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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:57,840

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00:00:57,840 --> 00:01:02,730
OK, today is January 5, 1998.

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00:01:02,730 --> 00:01:08,730
We're at the Berkeley
Hillel at 2736 Bancroft Way

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00:01:08,730 --> 00:01:11,400
in Berkeley, California.

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00:01:11,400 --> 00:01:15,735
We're interviewing
Herbert Weber.

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00:01:15,735 --> 00:01:18,750

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00:01:18,750 --> 00:01:19,990
My name is Peter Ryan.

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00:01:19,990 --> 00:01:22,200
I'm the interviewer,
and Maurice Harris

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00:01:22,200 --> 00:01:24,180
is doing the videotaping.

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00:01:24,180 --> 00:01:25,720
And the date.

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00:01:25,720 --> 00:01:26,220
Hmm?

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00:01:26,220 --> 00:01:27,490
January 5.

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00:01:27,490 --> 00:01:27,990

I said it.

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00:01:27,990 --> 00:01:30,740
Ah, sorry.

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00:01:30,740 --> 00:01:34,490
Can we begin by my asking you
where and when you were born?

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00:01:34,490 --> 00:01:37,410

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00:01:37,410 --> 00:01:44,960
My name is Robert Weber, and
I'm born in Cologne in Germany,

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00:01:44,960 --> 00:01:50,120
1927 on the 6th of July.

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00:01:50,120 --> 00:01:53,390
How many people
were in your family.

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00:01:53,390 --> 00:01:57,310
We are my parents,
three children.

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00:01:57,310 --> 00:02:00,770
The oldest one was Karl Hans.

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00:02:00,770 --> 00:02:03,500
He was born in 1924.

23
00:02:03,500 --> 00:02:07,880
He died more than 10 years ago.

24
00:02:07,880 --> 00:02:12,560
And my younger brother is just
four years younger than me.

25
00:02:12,560 --> 00:02:17,660
And he is still

alive in Berkeley.

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00:02:17,660 --> 00:02:25,760

And my older brother, he
made his doctoral degree

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00:02:25,760 --> 00:02:30,620

in medicine, and he went to
the United States just after--

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00:02:30,620 --> 00:02:31,670

in the 50s.

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00:02:31,670 --> 00:02:36,860

And he was first in
Denver and, after that,

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00:02:36,860 --> 00:02:41,480

in Long Beach in a hospital.

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00:02:41,480 --> 00:02:48,810

And then, in South Laguna,
he had his own office.

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00:02:48,810 --> 00:02:53,520

And he stay here, in
this place, for his life.

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00:02:53,520 --> 00:02:55,560

And your younger
brother came here, too?

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00:02:55,560 --> 00:02:57,060

Yes.

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00:02:57,060 --> 00:03:01,500

My older brother talked
to him and said, come on.

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00:03:01,500 --> 00:03:04,620

It's a better life
in the United States

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00:03:04,620 --> 00:03:07,830

than, at this time, in
the 50s, in Germany.

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00:03:07,830 --> 00:03:09,450

But I was already married.

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00:03:09,450 --> 00:03:13,530

And I married in
Germany in 1953.

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00:03:13,530 --> 00:03:18,490

And then I got two children,
and I had a very good job.

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00:03:18,490 --> 00:03:25,580

And so there was no reason to
go away, to change the country.

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00:03:25,580 --> 00:03:27,510

Mm-hmm.

43

00:03:27,510 --> 00:03:29,460

Tell me a little about
your early schooling.

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00:03:29,460 --> 00:03:33,660

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00:03:33,660 --> 00:03:38,010

We lived in Cologne
at this time, 1927.

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00:03:38,010 --> 00:03:46,110

And I went to school 1933, just
the time Hitler came to power.

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00:03:46,110 --> 00:03:47,340

Still in Cologne?

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00:03:47,340 --> 00:03:49,080

In Cologne, yes.

49
00:03:49,080 --> 00:03:58,110
And 1936, my father
got a job in Hamburg.

50
00:03:58,110 --> 00:04:00,540
And at this time,
the whole family

51
00:04:00,540 --> 00:04:04,140
went from Cologne to Hamburg.

52
00:04:04,140 --> 00:04:09,790
And I went to school in Hamburg.

53
00:04:09,790 --> 00:04:13,980
And I went to go
to a high school--

54
00:04:13,980 --> 00:04:15,420
it was the time to change--

55
00:04:15,420 --> 00:04:19,890
but I couldn't do it
because Hamburg is a harbor,

56
00:04:19,890 --> 00:04:29,940
and you have to speak English,
or you have to learn English.

57
00:04:29,940 --> 00:04:32,880
And we didn't do it in Cologne.

58
00:04:32,880 --> 00:04:34,800
And so I didn't get it.

59
00:04:34,800 --> 00:04:38,260
I finished the public school.

60
00:04:38,260 --> 00:04:46,720
And after that, I start with
two years for trade school--

61
00:04:46,720 --> 00:04:49,470
business school.

62
00:04:49,470 --> 00:04:51,930
And this was already
the war time.

63
00:04:51,930 --> 00:04:55,350

64
00:04:55,350 --> 00:05:02,730
But after one year, I went
to this business school--

65
00:05:02,730 --> 00:05:04,590
this was in the morning time--

66
00:05:04,590 --> 00:05:14,970
I start in the private
school for the permission

67
00:05:14,970 --> 00:05:18,450
to study in the university.

68
00:05:18,450 --> 00:05:25,500
And we call that Abitur or, in
Austria, they said the Matura.

69
00:05:25,500 --> 00:05:28,270
You don't have the
same in this country.

70
00:05:28,270 --> 00:05:34,900
And now, at this time,
from 1942 to '43,

71
00:05:34,900 --> 00:05:37,830
I went to two schools,
in-the-evening school

72
00:05:37,830 --> 00:05:39,990

and in-the-day school.

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00:05:39,990 --> 00:05:48,360

And then Hamburg was bombed
through the Allied Air Forces.

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00:05:48,360 --> 00:05:54,330

And we went to the
middle of Germany,

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00:05:54,330 --> 00:06:03,420

to Wasungen by Meiningen. That's
in Thuringen, near Eisenach.

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00:06:03,420 --> 00:06:07,080

Maybe it's more important,
this term, Eisenach.

77

00:06:07,080 --> 00:06:10,800

And I stay there
only for three months

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00:06:10,800 --> 00:06:14,730

and went to school,
to a gymnasium.

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00:06:14,730 --> 00:06:17,100

And then our class came--

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00:06:17,100 --> 00:06:18,690

This was 1943?

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00:06:18,690 --> 00:06:21,720

This was 1943.

82

00:06:21,720 --> 00:06:29,520

And then our whole class,
including our teacher,

83

00:06:29,520 --> 00:06:31,950

they took us to the army.

84

00:06:31,950 --> 00:06:36,780
And it calls Luftwaffenhelfer.

85
00:06:36,780 --> 00:06:45,930
We are in special uniform
with a swastika on the coat.

86
00:06:45,930 --> 00:06:48,450
But we are half soldiers.

87
00:06:48,450 --> 00:06:58,650
We help the original army
to shoot down the planes.

88
00:06:58,650 --> 00:07:00,060
And you had put up batteries.

89
00:07:00,060 --> 00:07:00,960
Yeah, yeah.

90
00:07:00,960 --> 00:07:07,590
And this was in the area of
the Leunawerke and Buna Werke.

91
00:07:07,590 --> 00:07:10,710
I say it special these two
names because this year,

92
00:07:10,710 --> 00:07:14,700
we have been in Auschwitz.

93
00:07:14,700 --> 00:07:19,050
And I didn't know
that they are also

94
00:07:19,050 --> 00:07:21,960
the Leunawerke and Buna Werke.

95
00:07:21,960 --> 00:07:22,860
In Auschwitz?

96
00:07:22,860 --> 00:07:24,330

In Auschwitz.

97

00:07:24,330 --> 00:07:26,070

And

98

00:07:26,070 --> 00:07:27,330

Does that mean same companies?

99

00:07:27,330 --> 00:07:29,970

Yes, it's the same company.

100

00:07:29,970 --> 00:07:31,920

It was the same company.

101

00:07:31,920 --> 00:07:34,260

Were they into synthetic rubber?

102

00:07:34,260 --> 00:07:35,010

Yes.

103

00:07:35,010 --> 00:07:36,210

That's in Schkopau.

104

00:07:36,210 --> 00:07:40,200

It was for synthetic
rubber and Leuna

105

00:07:40,200 --> 00:07:44,520

for the synthetic gasoline.

