that in
a sense at the time

1273
01:12:34,950 --> 01:12:36,980
that we can go back to that.

1274
01:12:36,980 --> 01:12:40,790
It was a very special time
that cannot be replaced.

1275
01:12:40,790 --> 01:12:42,100
Well, times have changed.

1276
01:12:42,100 --> 01:12:42,940
People have changed.

1277
01:12:42,940 --> 01:12:46,230
We have different generations
with different experiences.

1278
01:12:46,230 --> 01:12:48,300
And I haven't seen it very much.

1279
01:12:48,300 --> 01:12:49,970
Yes, in certain
circles you still

1280
01:12:49,970 --> 01:12:56,660
have this sort of very
substantive, civilized,

1281
01:12:56,660 --> 01:13:00,050

cultured interaction.

1282
01:13:00,050 --> 01:13:03,920
But I find it that it
gets rarer by the minute.

1283
01:13:03,920 --> 01:13:05,450
Also humanity.

1284
01:13:05,450 --> 01:13:09,590
I think humanity is
not something which is

1285
01:13:09,590 --> 01:13:14,640
found very readily in our days.

1286
01:13:14,640 --> 01:13:16,380
More rare than it
existed before.

1287
01:13:16,380 --> 01:13:17,960
At least that's my impression.

1288
01:13:17,960 --> 01:13:20,810
Also, I'm no longer in
the circle of people.

1289
01:13:20,810 --> 01:13:25,250
Some have died out
and there's no one,

1290
01:13:25,250 --> 01:13:28,100
not many people are
left to perpetuate it.

1291
01:13:28,100 --> 01:13:31,260
And I still say, coming
back to what I said earlier,

1292
01:13:31,260 --> 01:13:37,170
and some recognition, which
is relatively of recent time,

1293

01:13:37,170 --> 01:13:42,290

is the fact that the
elites did not survive.

1294

01:13:42,290 --> 01:13:46,160

And I know if my cousin, for
example, wouldn't be around,

1295

01:13:46,160 --> 01:13:49,790

and in my aunt has, and
she made the difference.

1296

01:13:49,790 --> 01:13:52,340

She has survived, my
aunt, because she stayed

1297

01:13:52,340 --> 01:13:54,650

Theresienstadt because
she was employed

1298

01:13:54,650 --> 01:14:02,120

in a war industry which she
developed some expertise

1299

01:14:02,120 --> 01:14:04,940

and they didn't ship
her to some death camp.

1300

01:14:04,940 --> 01:14:07,405

1301

01:14:07,405 --> 01:14:08,780

So I know what
sort of difference

1302

01:14:08,780 --> 01:14:12,200

she did for me, although I saw
her very infrequently, only

1303

01:14:12,200 --> 01:14:12,950

once a year.

1304

01:14:12,950 --> 01:14:15,020
And she was in
Czechoslovakia, in Prague,

1305
01:14:15,020 --> 01:14:16,460
and all that would visit her.

1306
01:14:16,460 --> 01:14:19,250
And it made a
difference in the world.

1307
01:14:19,250 --> 01:14:24,350
But less and less
people are available

1308
01:14:24,350 --> 01:14:27,740
or are brought up who would
have these sort of qualities.

1309
01:14:27,740 --> 01:14:29,860
I just don't see them.

1310
01:14:29,860 --> 01:14:31,010
They died out.

1311
01:14:31,010 --> 01:14:34,010
And most of them died anyway,
because I said, most of them

1312
01:14:34,010 --> 01:14:34,940
died in the camps.

1313
01:14:34,940 --> 01:14:36,750
They didn't make it.

1314
01:14:36,750 --> 01:14:39,150
So we have a totally
different input.

1315
01:14:39,150 --> 01:14:44,190
And what I've seen here in the
United States and all that.

1316

01:14:44,190 --> 01:14:46,380

50s were still
around some people

1317

01:14:46,380 --> 01:14:50,340

who went through World
War II somehow and had

1318

01:14:50,340 --> 01:14:52,530

a different upbringing
and a little bit.

1319

01:14:52,530 --> 01:14:55,840

What I see now in
the United States

1320

01:14:55,840 --> 01:14:59,160

and the present generation,
it's a catastrophe.

