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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:41,850

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00:00:41,850 --> 00:00:43,650
Brutalizer.

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00:00:43,650 --> 00:00:47,100
Do you think that the
forms of child raising

4
00:00:47,100 --> 00:00:49,740
and the Prussian
aspect of Germany

5
00:00:49,740 --> 00:00:54,240
made a larger contribution, or
made it more fertile ground?

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00:00:54,240 --> 00:00:58,140
I'm thinking of some
of Ellis Miller's work.

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00:00:58,140 --> 00:01:07,770
Well, my notion is after
all these sort of research

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00:01:07,770 --> 00:01:15,870
and reflection is that the
socialization process which

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00:01:15,870 --> 00:01:20,340
took place in Germany and in
some Central European countries

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00:01:20,340 --> 00:01:25,650
as well apparently
rendered people

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00:01:25,650 --> 00:01:35,190
more susceptible to ideologies,
totalitarian, absolutist

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00:01:35,190 --> 00:01:37,230
ideologies.

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00:01:37,230 --> 00:01:41,130
And that, I think,
is a key issue,

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00:01:41,130 --> 00:01:47,580
because people will
not become destructive

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00:01:47,580 --> 00:01:52,830
unless they are persuaded
to be destructive.

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00:01:52,830 --> 00:01:58,680
And this persuasion
is only possible

17
00:01:58,680 --> 00:02:01,330
when I'm susceptible to it.

18
00:02:01,330 --> 00:02:04,440
And the idea is,
for example, what

19
00:02:04,440 --> 00:02:09,810
I'm trying to do with my
son, know that, indeed,

20
00:02:09,810 --> 00:02:13,860
do all I can so that they
will question authority,

21
00:02:13,860 --> 00:02:18,540
that they will question belief
systems which indeed are myth

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00:02:18,540 --> 00:02:21,540
rather than just buy into
it and let themselves

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00:02:21,540 --> 00:02:23,170
be influenced by them.

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00:02:23,170 --> 00:02:25,050
And I think that's
something which we can do,

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00:02:25,050 --> 00:02:29,700
and we can do by way of
proper socialization.

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00:02:29,700 --> 00:02:34,110
That is my conclusion.

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00:02:34,110 --> 00:02:40,600
Now, I use myself as
an example for that,

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00:02:40,600 --> 00:02:44,710
because I didn't buy into any
of these sort of ideologies

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00:02:44,710 --> 00:02:52,840
may they be communist or any
absolutist ideologies which

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00:02:52,840 --> 00:03:03,220
make you see enemies in people
who have heretofore been

31
00:03:03,220 --> 00:03:07,840
your friends or your neighbors.

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00:03:07,840 --> 00:03:12,760
I'm not going to be
persuaded to accept that,

33
00:03:12,760 --> 00:03:17,170
and I think that's what
I'm doing with my students.

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00:03:17,170 --> 00:03:19,180
I'm explaining all

this to them, and I

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00:03:19,180 --> 00:03:24,280
think it will be more difficult
to persuade some of my students

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00:03:24,280 --> 00:03:28,060
who have taken my classes
or have been exposed

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00:03:28,060 --> 00:03:30,680
to the Holocaust lecture
series or what have

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00:03:30,680 --> 00:03:34,660
you to become true believers.

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00:03:34,660 --> 00:03:37,450
And so that's the crucial step.

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00:03:37,450 --> 00:03:40,030
Step number one.

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00:03:40,030 --> 00:03:43,930
And also, may I don't
have much influence

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00:03:43,930 --> 00:03:50,650
is to appeal to politicians to
see to it that there will not

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00:03:50,650 --> 00:03:59,560
be outlets which will be
socially acceptable outlets

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00:03:59,560 --> 00:04:01,150
to do harm to other people.

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00:04:01,150 --> 00:04:05,240
And that includes
the type of prisons,

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00:04:05,240 --> 00:04:08,500
which are obviously
counterproductive,

47
00:04:08,500 --> 00:04:12,790
and total institutions-- what
we call total institutions--

48
00:04:12,790 --> 00:04:15,790
in which other
people simply have

49
00:04:15,790 --> 00:04:18,730
to act upon assigned roles.

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00:04:18,730 --> 00:04:24,130
These sort of things,
once they exist,

51
00:04:24,130 --> 00:04:30,060
provide outlets for
human disruptiveness.

52
00:04:30,060 --> 00:04:33,850
And I think if we
are mindful of that,

53
00:04:33,850 --> 00:04:42,490
and if we bring up people who
will see that, we can reduce

54
00:04:42,490 --> 00:04:47,320
the resolution of conflict,
which we will have at all times

55
00:04:47,320 --> 00:04:50,320
with violent means to a minimum.

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00:04:50,320 --> 00:04:56,740
And that's what I find to be
one of my major life goals

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00:04:56,740 --> 00:05:05,260

to attain in my role as
educator or as an individual who

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00:05:05,260 --> 00:05:06,250
speaks his mind.

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00:05:06,250 --> 00:05:10,310

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00:05:10,310 --> 00:05:12,800
I'm thinking how to
go back and follow

61
00:05:12,800 --> 00:05:18,830
how you came to be the
educator and involved

62
00:05:18,830 --> 00:05:21,620
in the Holocaust aspects
that's on the state.

63
00:05:21,620 --> 00:05:27,290
But in the '50s, you went to
Freiburg and did your doctoral

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00:05:27,290 --> 00:05:30,440
work there, but you
must have, I presume,

65
00:05:30,440 --> 00:05:35,770
come back to the United States
somewhat after the doctorate

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00:05:35,770 --> 00:05:37,350
was through or--

67
00:05:37,350 --> 00:05:38,710
Well, the same year actually.

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00:05:38,710 --> 00:05:41,320
I finished my doctorate
in '68, and that's

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00:05:41,320 --> 00:05:43,210

when I came back to
the United States

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00:05:43,210 --> 00:05:47,050

to teach at Sonoma State.

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00:05:47,050 --> 00:05:48,800

First, I had some choices.

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00:05:48,800 --> 00:05:51,580

But I came there because
of a colleague of mine

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00:05:51,580 --> 00:05:54,620

with whom I initially
taught at Berkeley,

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00:05:54,620 --> 00:05:56,560

and he asked me to join him.

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00:05:56,560 --> 00:05:58,480

But when I came, he had left.

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00:05:58,480 --> 00:06:00,370

You know, he decided
to leave, and so

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00:06:00,370 --> 00:06:05,350

I actually assumed his position
rather than the position which

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00:06:05,350 --> 00:06:10,930

was available to me
which was vacant,

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00:06:10,930 --> 00:06:16,330

and which I think is a shame.

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00:06:16,330 --> 00:06:20,530

But that's what
happened, and then I--

81
00:06:20,530 --> 00:06:21,850
In the sociology department?

82
00:06:21,850 --> 00:06:26,740
Yeah, and then I stayed for
reasons which still escape me.

83
00:06:26,740 --> 00:06:31,180
Did you start right out teaching
Holocaust-related courses?

84
00:06:31,180 --> 00:06:34,160
Not really, because
first of all,

85
00:06:34,160 --> 00:06:37,220
I had to think about things.

86
00:06:37,220 --> 00:06:41,200
How to teach them
and to what extent

87
00:06:41,200 --> 00:06:44,200
there would be interest in them.

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00:06:44,200 --> 00:06:47,440
And to begin with, I don't
think there was much interest,

89
00:06:47,440 --> 00:06:54,070
and what I think is
the irony that most

90
00:06:54,070 --> 00:06:56,050
of my Jewish colleagues
in the Department

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00:06:56,050 --> 00:06:58,180
were the ones who were
least interested and didn't

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00:06:58,180 --> 00:07:00,400
want anything to do or
certainly not supportive.

93
00:07:00,400 --> 00:07:03,520
They still are not supportive,
and that is something

94
00:07:03,520 --> 00:07:08,363
which I think is unforgiving.

95
00:07:08,363 --> 00:07:10,030
Why do you think
they're not supportive?

96
00:07:10,030 --> 00:07:11,020
I don't know.

97
00:07:11,020 --> 00:07:16,060
I think they are dreadfully
ignorant and insensitive.

98
00:07:16,060 --> 00:07:19,390
Defensive against
the [INAUDIBLE]..

99
00:07:19,390 --> 00:07:20,350
Insensitive.

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00:07:20,350 --> 00:07:21,603
Well, I would say defensive.

101
00:07:21,603 --> 00:07:22,270
In other words--

102
00:07:22,270 --> 00:07:24,970
Defensive maybe
too, but I have not

103
00:07:24,970 --> 00:07:31,960
encountered any more insensitive
individuals than I've met there

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00:07:31,960 --> 00:07:35,260

in terms of my
profession, in contrast

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00:07:35,260 --> 00:07:39,130

to people I've met elsewhere.

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00:07:39,130 --> 00:07:41,980

Just like Philip Zimbardo
who is exceedingly

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00:07:41,980 --> 00:07:45,700

understands the problem and
has devoted a great deal

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00:07:45,700 --> 00:07:51,460

of his effort to share
insight and share

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00:07:51,460 --> 00:07:57,410

understanding to this
sort of dreadful problem.

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00:07:57,410 --> 00:07:58,960

So I haven't had
any help whatsoever

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00:07:58,960 --> 00:08:01,920

from the Department whatsoever.

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00:08:01,920 --> 00:08:05,210

So when did you begin to teach--

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00:08:05,210 --> 00:08:19,820

Well, I started the
first class sometimes

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00:08:19,820 --> 00:08:29,840

in the early '70s or mid
'70s, and I had no takers.

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00:08:29,840 --> 00:08:31,550

No one came.

116
00:08:31,550 --> 00:08:34,520
Did you just introduce
this by yourself?

117
00:08:34,520 --> 00:08:36,470
Yeah, well, I just offered that.

118
00:08:36,470 --> 00:08:37,370
No one came.

119
00:08:37,370 --> 00:08:39,020
No one?

120
00:08:39,020 --> 00:08:43,730
And then I just was, of
course, disappointed,

121
00:08:43,730 --> 00:08:48,170
and then I waited for a few
years, and I started again,

122
00:08:48,170 --> 00:08:53,780
and then I think the class--

123
00:08:53,780 --> 00:08:58,362
the first one was when
you came which was in 19--

124
00:08:58,362 --> 00:08:58,862
'84?

125
00:08:58,862 --> 00:09:01,550

126
00:09:01,550 --> 00:09:03,260
'84.

127
00:09:03,260 --> 00:09:06,800
And before that, I've had maybe
one or two trials and nothing

128
00:09:06,800 --> 00:09:08,730
very much developed.

129
00:09:08,730 --> 00:09:12,380
And so the first more
full fledged class

130
00:09:12,380 --> 00:09:15,530
with sufficient
number of students

131
00:09:15,530 --> 00:09:17,720
was at that particular time.

132
00:09:17,720 --> 00:09:19,860
It was, as she said, 1984.

133
00:09:19,860 --> 00:09:22,640
About a dozen of us, I think.

134
00:09:22,640 --> 00:09:26,210
Did you have difficulty with
the department or the university

135
00:09:26,210 --> 00:09:26,970
to teach this?

136
00:09:26,970 --> 00:09:28,850
Well, it just was
uphill all the way.

137
00:09:28,850 --> 00:09:31,400

138
00:09:31,400 --> 00:09:34,940
And now, we have someone
who is very supportive.

139
00:09:34,940 --> 00:09:38,780
We have a Dean who is very
sympathetic who is a historian.

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00:09:38,780 --> 00:09:40,055
And generally historians.

141
00:09:40,055 --> 00:09:42,320
They are much more
sympathetic than any

142
00:09:42,320 --> 00:09:44,480
of the sociologists
or psychologists

143
00:09:44,480 --> 00:09:46,880
I've encountered so far.

144
00:09:46,880 --> 00:09:50,700
And so they cooperate
and are very supportive.

145
00:09:50,700 --> 00:09:52,500
And this Dean, who
is a historian,

146
00:09:52,500 --> 00:09:57,890
is supportive and has
been very, very kind to us

147
00:09:57,890 --> 00:10:02,330
in making things possible
which other people I know,

148
00:10:02,330 --> 00:10:06,270
they are not at all
interested in or just

149
00:10:06,270 --> 00:10:10,820
they felt was just
unnecessary sort of reminders

150
00:10:10,820 --> 00:10:12,970
of unpleasantness.

151

00:10:12,970 --> 00:10:16,310
I find it very
disappointing exceedingly.

152
00:10:16,310 --> 00:10:19,100
I mean, it's one of my great
disappointments in life

153
00:10:19,100 --> 00:10:32,250
that I've dealt with people
who are dreadfully myopic

154
00:10:32,250 --> 00:10:38,520
and limited in their vision.

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00:10:38,520 --> 00:10:41,878

156
00:10:41,878 --> 00:10:43,420
And of course, it
has something to do

157
00:10:43,420 --> 00:10:47,080
with the institution
itself, because religion

158
00:10:47,080 --> 00:10:51,850
in which Sonoma State is and
all that, in particular, it

159
00:10:51,850 --> 00:10:54,670
is a provincial place.

160
00:10:54,670 --> 00:10:56,710
I don't know, from
what I understand,

161
00:10:56,710 --> 00:10:58,840
it would not be that
different probably

162
00:10:58,840 --> 00:11:00,670
at San Francisco State.

163
00:11:00,670 --> 00:11:02,770
I don't know, but
I have a feeling

164
00:11:02,770 --> 00:11:07,360
that in this part
of the country,

165
00:11:07,360 --> 00:11:14,530
I don't think this is a
subject which people would

166
00:11:14,530 --> 00:11:17,957
be interested in studying.

167
00:11:17,957 --> 00:11:20,290
Do you think there was anything
special about the timing

168
00:11:20,290 --> 00:11:21,890
or the climate of things?

169
00:11:21,890 --> 00:11:24,250
Well, yes, I think
that has something

170
00:11:24,250 --> 00:11:25,780
to do with it for sure.

171
00:11:25,780 --> 00:11:28,540
You know, the mood of the times.

172
00:11:28,540 --> 00:11:31,940
Dominant mood of the
times which is changing.

173
00:11:31,940 --> 00:11:35,270
I think that has very
much to do with it.

174
00:11:35,270 --> 00:11:39,820

But this burgeoning of
interest in the mid 80s,

175
00:11:39,820 --> 00:11:43,570
I wonder if there was anything
special happening that drew

176
00:11:43,570 --> 00:11:44,730
more students to the class.

177
00:11:44,730 --> 00:11:47,330

178
00:11:47,330 --> 00:11:50,020
Well, politically,
you had Cambodia.

179
00:11:50,020 --> 00:11:54,220
You had genocide taking place
in different parts of the world,

180
00:11:54,220 --> 00:11:56,890
and then some people
consciously or subconsciously

181
00:11:56,890 --> 00:11:58,780
respond to that,
and therefore, may

182
00:11:58,780 --> 00:12:01,240
be more susceptible
to developing

183
00:12:01,240 --> 00:12:03,490
interest in the area.

184
00:12:03,490 --> 00:12:08,770
But by large, I found with the
exception of a lecture series,

185
00:12:08,770 --> 00:12:11,500
and there we have people
who just look forward

186
00:12:11,500 --> 00:12:16,840
to units, which they would
fit into their curriculum.

187
00:12:16,840 --> 00:12:20,680
And that is something which
happened just in the last year

188
00:12:20,680 --> 00:12:22,810
and will happen this year.

189
00:12:22,810 --> 00:12:25,720
So how we can fit that in, we
are not terribly interested,

190
00:12:25,720 --> 00:12:27,567
and they are very upfront.

191
00:12:27,567 --> 00:12:29,650
They're not very interested
in that, but you know,

192
00:12:29,650 --> 00:12:32,320
it just fits in, and
so we might try to.

193
00:12:32,320 --> 00:12:35,870
Yes, in this case, we're talking
about students in their 20s?

194
00:12:35,870 --> 00:12:37,240
Yes, mostly.

195
00:12:37,240 --> 00:12:38,240
And undergraduates?

196
00:12:38,240 --> 00:12:39,040
Mhm.

197
00:12:39,040 --> 00:12:42,490
And when did the

lecture series begin?

198

00:12:42,490 --> 00:12:45,530

About eight years ago.

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00:12:45,530 --> 00:12:47,320

How did that get initiated?

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00:12:47,320 --> 00:12:50,890

Well, that was initiated
by the Alliance

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00:12:50,890 --> 00:12:52,960

for the Study of the
Holocaust, and that's

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00:12:52,960 --> 00:12:58,480

a communal organization.

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00:12:58,480 --> 00:13:05,900

Communal organization
of American Jews who,

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00:13:05,900 --> 00:13:09,820

for reasons which
are not clear to me,

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00:13:09,820 --> 00:13:12,015

just are motivated to do that.

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00:13:12,015 --> 00:13:15,080

Well, I've got some
notions, but I mean--

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00:13:15,080 --> 00:13:16,390

Are you willing to say?

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00:13:16,390 --> 00:13:18,040

Oh, well, I mean, --

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00:13:18,040 --> 00:13:21,010

may be guilt, because

they have not really

210
00:13:21,010 --> 00:13:33,220
done very much to assist
those who were under pressure

211
00:13:33,220 --> 00:13:35,860
while they could.

212
00:13:35,860 --> 00:13:39,340
Some of them are fairly old
and haven't done very much

213
00:13:39,340 --> 00:13:40,415
for anyone.

214
00:13:40,415 --> 00:13:42,640
They're not doing very
much for me personally

215
00:13:42,640 --> 00:13:44,200
either for that matter.

216
00:13:44,200 --> 00:13:49,160

217
00:13:49,160 --> 00:13:58,480
So I think it's very
guilt as some place in it.

218
00:13:58,480 --> 00:14:03,990
And so they do it
and initiate it,

219
00:14:03,990 --> 00:14:11,520
because they felt that would
be a useful outlet for making

220
00:14:11,520 --> 00:14:13,590
a contribution.

221
00:14:13,590 --> 00:14:18,850

Do they do anything else
other than the lecture series?

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00:14:18,850 --> 00:14:24,160

Well, they try to have events
in the community, such as--

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00:14:24,160 --> 00:14:26,680

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00:14:26,680 --> 00:14:29,360

Yom HaShoah.

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00:14:29,360 --> 00:14:30,460

Yom HaShoah and--

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00:14:30,460 --> 00:14:31,630

Kristallnacht.

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00:14:31,630 --> 00:14:33,280

And the Kristallnacht.

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00:14:33,280 --> 00:14:36,430

Kristallnacht which
commemorate and all these sort

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00:14:36,430 --> 00:14:40,180

of things they try, which
is not easy because not

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00:14:40,180 --> 00:14:42,040

that many people
are interested in it

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00:14:42,040 --> 00:14:46,390

and want to hear about it.

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00:14:46,390 --> 00:14:50,500

Some years ago, there was some
interest in the local radio

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00:14:50,500 --> 00:14:53,740

broadcast station interview with us, and they were supportive,

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00:14:53,740 --> 00:14:58,160
and they had one event which was exceedingly well attended.

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00:14:58,160 --> 00:15:03,200
I couldn't go, but that was supposed to be very successful.

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00:15:03,200 --> 00:15:04,540
So yes, they are trying.

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00:15:04,540 --> 00:15:07,420
And then, of course, what now we will

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00:15:07,420 --> 00:15:14,000
be trying to do simply because of the law, we hope to--

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00:15:14,000 --> 00:15:18,710
with the help of getting some money for it--

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00:15:18,710 --> 00:15:22,570

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00:15:22,570 --> 00:15:29,290
to have lectures or some sort of introduction

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00:15:29,290 --> 00:15:34,180
to the Holocaust for high school teachers.

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00:15:34,180 --> 00:15:39,310
And so that might be something which may or may not

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00:15:39,310 --> 00:15:41,170
develop by virtue of

the fact that this

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00:15:41,170 --> 00:15:46,660

needs to be that is a law
that this needs to be taught.

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00:15:46,660 --> 00:15:51,610

So that may be a productive.

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00:15:51,610 --> 00:15:55,570

But you see, there is also
not that many people who

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00:15:55,570 --> 00:15:59,050

are qualified to teach
it properly, and it's

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00:15:59,050 --> 00:16:03,100

not simply enough to tell you
how it was in concentration

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00:16:03,100 --> 00:16:07,180

camps, although it's fine,
and I mean, it's important.

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00:16:07,180 --> 00:16:11,680

But I think much
too much time is

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00:16:11,680 --> 00:16:16,540

spent on the
descriptive part and not

253

00:16:16,540 --> 00:16:19,510

enough on the
interpretative part.

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00:16:19,510 --> 00:16:22,510

And that's what
I'm trying to do,

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00:16:22,510 --> 00:16:26,830

and that's not

always well received,

256
00:16:26,830 --> 00:16:29,950
because it is more complex.

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00:16:29,950 --> 00:16:34,690
It is a bit more
abstract and does not

258
00:16:34,690 --> 00:16:38,920
come out with all the gory
stuff which kind of people

259
00:16:38,920 --> 00:16:43,420
like to hear because
essentially the sensationalist

260
00:16:43,420 --> 00:16:47,890
and satisfies whatever
curiosity they may have.

261
00:16:47,890 --> 00:16:53,650
And so we see that
also in our students,

262
00:16:53,650 --> 00:17:01,060
because the students, when they
respond to the student faculty

263
00:17:01,060 --> 00:17:05,890
assessment questionnaire, and
the contents of the lecture

264
00:17:05,890 --> 00:17:11,589
series, they invariably say
that the most meaningful

265
00:17:11,589 --> 00:17:16,780
or the most stimulating
presentations

266
00:17:16,780 --> 00:17:20,980
were panels of survivors.