106

00:07:44,520 --> 00:07:45,420

Gasoline.

107

00:07:45,420 --> 00:07:47,890

And also gas.

108

00:07:47,890 --> 00:07:51,760

The trucks, they go by gas.

109

00:07:51,760 --> 00:07:56,500

What did your father do

when you were growing up?

110

00:07:56,500 --> 00:08:03,430

My father was two years
in the First World War.

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00:08:03,430 --> 00:08:08,170

And he was on the Navy.

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00:08:08,170 --> 00:08:14,470

And he became an engineer
diploma during his time

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00:08:14,470 --> 00:08:16,120

on the army.

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00:08:16,120 --> 00:08:25,060

And after that, he was one
of the unemployed people

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00:08:25,060 --> 00:08:26,650

during the 20s.

116

00:08:26,650 --> 00:08:30,280

And I remember, I
was 27, my parents

117

00:08:30,280 --> 00:08:37,562

spoke about it, in 1927,
he never had had a job.

118

00:08:37,562 --> 00:08:39,020

From the time of
the war till then?

119

00:08:39,020 --> 00:08:39,710

Yeah, yeah.

120

00:08:39,710 --> 00:08:40,210

Wow.

121

00:08:40,210 --> 00:08:41,830

How did you guys get along?

122
00:08:41,830 --> 00:08:45,160

123
00:08:45,160 --> 00:08:49,420
He was-- I don't know
the name in English-- he

124
00:08:49,420 --> 00:08:52,330
was going around
from door to door

125
00:08:52,330 --> 00:08:56,980
and tried to sell
vacuum cleaners.

126
00:08:56,980 --> 00:08:59,120
But he did it very well.

127
00:08:59,120 --> 00:09:01,360
And so, this company--

128
00:09:01,360 --> 00:09:04,450
it was based in Cologne--

129
00:09:04,450 --> 00:09:09,940
sent him to Hamburg
or to Koblenz.

130
00:09:09,940 --> 00:09:13,960
And he took Hamburg until 1936.

131
00:09:13,960 --> 00:09:15,760
We went to Hamburg.

132
00:09:15,760 --> 00:09:17,710
Now, do you remember that move?

133
00:09:17,710 --> 00:09:18,850
Yeah, very well.

134

00:09:18,850 --> 00:09:20,500

Was that disruptive for you?

135

00:09:20,500 --> 00:09:23,470

You had all these friends
in Cologne and everything?

136

00:09:23,470 --> 00:09:27,700

Yes, it was absolutely
another town.

137

00:09:27,700 --> 00:09:30,720

But for the family, it was--

138

00:09:30,720 --> 00:09:31,720

A step up for you.

139

00:09:31,720 --> 00:09:33,310

Absolutely.

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00:09:33,310 --> 00:09:35,600

We have had a car.

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00:09:35,600 --> 00:09:40,390

And I was the only one
in my class in school

142

00:09:40,390 --> 00:09:42,550

whose father had a car.

143

00:09:42,550 --> 00:09:45,250

And he needed for his job.

144

00:09:45,250 --> 00:09:52,930

And he opened a business and
just for two and a half years.

145

00:09:52,930 --> 00:10:02,860

Then, after 1938, the middle
of this year, it ended.

146

00:10:02,860 --> 00:10:06,760
Because they took my father
to the army at this time.

147
00:10:06,760 --> 00:10:08,800
And it was finished of the job.

148
00:10:08,800 --> 00:10:10,510
And his business was very well.

149
00:10:10,510 --> 00:10:15,580
He had 45 people works for him.

150
00:10:15,580 --> 00:10:17,720
And this was very well.

151
00:10:17,720 --> 00:10:22,840
And that's, I remember, it was
the best time of the family.

152
00:10:22,840 --> 00:10:24,370
'36 to '38.

153
00:10:24,370 --> 00:10:27,040
Yeah, the well done time.

154
00:10:27,040 --> 00:10:32,770
Now, they drafted him into the
service, even before the war?

155
00:10:32,770 --> 00:10:36,700
Yes, before the war.

156
00:10:36,700 --> 00:10:44,170
It had to do with,
was First World War,

157
00:10:44,170 --> 00:10:47,980
he went to this place and
want to be an engineer,

158
00:10:47,980 --> 00:10:50,020

and army paid for him.

159

00:10:50,020 --> 00:10:52,480

And so they took him first.

160

00:10:52,480 --> 00:10:57,940

But he was only for, I think,

between six or eight weeks

161

00:10:57,940 --> 00:10:59,230

in the army.

162

00:10:59,230 --> 00:11:02,920

And then they sent him home.

163

00:11:02,920 --> 00:11:06,700

But he spoke always they sent

him home under the wrong name.

164

00:11:06,700 --> 00:11:09,680

But he said, OK,

I like to go home.

165

00:11:09,680 --> 00:11:12,500

And so he went home.

166

00:11:12,500 --> 00:11:19,420

And this was just in the

beginning of the war, 1939.

167

00:11:19,420 --> 00:11:23,020

And he had to look

for something else.

168

00:11:23,020 --> 00:11:30,850

Because if he didn't

do that, then maybe

169

00:11:30,850 --> 00:11:32,500

they take him back

into the army.

170

00:11:32,500 --> 00:11:39,490
And so he took a job in
Berlin with a friend of him

171
00:11:39,490 --> 00:11:44,140
in the
Reichsluftfahrtministerium.

172
00:11:44,140 --> 00:11:49,510
This is for the
aircraft department.

173
00:11:49,510 --> 00:11:50,950
And what was his job?

174
00:11:50,950 --> 00:11:53,620

175
00:11:53,620 --> 00:11:56,530
They called it, in German,
Dienstverpflichtung.

176
00:11:56,530 --> 00:12:03,220
It was a private job,
but it was a job.

177
00:12:03,220 --> 00:12:09,700
You have to take it because
it had to do with the war.

178
00:12:09,700 --> 00:12:14,530
It was a private
alternative to be a soldier,

179
00:12:14,530 --> 00:12:16,550
to work in this area.

180
00:12:16,550 --> 00:12:22,060
So was he actually in the
service, or was he private?

181
00:12:22,060 --> 00:12:24,790
In person, he was

private and civilian.

182

00:12:24,790 --> 00:12:26,080

He came home every night?

183

00:12:26,080 --> 00:12:26,860

No.

184

00:12:26,860 --> 00:12:29,950

No, at this time he
had to go to Berlin.

185

00:12:29,950 --> 00:12:31,270

Yes, he was in Berlin, but--

186

00:12:31,270 --> 00:12:33,220

And the family was
still in Hamburg.

187

00:12:33,220 --> 00:12:33,850

Right.

188

00:12:33,850 --> 00:12:36,150

But in Berlin, did he--

189

00:12:36,150 --> 00:12:37,402

He lived private.

190

00:12:37,402 --> 00:12:38,110

He lived private.

191

00:12:38,110 --> 00:12:38,610

Yes.

192

00:12:38,610 --> 00:12:41,050

OK, so he was still
not considered

193

00:12:41,050 --> 00:12:42,720

part of the government?

194

00:12:42,720 --> 00:12:43,220
No.

195
00:12:43,220 --> 00:12:44,350
No.

196
00:12:44,350 --> 00:12:45,590
They paid him privately?

197
00:12:45,590 --> 00:12:46,090
Yeah.

198
00:12:46,090 --> 00:12:48,040
He lived privately
off the premises?

199
00:12:48,040 --> 00:12:48,540
Yeah.

200
00:12:48,540 --> 00:12:53,050

201
00:12:53,050 --> 00:12:54,560
Tell me a little
about your mother.

202
00:12:54,560 --> 00:12:55,960
What was she like?

203
00:12:55,960 --> 00:13:01,390
My mother was born in a
neighborhood of Cologne.

204
00:13:01,390 --> 00:13:05,680
And she had only one sister.

205
00:13:05,680 --> 00:13:12,070
And her father was a
bookkeeper in a big company.

206
00:13:12,070 --> 00:13:15,280
They had a house and

was very well done.

207

00:13:15,280 --> 00:13:22,990

And she works during the First
World War for the post office.

208

00:13:22,990 --> 00:13:25,570

And after the war, at the same--

209

00:13:25,570 --> 00:13:27,175

I think about in
this country, too--

210

00:13:27,175 --> 00:13:29,950

211

00:13:29,950 --> 00:13:34,990

they have to give back to
the place on the desk for--

212

00:13:34,990 --> 00:13:35,880

For men.

213

00:13:35,880 --> 00:13:37,640

--for the men.