1321

01:14:59,160 --> 01:15:07,980

I just have absolutely
not great expectations

1322

01:15:07,980 --> 01:15:09,870

of what these people
will contribute

1323

01:15:09,870 --> 01:15:12,340

in terms of this
type of atmosphere,

1324

01:15:12,340 --> 01:15:13,470

which would be substantive.

1325

01:15:13,470 --> 01:15:15,960

Or how we would
survive difficulties.

1326

01:15:15,960 --> 01:15:16,800

That's right.

1327

01:15:16,800 --> 01:15:18,390
Well, that's right.

1328
01:15:18,390 --> 01:15:19,350
That's right.

1329
01:15:19,350 --> 01:15:20,410
That's right.

1330
01:15:20,410 --> 01:15:22,390
That's right.

1331
01:15:22,390 --> 01:15:25,810
In terms of how people will
respond to stress situations,

1332
01:15:25,810 --> 01:15:30,100
how easy it will be, relatively
easy before they sell out.

1333
01:15:30,100 --> 01:15:35,930
In other words, they're
not going to be able to--

1334
01:15:35,930 --> 01:15:38,440
Well, we've seen
that in Vietnam.

1335
01:15:38,440 --> 01:15:41,920
We've seen that in
Korea to some extent.

1336
01:15:41,920 --> 01:15:48,670
And now, before people actually
cave it doesn't take much.

1337
01:15:48,670 --> 01:15:50,180
How much stress can they take?

1338
01:15:50,180 --> 01:15:52,750
And it doesn't take much
before they actually sell out

1339

01:15:52,750 --> 01:15:55,210
one way or another or break.

1340

01:15:55,210 --> 01:15:58,490

1341

01:15:58,490 --> 01:16:01,760
I don't know that's what
you wanted me to say.

1342

01:16:01,760 --> 01:16:03,980
It didn't want you to
say something specific,

1343

01:16:03,980 --> 01:16:12,380
but yeah, that's fine because
I'm working on these ideas.

1344

01:16:12,380 --> 01:16:15,800
I think maybe we should
wait till the next time.

1345

01:16:15,800 --> 01:16:20,210
Each of these questions
is fairly complex.

1346

01:16:20,210 --> 01:16:22,340
I'll give you a list
of the various subjects

1347

01:16:22,340 --> 01:16:27,550
that I presume we'll spend on.

1348

01:16:27,550 --> 01:16:30,570
Yeah but I mean that's all
because we still have--

1349

01:16:30,570 --> 01:16:32,680
[INAUDIBLE]

1350

01:16:32,680 --> 01:16:33,960
Well, just go--

1351
01:16:33,960 --> 01:16:36,280
Yeah, keep on going a
little bit so that we just

1352
01:16:36,280 --> 01:16:42,850
get that behind ourselves.

1353
01:16:42,850 --> 01:16:44,446
I think it's important.

1354
01:16:44,446 --> 01:16:56,910

1355
01:16:56,910 --> 01:17:05,220
I wanted to ask, out of all
your experiences in the camps,

1356
01:17:05,220 --> 01:17:08,160
you probably named a
lot of the worst things

1357
01:17:08,160 --> 01:17:10,740
because they stand out
in your mind, the worst

1358
01:17:10,740 --> 01:17:16,950
examples, the most horrifying
events, the ones that

1359
01:17:16,950 --> 01:17:19,230
caused you to lose your faith
in humanity or whatever,

1360
01:17:19,230 --> 01:17:20,230
if you have.

1361
01:17:20,230 --> 01:17:22,560
I don't know.

1362
01:17:22,560 --> 01:17:25,200
What would you say

was the worst thing?

1363

01:17:25,200 --> 01:17:27,610

Well, that I can
point out very easily

1364

01:17:27,610 --> 01:17:33,240

was the experiences
in the open boxcar.

1365

01:17:33,240 --> 01:17:37,470

I just don't hesitate only
to hesitate for a moment.

1366

01:17:37,470 --> 01:17:41,400

Do you want to talk about it?

1367

01:17:41,400 --> 01:17:43,320

I thought we talked about it.

1368

01:17:43,320 --> 01:17:44,010

Not on the tape.

1369

01:17:44,010 --> 01:17:48,653

1370

01:17:48,653 --> 01:17:50,070

The details of
that would be good.

1371

01:17:50,070 --> 01:17:52,083

Because it's intense.

1372

01:17:52,083 --> 01:17:54,000

Since we are going to
start with a death march

1373

01:17:54,000 --> 01:18:00,630

and then move on to the boxcar,
maybe we could wait till then.