267
00:17:20,980 --> 00:17:24,069
And generally,
panels of people who

268
00:17:24,069 --> 00:17:27,310
are eyewitnesses of either
liberator's and what have you.

269
00:17:27,310 --> 00:17:30,800
So they seemed to
be the most popular,

270
00:17:30,800 --> 00:17:32,020
and that tells you something.

271
00:17:32,020 --> 00:17:33,520
That tells you
something that people

272
00:17:33,520 --> 00:17:38,650
want to hear the
descriptive part of that

273
00:17:38,650 --> 00:17:43,810
and not that much interest
in the interpretation of it.

274
00:17:43,810 --> 00:17:48,090
Well, above the immediate
experience, I think, probably--

275
00:17:48,090 --> 00:17:49,620
Oh, yes, well, I'm
not discounting

276
00:17:49,620 --> 00:17:52,420
the importance of it, but
I don't think they know.

277
00:17:52,420 --> 00:17:53,320
Yeah.

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00:17:53,320 --> 00:17:55,330

Because it doesn't
get us any farther.

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00:17:55,330 --> 00:17:58,350

We need to understand
what can be understood.

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00:17:58,350 --> 00:18:00,490

You know, prevent.

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00:18:00,490 --> 00:18:02,040

Otherwise, it's
all for the birds.

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00:18:02,040 --> 00:18:07,210

We stimulate emotions maybe
and disturb people, yes.

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00:18:07,210 --> 00:18:10,750

But I mean, it's not
going to change anything.

284

00:18:10,750 --> 00:18:13,190

I feel like you're
doing both though.

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00:18:13,190 --> 00:18:16,420

Yes, I think you need to do
both in order to make it clearer

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00:18:16,420 --> 00:18:18,940

to the people, and
that is something

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00:18:18,940 --> 00:18:23,020

which I've seen also in my
present class, the Holocaust

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00:18:23,020 --> 00:18:23,770

and genocide.

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00:18:23,770 --> 00:18:27,250

The sociology of
Holocaust and genocide

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00:18:27,250 --> 00:18:34,660

where I have young students, and
they simply very quickly became

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00:18:34,660 --> 00:18:40,240

very saturated with the abstract
theories, which I consider

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00:18:40,240 --> 00:18:41,830

to be exceedingly insightful.

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00:18:41,830 --> 00:18:44,830

But I mean, their
level of sophistication

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00:18:44,830 --> 00:18:48,070

did not permit them
to appreciate that.

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00:18:48,070 --> 00:18:51,940

So then they staged a so
to speak palace revolution

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00:18:51,940 --> 00:18:54,550

and said, how are you going
to talk about the real thing?

297

00:18:54,550 --> 00:18:57,250

You know, that should tell us
about your experience and all

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00:18:57,250 --> 00:18:57,750

that.

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00:18:57,750 --> 00:19:02,470

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00:19:02,470 --> 00:19:05,950

I'm not very happy

with it and just

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00:19:05,950 --> 00:19:11,260
to make it possible for people
to have an experience which

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00:19:11,260 --> 00:19:16,190
will be meaningful by
giving the descriptive stuff

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00:19:16,190 --> 00:19:19,840
and also associated with
the interpretation which

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00:19:19,840 --> 00:19:22,750
will develop the
insights necessary

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00:19:22,750 --> 00:19:26,980
for them to act in
everyday life to prevent

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00:19:26,980 --> 00:19:28,720
is exceedingly difficult.

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00:19:28,720 --> 00:19:33,030
And to develop a
pedagogy which will do it

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00:19:33,030 --> 00:19:36,340
is a work for a lifetime.

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00:19:36,340 --> 00:19:40,120
And since we are the
generation and I'm

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00:19:40,120 --> 00:19:45,550
one of the younger
ones, of survivors

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00:19:45,550 --> 00:19:53,990
with one foot in the
grave so to speak,

312
00:19:53,990 --> 00:19:55,870
I think we have
to prepare for who

313
00:19:55,870 --> 00:20:06,460
is going to teach the
students after we are gone.

314
00:20:06,460 --> 00:20:13,030
And not very many people
are interested or capable

315
00:20:13,030 --> 00:20:19,390
or equipped to do that.

316
00:20:19,390 --> 00:20:22,390
I don't think there has
been any preparation.

317
00:20:22,390 --> 00:20:25,720
So when we die, there
will be books maybe

318
00:20:25,720 --> 00:20:28,510
which have been written, and
there will be some stories,

319
00:20:28,510 --> 00:20:32,090
and there will be oral history,
which is exceedingly important,

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00:20:32,090 --> 00:20:36,730
which is, I think,
the next best thing.

321
00:20:36,730 --> 00:20:40,643
The real stuff,
and that is going

322
00:20:40,643 --> 00:20:41,810
to be exceedingly important.

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00:20:41,810 --> 00:20:45,670

But other than that,
I don't see very much.

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00:20:45,670 --> 00:20:49,750

So the oral History project I
think is something which cannot

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00:20:49,750 --> 00:20:58,600

be overrated as an exceedingly
important contribution.

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00:20:58,600 --> 00:21:01,110

Yes.

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00:21:01,110 --> 00:21:06,560

And that's why I'm willing to
do what I can to do my share.

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00:21:06,560 --> 00:21:07,620

And thank you.

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00:21:07,620 --> 00:21:10,820

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00:21:10,820 --> 00:21:15,440

But I'm not very optimistic
in terms of other things

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00:21:15,440 --> 00:21:18,680

which are being
done to perpetuate

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00:21:18,680 --> 00:21:21,170

the teaching of the
Holocaust after we are gone.

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00:21:21,170 --> 00:21:24,410

I'm not dreadfully
optimistic as to who

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00:21:24,410 --> 00:21:30,080

will assume that responsibility,
if it will be assumed at all.

335
00:21:30,080 --> 00:21:32,900
Do you think this
could happen again?

336
00:21:32,900 --> 00:21:33,980
Well, obvious.

337
00:21:33,980 --> 00:21:35,970
It's happening.

338
00:21:35,970 --> 00:21:37,660
It's happening all
over the world.

339
00:21:37,660 --> 00:21:40,270
You just look at Iraq.

340
00:21:40,270 --> 00:21:41,716
You at Cambodia.

341
00:21:41,716 --> 00:21:45,510
You look at many
places in Africa.

342
00:21:45,510 --> 00:21:47,170
You look at Turkey.

343
00:21:47,170 --> 00:21:50,410

344
00:21:50,410 --> 00:21:54,670
It's happening, and
it will continue

345
00:21:54,670 --> 00:22:00,100
to happen until we
will educate people

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00:22:00,100 --> 00:22:01,560

who will become politicians.

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00:22:01,560 --> 00:22:06,490

So I think that whole problem
is that we have politicians

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00:22:06,490 --> 00:22:10,660

who are utterly ignorant and
unqualified to even begin

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00:22:10,660 --> 00:22:13,710

to understand the complexities
that are into power.

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00:22:13,710 --> 00:22:15,910

That are into limelight.

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00:22:15,910 --> 00:22:19,690

They are into satisfaction
of their personal needs

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00:22:19,690 --> 00:22:24,400

without being properly educated
and socialized to assume

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00:22:24,400 --> 00:22:31,750

the responsibility for this
tremendously consequential role

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00:22:31,750 --> 00:22:33,580

they assume.

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00:22:33,580 --> 00:22:37,026

And talking about role
models and people who

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00:22:37,026 --> 00:22:39,280

really have attained that is--

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00:22:39,280 --> 00:22:42,040

the one I keep on
mentioning to people

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00:22:42,040 --> 00:22:44,070

who will listen
as Tomas Garrigue

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00:22:44,070 --> 00:22:48,230

Masaryk, the first president
of the Czechoslovak Republic.

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00:22:48,230 --> 00:22:51,610

The sociologist, the
humanist, the philosopher

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00:22:51,610 --> 00:22:55,420

who was a philosopher king.

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00:22:55,420 --> 00:22:58,360

In that case, he
was a president.

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00:22:58,360 --> 00:23:02,210

And to some extent, he was also
very close to Woodrow Wilson.

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00:23:02,210 --> 00:23:06,880

I think Woodrow Wilson had
many of the attributes which

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00:23:06,880 --> 00:23:11,080

are needed for someone
who is a president.

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00:23:11,080 --> 00:23:14,440

He became very very
ill towards the end.

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00:23:14,440 --> 00:23:17,560

But he had the vision
and the understanding,

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00:23:17,560 --> 00:23:20,800

and I think potential
as a potential president

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00:23:20,800 --> 00:23:24,010

who probably could have
grown into his position.

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00:23:24,010 --> 00:23:31,480

It was certainly John F Kennedy,
whom I've encountered back

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00:23:31,480 --> 00:23:33,610

at Berkeley when
I was there when

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00:23:33,610 --> 00:23:36,220

he got his honorary doctorate.

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00:23:36,220 --> 00:23:39,820

I sat just [INAUDIBLE] and
just observed him and didn't

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00:23:39,820 --> 00:23:41,230

talk to him, of course.

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00:23:41,230 --> 00:23:42,820

I didn't have a
chance to talk to him.

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00:23:42,820 --> 00:23:49,540

But anyway, just was able
to and Adlai Stevenson

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00:23:49,540 --> 00:23:51,850

was certainly one.

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00:23:51,850 --> 00:23:55,180

But other than that, I think
Harry, old Harry Truman,

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00:23:55,180 --> 00:24:00,010

I think had potential
and probably would

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00:24:00,010 --> 00:24:01,750

have listened to
some of the survivors

381
00:24:01,750 --> 00:24:05,260
if they had talked to
him, but those people

382
00:24:05,260 --> 00:24:07,130
we've had in recent
times forget it.

383
00:24:07,130 --> 00:24:10,990

384
00:24:10,990 --> 00:24:14,810
Just a sad commentary
to what shouldn't be.

385
00:24:14,810 --> 00:24:26,900
And so I wish I could teach
people who will have a--

386
00:24:26,900 --> 00:24:33,030
or could become potential
leaders on a large level.

387
00:24:33,030 --> 00:24:39,480
And that obviously is other
places [INAUDIBLE] university

388
00:24:39,480 --> 00:24:40,260
and Harvard.

389
00:24:40,260 --> 00:24:43,770
And I've made a terrible mistake
that instead of Harvard, I

390
00:24:43,770 --> 00:24:48,480
went to Missouri, because
I didn't know any better.

391
00:24:48,480 --> 00:24:54,090
An example is old Henry

and he played it right.

392
00:24:54,090 --> 00:25:02,550
Look at his Secretary of
State hid with an accent,

393
00:25:02,550 --> 00:25:03,888
and yet he made it.

394
00:25:03,888 --> 00:25:04,680
Why did he made it?

395
00:25:04,680 --> 00:25:06,560
Because he's been
in war, certainly.

396
00:25:06,560 --> 00:25:10,140
He's a very good mind, and I
think that he's that dreadfully

397
00:25:10,140 --> 00:25:10,860
? adequate ?.

398
00:25:10,860 --> 00:25:12,690
I mean, that's another point.

399
00:25:12,690 --> 00:25:19,110
But he's a person who
went through Harvard

400
00:25:19,110 --> 00:25:22,110
and made his
contacts, and that is

401
00:25:22,110 --> 00:25:25,440
something I was
reminded of when one

402
00:25:25,440 --> 00:25:30,450
of Hitler's very close
associates at the time,

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00:25:30,450 --> 00:25:35,220
until he came into power
a few years after that,

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00:25:35,220 --> 00:25:43,290
was a person who studied in the
United States and at Harvard.

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00:25:43,290 --> 00:25:50,280
And he then via England
came to the United States,

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00:25:50,280 --> 00:25:59,306
and because he got to know
Roosevelt at the university,

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00:25:59,306 --> 00:26:03,300
he was used as an
informant and as a person

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00:26:03,300 --> 00:26:10,920
to inform the president
and the special position

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00:26:10,920 --> 00:26:14,410
instead of being put into
some sort of a business.

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00:26:14,410 --> 00:26:15,480
[INAUDIBLE]

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00:26:15,480 --> 00:26:25,230
He had a special status given
to him by President Roosevelt

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00:26:25,230 --> 00:26:28,740
by virtue of the fact
that he was a Harvard

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00:26:28,740 --> 00:26:33,000
man with tremendous contacts.

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00:26:33,000 --> 00:26:37,350

And his name was
Putzi Hanfstaengl,

415
00:26:37,350 --> 00:26:39,360
who has written a
very interesting

416
00:26:39,360 --> 00:26:45,090
biographical account
relating to the association,

417
00:26:45,090 --> 00:26:50,100
his association,
to of Hitler, which

418
00:26:50,100 --> 00:26:53,220
I think first appeared in
English before it actually

419
00:26:53,220 --> 00:26:54,150
appeared in German.

420
00:26:54,150 --> 00:26:58,410
It's exceedingly readable, and
I think a very accurate account.

421
00:26:58,410 --> 00:27:00,870
So Putzi Hanfstaengl
was a Harvard graduate,

422
00:27:00,870 --> 00:27:02,910
and that made all the
difference even though he

423
00:27:02,910 --> 00:27:06,990
was a close associate of
Hitler's and furthered

424
00:27:06,990 --> 00:27:09,750
the cause and all
that until somehow

425
00:27:09,750 --> 00:27:15,810

because of his intelligence,
he began to see some light.

426
00:27:15,810 --> 00:27:21,960
Not very much, and events
simply triggered the fact

427
00:27:21,960 --> 00:27:27,510
that he felt obligated
to escape Germany,

428
00:27:27,510 --> 00:27:34,410
because he felt his life was
threatened by an event which

429
00:27:34,410 --> 00:27:39,480
was kind of a joke which they
played with a Nazi Goring

430
00:27:39,480 --> 00:27:42,870
and they played a joke on him.

431
00:27:42,870 --> 00:27:47,580
And he took that very seriously,
and in spite of assurances

432
00:27:47,580 --> 00:27:51,210
that it was a joke, He just
felt that they were after him,

433
00:27:51,210 --> 00:27:52,990
and he may have been right.

434
00:27:52,990 --> 00:27:57,110
And so we escaped
and via England

435
00:27:57,110 --> 00:28:00,540
came to the United
States and became

436
00:28:00,540 --> 00:28:08,700
a wartime advisor, so to

speak, to the administration.

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00:28:08,700 --> 00:28:10,590

Which makes me
think, what do you

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00:28:10,590 --> 00:28:16,920

think about the kind
of worldwide threat

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00:28:16,920 --> 00:28:21,540

of Nazi groups, i.e, those
who escaped Germany and went

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00:28:21,540 --> 00:28:24,090

to Latin America and
different enclaves?

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00:28:24,090 --> 00:28:30,180

Well, I think largely,
they've assimilated,

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00:28:30,180 --> 00:28:35,760

and certainly are still a
very formidable influence

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00:28:35,760 --> 00:28:40,620

in terms of making
contributions to general--

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00:28:40,620 --> 00:28:46,695

if you will rightist mood
prevailing in these countries.

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00:28:46,695 --> 00:28:48,570

I think they certainly
are very much at home.

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00:28:48,570 --> 00:28:51,420

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00:28:51,420 --> 00:28:53,400

But I think their

influence is limited

448

00:28:53,400 --> 00:28:56,190
by virtue of the fact that
most of these people--

449

00:28:56,190 --> 00:28:57,390
the old guard are dead.

450

00:28:57,390 --> 00:29:00,700
And by old age or disease,
they're no longer around.

451

00:29:00,700 --> 00:29:05,190
So if I had, for example,
not interviewed all these SS

452

00:29:05,190 --> 00:29:10,230
generals in time, very shortly
afterwards, they all died.

453

00:29:10,230 --> 00:29:11,850
I wouldn't have
had a chance to see

454

00:29:11,850 --> 00:29:14,160
and then I realized
that very soon.

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00:29:14,160 --> 00:29:18,430
And that was too late already
almost when I started.

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00:29:18,430 --> 00:29:19,990
I should have
started much earlier,

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00:29:19,990 --> 00:29:24,160
but I just simply didn't
have the means to do that.

458

00:29:24,160 --> 00:29:31,480
And so I don't think they

are any force anymore

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00:29:31,480 --> 00:29:34,600
by virtue of the fact that
they are not very much around,

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00:29:34,600 --> 00:29:37,360
and I don't think
their children will

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00:29:37,360 --> 00:29:41,860
perpetuate anything extremist.

462

00:29:41,860 --> 00:29:57,250
But I'm more concerned about
the young people who are

463

00:29:57,250 --> 00:29:59,530
susceptible to some
of these ideologies,

464

00:29:59,530 --> 00:30:13,000
because of their low self-esteem
and self-image, which is--

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00:30:13,000 --> 00:30:16,510
identity, which is
an unpleasant one.

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00:30:16,510 --> 00:30:21,610
And so they will be susceptible
to any sort of ideology which

467

00:30:21,610 --> 00:30:24,287
tells them that they are
superior and not inferior.

468

00:30:24,287 --> 00:30:25,870
So I mean, that's a
tremendous danger,

469

00:30:25,870 --> 00:30:28,180
and I think that

was very functional

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00:30:28,180 --> 00:30:33,790
in the case of the Nazi
Germany, because there you

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00:30:33,790 --> 00:30:37,450
have a vanquished
nation which used

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00:30:37,450 --> 00:30:42,008
to play a very major role
in European history well,

473

00:30:42,008 --> 00:30:45,390
you know was the war
for the first time,

474

00:30:45,390 --> 00:30:47,260
because before
that, they were very

475

00:30:47,260 --> 00:30:49,780
successful in winning the war.

476

00:30:49,780 --> 00:30:55,240
And having to come
to terms with that--

477

00:30:55,240 --> 00:30:57,730
just in their identity
and self-esteem.

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00:30:57,730 --> 00:31:00,400

479

00:31:00,400 --> 00:31:11,560
So Hitler-- I think it's just
unbelievably brilliant sort

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00:31:11,560 --> 00:31:14,880
of stroke to say, hey, you're
not inferior, you're superior.

481
00:31:14,880 --> 00:31:16,570
and you think yo're
inferior and these

482
00:31:16,570 --> 00:31:20,110
are the scapegoats
responsible for the misery,

483
00:31:20,110 --> 00:31:27,340
and you are victims because
you are such fantastic people

484
00:31:27,340 --> 00:31:31,690
blemished with mischief, and
that's because you're superior.

485
00:31:31,690 --> 00:31:34,510
Now if I feel inferior,
I want to believe that--

486
00:31:34,510 --> 00:31:37,720
I certainly will accept
that as an alternative--

487
00:31:37,720 --> 00:31:41,720
a viable alternative,
and feel better.

488
00:31:41,720 --> 00:31:44,620
And I think that is the momentum
which should not be forgotten.

489
00:31:44,620 --> 00:31:47,440
I think it's exceedingly--
a very important ingredient

490
00:31:47,440 --> 00:31:50,920
in terms of detection of
any sort of movement which

491
00:31:50,920 --> 00:31:53,920
resembles the sort

of racist situation,

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00:31:53,920 --> 00:32:00,100
because who are the people who
are attracted to such belief

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00:32:00,100 --> 00:32:00,730
systems--

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00:32:00,730 --> 00:32:05,050
are people who are
failures in some ways

495

00:32:05,050 --> 00:32:08,050
and have low self-esteem.

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00:32:08,050 --> 00:32:13,720
Hitler certainly did, and most
of his followers were losers.

497

00:32:13,720 --> 00:32:16,360
And so if I say you're not
a loser, you are a winner

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00:32:16,360 --> 00:32:19,422
and you're superior, my God, I'm
going to jump on the bandwagon

499

00:32:19,422 --> 00:32:20,380
and feel better for it.

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00:32:20,380 --> 00:32:23,230
And say what I can do I'm going
to prove to you that I'm not

501

00:32:23,230 --> 00:32:28,690
a loser, that I'm indeed a
superior person who's a winner.

502

00:32:28,690 --> 00:32:34,760
And I think that has been
not sufficiently emphasized.

503

00:32:34,760 --> 00:32:40,670

Why indeed national socialism
has been so successful,

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00:32:40,670 --> 00:32:44,000

and was accepted
by so many people.

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00:32:44,000 --> 00:32:47,100

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00:32:47,100 --> 00:32:50,860

I think you were going to
talk about the connection

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00:32:50,860 --> 00:32:53,450

of the CIA and the SS.

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00:32:53,450 --> 00:33:03,130

Well, the very important thing
that Karl Wolff cooperated with

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00:33:03,130 --> 00:33:15,920

the CIA in the so-called special
armistice in northern Italy,

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00:33:15,920 --> 00:33:30,460

and the Allied forces, and
that particular event shortened

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00:33:30,460 --> 00:33:34,450

the war in northern Italy--

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00:33:34,450 --> 00:33:42,790

by virtue of his cooperation
with Allen Dulles,

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00:33:42,790 --> 00:33:48,400

[who at that particular point
was the American intelligence

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00:33:48,400 --> 00:33:52,960

representative in Switzerland.

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00:33:52,960 --> 00:33:57,670

And that particular operation
is known as Operation Sunrise.

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00:33:57,670 --> 00:34:02,020

And this particular
documentary I

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00:34:02,020 --> 00:34:05,800

was asked to work
on two years ago

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00:34:05,800 --> 00:34:12,520

was just being shown in
Germany and Switzerland

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00:34:12,520 --> 00:34:20,889

without me getting any explicit
credit for it, although I've

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00:34:20,889 --> 00:34:24,699

done a lot of research
which was used and made

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00:34:24,699 --> 00:34:26,260

available to them,
because they've

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00:34:26,260 --> 00:34:29,241

hired me to do that
as a consultant Didn't

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00:34:29,241 --> 00:34:31,330

get any credit for it.