214

00:13:37,640 --> 00:13:42,730

And this was
inflation time, 1921.

215

00:13:42,730 --> 00:13:48,370

And they gave her money
for this, for her job

216

00:13:48,370 --> 00:13:50,890

and for her future.

217

00:13:50,890 --> 00:13:56,020

But she used this money
only for one cupboard

218

00:13:56,020 --> 00:13:58,150

in our dining room.

219

00:13:58,150 --> 00:13:59,710

And the money was gone.

220

00:13:59,710 --> 00:14:01,960

It was the inflation.

221

00:14:01,960 --> 00:14:02,730

Inflation.

222

00:14:02,730 --> 00:14:04,480

Yeah.

223

00:14:04,480 --> 00:14:05,300

Made it useless.

224

00:14:05,300 --> 00:14:05,800

Yeah.

225

00:14:05,800 --> 00:14:08,170

And she married, 23.

226

00:14:08,170 --> 00:14:09,620

1923?

227

00:14:09,620 --> 00:14:12,490

1923, yes.

228

00:14:12,490 --> 00:14:13,930

Do you remember
how old they were

229

00:14:13,930 --> 00:14:16,480

at the time they got married?

230

00:14:16,480 --> 00:14:17,170

'23?

231

00:14:17,170 --> 00:14:19,300

Yes, it's 26.

232
00:14:19,300 --> 00:14:24,815
She was born 1897.

233
00:14:24,815 --> 00:14:29,230
And my father one year younger--

234
00:14:29,230 --> 00:14:30,950
'89.

235
00:14:30,950 --> 00:14:37,280
Now, would you eat meals
together as a family when--

236
00:14:37,280 --> 00:14:38,180
Yes, it was.

237
00:14:38,180 --> 00:14:39,500
--when you were growing up?

238
00:14:39,500 --> 00:14:40,320
Yes.

239
00:14:40,320 --> 00:14:41,960
Yeah, a family.

240
00:14:41,960 --> 00:14:44,150
And we went together.

241
00:14:44,150 --> 00:14:48,470
First, we stated two
places in Cologne.

242
00:14:48,470 --> 00:14:52,070
And then we went, the
whole family, to Hamburg.

243
00:14:52,070 --> 00:14:53,840
And this is very special.

244
00:14:53,840 --> 00:15:00,110

My mother found a
place just downtown

245
00:15:00,110 --> 00:15:02,960
to live and to have
her office together.

246
00:15:02,960 --> 00:15:05,330
And it was Chile house.

247
00:15:05,330 --> 00:15:08,050

248
00:15:08,050 --> 00:15:11,090
The name came from
the country, Chile.

249
00:15:11,090 --> 00:15:14,180
And Hamburg is a big harbor.

250
00:15:14,180 --> 00:15:21,980
And there was a ship
company, Sloman.

251
00:15:21,980 --> 00:15:22,970
It was a name.

252
00:15:22,970 --> 00:15:27,260
And they have big
business with Chile.

253
00:15:27,260 --> 00:15:33,170
And they brought Chile
saltpetre from Chile to Germany.

254
00:15:33,170 --> 00:15:37,430
And in this way we
are-- and this building

255
00:15:37,430 --> 00:15:38,570
looks like a ship.

256

00:15:38,570 --> 00:15:41,840
And it's a very important
building in Hamburg.

257
00:15:41,840 --> 00:15:42,770
A landmark.

258
00:15:42,770 --> 00:15:44,000
A landmark, yes.

259
00:15:44,000 --> 00:15:46,370
And we lived there for 25 years.

260
00:15:46,370 --> 00:15:47,600
Still standing?

261
00:15:47,600 --> 00:15:49,430
Still standing, yes.

262
00:15:49,430 --> 00:15:50,600
And built like a ship?

263
00:15:50,600 --> 00:15:51,470
Yes.

264
00:15:51,470 --> 00:15:53,390
It's Bauhaus style.

265
00:15:53,390 --> 00:15:55,140
Maybe you know
something like Bauhaus.

266
00:15:55,140 --> 00:15:55,640
No.

267
00:15:55,640 --> 00:15:59,030

268
00:15:59,030 --> 00:16:01,490
Were politics talked
about much in the family

269

00:16:01,490 --> 00:16:03,950
when you were growing up?

270

00:16:03,950 --> 00:16:08,360
More negative and positive.

271

00:16:08,360 --> 00:16:11,240
My father spoke always--

272

00:16:11,240 --> 00:16:14,360
OK, do something, but
don't do too much.

273

00:16:14,360 --> 00:16:21,755
And he never was in the party.

274

00:16:21,755 --> 00:16:27,530
He never-- also, during his time
in Berlin, he never was there.

275

00:16:27,530 --> 00:16:35,000
And he-- they have in their
office, during the war,

276

00:16:35,000 --> 00:16:37,730
they have to stay overnight.

277

00:16:37,730 --> 00:16:41,660
Because if the bombs
came down, that they

278

00:16:41,660 --> 00:16:44,360
can clean up it and so on.

279

00:16:44,360 --> 00:16:47,680

280

00:16:47,680 --> 00:16:50,030
And he was wounded once.

281

00:16:50,030 --> 00:16:52,970

And for that, they
want to give him--

282
00:16:52,970 --> 00:16:56,330
how you call that?

283
00:16:56,330 --> 00:16:57,110
A bypass?

284
00:16:57,110 --> 00:16:58,070
No, not a bypass.

285
00:16:58,070 --> 00:16:58,815
Oh, a medal.

286
00:16:58,815 --> 00:16:59,315
A medal.

287
00:16:59,315 --> 00:16:59,570
A medal.

288
00:16:59,570 --> 00:17:00,110
Yeah.

289
00:17:00,110 --> 00:17:05,750
But the better medal
became his boss.

290
00:17:05,750 --> 00:17:08,150
But the boss wasn't there.

291
00:17:08,150 --> 00:17:09,260
And so he said, no.

292
00:17:09,260 --> 00:17:10,640
Come on, I don't want it.

293
00:17:10,640 --> 00:17:15,020
And he took nothing.

294
00:17:15,020 --> 00:17:16,220

He was humble, huh?

295

00:17:16,220 --> 00:17:17,380

Yeah, yeah.

296

00:17:17,380 --> 00:17:20,880

297

00:17:20,880 --> 00:17:24,150

And what do you remember
from your growing-up years

298

00:17:24,150 --> 00:17:27,000

in school?

299

00:17:27,000 --> 00:17:30,300

Did you have mixed classes
with Protestant and Catholic?

300

00:17:30,300 --> 00:17:32,170

Yes, this was mixed.

301

00:17:32,170 --> 00:17:35,440

And in Cologne, I
remember there were

302

00:17:35,440 --> 00:17:38,610

lots of Gypsies in our class.

303

00:17:38,610 --> 00:17:41,460

And they like my bread always.

304

00:17:41,460 --> 00:17:47,370

[LAUGHS] And during the
Nazi time in Cologne,

305

00:17:47,370 --> 00:17:52,260

we always saw camps of Gypsies.

306

00:17:52,260 --> 00:17:56,290

And this changed later.

307

00:17:56,290 --> 00:17:58,290

Like poor people?

308

00:17:58,290 --> 00:17:59,410

Yeah.

309

00:17:59,410 --> 00:18:01,240

Yeah, I don't know.

310

00:18:01,240 --> 00:18:03,670

You have the same
situation in this country.

311

00:18:03,670 --> 00:18:04,440

Yeah.

312

00:18:04,440 --> 00:18:05,610

We call them hobos.

313

00:18:05,610 --> 00:18:07,140

Yes, OK.

314

00:18:07,140 --> 00:18:08,400

Homeless.

315

00:18:08,400 --> 00:18:08,940

No, no.

316

00:18:08,940 --> 00:18:09,690

It's not homeless.

317

00:18:09,690 --> 00:18:12,420

318

00:18:12,420 --> 00:18:13,890

Gypsies.

319

00:18:13,890 --> 00:18:16,800

In Germany, is we said Zigeuner.

320

00:18:16,800 --> 00:18:18,550
I don't know.

321
00:18:18,550 --> 00:18:20,430
I think, maybe, real Gypsies.

322
00:18:20,430 --> 00:18:22,410
Yeah, real Gypsies.

323
00:18:22,410 --> 00:18:24,210
And they have--

324
00:18:24,210 --> 00:18:24,930
Gypsy.

325
00:18:24,930 --> 00:18:26,070
Yes.

326
00:18:26,070 --> 00:18:30,900
They have a trailer and horses,
and they are sitting around.