1374

01:18:00,630 --> 01:18:09,624

1375
01:18:09,624 --> 01:18:11,965
It's all leading
into other things.

1376
01:18:11,965 --> 01:18:15,310

1377
01:18:15,310 --> 01:18:19,540
In fact, it's 6:00 now.

1378
01:18:19,540 --> 01:18:21,940
We want it to feel
relaxed and go on.

1379
01:18:21,940 --> 01:18:25,570
Which I like the fact that one
thing suggests another as we

1380
01:18:25,570 --> 01:18:27,350
moved along.

1381
01:18:27,350 --> 01:18:32,220
You don't have anything else
which is not that involved?

1382
01:18:32,220 --> 01:18:34,340
All my questions are involved.

1383
01:18:34,340 --> 01:18:39,240
Oh, just doesn't lead
one thing to another.

1384
01:18:39,240 --> 01:18:42,678
There's the whole area of the
death march and the boxcar.

1385
01:18:42,678 --> 01:18:44,970
That's going to be covered,
but is there anything else?

1386

01:18:44,970 --> 01:18:50,803

1387

01:18:50,803 --> 01:18:51,970

Well, I know what she means.

1388

01:18:51,970 --> 01:18:54,460

I think some of the
philosophical questions--

1389

01:18:54,460 --> 01:18:57,850

A lot of my questions have
to do with the meaning

1390

01:18:57,850 --> 01:19:00,762

of your experience and the
implications for a time

1391

01:19:00,762 --> 01:19:01,720

and this sort of thing.

1392

01:19:01,720 --> 01:19:03,370

And implications
in terms of what

1393

01:19:03,370 --> 01:19:06,250

you chose to do with your life
from having experienced that,

1394

01:19:06,250 --> 01:19:10,510

so they're not easy to answer.

1395

01:19:10,510 --> 01:19:12,760

And especially since
we haven't also

1396

01:19:12,760 --> 01:19:15,690

covered some of the
chronology to refer back to.

1397

01:19:15,690 --> 01:19:20,160

1398

01:19:20,160 --> 01:19:24,450

It's just very simply it's
just not a situational accident

1399

01:19:24,450 --> 01:19:29,010

that I became a
sociologist after I

1400

01:19:29,010 --> 01:19:31,140

failed to continue
my medical studies,

1401

01:19:31,140 --> 01:19:34,890

or was unable to finish
them is more correct.

1402

01:19:34,890 --> 01:19:37,800

Because that's what
I wanted to do,

1403

01:19:37,800 --> 01:19:42,300

and I still feel that I would
have probably been successful

1404

01:19:42,300 --> 01:19:44,760

in that type of profession.

1405

01:19:44,760 --> 01:19:47,460

But that was not
possible because I

1406

01:19:47,460 --> 01:19:49,170

had to leave for Australia.

1407

01:19:49,170 --> 01:19:50,170

I couldn't do that.

1408

01:19:50,170 --> 01:19:53,940

And I came to the United
States and it was still

1409

01:19:53,940 --> 01:19:59,610

not impossible, but I was
getting a bit old for that

1410
01:19:59,610 --> 01:20:02,580
just to start from scratch.

1411
01:20:02,580 --> 01:20:08,070
And so the next obvious
thing is to understand.

1412
01:20:08,070 --> 01:20:10,260
And I'm still working
on trying to understand

1413
01:20:10,260 --> 01:20:13,560
what is to be understood,
what can be understood,

1414
01:20:13,560 --> 01:20:15,300
as much as they
can be understood

1415
01:20:15,300 --> 01:20:19,170
or something which is
known as the Holocaust.

1416
01:20:19,170 --> 01:20:21,540
And so that's why
I felt sociology

1417
01:20:21,540 --> 01:20:24,210
would be the appropriate thing.

1418
01:20:24,210 --> 01:20:28,200
Certainly psychology is helpful,
and I've studied that also,

1419
01:20:28,200 --> 01:20:32,850
but I think sociology, or social
psychology more specifically,

1420
01:20:32,850 --> 01:20:38,820
is probably the

proper discipline

1421
01:20:38,820 --> 01:20:41,550
to understand what
can be understood,

1422
01:20:41,550 --> 01:20:43,695
at least as much as one can.