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00:34:31,330 --> 00:34:37,150

So during that Operation
Sunrise, Wolf--

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00:34:37,150 --> 00:34:40,030

who could see, of

course, the sinking

526
00:34:40,030 --> 00:34:45,790
ship of Nazidom and his
very vulnerable position--

527
00:34:45,790 --> 00:34:49,750
tried to save his skin and
that of many other people,

528
00:34:49,750 --> 00:35:03,130
and turned from a fanatic
Hitler supporter to a traitor

529
00:35:03,130 --> 00:35:09,310
by cooperating with Allen
Dulles to have a special treaty.

530
00:35:09,310 --> 00:35:15,830
So that the German armed
forces and the situation

531
00:35:15,830 --> 00:35:20,380
there would be ended.

532
00:35:20,380 --> 00:35:24,610
And he was one of
the prime initiators

533
00:35:24,610 --> 00:35:27,520
against all sorts of obstacles,
and even went to Hitler

534
00:35:27,520 --> 00:35:28,660
to get his approval.

535
00:35:28,660 --> 00:35:32,450
And made it very
palatable to him

536
00:35:32,450 --> 00:35:34,300
so that he has more
or less seen ok.

537

00:35:34,300 --> 00:35:40,390

Although Himmler and
Ernst Hermann Himmler

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00:35:40,390 --> 00:35:45,040

who was Heydrich's successor--

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00:35:45,040 --> 00:35:48,640

very, very eager to
see to it that he

540

00:35:48,640 --> 00:35:51,160

would be punished as a traitor.

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00:35:51,160 --> 00:35:56,140

And so he was able
to come to Hitler

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00:35:56,140 --> 00:35:58,000

and persuade him that
what he was doing

543

00:35:58,000 --> 00:36:03,100

was in the interests of Germany,
and put it in such a way

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00:36:03,100 --> 00:36:06,580

as people see he's a
very brave individual who

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00:36:06,580 --> 00:36:08,560

was getting the so-called OK.

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00:36:08,560 --> 00:36:14,080

And then continuing to
do what he did-- namely,

547

00:36:14,080 --> 00:36:18,760

negotiate with Allies
via Allen Dulles.

548

00:36:18,760 --> 00:36:21,790
And succeeded so
that, indeed, they've

549
00:36:21,790 --> 00:36:30,220
had an armistice relatively
before the general armistice,

550
00:36:30,220 --> 00:36:31,630
and thereby--

551
00:36:31,630 --> 00:36:35,350
and that goes to his credit,
whatever his motives were--

552
00:36:35,350 --> 00:36:41,350
whereby thousands of
people's lives were saved.

553
00:36:41,350 --> 00:36:45,340
And the interesting
thing is also

554
00:36:45,340 --> 00:36:53,890
that he had almost a
duel with Adolf Eichmann

555
00:36:53,890 --> 00:36:55,870
by virtue of the fact
that he was trying

556
00:36:55,870 --> 00:37:03,190
to get some people who were
being deported to prevent

557
00:37:03,190 --> 00:37:06,580
that other people were
deported to [? just ?] get them

558
00:37:06,580 --> 00:37:10,750
exempted, or just see to it
that they would not be deported.

559

00:37:10,750 --> 00:37:16,930
And intervened for these people
who were not full-blooded,

560
00:37:16,930 --> 00:37:19,260
quote, unquote,
again you know, who

561
00:37:19,260 --> 00:37:24,040
were not real full
Jews, but partly Jews,

562
00:37:24,040 --> 00:37:26,200
but enough to be deported.

563
00:37:26,200 --> 00:37:28,810
And they almost had a
duel because he intervened

564
00:37:28,810 --> 00:37:30,640
and Eichmann simply--

565
00:37:30,640 --> 00:37:35,800
even though he was a
mere Lieutenant Colonel,

566
00:37:35,800 --> 00:37:39,915
and he was a full general.

567
00:37:39,915 --> 00:37:41,020
and Wolff was --

568
00:37:41,020 --> 00:37:44,770
simply wouldn't have any part of
it, and almost came to a duel.

569
00:37:44,770 --> 00:37:47,109
And that's a fact because I
discussed all these things

570
00:37:47,109 --> 00:37:47,776
with Karl Wolff.

571
00:37:47,776 --> 00:37:50,900

572
00:37:50,900 --> 00:37:56,950
So this was the
first CIA connection.

573
00:37:56,950 --> 00:37:58,366
Is this the information that--

574
00:37:58,366 --> 00:38:00,880

575
00:38:00,880 --> 00:38:03,490
No, there was much
more to it because--

576
00:38:03,490 --> 00:38:06,550
much more to it, some
of which he told me,

577
00:38:06,550 --> 00:38:08,010
some of which he didn't.

578
00:38:08,010 --> 00:38:11,800
But that was the CIA
connection which, at that time,

579
00:38:11,800 --> 00:38:17,170
was not CIA because it was CIC
and what have you, and did not

580
00:38:17,170 --> 00:38:21,080
exist CIA [INAUDIBLE]
only after the war.

581
00:38:21,080 --> 00:38:27,010
But that set-- that brought
about the context of the SS

582
00:38:27,010 --> 00:38:29,770
what later became the CIA.

583
00:38:29,770 --> 00:38:32,260
And so that's how
that developed.

584
00:38:32,260 --> 00:38:34,960
That was one of
the first contacts.

585
00:38:34,960 --> 00:38:37,520
That was really a
positive outcome.

586
00:38:37,520 --> 00:38:38,680
Yeah.

587
00:38:38,680 --> 00:38:41,750
In this case, it was
a positive outcome.

588
00:38:41,750 --> 00:38:49,210
And so because of
his contacts, he also

589
00:38:49,210 --> 00:38:55,450
was brought to the
Nuremberg trial

590
00:38:55,450 --> 00:39:00,610
as a witness in
full uniform, and he

591
00:39:00,610 --> 00:39:04,540
was the only one who
came with his SS rank

592
00:39:04,540 --> 00:39:12,250
and full uniform because
of these various contacts.

593
00:39:12,250 --> 00:39:19,300
Now also he was not
accused and was not

594

00:39:19,300 --> 00:39:24,410
sentenced by the International
Court for whatever he had done,

595

00:39:24,410 --> 00:39:28,120
which was known by
virtue of his activity.

596

00:39:28,120 --> 00:39:31,990
And that only came
up in the early '60s

597

00:39:31,990 --> 00:39:37,720
when he was very active and
very successful in his business.

598

00:39:37,720 --> 00:39:44,410
But then because he was
an ambitious individual,

599

00:39:44,410 --> 00:39:50,440
and missed the glory
of his Nazi position

600

00:39:50,440 --> 00:39:54,410
as a very influential
senior SS general,

601

00:39:54,410 --> 00:39:58,090
he then enjoyed
giving interviews

602

00:39:58,090 --> 00:40:01,420
so that he would again be
in some sort of a semblance

603

00:40:01,420 --> 00:40:02,890
of the limelight.

604

00:40:02,890 --> 00:40:07,210
And that brought his past to
the attention of the legal

605
00:40:07,210 --> 00:40:10,160
authorities -- the
criminal justice system,

606
00:40:10,160 --> 00:40:13,120
and they started to
become very suspicious,

607
00:40:13,120 --> 00:40:16,000
and started digging until
they found out that, yes,

608
00:40:16,000 --> 00:40:17,980
he was [? tainted ?]
with mischief,

609
00:40:17,980 --> 00:40:24,250
and that he indeed assisted
the Nazi authorities.

610
00:40:24,250 --> 00:40:28,120
So that was not his major
occupation and function,

611
00:40:28,120 --> 00:40:32,830
but he intervened on the part
of the SS Nazi authorities

612
00:40:32,830 --> 00:40:37,630
with the person he
knew was in charge

613
00:40:37,630 --> 00:40:44,590
of the transportation system in
Germany to make these boxcars--

614
00:40:44,590 --> 00:40:49,680
these cattle wagons
available to the SS

615
00:40:49,680 --> 00:40:53,200
so that they could ship

thousands of people

616
00:40:53,200 --> 00:40:55,030
to Treblinka.

617
00:40:55,030 --> 00:40:57,840
And so that came
up, and they found

618
00:40:57,840 --> 00:41:05,290
that this was the case because
he wrote telegrams and had

619
00:41:05,290 --> 00:41:07,390
a communication
with these people,

620
00:41:07,390 --> 00:41:13,460
and very specifically
saying these things.

621
00:41:13,460 --> 00:41:18,670
And thanked the person who was
in charge to whom he wrote--

622
00:41:18,670 --> 00:41:22,990
these communications-- thanked
him for his cooperation.

623
00:41:22,990 --> 00:41:27,400
That he made indeed
these boxcars available.

624
00:41:27,400 --> 00:41:30,940
And that was found, of
course, in the documentation,

625
00:41:30,940 --> 00:41:40,630
and he was therefore accused of
aiding the destruction of Jews

626
00:41:40,630 --> 00:41:44,500
who were sent to Germany,

and sentenced to 15 years.

627

00:41:44,500 --> 00:41:47,510

These other SS generals were
not brought to the trials?

628

00:41:47,510 --> 00:41:48,010

Yes--

629

00:41:48,010 --> 00:41:48,940

They also--

630

00:41:48,940 --> 00:41:50,730

--as witnesses

and what have you.

631

00:41:50,730 --> 00:41:52,090

But-- no, I mean charged.

632

00:41:52,090 --> 00:41:54,370

Oh, well, the charge--

633

00:41:54,370 --> 00:41:57,580

whoever they could find some
documentation and all that,

634

00:41:57,580 --> 00:42:02,260

that is something which
either happened locally

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00:42:02,260 --> 00:42:08,710

in case of [Personal name]
or through the center

636

00:42:08,710 --> 00:42:15,370

of the judicial system which
brings war criminals-- that

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00:42:15,370 --> 00:42:18,280

is to say criminals
against humanity--

638

00:42:18,280 --> 00:42:21,310
to justice, which
is in Ludwig's book.

639
00:42:21,310 --> 00:42:26,130
And they have small
fish and all that people

640
00:42:26,130 --> 00:42:30,730
who were responsible for
crimes against humanity

641
00:42:30,730 --> 00:42:32,030
in concentration camps.

642
00:42:32,030 --> 00:42:33,790
They bring them to justice.

643
00:42:33,790 --> 00:42:39,110
And I was, for example--

644
00:42:39,110 --> 00:42:41,650
which was kind of
a moot situation--

645
00:42:41,650 --> 00:42:46,140
I was a witness, and I was
interviewed back in Freiberg By

646
00:42:46,140 --> 00:42:47,520
an --

647
00:42:47,520 --> 00:42:53,710

648
00:42:53,710 --> 00:43:04,660
attorney-- well, he was
actually a state attorney--

649
00:43:04,660 --> 00:43:10,240
bear witness against
Josef Mengele.

650

00:43:10,240 --> 00:43:12,940

And then I was also a witness, and I was interviewed

651

00:43:12,940 --> 00:43:17,500

by a very pro Nazi consul--

652

00:43:17,500 --> 00:43:22,690

or vice consul in San Francisco in connection with one

653

00:43:22,690 --> 00:43:26,380

of the concentration camps I was in to also be a witness,

654

00:43:26,380 --> 00:43:29,830

and give an account and this man was just so unbelievably

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00:43:29,830 --> 00:43:31,780

hostile it was not even funny.

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00:43:31,780 --> 00:43:34,862

And I told him a few things to just

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00:43:34,862 --> 00:43:38,860

he was a all in all, a real SOB

658

00:43:38,860 --> 00:43:41,110

And you could see where his sympathy

659

00:43:41,110 --> 00:43:46,690

was, treating me just like you know and just unbelievable.

660

00:43:46,690 --> 00:43:49,180

And I really should have written a letter

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00:43:49,180 --> 00:43:52,720

to the president of the
Federal Republic of Germany,

662
00:43:52,720 --> 00:43:55,000
and complained about that.

663
00:43:55,000 --> 00:44:01,840
Anyway, so I was a witness
in these two situations,

664
00:44:01,840 --> 00:44:04,430
and nothing has come of it.

665
00:44:04,430 --> 00:44:07,780
First of all, they didn't
ahold of Josef Mengele.

666
00:44:07,780 --> 00:44:11,890
And secondly, although I know
that he actually went back

667
00:44:11,890 --> 00:44:15,190
to Germany, and I know that
from eyewitnesses with whom

668
00:44:15,190 --> 00:44:18,880
I talked from the town where
I did some investigation

669
00:44:18,880 --> 00:44:22,750
in that town in Bavaria
from where he actually came,

670
00:44:22,750 --> 00:44:28,140
and where his family had a
very large organization which

671
00:44:28,140 --> 00:44:31,105
virtually employed many
people of that Township.

672
00:44:31,105 --> 00:44:34,690

673

00:44:34,690 --> 00:44:39,970

All these sort of machinery,
agricultural machinery--

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00:44:39,970 --> 00:44:42,490

production of
agricultural machinery.

675

00:44:42,490 --> 00:44:46,120

So he came back with impunity.

676

00:44:46,120 --> 00:44:48,060

And people saw him
and nothing happened.

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00:44:48,060 --> 00:44:54,200

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00:44:54,200 --> 00:44:56,540

So I gather while you
were teaching regularly

679

00:44:56,540 --> 00:44:58,960

at Sonoma State,
several summers,

680

00:44:58,960 --> 00:45:01,340

you would go back to
Germany and do research.

681

00:45:01,340 --> 00:45:01,840

Yeah.

682

00:45:01,840 --> 00:45:04,780

Well, also I had some
Fulbright fellowships

683

00:45:04,780 --> 00:45:08,980

and I've had Alexander von
Humboldt fellowship last year

684

00:45:08,980 --> 00:45:09,840
for three months.

685
00:45:09,840 --> 00:45:12,670
So I used that time
to do whatever I can.

686
00:45:12,670 --> 00:45:15,190
But I mean that's
all fine, and I

687
00:45:15,190 --> 00:45:19,990
guess it just requires a great
deal of time to dig and find

688
00:45:19,990 --> 00:45:21,280
and all that.

689
00:45:21,280 --> 00:45:26,230
As I said, most of the people
who really were perpetrators

690
00:45:26,230 --> 00:45:28,750
are all dead by now.

691
00:45:28,750 --> 00:45:34,090
And there are some still younger
ones who are still around,

692
00:45:34,090 --> 00:45:37,840
and junior people-- relatively
junior people by virtue

693
00:45:37,840 --> 00:45:42,430
of age who also know a great
deal, and they're still around.

694
00:45:42,430 --> 00:45:48,730
And also I try to interview,
and talk to, and visit,

695
00:45:48,730 --> 00:45:53,770
and do whatever I can in

order to learn from them

696

00:45:53,770 --> 00:45:56,230

what can be found out.

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00:45:56,230 --> 00:46:02,470

And one of them is the editor
in chief of the so-called

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00:46:02,470 --> 00:46:13,300

[German magazine name] which
was the official SS news

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00:46:13,300 --> 00:46:15,130

report which came out.

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00:46:15,130 --> 00:46:18,460

I think it was a weekly
paper, and which had

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00:46:18,460 --> 00:46:21,580

a circulation of one million.

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00:46:21,580 --> 00:46:24,820

And he's still around,
and he knows a great deal.

703

00:46:24,820 --> 00:46:27,170

But he's very defensive.

704

00:46:27,170 --> 00:46:33,130

And I was fortunate enough
to have taped interviews

705

00:46:33,130 --> 00:46:36,940

with him until the time,
which was last year.

706

00:46:36,940 --> 00:46:40,510

Because of the broadcast,
because of television

707

00:46:40,510 --> 00:46:47,140
appearances in Germany, found
out about my background,

708

00:46:47,140 --> 00:46:51,740
and his wife became exceedingly
hostile, although he wasn't.

709

00:46:51,740 --> 00:46:53,740
And that's something which
is quite interesting.

710

00:46:53,740 --> 00:46:56,410
That some of the wives
are very protective

711

00:46:56,410 --> 00:46:58,330
of their Nazi husbands.

712

00:46:58,330 --> 00:47:03,250
And the interesting thing is
that the Nazi husbands shed

713

00:47:03,250 --> 00:47:10,420
their old wives, and they got
a lot more recent editions

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00:47:10,420 --> 00:47:13,510
of wives generation-wise.

715

00:47:13,510 --> 00:47:20,125
And many of whom have not
even consciously experienced

716

00:47:20,125 --> 00:47:21,850
the Third Reich.

717

00:47:21,850 --> 00:47:23,440
And this one is one of them.

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00:47:23,440 --> 00:47:26,006
A very attractive
woman who with whom

719
00:47:26,006 --> 00:47:28,360
he procreate some children.

720
00:47:28,360 --> 00:47:30,230
And she's very
protective of him,

721
00:47:30,230 --> 00:47:36,370
and so she really gave me a
hard time when I was to see,

722
00:47:36,370 --> 00:47:39,052
which he promised to do,
and she prevented it.

723
00:47:39,052 --> 00:47:39,760
She prevented it.

724
00:47:39,760 --> 00:47:41,410
It was last summer.

725
00:47:41,410 --> 00:47:43,940
You mentioned a bit
ago that at one point,

726
00:47:43,940 --> 00:47:46,450
you were interviewing
someone with your wife.

727
00:47:46,450 --> 00:47:49,960
And I wonder, was
your wife American?

728
00:47:49,960 --> 00:47:51,615
No, my wife was German.

729
00:47:51,615 --> 00:47:52,240
She was German.

730
00:47:52,240 --> 00:47:54,700
Yeah, and I met her at the

University of Freiburg.

731
00:47:54,700 --> 00:47:55,990
I see.

732
00:47:55,990 --> 00:48:05,950
And so she knew Karl Wolff very
well, and what -- through me,

733
00:48:05,950 --> 00:48:14,620
and through me, she also went
with me to visit Albert Speer

734
00:48:14,620 --> 00:48:17,020
with whom I had a very
interesting encounter--

735
00:48:17,020 --> 00:48:20,200
very lengthy and interesting
encounter, correspondence,

736
00:48:20,200 --> 00:48:24,880
and numerous telephone
conversations.

737
00:48:24,880 --> 00:48:32,440
And that is something which I've
mentioned in one of my writings

738
00:48:32,440 --> 00:48:36,043
during this-- primarily my
experience in concentration.

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00:48:36,043 --> 00:48:39,290

740
00:48:39,290 --> 00:48:41,050
You interviewed
Albert Speer also?

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00:48:41,050 --> 00:48:42,620
Yeah, Albert Speer.

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00:48:42,620 --> 00:48:45,410

On several occasions,

I was with him--

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00:48:45,410 --> 00:48:50,930

met with him in person twice,

and had written communications

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00:48:50,930 --> 00:48:57,930

with him, and several telephone

conversations [INAUDIBLE]

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00:48:57,930 --> 00:49:00,230

conversations.

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00:49:00,230 --> 00:49:02,780

And what was your impression?

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00:49:02,780 --> 00:49:04,520

Well, my impression

is that he was

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00:49:04,520 --> 00:49:11,210

a very highly intelligent person

who was an expert manipulator.

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00:49:11,210 --> 00:49:13,940

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00:49:13,940 --> 00:49:21,800

And also I think showed

some degree of regret,

751

00:49:21,800 --> 00:49:25,960

but in a way which was to his

advantage, and he knew it.

752

00:49:25,960 --> 00:49:28,880

And he played that particular

game very skillfully.

753

00:49:28,880 --> 00:49:36,940

754

00:49:36,940 --> 00:49:44,200

But I came in He just had a nice
coffee and all this But he--

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00:49:44,200 --> 00:49:47,660

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00:49:47,660 --> 00:49:50,380

I could see in his eyes
he was scared to death

757

00:49:50,380 --> 00:49:54,610

that I would just make
a scene, and I could see

758

00:49:54,610 --> 00:49:57,580

that he was very apprehensive.

759

00:49:57,580 --> 00:50:02,105

And so I had to set him somehow
at ease, because otherwise, he

760

00:50:02,105 --> 00:50:02,980

wouldn't have talked.

761

00:50:02,980 --> 00:50:05,590

He just thought that
I would blast him.

762

00:50:05,590 --> 00:50:08,700

And in a way, I
certainly said you

763

00:50:08,700 --> 00:50:11,690

were responsible
for slave labor,

764

00:50:11,690 --> 00:50:13,930

and I think you
were also my boss.

765
00:50:13,930 --> 00:50:16,480
He said, no, no, no
very defensively-- no, I

766
00:50:16,480 --> 00:50:17,260
was not your boss.

767
00:50:17,260 --> 00:50:19,204
It was Hermann Goring.

768
00:50:19,204 --> 00:50:20,480
He was your boss.

769
00:50:20,480 --> 00:50:22,660
I was not-- that was not my--

770
00:50:22,660 --> 00:50:28,140
[INAUDIBLE] in that Bleichhammer
when I was a slave laborer.

771
00:50:28,140 --> 00:50:30,555
That's not something-- it was
not under my jurisdiction.

772
00:50:30,555 --> 00:50:34,660
It was Hermann's jurisdiction.

773
00:50:34,660 --> 00:50:36,190
Very defensive about that.

774
00:50:36,190 --> 00:50:41,380
And of course, he was the boss
of other slave labor camps.

775
00:50:41,380 --> 00:50:46,060
They made rockets which
thousands of people

776
00:50:46,060 --> 00:50:50,320
were killed, and
worked to death.

777

00:50:50,320 --> 00:50:56,740

And so somehow, he played
his cards very skillfully.