327
00:18:30,900 --> 00:18:34,870
And they came and want money and
bread and something like that.

328
00:18:34,870 --> 00:18:39,030
And it was the same
situation in Germany.

329
00:18:39,030 --> 00:18:41,010
And I remember that.

330
00:18:41,010 --> 00:18:44,160
Were there rumors that
they stole children?

331
00:18:44,160 --> 00:18:47,680
Not children, but bread
and everything what--

332
00:18:47,680 --> 00:18:49,170

Everything that
wasn't nailed down.

333
00:18:49,170 --> 00:18:49,890
Yeah, yeah.

334
00:18:49,890 --> 00:18:52,710

335
00:18:52,710 --> 00:18:56,920
But I, later on, they put them,
also, in concentration camps,

336
00:18:56,920 --> 00:18:57,420
you know?

337
00:18:57,420 --> 00:19:00,560

338
00:19:00,560 --> 00:19:13,640
And the political way it works,
we have to go to Hitlerjugend.

339
00:19:13,640 --> 00:19:17,540
That my brother,
and also myself,

340
00:19:17,540 --> 00:19:22,370
we had to do so much
with our schools

341
00:19:22,370 --> 00:19:30,290
that we had the permission
that we don't have to go.

342
00:19:30,290 --> 00:19:35,000
Because the school was
first, and the second thing

343
00:19:35,000 --> 00:19:36,800
was the Hitlerjugend.

344

00:19:36,800 --> 00:19:40,080

And this way, they
took me always,

345

00:19:40,080 --> 00:19:42,930

if we have a soccer
game and to play.

346

00:19:42,930 --> 00:19:45,650

And I loved to play soccer.

347

00:19:45,650 --> 00:19:47,240

And I was a good keeper.

348

00:19:47,240 --> 00:19:51,000

And so they took me for that.

349

00:19:51,000 --> 00:19:54,830

And the same situation
was with my older brother.

350

00:19:54,830 --> 00:19:56,660

He didn't have to go either?

351

00:19:56,660 --> 00:19:57,560

No.

352

00:19:57,560 --> 00:19:59,450

No.

353

00:19:59,450 --> 00:20:01,700

We have connection
that was useful.

354

00:20:01,700 --> 00:20:03,500

Everybody had connection.

355

00:20:03,500 --> 00:20:07,010

And we had a uniform.

356

00:20:07,010 --> 00:20:12,380

But I have only, it was

not from the Hitlerjugend.

357

00:20:12,380 --> 00:20:14,270

They're called "Pimpfe."

358

00:20:14,270 --> 00:20:16,520

It was for the younger one.

359

00:20:16,520 --> 00:20:17,120

Younger one?

360

00:20:17,120 --> 00:20:17,620

Yes.

361

00:20:17,620 --> 00:20:18,510

Before Hitler Youth.

362

00:20:18,510 --> 00:20:19,010

Yeah.

363

00:20:19,010 --> 00:20:21,650

My father, he never
was in the party.

364

00:20:21,650 --> 00:20:26,780

And my mother also never
worked for the party.

365

00:20:26,780 --> 00:20:31,010

Do you remember parades
in Cologne and Hamburg?

366

00:20:31,010 --> 00:20:34,080

Parades for the Nazi party?

367

00:20:34,080 --> 00:20:35,780

I remember that
only from Hamburg.

368

00:20:35,780 --> 00:20:36,880

And I saw Hitler.

369

00:20:36,880 --> 00:20:40,040

And I was there because
we lived downtown.

370

00:20:40,040 --> 00:20:43,196

And it was just in front of us.

371

00:20:43,196 --> 00:20:47,810

Do you remember how you felt
in the parade, watching?

372

00:20:47,810 --> 00:20:55,250

Watching was-- everybody
said heil and so on.

373

00:20:55,250 --> 00:21:00,210

I was one of them but not so
fanatic like other peoples.

374

00:21:00,210 --> 00:21:02,640

I remember this
special in Hamburg,

375

00:21:02,640 --> 00:21:06,480

the Legion Condor
came back from Spain.

376

00:21:06,480 --> 00:21:07,410

You know this?

377

00:21:07,410 --> 00:21:08,340

Condor Legion.

378

00:21:08,340 --> 00:21:08,910

Yeah.

379

00:21:08,910 --> 00:21:14,670

They came back with the ships
from the Kraft durch Freude--

380

00:21:14,670 --> 00:21:16,830

Wilhelm Gustloff.

381
00:21:16,830 --> 00:21:19,200
Wilhelm Gustloff and
Robert Ley, that's

382
00:21:19,200 --> 00:21:25,800
two ships, passenger
ships, for Germans

383
00:21:25,800 --> 00:21:30,390
if they go around for
just for holidays.

384
00:21:30,390 --> 00:21:33,750
And on these ships,
they brought them back.

385
00:21:33,750 --> 00:21:38,500
And in Hamburg was a big
parade of this Legion Condor.

386
00:21:38,500 --> 00:21:39,740
That's what I remember.

387
00:21:39,740 --> 00:21:40,240
Yeah.

388
00:21:40,240 --> 00:21:43,365
Do you remember
what year that was?

389
00:21:43,365 --> 00:21:46,830
It was before the war.

390
00:21:46,830 --> 00:21:51,090
Must be 1938.

391
00:21:51,090 --> 00:21:53,190
I don't know what year.

392
00:21:53,190 --> 00:21:56,670
The war in Spain was

over in January '39.

393
00:21:56,670 --> 00:21:57,360
'39.

394
00:21:57,360 --> 00:22:01,050
And then maybe they
came back after that?

395
00:22:01,050 --> 00:22:02,295
Maybe was '39.

396
00:22:02,295 --> 00:22:03,150
I don't know.

397
00:22:03,150 --> 00:22:04,380
But still before the war.

398
00:22:04,380 --> 00:22:05,350
Yes.

399
00:22:05,350 --> 00:22:05,850
Yeah.

400
00:22:05,850 --> 00:22:08,400

401
00:22:08,400 --> 00:22:10,740
And they got a
rousing reception.

402
00:22:10,740 --> 00:22:12,430
Yes, it was enormous.

403
00:22:12,430 --> 00:22:12,930
Yeah.

404
00:22:12,930 --> 00:22:15,560

405
00:22:15,560 --> 00:22:18,740

Did you know much about
what was going on in Germany

406
00:22:18,740 --> 00:22:21,750
and the politics, the laws?

407
00:22:21,750 --> 00:22:22,610
No, no.

408
00:22:22,610 --> 00:22:27,350
I hear that most of them, I
hear it after, through my wife.

409
00:22:27,350 --> 00:22:31,460
But I remember
that my father had,

410
00:22:31,460 --> 00:22:35,930
in his office,
sometimes Der Sturmer.

411
00:22:35,930 --> 00:22:41,900
This was a antisemitic paper.

412
00:22:41,900 --> 00:22:46,010
But I don't remember why.

413
00:22:46,010 --> 00:22:52,700
It was just one of this
paper in the office.

414
00:22:52,700 --> 00:22:56,400
And then I saw it for weeks,
I didn't saw it anymore.

415
00:22:56,400 --> 00:22:58,460
And then it was here.

416
00:22:58,460 --> 00:23:02,372
Maybe he had to--

417
00:23:02,372 --> 00:23:04,362

Publication.

418
00:23:04,362 --> 00:23:05,030
--to take it.

419
00:23:05,030 --> 00:23:05,697
Subscribe to it?

420
00:23:05,697 --> 00:23:07,730
Yes, I don't know about it.

421
00:23:07,730 --> 00:23:15,770
And I was going to school.

422
00:23:15,770 --> 00:23:22,310
And I worked for a company--

423
00:23:22,310 --> 00:23:24,740
it was a one-man company--

424
00:23:24,740 --> 00:23:30,170
who had material to make
shoes, to repair shoes.

425
00:23:30,170 --> 00:23:36,770
And I think the
owner, he was Jewish.

426
00:23:36,770 --> 00:23:39,080
I did this more
than three years.

427
00:23:39,080 --> 00:23:43,650
And it was just the
beginning of the war.

428
00:23:43,650 --> 00:23:47,660
I came in one evening back
and went to have again.

429
00:23:47,660 --> 00:23:48,980
It was closed.

430
00:23:48,980 --> 00:23:50,820
I never know why.

431
00:23:50,820 --> 00:23:56,240
And this, I think, now, I
remember that he was Jewish,

432
00:23:56,240 --> 00:24:01,860
and they put him to
someplace I never hear about.

433
00:24:01,860 --> 00:24:07,850
And there was no chance to
get information about him.