1423
01:20:43,695 --> 01:20:45,840
Did you sense from the
beginning that you're

1424
01:20:45,840 --> 01:20:47,220
working on the Holocaust?

1425
01:20:47,220 --> 01:20:51,650
Or did you turn away
from that for awhile

1426
01:20:51,650 --> 01:20:54,280
and go in another direction?

1427
01:20:54,280 --> 01:20:57,460
Well yeah, because I was
still looking for my nation.

1428
01:20:57,460 --> 01:20:59,560
I was doing a number
of different things

1429
01:20:59,560 --> 01:21:01,480
which had nothing to
do with the Holocaust.

1430
01:21:01,480 --> 01:21:04,690
And I don't particularly
think it's very healthy

1431
01:21:04,690 --> 01:21:08,430
to dwell on that subject
for any length of time,

1432

01:21:08,430 --> 01:21:10,060

no question about that.

1433

01:21:10,060 --> 01:21:14,020

I do that not because I want

to be in it, because I feel

1434

01:21:14,020 --> 01:21:19,690

a certain obligation towards

those who have died to somehow

1435

01:21:19,690 --> 01:21:26,030

leave some sort of traces

or kind of a legacy

1436

01:21:26,030 --> 01:21:30,790

in places, if you will, of

what I was able to gather.

1437

01:21:30,790 --> 01:21:33,220

And that's very difficult

because most people

1438

01:21:33,220 --> 01:21:34,630

don't give a hoot.

1439

01:21:34,630 --> 01:21:37,540

And they're not dreadfully

interested in that.

1440

01:21:37,540 --> 01:21:40,270

Although because they think

it's something which happened

1441

01:21:40,270 --> 01:21:45,340

in the past, not understanding

that the material lends itself

1442

01:21:45,340 --> 01:21:51,040

or analysis of the human

status and humanity itself,

1443

01:21:51,040 --> 01:21:52,690
and if you don't
understand that,

1444
01:21:52,690 --> 01:21:56,620
the chances are that we are not
going to learn anything from it

1445
01:21:56,620 --> 01:22:02,290
and that, to me, is unbelievable
in view of the millions who

1446
01:22:02,290 --> 01:22:12,220
were to die because of
ignorance and destructiveness,

1447
01:22:12,220 --> 01:22:14,260
human destructiveness,
which is I

1448
01:22:14,260 --> 01:22:17,815
think primarily based on
ignorance rather than evil.

1449
01:22:17,815 --> 01:22:21,800

1450
01:22:21,800 --> 01:22:25,220
And out of that I'm
doing what I do.

1451
01:22:25,220 --> 01:22:26,820
It's not that I enjoy it at all.

1452
01:22:26,820 --> 01:22:27,810
I don't enjoy it.

1453
01:22:27,810 --> 01:22:31,250
I don't enjoy
every minute of it.

1454
01:22:31,250 --> 01:22:36,020
It's a sacrifice on

my part because--

1455

01:22:36,020 --> 01:22:38,690

And it certainly has done
something to my marriage too.

1456

01:22:38,690 --> 01:22:45,860

And human relationships
with everyone,

1457

01:22:45,860 --> 01:22:47,870

it's still in the Holocaust.

1458

01:22:47,870 --> 01:22:50,000

It's still in the
Holocaust, and you

1459

01:22:50,000 --> 01:22:54,890

know it's still the tainted
with all the corpses.

1460

01:22:54,890 --> 01:22:55,460

It smells.

1461

01:22:55,460 --> 01:22:59,240

You can smell the corpses
and when he's around.

1462

01:22:59,240 --> 01:23:00,440

So who needs you?

1463

01:23:00,440 --> 01:23:02,090

And I think that
has very much to do.

1464

01:23:02,090 --> 01:23:02,450

people?

1465

01:23:02,450 --> 01:23:03,783

Are not particularly attractive.

1466

01:23:03,783 --> 01:23:06,320

Not a very attractive
sort of thing

1467
01:23:06,320 --> 01:23:09,230
to deal with and be
associated with it

1468
01:23:09,230 --> 01:23:11,060
for the person
who is doing that.

1469
01:23:11,060 --> 01:23:14,180
So I consider it to be
a sacrifice on my part

1470
01:23:14,180 --> 01:23:17,060
that I do what I do.

1471
01:23:17,060 --> 01:23:20,990
On top of the fact that I'm
getting very little recognition

1472
01:23:20,990 --> 01:23:25,580
for it except the rejection,
more rejection than acceptance.