778

00:50:56,740 --> 00:50:59,500

And he certainly was--

779

00:50:59,500 --> 00:51:02,050

just portrayed
himself as a person

780

00:51:02,050 --> 00:51:04,510

with regrets, and
to some extent,

781

00:51:04,510 --> 00:51:07,450

I gave him the
benefit of the doubt.

782

00:51:07,450 --> 00:51:18,670

And not only that, but he
also alluded to the fact

783

00:51:18,670 --> 00:51:25,390

that he was trying to
assassinate Hitler,

784

00:51:25,390 --> 00:51:28,390

or thought about it,
reflected on that,

785

00:51:28,390 --> 00:51:36,220

and wanted to put poisonous gas
in the bunker in which he had

786

00:51:36,220 --> 00:51:42,430

this sort of air system
which brought in fresh air,

787

00:51:42,430 --> 00:51:43,780

and he wanted to put--

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00:51:43,780 --> 00:51:45,400
and all these sort of things.

789
00:51:45,400 --> 00:51:48,520
But I and the people
who knew him just simply

790
00:51:48,520 --> 00:51:50,350
laughed because it
was known he was

791
00:51:50,350 --> 00:51:57,550
a very enthusiastic supporter
of Hitler, who was his mentor,

792
00:51:57,550 --> 00:52:02,710
and made it possible that
he became what he had.

793
00:52:02,710 --> 00:52:04,600
And that was not
because he was not

794
00:52:04,600 --> 00:52:08,740
a Nazi, or not a collaborator,
or whatever he may be.

795
00:52:08,740 --> 00:52:10,210
Let's say he was an opportunist.

796
00:52:10,210 --> 00:52:14,390
Well, I mean, that doesn't make
him any less guilty, does it?

797
00:52:14,390 --> 00:52:18,520
So then he somehow dissociated
himself from his role

798
00:52:18,520 --> 00:52:21,940
as early enthusiastic
supporter of Hitler.

799
00:52:21,940 --> 00:52:27,160

Well, obviously because when
the going was getting tough,

800
00:52:27,160 --> 00:52:30,370
and it was obvious that
Germany had lost the war,

801
00:52:30,370 --> 00:52:32,830
all sorts of people
tried to save their skin

802
00:52:32,830 --> 00:52:38,800
by making claims which were
kind of laughable-- ridiculous.

803
00:52:38,800 --> 00:52:41,500
So no, i didnt' see -- and
that's something which also I

804
00:52:41,500 --> 00:52:43,900
said, well--

805
00:52:43,900 --> 00:52:49,337
I even talked to the president
of the Federal Republic Lubke

806
00:52:49,337 --> 00:52:53,950
and I was, and I was invited
along with other Alexander von

807
00:52:53,950 --> 00:52:54,550
Humboldt--

808
00:52:54,550 --> 00:52:58,180

809
00:52:58,180 --> 00:53:02,050
people who had
fellowships there.

810
00:53:02,050 --> 00:53:05,020
This Alexander von Humboldt
fellow, he invited us,

811
00:53:05,020 --> 00:53:09,550
and he was a talkative
individual, and all that.

812
00:53:09,550 --> 00:53:11,150
And he was accused--

813
00:53:11,150 --> 00:53:13,900
Heinrich Lubke
the president, was

814
00:53:13,900 --> 00:53:20,600
accused of being responsible
for constructing barracks

815
00:53:20,600 --> 00:53:25,570
in concentration camps, and he
was publicly accused of that.

816
00:53:25,570 --> 00:53:29,810
And then I had a chance
talking to him privately --

817
00:53:29,810 --> 00:53:33,610
in the White House in Germany.

818
00:53:33,610 --> 00:53:39,550
And I asked him, Mr. President,
are these accusations--

819
00:53:39,550 --> 00:53:40,930
I'm very interested on research.

820
00:53:40,930 --> 00:53:42,250
I would like to know what--

821
00:53:42,250 --> 00:53:44,410
oh, well, let them talk.

822
00:53:44,410 --> 00:53:45,970
There's nothing to it.

823
00:53:45,970 --> 00:53:50,710
And if there is nothing to
it, so it's very easy for you

824
00:53:50,710 --> 00:53:52,160
to say I'm not guilty.

825
00:53:52,160 --> 00:53:54,160
Why don't know you-- well,
don't let them talk--

826
00:53:54,160 --> 00:53:55,690
I don't care.

827
00:53:55,690 --> 00:53:58,090
And then we discussed
things further,

828
00:53:58,090 --> 00:53:59,960
and he was very
evasive in a way.

829
00:53:59,960 --> 00:54:02,675
He said, obviously, that he
was taken with [INAUDIBLE],,

830
00:54:02,675 --> 00:54:03,550
no question about it.

831
00:54:03,550 --> 00:54:06,265
He was not a dreadfully
clever person to begin with--

832
00:54:06,265 --> 00:54:09,280
not a very intelligent
individual.

833
00:54:09,280 --> 00:54:12,550
And then he said, well, Dr.
Stein, or professor Stein,

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00:54:12,550 --> 00:54:14,950
or whatever he
said, there was only

835
00:54:14,950 --> 00:54:17,488
a handful of Nazis in
Germany, and that was just

836
00:54:17,488 --> 00:54:19,655
about something which was
just unrea;, unbelievable.

837
00:54:19,655 --> 00:54:22,510
A handful of Nazis in Germany.

838
00:54:22,510 --> 00:54:25,630
Heinrich, I quote
him in my book.

839
00:54:25,630 --> 00:54:35,380
And so after the war, just like
now, you go to Czechoslovakia,

840
00:54:35,380 --> 00:54:37,810
no one is a communist--

841
00:54:37,810 --> 00:54:39,507
and afterwards no
one was a Nazi.

842
00:54:39,507 --> 00:54:40,174
I wasn't a Nazi.

843
00:54:40,174 --> 00:54:41,900
No one was a Nazi.

844
00:54:41,900 --> 00:54:43,480
You couldn't find
any Nazis anymore.

845
00:54:43,480 --> 00:54:45,100
You can't find any communists.

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00:54:45,100 --> 00:54:46,570

What about your wife?

847

00:54:46,570 --> 00:54:48,560

What were her politics
as she understood

848

00:54:48,560 --> 00:54:50,560

them growing up in Germany?

849

00:54:50,560 --> 00:54:54,400

Well, I mean she
was the daughter

850

00:54:54,400 --> 00:54:59,975

of a Prussian officer who was
just an absolute chauvinist

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00:54:59,975 --> 00:55:01,540

German chauvinist.

852

00:55:01,540 --> 00:55:04,720

And [INAUDIBLE] somehow, and
I was very much aware of it.

853

00:55:04,720 --> 00:55:09,370

say, my God, what the
hell am I getting into?

854

00:55:09,370 --> 00:55:12,135

And so, yes, she was--

855

00:55:12,135 --> 00:55:16,660

he was a person when she came
after two or three years,

856

00:55:16,660 --> 00:55:18,860

or whatever-- went to
see him and visit him.

857

00:55:18,860 --> 00:55:22,570

So instead of embracing her,

or kissing, or just what

858

00:55:22,570 --> 00:55:25,180

normal people will do,
he just shook her hand.

859

00:55:25,180 --> 00:55:26,133

That's all.

860

00:55:26,133 --> 00:55:26,800

Nice to see you.

861

00:55:26,800 --> 00:55:29,313

862

00:55:29,313 --> 00:55:29,980

Nice to see you.

863

00:55:29,980 --> 00:55:31,000

How are you?

864

00:55:31,000 --> 00:55:31,780

That's all.

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00:55:31,780 --> 00:55:35,410

Just absolutely no
feelings, no nothing.

866

00:55:35,410 --> 00:55:37,300

And that's something
which I should

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00:55:37,300 --> 00:55:41,350

have taken more seriously.

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00:55:41,350 --> 00:55:45,550

But I thought, well, Maybe
once again..? overcome ?.

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00:55:45,550 --> 00:55:46,810

What was her name?

870

00:55:46,810 --> 00:55:49,210

Ulrika.

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00:55:49,210 --> 00:55:51,010

Was she your age also?

872

00:55:51,010 --> 00:55:53,250

No, she was not my
age I'm happy to say.

873

00:55:53,250 --> 00:55:56,080

At least that part was not bad.

874

00:55:56,080 --> 00:55:59,080

No, she was 14 years
younger than I.

875

00:55:59,080 --> 00:56:06,530

I liked to follow President
Mararyk's advice to associate

876

00:56:06,530 --> 00:56:11,290

with women or somebody
younger than I for reasons

877

00:56:11,290 --> 00:56:15,500

which do not escape me.

878

00:56:15,500 --> 00:56:19,250

And so when did you get married?

879

00:56:19,250 --> 00:56:22,040

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00:56:22,040 --> 00:56:24,380

In '68.

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00:56:24,380 --> 00:56:26,880

And when was your son born?

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00:56:26,880 --> 00:56:27,380

Hmm?

883
00:56:27,380 --> 00:56:28,130
When was--

884
00:56:28,130 --> 00:56:32,210
My son was born in '79.

885
00:56:32,210 --> 00:56:35,820
So obviously, you were
married for quite a while.

886
00:56:35,820 --> 00:56:37,850
Yeah, quite a while.

887
00:56:37,850 --> 00:56:39,260
What's your son's name?

888
00:56:39,260 --> 00:56:40,280
Ingemar.

889
00:56:40,280 --> 00:56:43,160

890
00:56:43,160 --> 00:56:44,990
Was he born in
the United States?

891
00:56:44,990 --> 00:56:48,470
He was born in San
Francisco I'm happy to say.

892
00:56:48,470 --> 00:56:52,250
And he just is totally
identifying with that

893
00:56:52,250 --> 00:56:54,390
and very proud of it--

894
00:56:54,390 --> 00:56:57,200
that he was born
in San Francisco.

895
00:56:57,200 --> 00:56:58,920
How did your wife--

896
00:56:58,920 --> 00:57:00,740
And on the 22nd of April.

897
00:57:00,740 --> 00:57:02,180
And I just really pushed it.

898
00:57:02,180 --> 00:57:04,550
I said, hey God,
don't do it to me--

899
00:57:04,550 --> 00:57:06,770
that you would be born
on the 20th of April.

900
00:57:06,770 --> 00:57:08,910
I couldn't take it.

901
00:57:08,910 --> 00:57:11,240
20th of April is
Hitler's birthday in case

902
00:57:11,240 --> 00:57:13,580
you don't know.

903
00:57:13,580 --> 00:57:17,090
And so fortunately, he
was born on the 22nd.

904
00:57:17,090 --> 00:57:21,320
And I said just
hold on, hold on.

905
00:57:21,320 --> 00:57:23,510
Just give it a few days.

906
00:57:23,510 --> 00:57:25,250
[INAUDIBLE]

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00:57:25,250 --> 00:57:27,730

Not a very pleasant memento.

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00:57:27,730 --> 00:57:30,740

909

00:57:30,740 --> 00:57:33,950

How did your wife react to
being in the United States?

910

00:57:33,950 --> 00:57:36,630

Well, not well because
she didn't like them.

911

00:57:36,630 --> 00:57:37,130

She didn't?

912

00:57:37,130 --> 00:57:42,537

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00:57:42,537 --> 00:57:44,620

It was not her cup of tea,
and she never adjusted.

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00:57:44,620 --> 00:57:52,360

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00:57:52,360 --> 00:57:55,330

Did she have any
interests of her own?

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00:57:55,330 --> 00:57:57,085

I mean, certainly
during that long period

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00:57:57,085 --> 00:57:58,210

before your child was born.

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00:57:58,210 --> 00:58:04,480

Well, primarily having an
easy life relatively speaking.

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00:58:04,480 --> 00:58:09,250

Not working too much and
catering to her own interests,

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00:58:09,250 --> 00:58:11,920

wherever they were.

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00:58:11,920 --> 00:58:14,210

Did you about your
Holocaust experiences?

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00:58:14,210 --> 00:58:15,220

Oh, yeah, very much.

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00:58:15,220 --> 00:58:19,210

I mean, she typed the
entire book manuscript

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00:58:19,210 --> 00:58:21,580

and many other
manuscripts she typed,

925

00:58:21,580 --> 00:58:24,910

and did an excellent job,
and helped me with editing,

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00:58:24,910 --> 00:58:25,510

and all that.

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00:58:25,510 --> 00:58:28,270

So she was very helpful in that.

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00:58:28,270 --> 00:58:35,350

But she got very adamant
that I should discontinue

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00:58:35,350 --> 00:58:39,020

all these sort of things
about the Third Reich,

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00:58:39,020 --> 00:58:44,950

and she became saturated with

all that, and tired of it,

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00:58:44,950 --> 00:58:50,290
and wanted me to just simply
disassociate myself from that.

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00:58:50,290 --> 00:58:52,600
And not just because
of her feelings,

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00:58:52,600 --> 00:58:56,990
but also she felt
very genuinely that it

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00:58:56,990 --> 00:58:59,000
would be also better for me.

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00:58:59,000 --> 00:59:03,730
And so that was a bone of
contention, because I --

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00:59:03,730 --> 00:59:07,130
eventually, if I'd done what
I think I want to accomplish,

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00:59:07,130 --> 00:59:10,075
then I have other
interests and all that,

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00:59:10,075 --> 00:59:16,750
and don't want to dwell on it
permanently to be sure as long

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00:59:16,750 --> 00:59:18,550
as--

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00:59:18,550 --> 00:59:21,220
but there are certain things
which I feel obligated.

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00:59:21,220 --> 00:59:24,190
And I particularly feel
obligated to those people

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00:59:24,190 --> 00:59:27,470
who were very close to
me and were my friends.

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00:59:27,470 --> 00:59:32,230
And if they had lived, would
have made very important

944
00:59:32,230 --> 00:59:33,980
contributions to humanity.

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00:59:33,980 --> 00:59:37,150
I feel obligated to
them to do what I can,

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00:59:37,150 --> 00:59:41,560
which is less than they could
have done if they had lived.

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00:59:41,560 --> 00:59:45,340
Because very many of these
people were just outright

948
00:59:45,340 --> 00:59:46,900
geniuses.

949
00:59:46,900 --> 00:59:50,290
And I was very fortunate
to be able to associate

950
00:59:50,290 --> 00:59:52,400
with them, particularly
in Theresienstadt

951
00:59:52,400 --> 00:59:59,170
where we had a group of people
under a kind of leadership

952
00:59:59,170 --> 01:00:00,350
of two people.

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01:00:00,350 --> 01:00:03,510

One was Fredy
Hirsch, Fredy Hirsch,

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01:00:03,510 --> 01:00:07,030

and then the other one
was Gustav Schorsch.

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01:00:07,030 --> 01:00:10,720

And these people were
absolutely role models

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01:00:10,720 --> 01:00:14,050

to me and significant
others, not only because

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01:00:14,050 --> 01:00:17,530

of their humanity, but because
the intellectual brilliance,

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01:00:17,530 --> 01:00:22,840

and leadership, and backbone
profile, and courage,

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01:00:22,840 --> 01:00:23,980

you name it.

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01:00:23,980 --> 01:00:28,060

And just about all
together, 13 of us,

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01:00:28,060 --> 01:00:30,460

and I'm the only
one who survived.

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01:00:30,460 --> 01:00:33,070

All the other ones
died, including

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01:00:33,070 --> 01:00:36,820

all the other leaders-- two of
the particular youth groups.

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01:00:36,820 --> 01:00:40,530
And that is an
unbelievable loss.

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01:00:40,530 --> 01:00:43,910
An unbelievable loss not
only to me personally,

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01:00:43,910 --> 01:00:45,880
but also because there
were, what I would

967
01:00:45,880 --> 01:00:47,190
consider, the better people.

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01:00:47,190 --> 01:00:51,550
And that also helped me somehow
to consider the possibility

969
01:00:51,550 --> 01:00:55,150
that, indeed, that the other
people have not returned,

970
01:00:55,150 --> 01:01:00,370
and that those of us
left are not exactly

971
01:01:00,370 --> 01:01:03,580
the cream of the crop.

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01:01:03,580 --> 01:01:07,750
And that's something which
I suspect is the case.

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01:01:07,750 --> 01:01:10,600

974
01:01:10,600 --> 01:01:13,690
In one sense, though,
it seems to me

975
01:01:13,690 --> 01:01:17,800
that it may be very

meaningful for you

976

01:01:17,800 --> 01:01:22,240
to do the things in the world
you do as their representative.

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01:01:22,240 --> 01:01:25,450
Well, I mean that's what I said
about their representative.

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01:01:25,450 --> 01:01:28,730
I mean, I know that that's
what they would want me to do.

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01:01:28,730 --> 01:01:32,960
But I simply-- intellectually
and otherwise I'm

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01:01:32,960 --> 01:01:35,320
much more limited than
they were, because they

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01:01:35,320 --> 01:01:36,430
were the brilliant people.

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01:01:36,430 --> 01:01:37,310
I'm not.

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01:01:37,310 --> 01:01:45,820
And so that, to me,
is very regrettable,

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01:01:45,820 --> 01:01:48,130
because I think their
contribution would

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01:01:48,130 --> 01:01:51,160
have been far superior
to whatever I can do.

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01:01:51,160 --> 01:01:56,230
And being aware of that,
I just feel very humble.

987
01:01:56,230 --> 01:02:00,520
But on the other hand, I'm
trying to do what I can

988
01:02:00,520 --> 01:02:06,190
in spite of all the obstacles,
which are put in my way.

989
01:02:06,190 --> 01:02:08,590
And there is no question
that this is the case.

990
01:02:08,590 --> 01:02:12,760
And I've had little support from
the Jewish circle, virtually

991
01:02:12,760 --> 01:02:13,880
none.

992
01:02:13,880 --> 01:02:17,710
I have very little support
from my colleagues,

993
01:02:17,710 --> 01:02:22,400
and I'm just a lonely
person in a desert,

994
01:02:22,400 --> 01:02:27,530
so to speak, with some
few individuals who,

995
01:02:27,530 --> 01:02:30,550
for reasons of their
own, are supportive,

996
01:02:30,550 --> 01:02:34,497
and they themselves are strong.

997
01:02:34,497 --> 01:02:35,080
Do you think--

998

01:02:35,080 --> 01:02:40,717
Like, for example, poor
Mrs. [? Horowitz. ?]

999
01:02:40,717 --> 01:02:41,550
I'm saying Horowitz.

1000
01:02:41,550 --> 01:02:45,040
Broken accent.

1001
01:02:45,040 --> 01:02:49,360
So I mean, it's just a struggle,
and I'm getting very tired

1002
01:02:49,360 --> 01:02:50,860
of that struggle.

1003
01:02:50,860 --> 01:02:53,080
Do you think this
was the wedge that

1004
01:02:53,080 --> 01:02:56,350
came between you and your wife?

1005
01:02:56,350 --> 01:02:58,915
Well, yes, it was certainly
an area , a wedge,

1006
01:02:58,915 --> 01:03:01,030
yes There's no
question about that.

1007
01:03:01,030 --> 01:03:03,880

1008
01:03:03,880 --> 01:03:09,390
And I gather that Ingemar
is living fairly nearby?

1009
01:03:09,390 --> 01:03:11,885
Well, very fairly nearby
in Germany at this point.

1010
01:03:11,885 --> 01:03:12,510
Oh, in Germany?

1011
01:03:12,510 --> 01:03:15,300

1012
01:03:15,300 --> 01:03:17,500
So she returned to
Germany with your son.

1013
01:03:17,500 --> 01:03:18,000
Yeah.

1014
01:03:18,000 --> 01:03:21,040

1015
01:03:21,040 --> 01:03:23,320
She wanted to return
for quite a long time.

1016
01:03:23,320 --> 01:03:27,300

1017
01:03:27,300 --> 01:03:31,440
So you really lost
his presence also.

1018
01:03:31,440 --> 01:03:36,270
That's right, which I think is
a very serious matter, which

1019
01:03:36,270 --> 01:03:39,510
I never would have
done to anyone,

1020
01:03:39,510 --> 01:03:41,340
under the circumstances
especially.

1021
01:03:41,340 --> 01:03:43,740
I wouldn't have done.

1022

01:03:43,740 --> 01:03:46,470

But that's what is happening.

1023

01:03:46,470 --> 01:03:48,300

And how it will
develop in the future?

1024

01:03:48,300 --> 01:03:49,860

Well, I've had him
here last summer.

1025

01:03:49,860 --> 01:03:53,260

He didn't want to return.

1026

01:03:53,260 --> 01:03:56,580

And I said, well, I'm
going to run away and wait

1027

01:03:56,580 --> 01:03:58,290

until the plane
has left, and then

1028

01:03:58,290 --> 01:04:01,470

I'll come back and use the
money for the plane ticket,

1029

01:04:01,470 --> 01:04:05,790

because he's so very
European, very thrifty,

1030

01:04:05,790 --> 01:04:10,230

penny pincher because that's
what he learned from me.

1031

01:04:10,230 --> 01:04:12,570

Penny pincher
because that's what

1032

01:04:12,570 --> 01:04:15,570

has transpired by
virtue of the divorce

1033

01:04:15,570 --> 01:04:16,780
and things of that nature.

1034
01:04:16,780 --> 01:04:24,270
And I just lost both
my existential security

1035
01:04:24,270 --> 01:04:25,380
for the third time.

1036
01:04:25,380 --> 01:04:27,540
Once under the
Nazis, second time

1037
01:04:27,540 --> 01:04:31,590
under the communists, and third
time because of the family

1038
01:04:31,590 --> 01:04:33,370
problem.

1039
01:04:33,370 --> 01:04:36,990
So now it's too late for me
to start again financially,

1040
01:04:36,990 --> 01:04:39,000
and just to recuperate
is virtually

1041
01:04:39,000 --> 01:04:41,250
impossible at this point--

1042
01:04:41,250 --> 01:04:42,255
my age.