434
00:24:07,850 --> 00:24:09,920
I tried, but I didn't get it.

435
00:24:09,920 --> 00:24:11,573
Did you have any
understanding at all

436
00:24:11,573 --> 00:24:12,740
of what had happened to him?

437
00:24:12,740 --> 00:24:14,180
No, no.

438
00:24:14,180 --> 00:24:17,090
And our neighborhood
of the Chile House

439
00:24:17,090 --> 00:24:21,320
was the old part of Hamburg.

440
00:24:21,320 --> 00:24:25,970
And there are Gypsies--

441
00:24:25,970 --> 00:24:26,960
Zigeuna.

442

00:24:26,960 --> 00:24:31,057

And that, I remember,
that they took them away.

443

00:24:31,057 --> 00:24:32,640

You do remember them
taking them away?

444

00:24:32,640 --> 00:24:33,474

Yes.

445

00:24:33,474 --> 00:24:34,310

Did you see it?

446

00:24:34,310 --> 00:24:36,560

I saw that, yes.

447

00:24:36,560 --> 00:24:41,750

But after that, they broke
down all the buildings.

448

00:24:41,750 --> 00:24:47,540

Because they want to renovate
this area with new buildings.

449

00:24:47,540 --> 00:24:53,880

And so I didn't get it,
that it was another reason.

450

00:24:53,880 --> 00:24:56,755

They talk-- we bring
them to another place.

451

00:24:56,755 --> 00:25:03,580

452

00:25:03,580 --> 00:25:07,480

Were you there in
Hamburg at Kristallnacht?

453

00:25:07,480 --> 00:25:08,470

Yes.

454
00:25:08,470 --> 00:25:14,530
I saw this broken
windows from the shops.

455
00:25:14,530 --> 00:25:17,270
And I couldn't understand it.

456
00:25:17,270 --> 00:25:23,810
And at this time, I
haven't had questions.

457
00:25:23,810 --> 00:25:28,090
I don't understand it, but
I also, I didn't know why.

458
00:25:28,090 --> 00:25:29,400
I don't know.

459
00:25:29,400 --> 00:25:32,320
I can't understand
it myself today

460
00:25:32,320 --> 00:25:38,633
that I don't have had questions
about this, what happens.

461
00:25:38,633 --> 00:25:40,050
In other words,
you didn't go home

462
00:25:40,050 --> 00:25:43,170
and say, why is this
happening to my parents.

463
00:25:43,170 --> 00:25:44,320
No, they know it.

464
00:25:44,320 --> 00:25:46,560
They know it, also.

465
00:25:46,560 --> 00:25:51,010

But we never spoke
about things like that.

466
00:25:51,010 --> 00:25:55,320
We never spoke about
Hitler or Nazi.

467
00:25:55,320 --> 00:25:58,560
The only what my father said--

468
00:25:58,560 --> 00:26:02,760
it was before the war
and also after the war--

469
00:26:02,760 --> 00:26:07,020
don't go to demonstrations
or don't do too much

470
00:26:07,020 --> 00:26:09,250
in the political areas.

471
00:26:09,250 --> 00:26:12,870
Always, this was.

472
00:26:12,870 --> 00:26:16,380
So he wanted you to
be conservative about

473
00:26:16,380 --> 00:26:17,910
your political participation?

474
00:26:17,910 --> 00:26:19,695
Yeah, more neutral.

475
00:26:19,695 --> 00:26:22,460

476
00:26:22,460 --> 00:26:24,420
How do you think
most Germans felt?

477
00:26:24,420 --> 00:26:28,500

Were they mostly
neutral, or were they

478
00:26:28,500 --> 00:26:30,990
enthusiastic about
him and what changes

479
00:26:30,990 --> 00:26:32,130
he was bringing to Germany?

480
00:26:32,130 --> 00:26:35,220

481
00:26:35,220 --> 00:26:39,405
My remember is mixed with
after, what was after,

482
00:26:39,405 --> 00:26:42,810
that I saw what was going on.

483
00:26:42,810 --> 00:26:48,960
I think that plenty
families, like our family,

484
00:26:48,960 --> 00:26:52,860
that it became
better and better.

485
00:26:52,860 --> 00:26:54,660
We had money.

486
00:26:54,660 --> 00:26:56,800
We have bread enough.

487
00:26:56,800 --> 00:27:02,520
We have everything after
my father got his job

488
00:27:02,520 --> 00:27:04,050
and got working.

489
00:27:04,050 --> 00:27:08,550

And this situation, I
think, was in Germany

490
00:27:08,550 --> 00:27:10,980
for plenty German families.

491
00:27:10,980 --> 00:27:13,290
For many people, it improved
their quality of life.

492
00:27:13,290 --> 00:27:16,680
They say-- yes.

493
00:27:16,680 --> 00:27:18,120
And so, they had
to be supportive.

494
00:27:18,120 --> 00:27:19,590
Yeah.

495
00:27:19,590 --> 00:27:21,510
Where your bread is is
where you support goes.

496
00:27:21,510 --> 00:27:23,820
And it was much better.

497
00:27:23,820 --> 00:27:26,940
The way with the Arbeitsdienst.

498
00:27:26,940 --> 00:27:32,430
There, nobody was
unemployed anymore.

499
00:27:32,430 --> 00:27:36,330
It's a little bit the same like
what they did after the war

500
00:27:36,330 --> 00:27:40,200
in East Germany.

501
00:27:40,200 --> 00:27:43,170

They never have had
unemployed people.

502
00:27:43,170 --> 00:27:46,450
And everybody had a job.

503
00:27:46,450 --> 00:27:49,280

504
00:27:49,280 --> 00:27:53,990
And so it makes you
support the government.

505
00:27:53,990 --> 00:27:55,220
Yeah.

506
00:27:55,220 --> 00:27:57,830
If they find work for you,
and they give you bread,

507
00:27:57,830 --> 00:27:58,880
you support them.

508
00:27:58,880 --> 00:28:01,955
It was the same time,
like in this country

509
00:28:01,955 --> 00:28:05,270
here, the big depression.

510
00:28:05,270 --> 00:28:06,290
Yeah.

511
00:28:06,290 --> 00:28:09,200
Nobody had-- there are
big, big, big problems.

512
00:28:09,200 --> 00:28:09,950
Yeah.

513
00:28:09,950 --> 00:28:12,830
We threw one party out here

and put another one in.

514
00:28:12,830 --> 00:28:16,370

515
00:28:16,370 --> 00:28:18,320
That was our solution
to the Depression.

516
00:28:18,320 --> 00:28:22,790
The same is it changed the
situation with the value,

517
00:28:22,790 --> 00:28:25,190
with the money.

518
00:28:25,190 --> 00:28:27,440
Germany was the
first country who

519
00:28:27,440 --> 00:28:30,710
said the power of the
people, the working

520
00:28:30,710 --> 00:28:34,310
power of the population
in the country,

521
00:28:34,310 --> 00:28:36,710
this is a value of the money.

522
00:28:36,710 --> 00:28:38,940
And not in this country.

523
00:28:38,940 --> 00:28:41,300
It was, at this
time, Fort Knox--

524
00:28:41,300 --> 00:28:43,060
gold.

525
00:28:43,060 --> 00:28:47,690

The background for the
value of your money

526
00:28:47,690 --> 00:28:49,730
was, in this country, gold.

527
00:28:49,730 --> 00:28:51,710
But it changed in Germany.

528
00:28:51,710 --> 00:28:58,400
It was the working people are
the background for the money.

529
00:28:58,400 --> 00:29:00,650
And it changed
now, after the war,

530
00:29:00,650 --> 00:29:04,100
also, in this country,
all over this.

531
00:29:04,100 --> 00:29:05,075
It's the same system.

532
00:29:05,075 --> 00:29:09,240

533
00:29:09,240 --> 00:29:11,330
Do you remember
when they drafted

534
00:29:11,330 --> 00:29:14,690
your class and
your teacher to be

535
00:29:14,690 --> 00:29:17,060
in the anti-aircraft battery?

536
00:29:17,060 --> 00:29:18,770
Do you remember how
you felt about that?

537

00:29:18,770 --> 00:29:21,320

538

00:29:21,320 --> 00:29:22,160

It was terrible.

539

00:29:22,160 --> 00:29:28,880

Because I was in Hamburg,
especially during the nights

540

00:29:28,880 --> 00:29:30,530

of the bombing.

541

00:29:30,530 --> 00:29:36,050

And during three nights, we have
had more than 45,000 deaths.