1473
01:23:25,580 --> 01:23:32,960
It's a very thankless job to do.

1474
01:23:32,960 --> 01:23:34,940
Sounds like a terrible legacy.

1475
01:23:34,940 --> 01:23:38,270
Not terrible, but I do it
simply out of obligation

1476
01:23:38,270 --> 01:23:43,730
of those people whom I
consider more useful and more

1477
01:23:43,730 --> 01:23:48,470
worthy of living than the
people who have survived.

1478
01:23:48,470 --> 01:23:51,200
But I feel that's
what is expected

1479
01:23:51,200 --> 01:23:54,590
of me by those who have died.

1480
01:23:54,590 --> 01:23:56,540
And that's what they
would expect of me.

1481
01:23:56,540 --> 01:24:00,480
And I know them and I know
how they think and all that.

1482
01:24:00,480 --> 01:24:02,970
So I'm doing it, but it
just doesn't come easy.

1483
01:24:02,970 --> 01:24:04,110
And I don't enjoy it.

1484
01:24:04,110 --> 01:24:06,950
And I certainly don't
enjoy it and I I'm

1485
01:24:06,950 --> 01:24:12,920
not getting any recognition
out of it to speak of.

1486
01:24:12,920 --> 01:24:14,540
Certainly not rewarding.

1487
01:24:14,540 --> 01:24:15,450
And I'm doing it.

1488
01:24:15,450 --> 01:24:19,550
And maybe I should and maybe
help you get out of it.

1489
01:24:19,550 --> 01:24:23,840

Because how long can
you do it before you

1490
01:24:23,840 --> 01:24:24,830
say enough is enough?

1491
01:24:24,830 --> 01:24:28,470

1492
01:24:28,470 --> 01:24:33,390
Well, I certainly
thank you for just

1493
01:24:33,390 --> 01:24:41,682
coming here also all the other
lectures that you do at school

1494
01:24:41,682 --> 01:24:42,640
and of course you give.

1495
01:24:42,640 --> 01:24:46,318

1496
01:24:46,318 --> 01:24:46,860
You're right.

1497
01:24:46,860 --> 01:24:49,600
Most people probably
don't care, but there's

1498
01:24:49,600 --> 01:24:54,620
a tiny group, maybe
relatively tiny,

1499
01:24:54,620 --> 01:24:56,330
a small and tenacious group.

1500
01:24:56,330 --> 01:24:59,040

1501
01:24:59,040 --> 01:25:01,500
Well, we just talk

to some people

1502
01:25:01,500 --> 01:25:04,710
I'm forced and compelled to
work with, how they view that.

1503
01:25:04,710 --> 01:25:08,170

1504
01:25:08,170 --> 01:25:12,950
We'll talk about that another
time, the various motivations--

1505
01:25:12,950 --> 01:25:15,740
And why people work
on that and feel

1506
01:25:15,740 --> 01:25:20,760
just totally lacking in humanity
or human compassion and all

1507
01:25:20,760 --> 01:25:21,260
that.

1508
01:25:21,260 --> 01:25:25,370
And they are into it for
reasons which I don't even know.

1509
01:25:25,370 --> 01:25:31,910
And to work with
them, it's just--

1510
01:25:31,910 --> 01:25:36,020
it's virtually
almost masochistic.

1511
01:25:36,020 --> 01:25:42,240

1512
01:25:42,240 --> 01:25:43,590
OK?

1513

01:25:43,590 --> 01:25:45,120
Is that it?

1514
01:25:45,120 --> 01:25:47,880
No?

1515
01:25:47,880 --> 01:25:49,320
That's a problem and a threat.

1516
01:25:49,320 --> 01:25:52,830
More a threat than a promise.

1517
01:25:52,830 --> 01:25:53,880
OK.

1518
01:25:53,880 --> 01:25:56,520
All right.

1519
01:25:56,520 --> 01:25:59,850
Do you have anything
else other than your kind

1520
01:25:59,850 --> 01:26:03,750
last words to say which I
appreciate, which I appreciate.

1521
01:26:03,750 --> 01:26:06,900
What else I have
is that, again, I

1522
01:26:06,900 --> 01:26:13,870
think this is a very
high-quality interview.

1523
01:26:13,870 --> 01:26:16,870
You know the thing is I really
don't have any comparison.