1043
01:04:42,255 --> 01:04:44,880
Well, financially-- do you mean
emotionally and psychologically

1044
01:04:44,880 --> 01:04:45,660
as well?

1045

01:04:45,660 --> 01:04:48,150
Well, that too, but I'm
financially-- emotionally

1046
01:04:48,150 --> 01:04:53,080
and psychologically, but also
financially because everything

1047
01:04:53,080 --> 01:04:56,430
which I worked for, which was
quite nice and comfortable,

1048
01:04:56,430 --> 01:05:00,960
just goes to attorney fees
or to some of the things.

1049
01:05:00,960 --> 01:05:03,790
Dividing off of property
and all that sort of thing,

1050
01:05:03,790 --> 01:05:05,670
and very little is
going to be left.

1051
01:05:05,670 --> 01:05:11,040
And to live on that is going to
be a very, very difficult thing

1052
01:05:11,040 --> 01:05:11,830
to do.

1053
01:05:11,830 --> 01:05:14,130
So did you actually
get divorced yet?

1054
01:05:14,130 --> 01:05:15,360
I'm in the process.

1055
01:05:15,360 --> 01:05:15,900
Right now?

1056
01:05:15,900 --> 01:05:16,400
Yeah.

1057
01:05:16,400 --> 01:05:18,900
But you sound as though you've
been separated for a while.

1058
01:05:18,900 --> 01:05:19,400
Oh, yeah.

1059
01:05:19,400 --> 01:05:23,190
We've been separated
for a while, off and on.

1060
01:05:23,190 --> 01:05:24,090
But now--

1061
01:05:24,090 --> 01:05:27,570
And all the time she went
back to Germany [INAUDIBLE]..

1062
01:05:27,570 --> 01:05:30,180

1063
01:05:30,180 --> 01:05:32,590
And how often are
you seeing your son?

1064
01:05:32,590 --> 01:05:34,920
Well, as often as I can.

1065
01:05:34,920 --> 01:05:40,710
Just once a year,
usually during the summer

1066
01:05:40,710 --> 01:05:44,820
because he goes to school
there, and he can't come.

1067
01:05:44,820 --> 01:05:49,920
And I can't go there.

1068
01:05:49,920 --> 01:05:54,930
But so far, I've been able

to see him more than normally

1069

01:05:54,930 --> 01:05:59,160
by virtue of the fact that I
have these sort of assignments

1070

01:05:59,160 --> 01:06:01,920
back in Europe, and
which were paid.

1071

01:06:01,920 --> 01:06:05,610
So financially, it was feasible
because they paid the trip,

1072

01:06:05,610 --> 01:06:08,598
and they paid for my
stay there, and I was

1073

01:06:08,598 --> 01:06:10,980
able to make a bit of money.

1074

01:06:10,980 --> 01:06:13,125
But that may cease.

1075

01:06:13,125 --> 01:06:17,370
That may-- it's not
something which I can depend.

1076

01:06:17,370 --> 01:06:21,000
Have you talked with
Ingemar about your Holocaust

1077

01:06:21,000 --> 01:06:21,510
experiences?

1078

01:06:21,510 --> 01:06:22,010
Oh, yes.

1079

01:06:22,010 --> 01:06:23,880
I've talked to him
the first time.

1080

01:06:23,880 --> 01:06:28,905
I've-- of course, he's seen my
books when they left in '89.

1081
01:06:28,905 --> 01:06:31,800

1082
01:06:31,800 --> 01:06:34,300
So he's seen my books,
and Hitler, and all that.

1083
01:06:34,300 --> 01:06:36,300
And so you know,
looks at some of them.

1084
01:06:36,300 --> 01:06:41,970
And I-- but I didn't
force it on him at all.

1085
01:06:41,970 --> 01:06:46,770
I just took it
just step-by-step.

1086
01:06:46,770 --> 01:06:51,210
And when he was interested-- now
when he came back last summer,

1087
01:06:51,210 --> 01:06:56,370
I showed him a movie which
I participated in, and was

1088
01:06:56,370 --> 01:06:59,080
a consultant, and was doing--

1089
01:06:59,080 --> 01:07:05,970
which was Hitler, Man or Myth.

1090
01:07:05,970 --> 01:07:10,740
And I showed that
to him, and I showed

1091
01:07:10,740 --> 01:07:14,250
him the short strip 50

minutes of liberation

1092

01:07:14,250 --> 01:07:15,408
of concentration camps.

1093

01:07:15,408 --> 01:07:17,700
And he said, why did you show
me these terrible things?

1094

01:07:17,700 --> 01:07:22,410
I said, well I just feel
that it's just about time

1095

01:07:22,410 --> 01:07:24,420
that you know what
I've been through,

1096

01:07:24,420 --> 01:07:26,820
and we can talk about it.

1097

01:07:26,820 --> 01:07:30,540
And he talks, and is getting
more and more interested in it.

1098

01:07:30,540 --> 01:07:34,380
And he reads and
said in class and all

1099

01:07:34,380 --> 01:07:36,160
that, I've read this and about--

1100

01:07:36,160 --> 01:07:36,660
all this.

1101

01:07:36,660 --> 01:07:38,940
And so he just
keeps on telling me.

1102

01:07:38,940 --> 01:07:43,860
But again, I'm very careful
not to force it on him.

1103

01:07:43,860 --> 01:07:47,610
Last summer, I felt it was
time that he would face up

1104
01:07:47,610 --> 01:07:50,640
to some of the things
so that he gets

1105
01:07:50,640 --> 01:07:52,710
some sort of a feeling
for it in fact,

1106
01:07:52,710 --> 01:07:57,840
because my wife never talked
about it to him-- about that.

1107
01:07:57,840 --> 01:08:01,940
And somehow, tends to avoid
this, and deemphasizes

1108
01:08:01,940 --> 01:08:04,620
[INAUDIBLE].

1109
01:08:04,620 --> 01:08:09,780
And I feel that I don't
want to emphasize it,

1110
01:08:09,780 --> 01:08:11,490
but I don't want
to deemphasize it.

1111
01:08:11,490 --> 01:08:15,270
So that I respond to him and
I think he's ready for it,

1112
01:08:15,270 --> 01:08:18,660
and not burdening him
unnecessarily when he cannot

1113
01:08:18,660 --> 01:08:19,732
digest it.

1114
01:08:19,732 --> 01:08:21,149

But I think it's
important that he

1115
01:08:21,149 --> 01:08:24,660
knows what I've been
through, and also

1116
01:08:24,660 --> 01:08:26,310
what role the
Germans had played.

1117
01:08:26,310 --> 01:08:29,399
And I think that will
in essence influence him

1118
01:08:29,399 --> 01:08:36,660
because chances are that
he will want to come here

1119
01:08:36,660 --> 01:08:38,770
for higher education,
one, and two,

1120
01:08:38,770 --> 01:08:42,240
also live here permanently
rather than in Germany.

1121
01:08:42,240 --> 01:08:44,729
But again, that is not
something which I would force.

1122
01:08:44,729 --> 01:08:47,340
I hope that this will develop--

1123
01:08:47,340 --> 01:08:48,960
whatever is best for him.

1124
01:08:48,960 --> 01:08:54,120
And I know this
place is right now--

1125
01:08:54,120 --> 01:08:59,010
we don't have much

of a rosy future

1126
01:08:59,010 --> 01:09:01,529
to look forward at this point.

1127
01:09:01,529 --> 01:09:03,420
So there you go.

1128
01:09:03,420 --> 01:09:05,279
So I mean, it's a problem.

1129
01:09:05,279 --> 01:09:08,910
Certainly, Germany is
everything [INAUDIBLE]

1130
01:09:08,910 --> 01:09:11,430
for so many reasons.

1131
01:09:11,430 --> 01:09:14,290
So it's a problem.

1132
01:09:14,290 --> 01:09:16,620
Is he learning about this
in German schools too?

1133
01:09:16,620 --> 01:09:17,479
Hmm?

1134
01:09:17,479 --> 01:09:19,479
Is he learning in German
schools too about this?

1135
01:09:19,479 --> 01:09:23,691
Well, he hasn't so far,
no, because it was not part

1136
01:09:23,691 --> 01:09:24,899
of the thing. you know but --

1137
01:09:24,899 --> 01:09:28,830
I think now, he's an age where
they probably will you know.

1138
01:09:28,830 --> 01:09:32,100
and he'll let me know about
that for sure, he knows.

1139
01:09:32,100 --> 01:09:37,260
And I talk to him over the phone
every two weeks for at least

1140
01:09:37,260 --> 01:09:38,100
an hour--

1141
01:09:38,100 --> 01:09:39,750
just about an hour anyway.

1142
01:09:39,750 --> 01:09:41,910
And he writes to me,
and we write to him.

1143
01:09:41,910 --> 01:09:45,660
He doesn't write much
because he's dreadful lazy.

1144
01:09:45,660 --> 01:09:47,850
People who are very,
very intelligent,

1145
01:09:47,850 --> 01:09:51,810
and that is a handicap
because if things

1146
01:09:51,810 --> 01:09:55,470
don't come easy to him, it
just simply leaves them.

1147
01:09:55,470 --> 01:09:57,660
because everything tends
to come easy to him,

1148
01:09:57,660 --> 01:09:59,910
and he's not used
to working hard.

1149

01:09:59,910 --> 01:10:03,190

He's got kind of a lazy streak.

1150

01:10:03,190 --> 01:10:06,990

And so writing-- he doesn't
like to write very much.

1151

01:10:06,990 --> 01:10:11,680

And he wrote me because he
enjoys using the typewriter.

1152

01:10:11,680 --> 01:10:13,920

So now I guess
because he has now

1153

01:10:13,920 --> 01:10:16,540

reason to do something
which he enjoys,

1154

01:10:16,540 --> 01:10:19,073

he probably will
be writing more.

1155

01:10:19,073 --> 01:10:20,240

you know this sort of thing.

1156

01:10:20,240 --> 01:10:23,730

1157

01:10:23,730 --> 01:10:27,510

I think I'd like
to take a moment

1158

01:10:27,510 --> 01:10:30,840

and ask if other people would
like to ask you anything.

1159

01:10:30,840 --> 01:10:32,110

up to this point before we--

1160

01:10:32,110 --> 01:10:33,810

Yeah.

1161
01:10:33,810 --> 01:10:36,165
How about you, Brian?

1162
01:10:36,165 --> 01:10:39,090
[INAUDIBLE] notes here.

1163
01:10:39,090 --> 01:10:42,330
When you were
talking about the--

1164
01:10:42,330 --> 01:10:44,730
I'm interested in
how you perceive

1165
01:10:44,730 --> 01:10:49,830
a kind of a schizoid
character to the German people

1166
01:10:49,830 --> 01:10:52,110
at the time that you were
doing your interviews.

1167
01:10:52,110 --> 01:10:56,100
This-- how do you
account for their need

1168
01:10:56,100 --> 01:11:00,330
to both purge themselves of
their guilt-- at the same time,

1169
01:11:00,330 --> 01:11:05,100
perpetuate some of
the myth of the past?

1170
01:11:05,100 --> 01:11:08,040

1171
01:11:08,040 --> 01:11:11,280
Well, I think that's an
understandable question,

1172

01:11:11,280 --> 01:11:15,300
primarily because they live
in two different realities.

1173
01:11:15,300 --> 01:11:19,260
They lived in Nazi
Germany, which

1174
01:11:19,260 --> 01:11:24,090
was a very specific
surreal reality--

1175
01:11:24,090 --> 01:11:26,700
not at that particular
time, but looking

1176
01:11:26,700 --> 01:11:29,190
back today, it is surreal.

1177
01:11:29,190 --> 01:11:34,230
And so they-- their
major professional life

1178
01:11:34,230 --> 01:11:41,350
and their success stems from
Nazi Germany on one hand.

1179
01:11:41,350 --> 01:11:44,520
But Nazi Germany
did not prevail,

1180
01:11:44,520 --> 01:11:48,990
and they had to adjust to a new
reality which is the quasi--

1181
01:11:48,990 --> 01:11:51,260
and I'm stressing quasi--

1182
01:11:51,260 --> 01:11:54,360
democratic we have to
which they had to adjust.

1183
01:11:54,360 --> 01:11:59,230

So they sit between two
chairs, so to speak,

1184
01:11:59,230 --> 01:12:00,720
because they had to--

1185
01:12:00,720 --> 01:12:01,650
they were functional.

1186
01:12:01,650 --> 01:12:03,660
They had to remain
functioning in these two

1187
01:12:03,660 --> 01:12:05,010
different realities.

1188
01:12:05,010 --> 01:12:09,480
And that, I think,
is the reason,

1189
01:12:09,480 --> 01:12:13,920
or that is perhaps the
reason why they are schizoid,

1190
01:12:13,920 --> 01:12:17,250
because they had to
adjust to the new reality,

1191
01:12:17,250 --> 01:12:23,940
yet could not quite cut the
umbilical cord with Nazi

1192
01:12:23,940 --> 01:12:30,930
Germany simply because that is
where they were in limelight,

1193
01:12:30,930 --> 01:12:34,080
and that's where they
were exceedingly powerful,

1194
01:12:34,080 --> 01:12:43,050
and that's where they enjoyed
the glory of which disappeared

1195
01:12:43,050 --> 01:12:46,770
after they lost World War II.

1196
01:12:46,770 --> 01:12:53,370
And had to adjust to new
realities which were not

1197
01:12:53,370 --> 01:12:58,020
as meaningful, and
certainly not as rewarding,

1198
01:12:58,020 --> 01:12:59,480
as the Nazi reality.

1199
01:12:59,480 --> 01:13:01,950
So that makes sense to me
why they would be schizoid,

1200
01:13:01,950 --> 01:13:02,910
which they are.

1201
01:13:02,910 --> 01:13:05,100
In so many ways, I
think that's indeed

1202
01:13:05,100 --> 01:13:07,890
what they are because
they live in two worlds.

1203
01:13:07,890 --> 01:13:10,320
You think that their willingness
to repudiate the past

1204
01:13:10,320 --> 01:13:12,600
was hampered in the
decade following

1205
01:13:12,600 --> 01:13:14,340
the war by groups
like the CIA who were

1206

01:13:14,340 --> 01:13:16,230
willing to deal with them and--

1207
01:13:16,230 --> 01:13:18,690
Well, in a way, yes,
because so many of them

1208
01:13:18,690 --> 01:13:28,340
were used by the CIA because
of the anti-communist fear.

1209
01:13:28,340 --> 01:13:30,150
That is to say
the communist fear

1210
01:13:30,150 --> 01:13:32,890
and the anti-communist
activities.

1211
01:13:32,890 --> 01:13:43,075
And because that was more
of a situational event--

1212
01:13:43,075 --> 01:13:47,380

1213
01:13:47,380 --> 01:13:50,932
transcended all the other
previous considerations.

1214
01:13:50,932 --> 01:13:53,265
And therefore, they didn't
care whether some of the Nazi

1215
01:13:53,265 --> 01:13:55,980
was was tainted with
mischief as long as he

1216
01:13:55,980 --> 01:13:59,730
served their purposes
at that particular time.

1217
01:13:59,730 --> 01:14:02,340

Because there is no morality
attached to it or whatever.

1218
01:14:02,340 --> 01:14:03,870
I mean, it's just--

1219
01:14:03,870 --> 01:14:05,520
no morality I
don't particularly.

1220
01:14:05,520 --> 01:14:10,200
And I wrote about
these things in one

1221
01:14:10,200 --> 01:14:11,730
of the books [INAUDIBLE].

1222
01:14:11,730 --> 01:14:15,780
And just there is no morality.

1223
01:14:15,780 --> 01:14:18,240
It's just a totally
opportunistic thing

1224
01:14:18,240 --> 01:14:20,850
which they think
they'll do in order

1225
01:14:20,850 --> 01:14:22,330
to further the United States.

1226
01:14:22,330 --> 01:14:25,530
I think they've caused more
damage to the United States

1227
01:14:25,530 --> 01:14:29,760
than anything else apart from
the financial losses, which

1228
01:14:29,760 --> 01:14:33,550
is enormous in terms of--

1229

01:14:33,550 --> 01:14:34,050
so--

1230
01:14:34,050 --> 01:14:38,980

1231
01:14:38,980 --> 01:14:41,310
From a sociologists
point of view,

1232
01:14:41,310 --> 01:14:44,010
how do you view the
phenomena of someone

1233
01:14:44,010 --> 01:14:47,670
like David Duke who has
repudiated his past,

1234
01:14:47,670 --> 01:14:52,620
but is not believed
by the public?

1235
01:14:52,620 --> 01:14:58,500
It just-- he's no
reborn Christian,

1236
01:14:58,500 --> 01:15:02,700
and I don't to what extent
it is authentic or not.

1237
01:15:02,700 --> 01:15:06,540
I think the man is-- in terms
of the type of long history

1238
01:15:06,540 --> 01:15:11,480
of activity, and in the
Klan and other thing,

1239
01:15:11,480 --> 01:15:15,540
You know, not a very viable
individual is in my eyes.

1240
01:15:15,540 --> 01:15:19,200

I don't care how many
times he's been reborn.

1241
01:15:19,200 --> 01:15:23,430
Well, I mean, the other thing,
it's a barometer of our times.

1242
01:15:23,430 --> 01:15:26,880
And if a person actually can
become a serious candidate

1243
01:15:26,880 --> 01:15:30,250
for the governorship with this
sort of background, I mean,

1244
01:15:30,250 --> 01:15:34,830
that's enough to really
cause you to stop and think

1245
01:15:34,830 --> 01:15:40,380
what is going on
in any case as far

1246
01:15:40,380 --> 01:15:45,900
as the attraction
people of that ilk have.

1247
01:15:45,900 --> 01:15:49,650
And I think that's a
very serious matter.

1248
01:15:49,650 --> 01:15:52,770
It tells us something
about our times.

1249
01:15:52,770 --> 01:15:54,630
And it's typical
also because if you

1250
01:15:54,630 --> 01:16:00,990
got the socioeconomic
upheaval, all these people

1251

01:16:00,990 --> 01:16:02,880
will come out of the
woodwork because there's

1252
01:16:02,880 --> 01:16:05,400
a call for that.

1253
01:16:05,400 --> 01:16:08,640
People need to find
scapegoats for their misery,

1254
01:16:08,640 --> 01:16:12,846
and these people
will provide it.

1255
01:16:12,846 --> 01:16:16,740
Do you think people
who have gotten

1256
01:16:16,740 --> 01:16:19,650
caught up in this
type of ideology

1257
01:16:19,650 --> 01:16:23,812
are precluded from a
political life afterwards?

1258
01:16:23,812 --> 01:16:26,145
I'm thinking particularly of
someone like Kurt Waldheim.

1259
01:16:26,145 --> 01:16:28,680

1260
01:16:28,680 --> 01:16:31,290
Well, I mean, I don't know
whether they should be rewarded

1261
01:16:31,290 --> 01:16:35,490
with all these
positions of power,

1262
01:16:35,490 --> 01:16:38,430

because obviously
in the past, they

1263
01:16:38,430 --> 01:16:43,030
have not been very credible
in handling it responsibly.

1264
01:16:43,030 --> 01:16:44,580
And I don't know whether they--

1265
01:16:44,580 --> 01:16:49,110
I'm not-- and I've talked to
some SS people about that too.

1266
01:16:49,110 --> 01:16:52,710
And said, hey, we have
got a right as anyone else

1267
01:16:52,710 --> 01:16:55,270
to see the errors of our way.

1268
01:16:55,270 --> 01:16:58,020
And I think we need to
look at it also this way.

1269
01:16:58,020 --> 01:17:02,490
And I'm not doubting that some
people genuinely have seen

1270
01:17:02,490 --> 01:17:06,210
the errors of their way, except
that I think we'll get to --

1271
01:17:06,210 --> 01:17:09,000
you talked about Speer
a little bit earlier--

1272
01:17:09,000 --> 01:17:10,540
a moment ago.

1273
01:17:10,540 --> 01:17:15,090
And Speer was playing
very, very clever cards

1274
01:17:15,090 --> 01:17:18,170
in order to get off the hook.

1275
01:17:18,170 --> 01:17:22,710
And you can also make believe
something which you then

1276
01:17:22,710 --> 01:17:27,210
will believe yourself is
not a lie, but is the truth.

1277
01:17:27,210 --> 01:17:31,710
You can repeat it so many times
that you can persuade yourself

1278
01:17:31,710 --> 01:17:35,160
that you are speaking the
truth, although you played

1279
01:17:35,160 --> 01:17:39,900
a very sophisticated con game.

1280
01:17:39,900 --> 01:17:44,140
And so I like to look at
the people very carefully.

1281
01:17:44,140 --> 01:17:48,300
So one thing which I say--
which is not something which

1282
01:17:48,300 --> 01:17:53,490
I'm the one who discovered--

1283
01:17:53,490 --> 01:17:56,490
Bernard Shaw and other people--

1284
01:17:56,490 --> 01:17:59,250
we have a situation--
that's something

1285
01:17:59,250 --> 01:18:03,270

which I tell my students very frequently, where you take

1286
01:18:03,270 --> 01:18:07,560
a civil service position, and you have

1287
01:18:07,560 --> 01:18:09,900
to pass civil service tests.

1288
01:18:09,900 --> 01:18:12,750
Now we have politicians, and we've got senators,

1289
01:18:12,750 --> 01:18:15,000
and we've got people in the highest positions,

1290
01:18:15,000 --> 01:18:17,740
and they're not given any tests.