542

00:29:36,050 --> 00:29:41,420

People and downtown was
absolutely destroyed.

543

00:29:41,420 --> 00:29:48,770

They put down phosphor canister.

544

00:29:48,770 --> 00:29:49,430

Phosphorus.

545

00:29:49,430 --> 00:29:50,420

Phosphor.

546

00:29:50,420 --> 00:29:54,200

And bombs, they burn everything.

547

00:29:54,200 --> 00:29:55,340

Incendiary bombs.

548

00:29:55,340 --> 00:29:56,030

Yes.

549

00:29:56,030 --> 00:29:59,370

And all my shoes, everything,
was full of this stuff.

550
00:29:59,370 --> 00:30:03,300
And if you are at home, we
put our shoes into water.

551
00:30:03,300 --> 00:30:07,160
And this was the only
way that they don't burn.

552
00:30:07,160 --> 00:30:10,520
But it was so terrible.

553
00:30:10,520 --> 00:30:14,000
Because we are just in the
middle of the town, downtown.

554
00:30:14,000 --> 00:30:16,400
And it was this time in Hamburg.

555
00:30:16,400 --> 00:30:25,820
And my older brother maybe,
possibly, we helped the people.

556
00:30:25,820 --> 00:30:28,740
I was too young for that.

557
00:30:28,740 --> 00:30:30,530
So you were there
during the fire bombing?

558
00:30:30,530 --> 00:30:32,180
Yes.

559
00:30:32,180 --> 00:30:35,450
What kind of help did you do?

560
00:30:35,450 --> 00:30:41,940
We pick up things from the
apartments of friends of us.

561
00:30:41,940 --> 00:30:46,910
We are all together

in the basement.

562

00:30:46,910 --> 00:30:49,430

And we had people--

563

00:30:49,430 --> 00:30:53,030

there was the Red Cross nearby--

564

00:30:53,030 --> 00:30:55,490

and brought them
to the hospital.

565

00:30:55,490 --> 00:30:58,580

And then, we are
looking for food.

566

00:30:58,580 --> 00:31:01,430

We have no light,
no water, nothing.

567

00:31:01,430 --> 00:31:07,560

And we went around to
look for bread and so on

568

00:31:07,560 --> 00:31:10,940

and help other people,
especially our family.

569

00:31:10,940 --> 00:31:14,810

And we saved this
famous building.

570

00:31:14,810 --> 00:31:23,710

Because all the bombs looks
long like that, the burn--

571

00:31:23,710 --> 00:31:27,310

what brought the
phosphor to fire,

572

00:31:27,310 --> 00:31:32,000

we pushed them down from
the roof of the building.

573
00:31:32,000 --> 00:31:37,410
And we got a letter from the
company and they thank you.

574
00:31:37,410 --> 00:31:40,570

575
00:31:40,570 --> 00:31:42,320
That must have been a
terrible three days.

576
00:31:42,320 --> 00:31:42,820
Yes.

577
00:31:42,820 --> 00:31:49,760
And after this, we are evacuated
from Hamburg to the country.

578
00:31:49,760 --> 00:31:52,910
And honestly,
three months later,

579
00:31:52,910 --> 00:32:01,640
they took me to this
half-military place, no,

580
00:32:01,640 --> 00:32:02,460
because I'm flak--

581
00:32:02,460 --> 00:32:04,560
F-L-A-K.

582
00:32:04,560 --> 00:32:06,020
Mm-hmm, the flak.

583
00:32:06,020 --> 00:32:07,970
Yeah.

584
00:32:07,970 --> 00:32:10,880
And we are there--

585

00:32:10,880 --> 00:32:13,250

I was there for 13 months.

586

00:32:13,250 --> 00:32:14,030

In Hamburg?

587

00:32:14,030 --> 00:32:15,320

No.

588

00:32:15,320 --> 00:32:18,200

Near Halle Malzeburg-- Leipzig.

589

00:32:18,200 --> 00:32:18,770

Leipzig.

590

00:32:18,770 --> 00:32:19,790

Yeah.

591

00:32:19,790 --> 00:32:24,560

Schkopau work and

Buna and Leuna work.

592

00:32:24,560 --> 00:32:26,540

Were they protecting
the factories?

593

00:32:26,540 --> 00:32:28,130

Yes.

594

00:32:28,130 --> 00:32:38,120

And we are there the

beginning '38 in our class.

595

00:32:38,120 --> 00:32:44,240

And after these 13 months,
we are only 17 left.

596

00:32:44,240 --> 00:32:47,930

Because they bombed
also our places.

597

00:32:47,930 --> 00:32:50,940
And all the other, they died.

598
00:32:50,940 --> 00:32:51,440
How many?

599
00:32:51,440 --> 00:32:54,740

600
00:32:54,740 --> 00:32:56,200
About 15, no?

601
00:32:56,200 --> 00:32:59,720

602
00:32:59,720 --> 00:33:01,460
And it was so--

603
00:33:01,460 --> 00:33:02,420
we couldn't do nothing.

604
00:33:02,420 --> 00:33:06,650
Because they are so high
with the planes that we--

605
00:33:06,650 --> 00:33:07,670
Could you see them?

606
00:33:07,670 --> 00:33:08,570
We saw them, sure.

607
00:33:08,570 --> 00:33:11,930
They came each Friday afternoon.

608
00:33:11,930 --> 00:33:13,430
In the blue heavens,
you saw them.

609
00:33:13,430 --> 00:33:17,470

610

00:33:17,470 --> 00:33:18,980
Did you ever shoot any down?

611
00:33:18,980 --> 00:33:20,770
No.

612
00:33:20,770 --> 00:33:23,950
I was with a Vierling,
it called, with four--

613
00:33:23,950 --> 00:33:26,410
with four.

614
00:33:26,410 --> 00:33:28,720
And they never arrived them.

615
00:33:28,720 --> 00:33:30,100
They was very high.

616
00:33:30,100 --> 00:33:33,420

617
00:33:33,420 --> 00:33:35,520
And it was a time with--

618
00:33:35,520 --> 00:33:42,480
it began with this radar.

619
00:33:42,480 --> 00:33:49,243
And they put down aluminum
things that the radars, they--

620
00:33:49,243 --> 00:33:50,340
For the radar.

621
00:33:50,340 --> 00:33:53,200
Yeah, they go crazy.

622
00:33:53,200 --> 00:33:55,780
Yeah, they would drop
aluminum pieces, huh?

623

00:33:55,780 --> 00:33:57,420

Yeah.

624

00:33:57,420 --> 00:33:59,280

At that time, when
you were doing that,

625

00:33:59,280 --> 00:34:01,500

did you know how
the war was going?

626

00:34:01,500 --> 00:34:02,320

Yes.

627

00:34:02,320 --> 00:34:03,900

Did they give you accurate news?

628

00:34:03,900 --> 00:34:05,140

Yes.

629

00:34:05,140 --> 00:34:11,370

Also, they have to go back
from Russia and so on.

630

00:34:11,370 --> 00:34:13,590

So you knew things
weren't going too well.

631

00:34:13,590 --> 00:34:15,719

Yes.

632

00:34:15,719 --> 00:34:21,429

And they took me to
the army in January,

633

00:34:21,429 --> 00:34:25,320

the end of January of 1945.

634

00:34:25,320 --> 00:34:27,870

They took me to the army.

635

00:34:27,870 --> 00:34:29,290
How old were you then?

636
00:34:29,290 --> 00:34:31,050
I was 17.

637
00:34:31,050 --> 00:34:35,790
And I was six weeks in the army.

638
00:34:35,790 --> 00:34:37,860
Where were you?

639
00:34:37,860 --> 00:34:40,739
In Goslar.

640
00:34:40,739 --> 00:34:45,510
Goslar is in the heart,
the middle, of Germany,

641
00:34:45,510 --> 00:34:48,060
near Hanover.

642
00:34:48,060 --> 00:34:48,929
In the north?

643
00:34:48,929 --> 00:34:50,400
Yeah.

644
00:34:50,400 --> 00:34:53,949
And it was a special
troop from the Air Force

645
00:34:53,949 --> 00:34:58,080
that calls Raumgeschwader Oesau.

646
00:34:58,080 --> 00:35:02,610
This was-- we never--

647
00:35:02,610 --> 00:35:04,290
I was only six weeks there.

648

00:35:04,290 --> 00:35:08,730

And I was very
happy that it never

649

00:35:08,730 --> 00:35:13,560

came to that I have to do it.

650

00:35:13,560 --> 00:35:15,780

They put you in
a plane, and they

651

00:35:15,780 --> 00:35:21,390

shoot you high to the
backs of the bombers.