1524
01:26:16,870 --> 01:26:24,100
Because most of the
fellow survivors

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01:26:24,100 --> 01:26:30,310
I know haven't told
me anything very much

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01:26:30,310 --> 01:26:32,500
other than the very
descriptive stuff which

1527
01:26:32,500 --> 01:26:43,312
has been repeated time and time
again, and inside very little.

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01:26:43,312 --> 01:26:44,770
Well that's what
I'm talking about.

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01:26:44,770 --> 01:26:47,890
I think it's the
combination of the two

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01:26:47,890 --> 01:26:51,670
that I think has been going all
along throughout the interview,

1531
01:26:51,670 --> 01:26:56,600
the combination of
the so-called facts

1532
01:26:56,600 --> 01:26:59,020
and the physical world,
your perception of the facts

1533
01:26:59,020 --> 01:27:02,080
and you're thinking about them.

1534
01:27:02,080 --> 01:27:06,520
I don't think there's anything
more that we could conceivably

1535
01:27:06,520 --> 01:27:11,170
gain but that combination.

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01:27:11,170 --> 01:27:13,690

Well, that's why we
hope we do something,

1537
01:27:13,690 --> 01:27:19,610
you do something, which not only
has merit but can be useful.

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01:27:19,610 --> 01:27:22,270
Now my final question
would be a question to you.

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01:27:22,270 --> 01:27:27,880
To what extent can you come
out with some sort of excerpts

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01:27:27,880 --> 01:27:32,380
of the various interviews, which
I'm sure you have had in mind,

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01:27:32,380 --> 01:27:39,940
and come up with a very massive,
concentrated and substantive

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01:27:39,940 --> 01:27:42,700
documentary on that
particular part based

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01:27:42,700 --> 01:27:44,830
on the type of
interviews you've had?

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01:27:44,830 --> 01:27:46,660
And that I'd like to see.

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01:27:46,660 --> 01:27:48,980
Because we could use it.

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01:27:48,980 --> 01:27:50,200
We could use it.

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01:27:50,200 --> 01:27:52,430
And I think the
public would use it.

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01:27:52,430 --> 01:27:56,410
And the interesting thing, which
is on a more happy note, it's

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01:27:56,410 --> 01:28:01,480
I've been shamed
almost by the response

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01:28:01,480 --> 01:28:03,970
I get from some students
in terms of they

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01:28:03,970 --> 01:28:07,690
come and take me aside and
say, we'd like to thank you.

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01:28:07,690 --> 01:28:10,900
The insight and changed
our lives and all that.

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01:28:10,900 --> 01:28:14,050
And that is something
which is a positive note

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01:28:14,050 --> 01:28:18,490
to conclude this
sort of discussion.

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01:28:18,490 --> 01:28:22,510
Because apparently there's a
great deal of receptiveness

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01:28:22,510 --> 01:28:23,680
in young people.

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01:28:23,680 --> 01:28:25,220
And it can make a difference.

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01:28:25,220 --> 01:28:27,440
It can make a difference
in their lives.

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01:28:27,440 --> 01:28:29,560

So if we can come
up with something

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01:28:29,560 --> 01:28:34,690

which is really quality
and permits them to develop

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01:28:34,690 --> 01:28:37,690

insights which otherwise
or elsewhere could not

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01:28:37,690 --> 01:28:41,230

be obtained, then I think
we've done something which

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01:28:41,230 --> 01:28:45,260

might make a difference
to our lives by saying,

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01:28:45,260 --> 01:28:46,930

hey, we haven't
done that in vain.

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01:28:46,930 --> 01:28:51,640

And something really
positive is coming out of it.

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01:28:51,640 --> 01:28:53,725

So that's what I have to say.

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01:28:53,725 --> 01:28:54,850

In know what you're saying.

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01:28:54,850 --> 01:28:59,740

I think the majority
part of your question

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01:28:59,740 --> 01:29:03,040

needs to be discussed
John [? Avlon. ?]

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01:29:03,040 --> 01:29:07,990

I don't know what you have
to say about [INAUDIBLE]..

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01:29:07,990 --> 01:29:09,690

Yeah, I have some
thoughts on that.

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01:29:09,690 --> 01:29:12,130

May I turn the camera off?

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01:29:12,130 --> 01:29:13,980

Yeah, sure.

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01:29:13,980 --> 01:31:13,000