1291
01:18:17,740 --> 01:18:20,430
I think we should look into their background,

1292
01:18:20,430 --> 01:18:23,100
and I think their autobiographies

1293
01:18:23,100 --> 01:18:26,520
or their biographies should be developed

1294
01:18:26,520 --> 01:18:28,380
very carefully by experts.

1295
01:18:28,380 --> 01:18:31,630
And I think they should pass tests themselves to what extent

1296
01:18:31,630 --> 01:18:36,630
they have qualifications which they claim to have.

1297

01:18:36,630 --> 01:18:40,170

And to be sure, many people
would fail miserably.

1298

01:18:40,170 --> 01:18:42,900

And to me, it's just
simply totally unbelievable

1299

01:18:42,900 --> 01:18:45,900

that if I work in some
sort of a two bit job

1300

01:18:45,900 --> 01:18:49,080

in the civil service, I have to
pass civil service examination.

1301

01:18:49,080 --> 01:18:51,540

Those people will become
the most powerful people.

1302

01:18:51,540 --> 01:18:53,280

We just take their word for it.

1303

01:18:53,280 --> 01:18:55,200

I mean, it's just
absolutely unbelievable.

1304

01:18:55,200 --> 01:18:57,555

It's scandalous.

1305

01:18:57,555 --> 01:18:58,500

It's incredible.

1306

01:18:58,500 --> 01:19:02,180

It's ridiculous.

1307

01:19:02,180 --> 01:19:03,670

And it's not that
much of a deal,

1308

01:19:03,670 --> 01:19:05,410

because we've got
enough expertise

1309
01:19:05,410 --> 01:19:10,840
to develop these tests,
and administer them.

1310
01:19:10,840 --> 01:19:14,350
And people who are really
experts in the field,

1311
01:19:14,350 --> 01:19:19,570
and do it in a way which will
be exceedingly objective.

1312
01:19:19,570 --> 01:19:22,000
Why on earth don't we do it?

1313
01:19:22,000 --> 01:19:23,140
It's totally inconsistent.

1314
01:19:23,140 --> 01:19:25,660
Well, it's obviously
because the powerful--

1315
01:19:25,660 --> 01:19:29,000
those people who have a
potential to be powerful

1316
01:19:29,000 --> 01:19:33,353
can avoid all this
sort of unpleasantness.

1317
01:19:33,353 --> 01:19:35,020
We live in a political
climate right now

1318
01:19:35,020 --> 01:19:39,820
that seems to be trying
to cleanse the system.

1319
01:19:39,820 --> 01:19:41,830
Finding it very hard

to find candidates

1320
01:19:41,830 --> 01:19:45,400
for the high court that haven't
had some kind of indiscretion

1321
01:19:45,400 --> 01:19:47,740
in their background.

1322
01:19:47,740 --> 01:19:50,470
The Kennedy
administration-- there

1323
01:19:50,470 --> 01:19:53,800
have been innuendos about
that for 20 years now.

1324
01:19:53,800 --> 01:19:56,838
How do you view that from a
sociologists point of view?

1325
01:19:56,838 --> 01:19:57,880
What do you mean Kennedy?

1326
01:19:57,880 --> 01:20:00,670
I don't know specifically
what you're alluding to?

1327
01:20:00,670 --> 01:20:04,090
His connection with
the mafia and--

1328
01:20:04,090 --> 01:20:06,700
Well, I don't know whether he
had connections with the mafia

1329
01:20:06,700 --> 01:20:07,930
directly.

1330
01:20:07,930 --> 01:20:09,070
I doubt it very much.

1331

01:20:09,070 --> 01:20:11,740

I think he had a
girlfriend who was--

1332

01:20:11,740 --> 01:20:13,180

or the various girlfriends.

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01:20:13,180 --> 01:20:14,740

The chances are
that someone will

1334

01:20:14,740 --> 01:20:17,670

have had a mafia connection.

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01:20:17,670 --> 01:20:20,390

You know it's a
realistic possibility.

1336

01:20:20,390 --> 01:20:25,930

And the other ones-- the
youngest was being kind

1337

01:20:25,930 --> 01:20:28,210

of the least gifted one--

1338

01:20:28,210 --> 01:20:30,115

I mean, he's got lots
of connections too,

1339

01:20:30,115 --> 01:20:32,020

and these connections
are the only thing

1340

01:20:32,020 --> 01:20:34,493

which he has been
very successful in,

1341

01:20:34,493 --> 01:20:35,660

I guess, in a way, you know.

1342

01:20:35,660 --> 01:20:41,170

But not in terms of
contribution to politics

1343
01:20:41,170 --> 01:20:44,340
in the United
States necessarily.

1344
01:20:44,340 --> 01:20:55,230
But many people are precisely
very doubtful moral character,

1345
01:20:55,230 --> 01:20:59,370
and very subject to corruption
if not already corrupt.

1346
01:20:59,370 --> 01:21:02,640
And if we permit them
to become our leaders,

1347
01:21:02,640 --> 01:21:06,630
I think it tells something about
ourselves that we permit it.

1348
01:21:06,630 --> 01:21:13,500
And I think ever since Kennedy's
assassination, it's been--

1349
01:21:13,500 --> 01:21:16,740
everything else
has deteriorated.

1350
01:21:16,740 --> 01:21:18,270
And I think Kennedy--

1351
01:21:18,270 --> 01:21:20,370
I don't care whether he
was a womanizer or not--

1352
01:21:20,370 --> 01:21:24,850
I think he had a
potential as statesman.

1353
01:21:24,850 --> 01:21:27,850
I mean, I'm not a judge
of his personal life,

1354
01:21:27,850 --> 01:21:29,500
and I don't want
to be as long as he

1355
01:21:29,500 --> 01:21:33,040
has done things which are
responsible, and learned,

1356
01:21:33,040 --> 01:21:33,700
and improved.

1357
01:21:33,700 --> 01:21:37,480
And I think he would
have gone into a very

1358
01:21:37,480 --> 01:21:42,708
substantive and
important statesman.

1359
01:21:42,708 --> 01:21:46,380

1360
01:21:46,380 --> 01:21:48,400
That's all I had.

1361
01:21:48,400 --> 01:21:49,070
How about you?

1362
01:21:49,070 --> 01:21:50,740
Do you have anything to analyze?

1363
01:21:50,740 --> 01:21:53,510
Carol, do you have any
questions or comments?

1364
01:21:53,510 --> 01:21:54,800
I have two last things.

1365
01:21:54,800 --> 01:21:57,020
I think we've done really
well covering a lot.

1366

01:21:57,020 --> 01:22:00,060

But two things I've just
been pondering here.

1367

01:22:00,060 --> 01:22:03,530

One is that the
tattoo that you have

1368

01:22:03,530 --> 01:22:07,220

on your arm which is
characteristic of a survivor,

1369

01:22:07,220 --> 01:22:08,660

and which--

1370

01:22:08,660 --> 01:22:11,330

Auschwitz survivor.

1371

01:22:11,330 --> 01:22:13,490

Specific the other ones were--

1372

01:22:13,490 --> 01:22:14,300

Different-- yeah.

1373

01:22:14,300 --> 01:22:17,070

No, no, because I've
got two numbers.

1374

01:22:17,070 --> 01:22:19,700

I've got the Dachau number
which is not a tattoo,

1375

01:22:19,700 --> 01:22:23,550

but is a number which I was
given when I came to Dachau.

1376

01:22:23,550 --> 01:22:25,430

And then I got to Auschwitz.

1377

01:22:25,430 --> 01:22:28,370

And the notion of the tattoo

is that people with a tattoo

1378

01:22:28,370 --> 01:22:29,910

were not to get out ever.

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01:22:29,910 --> 01:22:32,510

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01:22:32,510 --> 01:22:33,440

That was the notion.

1381

01:22:33,440 --> 01:22:36,350

That these people were
there until they died,

1382

01:22:36,350 --> 01:22:38,030

and never to be release.

1383

01:22:38,030 --> 01:22:40,240

So in a sense it's
a mark of death.

1384

01:22:40,240 --> 01:22:42,170

Yeah, absolutely.

1385

01:22:42,170 --> 01:22:46,160

And in my generation, one of the
things that has happened to me

1386

01:22:46,160 --> 01:22:49,070

is that wherever I go,
when I see people--

1387

01:22:49,070 --> 01:22:51,710

and I do see people
from time to time--

1388

01:22:51,710 --> 01:22:53,600

I mean, I was in
Vienna, I saw one,

1389

01:22:53,600 --> 01:22:56,487

I was in Lucerne,
Switzerland, I saw one.

1390
01:22:56,487 --> 01:22:57,320
When I was just in--

1391
01:22:57,320 --> 01:22:58,260
You were in Lucerne?

1392
01:22:58,260 --> 01:22:58,760
Really?

1393
01:22:58,760 --> 01:22:59,480
Yeah.

1394
01:22:59,480 --> 01:23:01,250
When I was in--

1395
01:23:01,250 --> 01:23:04,340
yeah, and I talked to him.

1396
01:23:04,340 --> 01:23:05,930
Excuse me-- not Lucerne--

1397
01:23:05,930 --> 01:23:09,650
on the way to
Lucerne on the train.

1398
01:23:09,650 --> 01:23:12,127
In New York, I just
saw one-- a tailor--

1399
01:23:12,127 --> 01:23:12,710
and we talked.

1400
01:23:12,710 --> 01:23:14,180
He was from Mauthausen.

1401
01:23:14,180 --> 01:23:16,910
And it had such a
powerful effect on me

1402
01:23:16,910 --> 01:23:18,640
whenever I see someone with--

1403
01:23:18,640 --> 01:23:20,883
But he didn't have a tattoo--
it was because he's not

1404
01:23:20,883 --> 01:23:21,550
from Mauthausen?

1405
01:23:21,550 --> 01:23:22,050
Did he?

1406
01:23:22,050 --> 01:23:23,487
Hew must have been in Auschwitz.

1407
01:23:23,487 --> 01:23:24,320
That's what he said.

1408
01:23:24,320 --> 01:23:25,580
Well, he was in
Auschwitz, but he

1409
01:23:25,580 --> 01:23:26,600
says he got it at Mauthausen.

1410
01:23:26,600 --> 01:23:27,238
Oh, yeah.

1411
01:23:27,238 --> 01:23:29,030
But I mean, the tattoo
he got in Auschwitz.

1412
01:23:29,030 --> 01:23:29,990
It was different than yours.

1413
01:23:29,990 --> 01:23:31,490
I think it had a
"B" in front of it.

1414
01:23:31,490 --> 01:23:32,730

Yeah, because he came later.

1415
01:23:32,730 --> 01:23:33,230
Yeah.

1416
01:23:33,230 --> 01:23:34,605
But anyway, what
I wanted to talk

1417
01:23:34,605 --> 01:23:37,220
about was that I
feel that knowing you

1418
01:23:37,220 --> 01:23:39,470
and any other survivors
that I've known,

1419
01:23:39,470 --> 01:23:41,000
there's just something so--

1420
01:23:41,000 --> 01:23:43,088
the impact of having
a tattoo on your arm,

1421
01:23:43,088 --> 01:23:44,630
and going through
your life with this

1422
01:23:44,630 --> 01:23:47,130
on your arm for
your whole lifetime.

1423
01:23:47,130 --> 01:23:51,500
I mean, you've had it for most
of your lifetime as an adult.

1424
01:23:51,500 --> 01:23:53,360
And I know you've
mentioned to me

1425
01:23:53,360 --> 01:23:56,480
several times the effect
of having to hide it,

1426
01:23:56,480 --> 01:23:57,090
for instance.

1427
01:23:57,090 --> 01:23:58,940
When one of these generals
asked you to go swimming

1428
01:23:58,940 --> 01:24:01,020
on a hot day, and you
couldn't take off your shirt,

1429
01:24:01,020 --> 01:24:02,480
so you had to not go
swimming because then

1430
01:24:02,480 --> 01:24:03,980
you would reveal
you were a survivor

1431
01:24:03,980 --> 01:24:05,207
in this tricky situation.

1432
01:24:05,207 --> 01:24:06,540
Yeah, it was a tricky situation.

1433
01:24:06,540 --> 01:24:09,440
And you've talked to me about--

1434
01:24:09,440 --> 01:24:13,250
Also during the summer when I
was asked to go to SS rally,

1435
01:24:13,250 --> 01:24:19,910
and I was also a guest of honor
therefore, because I was --

1436
01:24:19,910 --> 01:24:23,960
a general-- SS general
who invited me.

1437
01:24:23,960 --> 01:24:27,380

And I sat at the table
for the honored people,

1438
01:24:27,380 --> 01:24:31,250
and I was perspiring--
something dreadfully hot.

1439
01:24:31,250 --> 01:24:33,020
And I couldn't take
off my-- and that

1440
01:24:33,020 --> 01:24:36,020
was an SS rally of
about 1,500 people,

1441
01:24:36,020 --> 01:24:38,360
and I had to address them.

1442
01:24:38,360 --> 01:24:41,030
So you can see how I must
have sweated, particularly

1443
01:24:41,030 --> 01:24:46,010
to say something which
reflected my persuasion,

1444
01:24:46,010 --> 01:24:50,060
and did not antagonize
them too much,

1445
01:24:50,060 --> 01:24:52,670
because I had 1,500
or something--

1446
01:24:52,670 --> 01:24:53,840
1,500 to 1.

1447
01:24:53,840 --> 01:24:58,842
They could have clobbered
me with some degree of ease.

1448
01:24:58,842 --> 01:25:00,800
And then I was thinking

of the time you told me

1449
01:25:00,800 --> 01:25:04,070
when you were, I think, in
New York applying for a job,

1450
01:25:04,070 --> 01:25:06,530
and a woman said,
don't tell people

1451
01:25:06,530 --> 01:25:08,480
you're a survivor-- you
will not get employed.

1452
01:25:08,480 --> 01:25:09,022
That's right.

1453
01:25:09,022 --> 01:25:10,199
And this was in--

1454
01:25:10,199 --> 01:25:12,574
I don't know if it was the
'60s when it was that you were

1455
01:25:12,574 --> 01:25:13,074
[INAUDIBLE].

1456
01:25:13,074 --> 01:25:16,070
That was in the '50s.

1457
01:25:16,070 --> 01:25:17,343
In the '50s?

1458
01:25:17,343 --> 01:25:19,010
Did you ever consider
having it removed?

1459
01:25:19,010 --> 01:25:21,862

1460
01:25:21,862 --> 01:25:23,570
Well, I discussed it

--- that actually --

1461
01:25:23,570 --> 01:25:27,900
with my father and my father's
solution was that he put

1462
01:25:27,900 --> 01:25:34,820
a Band-Aid over it.

1463
01:25:34,820 --> 01:25:37,750
And then I was in a
very tricky situation

1464
01:25:37,750 --> 01:25:40,070
last year, so I put a Band-Aid.

1465
01:25:40,070 --> 01:25:42,650
I remember that I put
a Band-Aid over that,

1466
01:25:42,650 --> 01:25:44,180
and they immediately
were like, what

1467
01:25:44,180 --> 01:25:45,980
have you done to yourself--
what happened to you?

1468
01:25:45,980 --> 01:25:47,438
It must have been
a large Band-Aid.

1469
01:25:47,438 --> 01:25:49,230
Well, a small one-- a
relatively small one.

1470
01:25:49,230 --> 01:25:50,105
What happened to you?

1471
01:25:50,105 --> 01:25:51,600
You can not-- that's OK.

1472

01:25:51,600 --> 01:25:54,080
I mean, it's not-- your
normal sized Band-Aid.

1473
01:25:54,080 --> 01:25:56,570
And so they asked me
what happened to you?

1474
01:25:56,570 --> 01:26:01,220
oh my god, I said, oh,
well, it's nothing.

1475
01:26:01,220 --> 01:26:03,000
It's nothing-- right.

1476
01:26:03,000 --> 01:26:03,500
[INAUDIBLE]

1477
01:26:03,500 --> 01:26:05,780
Anyway, so-- but
I never you see --

1478
01:26:05,780 --> 01:26:07,270
the thing is because
it would be--

1479
01:26:07,270 --> 01:26:09,170
it would go against my grain.

1480
01:26:09,170 --> 01:26:10,640
I have nothing to be ashamed of.

1481
01:26:10,640 --> 01:26:15,080
I didn't do anything which I
would have to be ashamed of,

1482
01:26:15,080 --> 01:26:16,860
and that's not my problem.

1483
01:26:16,860 --> 01:26:20,360
The only thing-- some people
respond to it differently.

1484

01:26:20,360 --> 01:26:26,360

One person in Austria when I
was there two years ago with

1485

01:26:26,360 --> 01:26:29,420

my son-- or last year, as a
matter of fact, with my son--

1486

01:26:29,420 --> 01:26:32,840

and so he said oh, it's GI Joe.

1487

01:26:32,840 --> 01:26:35,030

You've got whatever they
thought was the number.

1488

01:26:35,030 --> 01:26:36,410

you know, he didn't [INAUDIBLE].

1489

01:26:36,410 --> 01:26:39,080

And another one when I went
swimming back in Freiburg they

1490

01:26:39,080 --> 01:26:41,420

said, hey, I know
what you're wearing.

1491

01:26:41,420 --> 01:26:44,030

I know because my brother
was also-- my older

1492

01:26:44,030 --> 01:26:45,952

brother was also in the SS.

1493

01:26:45,952 --> 01:26:46,916

[LAUGHTER]

1494

01:26:46,916 --> 01:26:47,880

Oh, no.

1495

01:26:47,880 --> 01:26:51,260

1496

01:26:51,260 --> 01:26:53,840

And some you get a
different interpretation.

1497

01:26:53,840 --> 01:26:55,940

And they call it say,
hey, what is it--

1498

01:26:55,940 --> 01:26:57,260

you know a telephone number?

1499

01:26:57,260 --> 01:26:58,935

I say, sure, you can call it.

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01:26:58,935 --> 01:27:01,108

[LAUGHTER]

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01:27:01,108 --> 01:27:03,650

Well, it's wonderful you have
such a sense of humor about it.

1502

01:27:03,650 --> 01:27:06,800

But I guess my point was that
it has a terrific impact on me

1503

01:27:06,800 --> 01:27:07,960

when I see [INAUDIBLE].

1504

01:27:07,960 --> 01:27:09,085

Well, I'm sorry about that.

1505

01:27:09,085 --> 01:27:09,890

[INAUDIBLE]

1506

01:27:09,890 --> 01:27:12,110

Don't be.

1507

01:27:12,110 --> 01:27:14,180

Because to me, it feels--

1508

01:27:14,180 --> 01:27:17,062

there are some people that
find it a taboo subject.

1509
01:27:17,062 --> 01:27:18,020
They don't bring it up.

1510
01:27:18,020 --> 01:27:19,790
They look at you, they know
that you're a survivor,

1511
01:27:19,790 --> 01:27:20,795
and they're afraid
to bring it up.

1512
01:27:20,795 --> 01:27:22,070
Yeah, I get these
sort of glances.

1513
01:27:22,070 --> 01:27:23,880
People respond to you
in all kinds of ways.

1514
01:27:23,880 --> 01:27:26,217
Some people are hostile
because you're wearing it--

1515
01:27:26,217 --> 01:27:27,050
because you have it.

1516
01:27:27,050 --> 01:27:28,940
Some people are supportive
and sympathetic,

1517
01:27:28,940 --> 01:27:31,070
and immediately drawn
to you because of it.

1518
01:27:31,070 --> 01:27:34,520
And then other people
look the other way

1519
01:27:34,520 --> 01:27:36,860
because it's kind of

disgusting to them.

1520

01:27:36,860 --> 01:27:37,790

That's right.

1521

01:27:37,790 --> 01:27:40,970

And I guess that--

1522

01:27:40,970 --> 01:27:43,560

I have grin and bear it.

1523

01:27:43,560 --> 01:27:46,790

1524

01:27:46,790 --> 01:27:49,790

And that, to me, is one
of my least problems

1525

01:27:49,790 --> 01:27:53,240

to be perfectly honest with you.

1526

01:27:53,240 --> 01:27:56,382

Well, yes, I understand that,
except that I was thinking

1527

01:27:56,382 --> 01:27:58,340

of it in terms of how
you go through your life,

1528

01:27:58,340 --> 01:28:01,340

and it's unavoidable unless
you put your shirt on,

1529

01:28:01,340 --> 01:28:02,486

or your jacket.

1530

01:28:02,486 --> 01:28:04,610

I can handle that.

1531

01:28:04,610 --> 01:28:07,730

I won't have any more
serious problems in life.

1532
01:28:07,730 --> 01:28:10,520
I tell you I'm well off.

1533
01:28:10,520 --> 01:28:12,860
Speaking of that,
one of the things

1534
01:28:12,860 --> 01:28:15,980
that I wanted to
kind of recap was

1535
01:28:15,980 --> 01:28:21,560
what you feel have been kind
of lifelong-- other kinds

1536
01:28:21,560 --> 01:28:22,130
of scars.

1537
01:28:22,130 --> 01:28:25,460
I know you talked about the
grieving for your mother

1538
01:28:25,460 --> 01:28:26,720
and the sense of family.

1539
01:28:26,720 --> 01:28:29,720
That this has been a
lifelong impact on you.

1540
01:28:29,720 --> 01:28:32,580
I mean, it's about impossible
to imagine a different life

1541
01:28:32,580 --> 01:28:38,870
than the one has had,
have there been other--

1542
01:28:38,870 --> 01:28:39,500
Yeah, well--

1543
01:28:39,500 --> 01:28:40,340

[INAUDIBLE]

1544

01:28:40,340 --> 01:28:43,160

--I suffered a-- you see,
I'm a very athletic person,

1545

01:28:43,160 --> 01:28:46,080

and I was a very athletic
person, and I excelled.