652

00:35:21,390 --> 00:35:26,580

And then you have to,
like a hara-kiri man,

653

00:35:26,580 --> 00:35:31,650

to go to these planes.

654

00:35:31,650 --> 00:35:35,010

And this way, they
shoot them down.

655

00:35:35,010 --> 00:35:37,960

But you are also done.

656

00:35:37,960 --> 00:35:40,980

This is for the--

657

00:35:40,980 --> 00:35:41,850

Was this like a

658

00:35:41,850 --> 00:35:44,070

This was a little bit--

659

00:35:44,070 --> 00:35:47,590

no, it was a real plane
but with bombs on it.

660

00:35:47,590 --> 00:35:51,480
And I think it had to
do with the Japanese,

661
00:35:51,480 --> 00:35:53,380
that they did the same.

662
00:35:53,380 --> 00:35:53,880
Kamikaze.

663
00:35:53,880 --> 00:35:56,970
Yeah, like the kamikaze.

664
00:35:56,970 --> 00:36:00,330
And they were training
you to be in these planes?

665
00:36:00,330 --> 00:36:03,408
They want to do it,
but if the war was--

666
00:36:03,408 --> 00:36:04,200
The war stopped it.

667
00:36:04,200 --> 00:36:04,700
Yes.

668
00:36:04,700 --> 00:36:07,450

669
00:36:07,450 --> 00:36:09,670
How did you feel about
that kind of work?

670
00:36:09,670 --> 00:36:10,180
No good.

671
00:36:10,180 --> 00:36:13,480
[LAUGHS] OK, I was
six weeks soldier.

672
00:36:13,480 --> 00:36:19,960

And after that, I was 13
months in prisoner of war

673
00:36:19,960 --> 00:36:21,520
from the American army.

674
00:36:21,520 --> 00:36:23,440
Where were you captured?

675
00:36:23,440 --> 00:36:25,630
In the middle of Germany.

676
00:36:25,630 --> 00:36:27,220
When?

677
00:36:27,220 --> 00:36:34,655
This was the beginning
of April '45.

678
00:36:34,655 --> 00:36:36,460
So right at the end.

679
00:36:36,460 --> 00:36:38,560
Yeah, yeah.

680
00:36:38,560 --> 00:36:40,930
You never were in combat?

681
00:36:40,930 --> 00:36:46,810
No, just in the
moment they took me.

682
00:36:46,810 --> 00:36:48,790
They sent us on the street.

683
00:36:48,790 --> 00:36:51,200
Their tanks are coming.

684
00:36:51,200 --> 00:36:52,780
We have nothing.

685

00:36:52,780 --> 00:36:55,630
And our officers, they ran away.

686
00:36:55,630 --> 00:37:01,610
And I saw them later in the
camps, the prisoner camps.

687
00:37:01,610 --> 00:37:03,450
So you were captured
by American?

688
00:37:03,450 --> 00:37:04,150
By American.

689
00:37:04,150 --> 00:37:08,920
And where were you sent?

690
00:37:08,920 --> 00:37:11,410
To Liège in Belgium.

691
00:37:11,410 --> 00:37:16,210
They have a citadel in Liège
on the top of a mountain.

692
00:37:16,210 --> 00:37:21,190
And there was a American
Army general hospital.

693
00:37:21,190 --> 00:37:28,810
And I worked there for 18
months, during the night--

694
00:37:28,810 --> 00:37:29,900
only nights.

695
00:37:29,900 --> 00:37:30,400
Nights?

696
00:37:30,400 --> 00:37:30,970
Yes.

697
00:37:30,970 --> 00:37:32,260

Doing what?

698

00:37:32,260 --> 00:37:33,700

To work in the hospital.

699

00:37:33,700 --> 00:37:40,300

And I gave the penicillin
shots around hospital

700

00:37:40,300 --> 00:37:42,490

for American soldiers.

701

00:37:42,490 --> 00:37:49,270

And there was also one
ward for German prisoners

702

00:37:49,270 --> 00:37:50,080

if they are sick.

703

00:37:50,080 --> 00:37:53,050

704

00:37:53,050 --> 00:37:56,310

So you weren't actually in
the prisoner of war camp.

705

00:37:56,310 --> 00:37:57,030

Yes.

706

00:37:57,030 --> 00:38:02,220

Yes, it was a small camp in
the ground of the citadel.

707

00:38:02,220 --> 00:38:08,920

And we are, I think, around
80 or 100 prisoners, no more.

708

00:38:08,920 --> 00:38:13,340

And we work in the hospital.

709

00:38:13,340 --> 00:38:16,040

Was that something

that you wanted to do,

710
00:38:16,040 --> 00:38:19,310
or did they tell you that that's
what you were going to do?

711
00:38:19,310 --> 00:38:21,020
No, they are looking--

712
00:38:21,020 --> 00:38:27,380
I was more than six weeks
in a big camp near Namur.

713
00:38:27,380 --> 00:38:33,440
And they are looking for
different kind of person,

714
00:38:33,440 --> 00:38:35,820
but I was a student.

715
00:38:35,820 --> 00:38:37,440
I was young, and
I was a student.

716
00:38:37,440 --> 00:38:39,710
I never have had to learn a job.

717
00:38:39,710 --> 00:38:43,610
And so they are looking for--

718
00:38:43,610 --> 00:38:49,950
they call it instrumentmacher,
to make medicine instruments.

719
00:38:49,950 --> 00:38:51,110
And I say, huh.

720
00:38:51,110 --> 00:38:53,630
The Americans, they bring
everything to this country.

721
00:38:53,630 --> 00:38:55,110

Maybe you can clean it.

722

00:38:55,110 --> 00:38:57,140

And if you have to
clean this instrument,

723

00:38:57,140 --> 00:39:00,920

that's the right
place, at the hospital.

724

00:39:00,920 --> 00:39:07,720

All 18 German prisoners,
they think the same.

725

00:39:07,720 --> 00:39:12,680

And we were in this
way in this hospital.

726

00:39:12,680 --> 00:39:15,680

Did they treat you OK there?

727

00:39:15,680 --> 00:39:24,260

The first time, yes, because
they are the American soldiers,

728

00:39:24,260 --> 00:39:28,310

they have been in Germany
for a longer time.

729

00:39:28,310 --> 00:39:30,500

But then it changed.

730

00:39:30,500 --> 00:39:35,190

They changed it
against younger--

731

00:39:35,190 --> 00:39:35,880

Replacement?

732

00:39:35,880 --> 00:39:37,070

Yeah, replacement.

733

00:39:37,070 --> 00:39:41,970
And this person, these
soldiers, they are always

734
00:39:41,970 --> 00:39:46,100
thinking one German
with a fork in the hand

735
00:39:46,100 --> 00:39:48,800
is dangerous and then
an American soldier

736
00:39:48,800 --> 00:39:51,210
with five pistols in their hand.

737
00:39:51,210 --> 00:40:00,420
And so it was, during this
time, it was very hard.

738
00:40:00,420 --> 00:40:01,580
We didn't get enough food.

739
00:40:01,580 --> 00:40:04,760

740
00:40:04,760 --> 00:40:06,500
But it changed after that.

741
00:40:06,500 --> 00:40:07,580
It got better again?

742
00:40:07,580 --> 00:40:09,110
Yes.

743
00:40:09,110 --> 00:40:12,250
How long was it not good?

744
00:40:12,250 --> 00:40:13,670
Oh, two months.

745
00:40:13,670 --> 00:40:14,480
Two months?

746
00:40:14,480 --> 00:40:15,710
Yeah.

747
00:40:15,710 --> 00:40:20,060
But maybe it was other
time, just after the war was

748
00:40:20,060 --> 00:40:25,100
finished, and I remember that
we have had more than two months

749
00:40:25,100 --> 00:40:27,530
no sugar in the American army.

750
00:40:27,530 --> 00:40:35,350
And the need too much food for
all the prisoners, I think,

751
00:40:35,350 --> 00:40:40,160
or for the people in this area.

752
00:40:40,160 --> 00:40:41,970
Did your family
know where you were?

753
00:40:41,970 --> 00:40:42,980
No.

754
00:40:42,980 --> 00:40:45,790
I sent letters.

755
00:40:45,790 --> 00:40:47,970
It was allowed to send letters.

756
00:40:47,970 --> 00:40:50,060
But I never get an answer.

757
00:40:50,060 --> 00:40:57,200
Later, after that I went home,
I hear that they got only one

758

00:40:57,200 --> 00:40:59,760

letter from just 20 letters.