1546

01:28:46,080 --> 01:28:50,930

As a matter of fact, excelled
very favorably competing

1547

01:28:50,930 --> 01:28:55,070

with German kids of my age.

1548

01:28:55,070 --> 01:29:00,440

And then I was one of the
role models in terms of gym,

1549

01:29:00,440 --> 01:29:03,060

and workout, and what have you.

1550

01:29:03,060 --> 01:29:07,550

So when I lost my toes, it was
a very traumatic experience

1551

01:29:07,550 --> 01:29:12,050

not just merely because it
may impede all the sports--

1552

01:29:12,050 --> 01:29:13,880

which it has--

1553

01:29:13,880 --> 01:29:17,180

I still could swim, and
that's one of my major sports,

1554

01:29:17,180 --> 01:29:21,270

except it's getting more
expensive because I don't live

1555

01:29:21,270 --> 01:29:24,380

in a region where you
can swim in the ocean,

1556

01:29:24,380 --> 01:29:28,250

and I don't particularly
like to swim in spittoons.

1557

01:29:28,250 --> 01:29:38,480

And so the problem is that
it is also an aesthetic scar.

1558

01:29:38,480 --> 01:29:40,490

And I suffered from
that very much,

1559

01:29:40,490 --> 01:29:43,200

particularly with my
relationship to women.

1560

01:29:43,200 --> 01:29:46,340

And I was very self-- and
still very self-conscious

1561

01:29:46,340 --> 01:29:50,390

of that, because I feel
that this is an imposition.

1562

01:29:50,390 --> 01:29:52,550

Although, some people
are generous enough

1563

01:29:52,550 --> 01:29:53,900

and don't view it that way.

1564

01:29:53,900 --> 01:29:57,110

Certainly, my wife
didn't mind that,

1565

01:29:57,110 --> 01:29:59,990

and I give her a lot
of credit for that,

1566

01:29:59,990 --> 01:30:04,280
and some other ladies with
whom I had an encounter didn't.

1567

01:30:04,280 --> 01:30:08,400
But I mean, it would
bother me for sure.

1568

01:30:08,400 --> 01:30:10,310
I don't to what extent
it would bother me

1569

01:30:10,310 --> 01:30:11,990
that I would not
have an association

1570

01:30:11,990 --> 01:30:14,570
or intimate relationship,
but it could.

1571

01:30:14,570 --> 01:30:17,210
And I certainly don't
exclude that possibility.

1572

01:30:17,210 --> 01:30:22,370
So that, to me, is a very
important handicap which I--

1573

01:30:22,370 --> 01:30:23,915
particularly, when
I was young, it

1574

01:30:23,915 --> 01:30:28,430
was, to me, very difficult
for me to go to the beach.

1575

01:30:28,430 --> 01:30:32,600
I always had some sort of
tennis shoes or some moccasins

1576

01:30:32,600 --> 01:30:34,850
or something, because
I didn't want to--

1577
01:30:34,850 --> 01:30:37,520
and it actually happened.

1578
01:30:37,520 --> 01:30:44,180
Back in Maui in January,
I was there by myself,

1579
01:30:44,180 --> 01:30:49,010
and now I'm seasoned,
and somehow I

1580
01:30:49,010 --> 01:30:52,740
don't care that much anymore
for some reason or another.

1581
01:30:52,740 --> 01:30:57,050
And there are some young kids
at the ocean and the beach,

1582
01:30:57,050 --> 01:30:59,420
and then I was taking a shower.

1583
01:30:59,420 --> 01:31:01,280
It was a cold shower
after you come

1584
01:31:01,280 --> 01:31:04,610
from being out of the ocean,
and it's sort of a beach resort

1585
01:31:04,610 --> 01:31:05,940
situation.

1586
01:31:05,940 --> 01:31:07,850
Some small kids said--

1587
01:31:07,850 --> 01:31:09,965
and they looked--
look what he's got--

1588
01:31:09,965 --> 01:31:12,180

look at his feet and
all this sort of thing.

1589
01:31:12,180 --> 01:31:13,370
So I was reminded of that.

1590
01:31:13,370 --> 01:31:17,810
I mean, I find it very curious
and charming in a way that they

1591
01:31:17,810 --> 01:31:22,130
responded the way they did--
in some sort of a very nice way

1592
01:31:22,130 --> 01:31:27,260
in a way-- in -- awe of that,
and somehow in an nice--

1593
01:31:27,260 --> 01:31:31,040
not in a vulgar, but
kind of admired--

1594
01:31:31,040 --> 01:31:35,330
look at this strange things.

1595
01:31:35,330 --> 01:31:38,940
And but I was reminded of that.

1596
01:31:38,940 --> 01:31:41,210
Years ago, it would
have embarrassed me--

1597
01:31:41,210 --> 01:31:44,450
it would have bothered me.

1598
01:31:44,450 --> 01:31:48,440
Now it doesn't anymore because
I don't care that much anymore

1599
01:31:48,440 --> 01:31:49,580
for some reason or other.

1600

01:31:49,580 --> 01:31:52,040
But aesthetically,
yes, it is something

1601
01:31:52,040 --> 01:31:54,170
which I consider to
be a flaw-- a very

1602
01:31:54,170 --> 01:31:55,655
serious one-- a handicap.

1603
01:31:55,655 --> 01:31:59,200

1604
01:31:59,200 --> 01:32:01,640
One more last question,
and that is-- it's

1605
01:32:01,640 --> 01:32:05,630
not a question, although
you may take it that way.

1606
01:32:05,630 --> 01:32:08,630
I'm concerned because from
working with you for these

1607
01:32:08,630 --> 01:32:12,330
eight years, or however long
we've been working together,

1608
01:32:12,330 --> 01:32:14,570
even though I value
your work very highly,

1609
01:32:14,570 --> 01:32:18,980
and I think that you've done a
remarkable job of transforming

1610
01:32:18,980 --> 01:32:24,770
your experience into
constructive social work,

1611
01:32:24,770 --> 01:32:27,480

and in your educational
endeavors and so forth--

1612
01:32:27,480 --> 01:32:29,210
media endeavors--

1613
01:32:29,210 --> 01:32:35,450
I find that you continue to feel
that your work has not quite

1614
01:32:35,450 --> 01:32:39,200
made the mark, hasn't quite
accomplished what you would

1615
01:32:39,200 --> 01:32:42,590
hope, hasn't quite gotten
the attention that you

1616
01:32:42,590 --> 01:32:46,290
would hope for, and I continue
to be troubled by this.

1617
01:32:46,290 --> 01:32:47,282
I'm not--

1618
01:32:47,282 --> 01:32:47,780
I continue to be troubled by it.

1619
01:32:47,780 --> 01:32:48,280
Yeah.

1620
01:32:48,280 --> 01:32:50,540
I'm not sure if there
is something specific

1621
01:32:50,540 --> 01:32:53,240
we can do about it, because it
may just be a matter of time

1622
01:32:53,240 --> 01:32:56,555
before enough people understand
what you've done, before they

1623

01:32:56,555 --> 01:32:59,180
understand what you've tried to
accomplish, the kind of courage

1624

01:32:59,180 --> 01:33:01,305
that you've had to have
going into these situations

1625

01:33:01,305 --> 01:33:04,940
with large groups of Nazis
and all this kind of thing.

1626

01:33:04,940 --> 01:33:08,450

1627

01:33:08,450 --> 01:33:11,060
But it does trouble
me a lot that you

1628

01:33:11,060 --> 01:33:14,450
would feel that you almost
have to disparage yourself,

1629

01:33:14,450 --> 01:33:15,260
that you--

1630

01:33:15,260 --> 01:33:18,740
Sonoma State instead of
Harvard, or that you've not

1631

01:33:18,740 --> 01:33:22,490
done as well as other brilliant
people in your past would have.

1632

01:33:22,490 --> 01:33:25,677
Because I would like to see
you contented with the amount

1633

01:33:25,677 --> 01:33:26,510
of work you've done.

1634

01:33:26,510 --> 01:33:28,190

You've published
all these things,

1635
01:33:28,190 --> 01:33:30,440
you've done all this media work.

1636
01:33:30,440 --> 01:33:31,860
Somehow, it's not quite enough.

1637
01:33:31,860 --> 01:33:33,183
And I guess I'm asking--

1638
01:33:33,183 --> 01:33:35,600
I'm not contented and you're
not going to talk me into it.

1639
01:33:35,600 --> 01:33:37,010
No, I'm not trying to.

1640
01:33:37,010 --> 01:33:39,720
I would never do that.

1641
01:33:39,720 --> 01:33:41,690
What would it take?

1642
01:33:41,690 --> 01:33:45,930
Well, first of all, get
that type of recognition

1643
01:33:45,930 --> 01:33:51,780
which would generate
support on a massive scale

1644
01:33:51,780 --> 01:33:53,900
so that one really
could go forward

1645
01:33:53,900 --> 01:33:56,240
with some sort of
major research so

1646
01:33:56,240 --> 01:33:59,540

that I could finish the thing
before I kick the bucket.

1647
01:33:59,540 --> 01:34:02,750
That, to me, is very important,
and that has not happened.

1648
01:34:02,750 --> 01:34:05,780
Because you can see yourself
after knowing me for that many

1649
01:34:05,780 --> 01:34:08,850
years, you see, well, whom do I
have as a co-worker or someone

1650
01:34:08,850 --> 01:34:09,350
I work--

1651
01:34:09,350 --> 01:34:11,420
well, the best-- one
of my best assistants--

1652
01:34:11,420 --> 01:34:13,490
you are the best
I've had so far.

1653
01:34:13,490 --> 01:34:16,940
And then I have to say
that my best ? assistance ?

1654
01:34:16,940 --> 01:34:18,290
are from SS people.

1655
01:34:18,290 --> 01:34:20,090
They are the ones who
really support me,

1656
01:34:20,090 --> 01:34:21,710
and that's kind of ironic.

1657
01:34:21,710 --> 01:34:24,050
All the Yids around here,
they just ignore me.

1658
01:34:24,050 --> 01:34:27,500

1659
01:34:27,500 --> 01:34:28,000
Why?

1660
01:34:28,000 --> 01:34:31,980
Because I'm dealing not with
the dead people, because that's

1661
01:34:31,980 --> 01:34:32,760
what they prefer.

1662
01:34:32,760 --> 01:34:34,860
That's something which
I'd like to mention.

1663
01:34:34,860 --> 01:34:37,260
That it's much easier
to deal with dead people

1664
01:34:37,260 --> 01:34:41,730
than living survivors,
because they don't talk back,

1665
01:34:41,730 --> 01:34:43,350
and they are not a burden.

1666
01:34:43,350 --> 01:34:47,160
I just simply buy and create
some awful monuments, and say

1667
01:34:47,160 --> 01:34:48,360
now I've done my duty--

1668
01:34:48,360 --> 01:34:51,320

1669
01:34:51,320 --> 01:34:53,820
done my duty and
my responsibility.

1670
01:34:53,820 --> 01:34:55,650
It's easy way out.

1671
01:34:55,650 --> 01:34:57,900
And I see that particularly
in American Yids,

1672
01:34:57,900 --> 01:35:03,030
which I don't find particularly
very attractive, because they

1673
01:35:03,030 --> 01:35:07,590
have ignored and continue
to ignore the survivors.

1674
01:35:07,590 --> 01:35:10,680
They haven't done
a thing for them,

1675
01:35:10,680 --> 01:35:13,980
or very little, if anything.

1676
01:35:13,980 --> 01:35:16,221
And I find that
totally intolerable.

1677
01:35:16,221 --> 01:35:19,200

1678
01:35:19,200 --> 01:35:20,700
You mean American
Jews [INAUDIBLE]..

1679
01:35:20,700 --> 01:35:21,450
That's right.

1680
01:35:21,450 --> 01:35:23,940
The American Jewish
population in general.

1681
01:35:23,940 --> 01:35:25,560

Yeah.

1682
01:35:25,560 --> 01:35:27,570
Nothing.

1683
01:35:27,570 --> 01:35:29,670
I don't remember
that I've been ever

1684
01:35:29,670 --> 01:35:35,160
invited by a Jewish group
with the exception of one

1685
01:35:35,160 --> 01:35:38,070
when we went together
back in the--

1686
01:35:38,070 --> 01:35:40,020
what was it-- back
in Santa Rosa--

1687
01:35:40,020 --> 01:35:40,955
the ? pink palace ?.

1688
01:35:40,955 --> 01:35:41,580
B'nai B'rith.

1689
01:35:41,580 --> 01:35:45,690
B'nai B'rith, and they gave me
some sort of minor recognition.

1690
01:35:45,690 --> 01:35:47,520
I give them that.

1691
01:35:47,520 --> 01:35:52,080
But other than that, I have
not been invited to any--

1692
01:35:52,080 --> 01:35:57,270
by any people whom I'm working
with, any of the people who--

1693

01:35:57,270 --> 01:35:58,800
the alliance or anything.

1694
01:35:58,800 --> 01:36:00,720
Not a single people
asked, well, how

1695
01:36:00,720 --> 01:36:03,030
are you doing, or be
interested in some sort.

1696
01:36:03,030 --> 01:36:05,910
Not a thing.

1697
01:36:05,910 --> 01:36:06,960
And that is something.

1698
01:36:06,960 --> 01:36:11,340
Ever since I-- in New York, when
I came to talk to them well,

1699
01:36:11,340 --> 01:36:13,860
come back later, maybe
you come back again, or--

1700
01:36:13,860 --> 01:36:15,770
nothing has been
done for me ever.

1701
01:36:15,770 --> 01:36:18,590

1702
01:36:18,590 --> 01:36:19,420
So it's easier.

1703
01:36:19,420 --> 01:36:23,420
That's why I say it's
easier to build monuments

1704
01:36:23,420 --> 01:36:30,650
for those who are dead, because
then you have done your duty,

1705

01:36:30,650 --> 01:36:34,680
and you can ignore those who
are alive and cumbersome.

1706

01:36:34,680 --> 01:36:39,830
And very many of the scarred
and traumatized survivors

1707

01:36:39,830 --> 01:36:41,166
are cumbersome.

1708

01:36:41,166 --> 01:36:44,080

1709

01:36:44,080 --> 01:36:44,800
No question.

1710

01:36:44,800 --> 01:36:46,810
And therefore, they
are being ignored--

1711

01:36:46,810 --> 01:36:47,830
one of the reasons.

1712

01:36:47,830 --> 01:36:50,168

1713

01:36:50,168 --> 01:36:51,460
I don't have to deal with them.

1714

01:36:51,460 --> 01:36:54,160
And that's one thing which
I think is inexcusable.

1715

01:36:54,160 --> 01:36:57,020

1716

01:36:57,020 --> 01:37:01,820
What about the question of
social life between survivors?

1717

01:37:01,820 --> 01:37:02,870
That's another thing.

1718
01:37:02,870 --> 01:37:06,040
For example, when you go
to Europe and all that,

1719
01:37:06,040 --> 01:37:09,230
the social life between
survivors is much better.

1720
01:37:09,230 --> 01:37:17,180
Here, it is not bonded,
it doesn't take place

1721
01:37:17,180 --> 01:37:21,470
very frequently, they
don't relate to each other

1722
01:37:21,470 --> 01:37:24,470
very frequently.

1723
01:37:24,470 --> 01:37:28,550
There's no real meaningful
support group of survivors.

1724
01:37:28,550 --> 01:37:31,250

1725
01:37:31,250 --> 01:37:34,500
It is something which is
exceedingly problematic,

1726
01:37:34,500 --> 01:37:38,510
and I've been in some
groups, and they fell apart,

1727
01:37:38,510 --> 01:37:40,970
and you don't hear
from them ever again.

1728
01:37:40,970 --> 01:37:42,830
It's something which

is very strange.

1729

01:37:42,830 --> 01:37:45,450

1730

01:37:45,450 --> 01:37:47,910

The only explanation I
have that they simply

1731

01:37:47,910 --> 01:37:50,940

haven't come to terms
with their own fate, which

1732

01:37:50,940 --> 01:37:54,570

is a possibility, and don't
want to be reminded of it.

1733

01:37:54,570 --> 01:37:57,930

And therefore, they may
want to avoid each other,

1734

01:37:57,930 --> 01:37:59,790

because they don't
want to be reminded

1735

01:37:59,790 --> 01:38:02,370

of a situation which
they haven't quite

1736

01:38:02,370 --> 01:38:05,640

come to terms with.

1737

01:38:05,640 --> 01:38:07,650

That's one of many explanations.

1738

01:38:07,650 --> 01:38:10,950

1739

01:38:10,950 --> 01:38:14,010

Also I think that very
many of the survivors

1740

01:38:14,010 --> 01:38:17,550
have not been very
successful existentially

1741
01:38:17,550 --> 01:38:22,560
and educationally.

1742
01:38:22,560 --> 01:38:28,410
So that their communication
skills are not that great.

1743
01:38:28,410 --> 01:38:33,030
And then also there are very
many different nationalities,

1744
01:38:33,030 --> 01:38:36,060
some of which have very
little in common in terms

1745
01:38:36,060 --> 01:38:38,200
of interests and all that.

1746
01:38:38,200 --> 01:38:44,130
So that's another reason apart
from geographic distances.

1747
01:38:44,130 --> 01:38:47,520

1748
01:38:47,520 --> 01:38:50,920
And there's no real place
for them to congregate.

1749
01:38:50,920 --> 01:38:53,730
They don't have
a place to go to.

1750
01:38:53,730 --> 01:38:57,490
If someone-- instead of some
sort of bloody monuments--

1751
01:38:57,490 --> 01:39:01,470
and I mean bloody monuments--

they would build a place where

1752

01:39:01,470 --> 01:39:05,970

people could come and
perhaps also stay overnight

1753

01:39:05,970 --> 01:39:11,637

or possibly retire, then they
would have a place to go.

1754

01:39:11,637 --> 01:39:13,470

They would have a home,
and very many people

1755

01:39:13,470 --> 01:39:16,500

don't have a home in the
real sense of the word.

1756

01:39:16,500 --> 01:39:19,320

And that's where I think
the money should go instead

1757

01:39:19,320 --> 01:39:24,420

of some idiotic monuments which
don't mean very much at all,

1758

01:39:24,420 --> 01:39:29,010

and don't do anyone any good
in a very concrete sense.

1759

01:39:29,010 --> 01:39:31,950

But that has not-- no
one has thought of that.

1760

01:39:31,950 --> 01:39:34,950

And with all the
rich people here

1761

01:39:34,950 --> 01:39:40,320

who could afford it with ease--

1762

01:39:40,320 --> 01:39:42,270

inexcusable.

1763
01:39:42,270 --> 01:39:45,300
Thoughtless-- just a thoughtless
as they were during World War

1764
01:39:45,300 --> 01:39:47,878
II when they didn't come
to any aid whatsoever,

1765
01:39:47,878 --> 01:39:49,920
and were ashamed that--
and, as a matter of fact,

1766
01:39:49,920 --> 01:39:51,390
opposed to the fact--

1767
01:39:51,390 --> 01:39:55,200
that some European Jews would
come to the United States

1768
01:39:55,200 --> 01:39:58,500
in order to enhance
anti-Semitism.

1769
01:39:58,500 --> 01:40:03,800

1770
01:40:03,800 --> 01:40:06,710
I was wondering-- I remember
you making a reference back

1771
01:40:06,710 --> 01:40:15,150
some time ago to a group
carried on by [INAUDIBLE]..

1772
01:40:15,150 --> 01:40:15,650
Yeah.

1773
01:40:15,650 --> 01:40:18,350
Well, that is a group
which I was referring to.

1774

01:40:18,350 --> 01:40:21,390

It was a totally
unsuccessful group.

1775

01:40:21,390 --> 01:40:23,450

I considered it to be
totally unsuccessful.

1776

01:40:23,450 --> 01:40:26,690

The only two-- there were
two people who [INAUDIBLE],,

1777

01:40:26,690 --> 01:40:28,250

and they wanted to continue.

1778

01:40:28,250 --> 01:40:30,740

All the other ones
had left because they

1779

01:40:30,740 --> 01:40:32,760

felt they just
didn't do anything,

1780

01:40:32,760 --> 01:40:36,180

and it went several years.

1781

01:40:36,180 --> 01:40:39,650

And just was absolutely
nothing-- nothing

1782

01:40:39,650 --> 01:40:43,610

which would have changed
their predicament.

1783

01:40:43,610 --> 01:40:47,860

Nice talks and all that,
but nothing of permanence

1784

01:40:47,860 --> 01:40:53,630

has developed which would
have changed predicament.

1785

01:40:53,630 --> 01:40:55,280

And no social relationships?

1786
01:40:55,280 --> 01:40:56,930
Socially, none-- zero.

1787
01:40:56,930 --> 01:41:00,240

1788
01:41:00,240 --> 01:41:05,800
Perhaps more among
women than among men.

1789
01:41:05,800 --> 01:41:06,910
No relationships for--

1790
01:41:06,910 --> 01:41:07,410
Yeah.

1791
01:41:07,410 --> 01:41:10,050

1792
01:41:10,050 --> 01:41:12,060
And there is a Berkeley group.

1793
01:41:12,060 --> 01:41:16,320
They have somehow met
and continue to meet,

1794
01:41:16,320 --> 01:41:18,660
and I think are
active, and I think

1795
01:41:18,660 --> 01:41:21,420
that may be the consequence
of some of the encounters

1796
01:41:21,420 --> 01:41:26,430
they've had within
the [INAUDIBLE]..

1797
01:41:26,430 --> 01:41:28,620
But you don't participate

in Berkeley group?

1798
01:41:28,620 --> 01:41:30,330
Well, I mean, it's a--

1799
01:41:30,330 --> 01:41:32,910
I've not been asked
really, number one.

1800
01:41:32,910 --> 01:41:34,830
And number two, even
if I'd be asked,

1801
01:41:34,830 --> 01:41:37,260
I don't know whether
I could avail myself

1802
01:41:37,260 --> 01:41:39,540
of this sort of invitation
by virtue of the fact

1803
01:41:39,540 --> 01:41:42,120
that I just don't have
the time to travel

1804
01:41:42,120 --> 01:41:43,110
this sort of distance.

1805
01:41:43,110 --> 01:41:45,990
I've got very close and
dear friends in Berkeley,

1806
01:41:45,990 --> 01:41:49,130
and one of my best
friends and colleagues

1807
01:41:49,130 --> 01:41:53,130
is living now in Berkeley,
and I hardly see him anymore.

1808
01:41:53,130 --> 01:41:55,990
It's not because we have
lost interest in each other.

1809
01:41:55,990 --> 01:41:57,616
On the contrary.

1810
01:41:57,616 --> 01:41:58,116
?

1811
01:41:58,116 --> 01:42:00,264
Do you ever... ?.

1812
01:42:00,264 --> 01:42:01,200
Go ahead.

1813
01:42:01,200 --> 01:42:07,710
My question has to do with this
concept of European survivors

1814
01:42:07,710 --> 01:42:12,510
seem to bond more successfully
than American survivors.

1815
01:42:12,510 --> 01:42:16,200
One of-- my question has to
do with Americans relationship

1816
01:42:16,200 --> 01:42:17,400
with history.

1817
01:42:17,400 --> 01:42:19,740
We're a very young country.

1818
01:42:19,740 --> 01:42:22,170
Do you think that one
of the reasons why

1819
01:42:22,170 --> 01:42:24,720
we don't pay attention
when we should

1820
01:42:24,720 --> 01:42:26,790
is that we don't
seem to understand

1821
01:42:26,790 --> 01:42:31,260
the concept of history
and that linear quality

1822
01:42:31,260 --> 01:42:35,590
that Europeans seem to
grasp a little bit better?

1823
01:42:35,590 --> 01:42:37,620
I don't know whether
this is the reason why

1824
01:42:37,620 --> 01:42:41,610
people who are survivors
tend to congregate

1825
01:42:41,610 --> 01:42:45,540
more readily back in Europe.

1826
01:42:45,540 --> 01:42:47,430
What I think maybe
should be said

1827
01:42:47,430 --> 01:42:49,140
that most of these
people who have

1828
01:42:49,140 --> 01:42:53,160
more functioning and functional
organizations back in Europe

1829
01:42:53,160 --> 01:42:56,520
are primarily people
are non-Jewish inmates.

1830
01:42:56,520 --> 01:42:59,550
And they were there
for political reasons,

1831
01:42:59,550 --> 01:43:03,060
which motivated them differently
to stick together simply

1832
01:43:03,060 --> 01:43:04,950
because they had
common persuasion.

1833
01:43:04,950 --> 01:43:07,560
Either they may have been
political, or religious,

1834
01:43:07,560 --> 01:43:10,500
or whatever-- or
homosexual [INAUDIBLE]..

1835
01:43:10,500 --> 01:43:14,540
And therefore, they have
something in common.

1836
01:43:14,540 --> 01:43:16,710
They fought for something,
and all Jews were there

1837
01:43:16,710 --> 01:43:18,960
because they're Jews.

1838
01:43:18,960 --> 01:43:23,310
And therefore, they don't really
look back at their presence

1839
01:43:23,310 --> 01:43:24,690
there as heroes.

1840
01:43:24,690 --> 01:43:28,260
They've never-- survivors
are not viewed-- really,

1841
01:43:28,260 --> 01:43:33,870
survivors are not viewed as
heroes either by the Israelis.

1842
01:43:33,870 --> 01:43:37,680
Heroes are viewed as
people who were rescuers.

1843

01:43:37,680 --> 01:43:40,050

They are the heroes and
not the survivors, you see,

1844

01:43:40,050 --> 01:43:41,830

and they are the ones
who are celebrated.

1845

01:43:41,830 --> 01:43:43,680

The survivors are
being kicked about.

1846

01:43:43,680 --> 01:43:46,650

1847

01:43:46,650 --> 01:43:49,290

Simply because they-- well,
[INAUDIBLE] of course--

1848

01:43:49,290 --> 01:43:50,830

I was in the underground.

1849

01:43:50,830 --> 01:43:52,740

I didn't do very
much, but I certainly

1850

01:43:52,740 --> 01:43:56,190

was doing something when I
was a boy scout and all that.

1851

01:43:56,190 --> 01:43:58,740

And we did so a lot of
things, and I certainly

1852

01:43:58,740 --> 01:44:00,180

did what I could.

1853

01:44:00,180 --> 01:44:01,860

Also in the camp.

1854

01:44:01,860 --> 01:44:04,950

And certainly did quite

a bit of sabotage.

1855

01:44:04,950 --> 01:44:08,130

There's no question about it,
but didn't go beyond that.

1856

01:44:08,130 --> 01:44:10,050

And I risked my life, yes.

1857

01:44:10,050 --> 01:44:12,300

No question-- on very
numerous occasions,

1858

01:44:12,300 --> 01:44:17,880

particularly in the
slave labor situation

1859

01:44:17,880 --> 01:44:24,140

back in the syn fuel
plant in Bleihhammer

1860

01:44:24,140 --> 01:44:27,930

where I did a lot of sabotaging
and a lot of things which

1861

01:44:27,930 --> 01:44:31,960

would have just-- a
minor infraction of that,

1862

01:44:31,960 --> 01:44:34,560

if they had caught
me, I would have hung.

1863

01:44:34,560 --> 01:44:37,260

There is no question
because people

1864

01:44:37,260 --> 01:44:41,460

were hung for lesser
reasons than what I'd done.

1865

01:44:41,460 --> 01:44:43,500

But they are not

viewed as heroes

1866

01:44:43,500 --> 01:44:47,670
because they didn't fight for
it, because they're victims.

1867

01:44:47,670 --> 01:44:49,620
But merely because
they are victims

1868

01:44:49,620 --> 01:44:52,590
doesn't mean they were
not heroic victims.

1869

01:44:52,590 --> 01:44:55,920
And many of them were
indeed very heroic victims.

1870

01:44:55,920 --> 01:44:59,550
And for practical
purposes were heroes.

1871

01:44:59,550 --> 01:45:02,130
But they are not because
of what they had done,

1872

01:45:02,130 --> 01:45:06,910
but what they were born into,
and that makes a difference.

1873

01:45:06,910 --> 01:45:09,300
So if they didn't have
very much in common

1874

01:45:09,300 --> 01:45:11,400
prior to the
concentration camp, they

1875

01:45:11,400 --> 01:45:14,160
don't have very much
in common since they

1876

01:45:14,160 --> 01:45:16,440

were in a concentration camp.

1877

01:45:16,440 --> 01:45:18,840

And that is just a few reasons.

1878

01:45:18,840 --> 01:45:22,560

I'm sure there are

more why there is not

1879

01:45:22,560 --> 01:45:25,950

a very homogeneous--

1880

01:45:25,950 --> 01:45:29,970

some sort of closely knit

type of group of survivors.

1881

01:45:29,970 --> 01:45:32,910

And it's very unfortunate,

because I'm sure they could.

1882

01:45:32,910 --> 01:45:37,270

I made some friends, and

I've had a friend of mine--

1883

01:45:37,270 --> 01:45:41,790

and that is a terrible tragedy--

1884

01:45:41,790 --> 01:45:44,370

as so many other ones--

1885

01:45:44,370 --> 01:45:48,372

similarly situated ones--

who was in the same camp.

1886

01:45:48,372 --> 01:45:49,830

Although, I never

got to know him--

1887

01:45:49,830 --> 01:45:52,450

he certainly don't

remember that we had met--

1888

01:45:52,450 --> 01:45:55,020
and he was at the
syn fuel plant also.

1889
01:45:55,020 --> 01:46:01,255
And just a few years ago,
he committed suicide,

1890
01:46:01,255 --> 01:46:03,100
and hung himself in his garage--

1891
01:46:03,100 --> 01:46:06,550
in the garage of
his house because of

1892
01:46:06,550 --> 01:46:11,076
understandable problems which
he had, and so many others.

1893
01:46:11,076 --> 01:46:13,420
He was a very healthy person.

1894
01:46:13,420 --> 01:46:16,120
Nothing wrong with him
physically except a great deal

1895
01:46:16,120 --> 01:46:18,880
of despair and abandonment.

1896
01:46:18,880 --> 01:46:21,690
And that's what I'm particularly
stressing-- abandonment.

1897
01:46:21,690 --> 01:46:23,740
And because people
feel abandoned--

1898
01:46:23,740 --> 01:46:27,160
and I certainly in some
way do feel abandoned--

1899
01:46:27,160 --> 01:46:29,050
you don't get any

support because no one

1900

01:46:29,050 --> 01:46:31,960

gives a damn whether you were
abandoned or not, how you feel.

1901

01:46:31,960 --> 01:46:35,360

And this is particularly
in the United States here.

1902

01:46:35,360 --> 01:46:37,450

Elsewhere, I think
it's not as bad.

1903

01:46:37,450 --> 01:46:41,770

I find it-- even in Germany
when I'm among friends,

1904

01:46:41,770 --> 01:46:44,830

they are much more
supportive than those people

1905

01:46:44,830 --> 01:46:46,330

I've encountered here.

1906

01:46:46,330 --> 01:46:49,440

And that's really-- if
that is not an irony,

1907

01:46:49,440 --> 01:46:50,500

I don't know what is.

1908

01:46:50,500 --> 01:46:57,115

1909

01:46:57,115 --> 01:46:59,970

Is there some message
you would like

1910

01:46:59,970 --> 01:47:07,110

to leave or some comments
you would like to make?

1911

01:47:07,110 --> 01:47:08,850

Well, the message
is do something

1912

01:47:08,850 --> 01:47:10,520

before it is too late.

1913

01:47:10,520 --> 01:47:14,150

1914

01:47:14,150 --> 01:47:19,040

Don't build monuments,
build places

1915

01:47:19,040 --> 01:47:23,210

where people can live, and
congregate, and interact,

1916

01:47:23,210 --> 01:47:24,280

and find support.

1917

01:47:24,280 --> 01:47:27,170

1918

01:47:27,170 --> 01:47:27,760

Good point.

1919

01:47:27,760 --> 01:47:31,520

1920

01:47:31,520 --> 01:47:33,290

And one more thing [INAUDIBLE].

1921

01:47:33,290 --> 01:47:38,700

Do you think that the child
raising methods in Germany

1922

01:47:38,700 --> 01:47:39,900

changed in any way?

1923

01:47:39,900 --> 01:47:40,640

Absolutely.

1924
01:47:40,640 --> 01:47:41,540
You do?

1925
01:47:41,540 --> 01:47:43,640
Absolutely.

1926
01:47:43,640 --> 01:47:45,180
In what ways?

1927
01:47:45,180 --> 01:47:48,980
Well, I mean first of all,
they are less authoritarian.

1928
01:47:48,980 --> 01:47:53,780
And secondly, I think they
are being more critical

1929
01:47:53,780 --> 01:47:56,300
towards authority.

1930
01:47:56,300 --> 01:48:00,060
And I think they teach
them useful stuff,

1931
01:48:00,060 --> 01:48:03,660
which I think can make
all the difference.

1932
01:48:03,660 --> 01:48:06,660
And I think much
more substantive.

1933
01:48:06,660 --> 01:48:09,530
And that's one of the
things why I have not really

1934
01:48:09,530 --> 01:48:13,250
seriously opposed my
son going to school back

1935

01:48:13,250 --> 01:48:16,100
in Germany, simply
because I think

1936
01:48:16,100 --> 01:48:22,310
he's getting a more
proper education-- better

1937
01:48:22,310 --> 01:48:25,400
education than he would get
here even if I would be able,

1938
01:48:25,400 --> 01:48:29,600
which I am not, to pay
for a private school.

1939
01:48:29,600 --> 01:48:33,140
And that is one thing which
makes it more palatable to me

1940
01:48:33,140 --> 01:48:34,350
that he's there.

1941
01:48:34,350 --> 01:48:37,520
And so as far as
that is concerned,

1942
01:48:37,520 --> 01:48:44,870
I think there is a great deal
of progress, particularly

1943
01:48:44,870 --> 01:48:46,870
those people who are
more sophisticated,

1944
01:48:46,870 --> 01:48:51,350
educated, with quite a few
exceptions to the rule.

1945
01:48:51,350 --> 01:48:55,340
But I think many of the
people have seen and realized

1946

01:48:55,340 --> 01:48:59,730
the errors of their way, and try
to somehow learn from the past.

1947
01:48:59,730 --> 01:49:02,540
And I think, very
much to do with that--

1948
01:49:02,540 --> 01:49:07,100
the media have played a very,
very important educational--

1949
01:49:07,100 --> 01:49:11,060
because in terms of my
discussion with young people,

1950
01:49:11,060 --> 01:49:18,520
and also what I see,
there is so much shown

1951
01:49:18,520 --> 01:49:23,290
and excellent quality about
the Holocaust discussions

1952
01:49:23,290 --> 01:49:27,940
and all that, which I think
is only to be seen here

1953
01:49:27,940 --> 01:49:30,460
on public television if--

1954
01:49:30,460 --> 01:49:32,590
and that also takes place here.

1955
01:49:32,590 --> 01:49:36,280
But not many people
watch public television.

1956
01:49:36,280 --> 01:49:38,350
But there, it is not public--

1957
01:49:38,350 --> 01:49:43,840
television is for because there

is no commercial television,

1958

01:49:43,840 --> 01:49:47,650

so therefore, many people
are exposed to that.

1959

01:49:47,650 --> 01:49:50,140

And some people also
complain about the fact

1960

01:49:50,140 --> 01:49:54,190

that they are overfed
with Holocaust material,

1961

01:49:54,190 --> 01:49:56,410

and they complain about that.

1962

01:49:56,410 --> 01:50:00,130

But what I've seen is
primarily of high quality.

1963

01:50:00,130 --> 01:50:03,040

I participate in production
of some of these things

1964

01:50:03,040 --> 01:50:05,970

myself as a consultant.

1965

01:50:05,970 --> 01:50:16,620

And I think there's a great
significant contribution, which

1966

01:50:16,620 --> 01:50:19,740

is made towards developing
insight and understanding

1967

01:50:19,740 --> 01:50:24,900

about things which
should be reflected on.

1968

01:50:24,900 --> 01:50:27,697

What do you think about this
growing xenophobia and--

1969

01:50:27,697 --> 01:50:29,280

Well, I mean that
is something which--

1970

01:50:29,280 --> 01:50:30,090

--violence?

1971

01:50:30,090 --> 01:50:34,020

--is primarily due to
the changed socioeconomic

1972

01:50:34,020 --> 01:50:38,080

situation, and also
that East Germany--

1973

01:50:38,080 --> 01:50:43,170

and that's something which I've
been very fearful of and warned

1974

01:50:43,170 --> 01:50:45,330

against in a way when
I was interviewed.

1975

01:50:45,330 --> 01:50:50,160

I just thought what I think
is important to recognize--

1976

01:50:50,160 --> 01:50:54,630

that East Germany was bypassed
by any Democratic process

1977

01:50:54,630 --> 01:51:01,810

to begin with, and remained
a totalitarian regime.

1978

01:51:01,810 --> 01:51:04,590

And by virtue of the
fact that it has,

1979

01:51:04,590 --> 01:51:12,330

they have quite a distance
to go before they catch up.

1980

01:51:12,330 --> 01:51:14,460

And the disparity
between these two

1981

01:51:14,460 --> 01:51:19,860

Germanies politically, socially,
economically, skill-wise,

1982

01:51:19,860 --> 01:51:21,900

professionally, and
otherwise is going

1983

01:51:21,900 --> 01:51:25,590

to take quite some time before
it's going to be even keel.

1984

01:51:25,590 --> 01:51:29,370

And so this tension
is precisely reflected

1985

01:51:29,370 --> 01:51:33,090

in the skinheads,
and the xenophobia,

1986

01:51:33,090 --> 01:51:38,550

and the behavior of those
people who indeed are of--

1987

01:51:38,550 --> 01:51:41,790

come from a large
extent East Germany

1988

01:51:41,790 --> 01:51:43,830

also, because there
is unemployment

1989

01:51:43,830 --> 01:51:45,390

for the first time.

1990

01:51:45,390 --> 01:51:48,340

And they brought in a lot of
foreign workers from elsewhere,

1991

01:51:48,340 --> 01:51:49,890
and now they can't
get rid of them,

1992

01:51:49,890 --> 01:51:52,860
and now they have unemployment,
and they have unemployed people

1993

01:51:52,860 --> 01:51:56,520
in East Germany who now
say we don't have jobs,

1994

01:51:56,520 --> 01:51:57,720
and here are the Turks.

1995

01:51:57,720 --> 01:52:02,390
And the Jews are no issue
because in Germany, you

1996

01:52:02,390 --> 01:52:06,930
don't have more than 45,000
Jews living there, particularly

1997

01:52:06,930 --> 01:52:10,740
in urban areas and
not rural areas--

1998

01:52:10,740 --> 01:52:12,960
Frankfurt and so forth.

1999

01:52:12,960 --> 01:52:14,760
And so they are not--

2000

01:52:14,760 --> 01:52:15,972
there are no real issue.

2001

01:52:15,972 --> 01:52:17,430
But there are other
foreign workers

2002

01:52:17,430 --> 01:52:20,250

in large numbers
such as the Turks,

2003

01:52:20,250 --> 01:52:23,610
and the beginning also Gypsies,
and other people somehow

2004

01:52:23,610 --> 01:52:26,640
have not assimilated--
are the targets.

2005

01:52:26,640 --> 01:52:29,430
And Vietnamese or
some other people who

2006

01:52:29,430 --> 01:52:34,230
came there and have not
been properly integrated.

2007

01:52:34,230 --> 01:52:37,290
So that is something
which has very much

2008

01:52:37,290 --> 01:52:41,730
to do with the disparity,
and also because

2009

01:52:41,730 --> 01:52:44,430
of the changed
economic conditions

2010

01:52:44,430 --> 01:52:48,370
in West Germany due to
the fact that they now

2011

01:52:48,370 --> 01:52:52,980
have an additional burden
which they underestimated

2012

01:52:52,980 --> 01:52:55,990
in terms of what sort of burden
it really will turn out to be.

2013

01:52:55,990 --> 01:52:59,520
And it was just an
unbelievable mistake the way

2014
01:52:59,520 --> 01:53:00,490
they've done it.

2015
01:53:00,490 --> 01:53:03,660
Well, it was a political
issue, and also

2016
01:53:03,660 --> 01:53:07,110
an issue of those people who
wanted to have the glory,

2017
01:53:07,110 --> 01:53:11,430
and wanted to be in history
as those who unified Germany

2018
01:53:11,430 --> 01:53:12,030
again.

2019
01:53:12,030 --> 01:53:14,294
But for what reason,
for what price?

2020
01:53:14,294 --> 01:53:16,650
And that's something
which they don't

2021
01:53:16,650 --> 01:53:19,710
see because the
present chancellor is

2022
01:53:19,710 --> 01:53:25,366
a person of very limited scope
and limited intelligence.

2023
01:53:25,366 --> 01:53:29,100

2024
01:53:29,100 --> 01:53:31,660
Is there anything else

you would like to add?

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01:53:31,660 --> 01:53:33,360

Well, I think I have
added all I could.

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01:53:33,360 --> 01:53:36,690

And it's just--
other than that, I

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01:53:36,690 --> 01:53:41,550

think the only positive
thing which I've experienced

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01:53:41,550 --> 01:53:44,520

in circles here--
in Jewish circles

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01:53:44,520 --> 01:53:51,660

is precisely the sort of Oral
History Project which I think

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01:53:51,660 --> 01:53:56,640

will, hopefully, play a
very important role after we

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01:53:56,640 --> 01:54:02,850

have been reduced to ashes.

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01:54:02,850 --> 01:54:05,940

And I think it should
be continued and maybe

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01:54:05,940 --> 01:54:07,060

developed further.

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01:54:07,060 --> 01:54:10,980

And I think as I said,
something needs to be done

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01:54:10,980 --> 01:54:15,930

with those people who survived.

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01:54:15,930 --> 01:54:20,940
And yet because of the emotional
and existential conditions

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01:54:20,940 --> 01:54:24,450
have not-- and sometimes,
wish they had not survived.

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01:54:24,450 --> 01:54:27,450
And I think something needs
to be done about that.

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01:54:27,450 --> 01:54:30,600
And the people who
have neglected them

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01:54:30,600 --> 01:54:32,280
and have looked the
other way, I think,

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01:54:32,280 --> 01:54:36,660
should stop in their tracks,
and see what can be done,

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01:54:36,660 --> 01:54:40,650
and what sort of contribution
they can make towards making

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01:54:40,650 --> 01:54:43,680
their life-- or the rest of
their life for the few years

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01:54:43,680 --> 01:54:48,270
they may still live, make it
a little bit more livable.

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01:54:48,270 --> 01:54:50,530
I hope so too.

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01:54:50,530 --> 01:54:53,778
And thank you very, very
much for contributing

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01:54:53,778 --> 01:54:54,820

all your time and energy.

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01:54:54,820 --> 01:54:55,903

You are more than welcome.

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01:54:55,903 --> 01:54:56,940

It has been a pleasure.

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01:54:56,940 --> 01:54:59,563

It's very excellent interview

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01:54:59,563 --> 01:55:03,500

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01:55:03,500 --> 01:57:13,000