759

00:40:59,760 --> 00:41:00,560

Were sent?

760

00:41:00,560 --> 00:41:02,550

Yes.

761

00:41:02,550 --> 00:41:05,540

So this was the only one that
they know I'm still alive.

762

00:41:05,540 --> 00:41:08,760

763

00:41:08,760 --> 00:41:12,646

So they never really
got any mail from you?

764

00:41:12,646 --> 00:41:14,910

No.

765

00:41:14,910 --> 00:41:16,410

In the 18 months you were there.

766

00:41:16,410 --> 00:41:18,410

Yeah.

767

00:41:18,410 --> 00:41:26,450

And Liège was near
the border to Germany.

768

00:41:26,450 --> 00:41:30,530

And American officers,
they like to go to Germany,

769

00:41:30,530 --> 00:41:32,570

to the black market.

770

00:41:32,570 --> 00:41:37,310

And this way, one of
our German interpreter--

771
00:41:37,310 --> 00:41:39,860
he was from Cologne--

772
00:41:39,860 --> 00:41:43,280
he took letters.

773
00:41:43,280 --> 00:41:46,340
It was not allowed,
but he did it.

774
00:41:46,340 --> 00:41:53,120
And on this way, a uncle of my
family got the information that

775
00:41:53,120 --> 00:41:56,570
I am in Liège, in prison.

776
00:41:56,570 --> 00:41:59,600
And he informed my
parents in Hamburg.

777
00:41:59,600 --> 00:42:02,860

778
00:42:02,860 --> 00:42:06,650
Did you have much to do
with the Belgian population?

779
00:42:06,650 --> 00:42:07,150
No.

780
00:42:07,150 --> 00:42:13,590

781
00:42:13,590 --> 00:42:16,140
We are three prisoners.

782
00:42:16,140 --> 00:42:18,750
We run away from our prison.

783
00:42:18,750 --> 00:42:21,590
It was allowed--

784
00:42:21,590 --> 00:42:25,590
Genf-- the Geneva Convention,
that you can go away.

785
00:42:25,590 --> 00:42:27,090
And we did it.

786
00:42:27,090 --> 00:42:32,370
And I came home
after this 13 months.

787
00:42:32,370 --> 00:42:35,880
And all my other
friends from the camp,

788
00:42:35,880 --> 00:42:39,000
they stay one year
longer in prison.

789
00:42:39,000 --> 00:42:43,410
And Hamburg was a British zone.

790
00:42:43,410 --> 00:42:46,680
And they gave me the papers.

791
00:42:46,680 --> 00:42:51,090
They asked me for my camp,
if I do maybe wrong things

792
00:42:51,090 --> 00:42:52,440
or something like that.

793
00:42:52,440 --> 00:42:53,490
And there wasn't.

794
00:42:53,490 --> 00:42:54,720
And I got my papers.

795

00:42:54,720 --> 00:43:00,270

And I needed because,
at this time,

796

00:43:00,270 --> 00:43:02,740

we have food markets in Germany.

797

00:43:02,740 --> 00:43:04,590

It was not enough to eat, no?

798

00:43:04,590 --> 00:43:08,380

799

00:43:08,380 --> 00:43:13,060

So people stayed on as prisoners
because going home was worse.

800

00:43:13,060 --> 00:43:14,120

Is that the idea?

801

00:43:14,120 --> 00:43:14,620

No.

802

00:43:14,620 --> 00:43:17,200

No.

803

00:43:17,200 --> 00:43:24,160

Because general hospital closed,
and we came to Henri-Chapelle.

804

00:43:24,160 --> 00:43:29,465

This was on the three
corners between Belgium and--

805

00:43:29,465 --> 00:43:29,965

France?

806

00:43:29,965 --> 00:43:31,450

Germany?

807

00:43:31,450 --> 00:43:32,240

Belgium-Holland.

808
00:43:32,240 --> 00:43:32,740
Holland.

809
00:43:32,740 --> 00:43:36,280
Holland and Germany,
near Aachen.

810
00:43:36,280 --> 00:43:42,910
And this was a cemetery
for American soldiers.

811
00:43:42,910 --> 00:43:49,120
And they brought died
American soldiers from Germany

812
00:43:49,120 --> 00:43:50,470
to this place.

813
00:43:50,470 --> 00:43:56,110
And it was a job for a
long time, or forever,

814
00:43:56,110 --> 00:44:00,430
because most of the
places of the cemetery

815
00:44:00,430 --> 00:44:04,726
was already finished,
and you have to clean it.

816
00:44:04,726 --> 00:44:09,370
I stated there only two
days, and then we ran away.

817
00:44:09,370 --> 00:44:10,020
You ran away.

818
00:44:10,020 --> 00:44:10,550
Yes.

819

00:44:10,550 --> 00:44:15,250

And it was Belgium, and we know
that Belgium, if they catch us,

820

00:44:15,250 --> 00:44:20,680

then they get money from
the American army for that.

821

00:44:20,680 --> 00:44:25,060

But it works, and I went home.

822

00:44:25,060 --> 00:44:28,480

Was there much
discussion, when you

823

00:44:28,480 --> 00:44:30,400

were in this
prisoner of war camp,

824

00:44:30,400 --> 00:44:35,440

with the other German about
why you'd lost the war?

825

00:44:35,440 --> 00:44:37,870

Did people talk about that much?

826

00:44:37,870 --> 00:44:39,460

No, not in this camp.

827

00:44:39,460 --> 00:44:46,180

Because they are no SS
or people like that--

828

00:44:46,180 --> 00:44:49,240

more normal people.

829

00:44:49,240 --> 00:44:53,770

And we had no officer.

830

00:44:53,770 --> 00:44:57,460

The officers came
later to our camp.

831

00:44:57,460 --> 00:45:05,080

And the American army sent
them to a French camp.

832

00:45:05,080 --> 00:45:11,950

And they look very
hungry and very thin.

833

00:45:11,950 --> 00:45:17,990

And we feed them
during the night

834

00:45:17,990 --> 00:45:22,420

and gave them transfusion
in the hospital.

835

00:45:22,420 --> 00:45:24,760

But the American soldiers,
they didn't know that.

836

00:45:24,760 --> 00:45:27,900

We put them some places
until they recovered.

837

00:45:27,900 --> 00:45:30,850

838

00:45:30,850 --> 00:45:32,660

So you tried to give
them extra ration?

839

00:45:32,660 --> 00:45:33,660

Yeah, yeah.

840

00:45:33,660 --> 00:45:38,390

841

00:45:38,390 --> 00:45:40,510

How soon after the
war was over did you

842

00:45:40,510 --> 00:45:44,800

find out about the death camps
and the concentration camps.

843
00:45:44,800 --> 00:45:48,520
I hear that already in prison,
and I couldn't believe it.

844
00:45:48,520 --> 00:45:50,890
Because it was Star and Stripes.

845
00:45:50,890 --> 00:45:57,070
And so, we had, on this
place where we working,

846
00:45:57,070 --> 00:45:59,890
we had connection to
the American soldiers

847
00:45:59,890 --> 00:46:03,320
and also to
newspapers and so on.

848
00:46:03,320 --> 00:46:07,750
And I couldn't believe it.

849
00:46:07,750 --> 00:46:10,140
Did you think that
we were making it up?

850
00:46:10,140 --> 00:46:12,310
First, I think it is propaganda.

851
00:46:12,310 --> 00:46:16,360
But after that, it was a
real situation, you know?

852
00:46:16,360 --> 00:46:20,870

853
00:46:20,870 --> 00:46:23,330
When you ran away,
how did you get home?

854

00:46:23,330 --> 00:46:26,780

855

00:46:26,780 --> 00:46:34,790

We have over my POW
dress, I took other dress.

856

00:46:34,790 --> 00:46:36,660

And we have tea--

857

00:46:36,660 --> 00:46:41,420

teabags-- in our pockets
and coffee from the camp.

858

00:46:41,420 --> 00:46:47,130

And so we paid the
people on the train.

859

00:46:47,130 --> 00:46:49,700

And they put us in a
special place on the train.

860

00:46:49,700 --> 00:46:53,120

And on this way,
we came back to--

861

00:46:53,120 --> 00:46:57,830

first, we have to walk
across the border.

862

00:46:57,830 --> 00:46:59,660

And it was Belgium.

863

00:46:59,660 --> 00:47:03,680

And we didn't know the
right way because we

864

00:47:03,680 --> 00:47:11,360

have to cross to
streets, big streets.

865

00:47:11,360 --> 00:47:14,940

But we crossed only one.

866
00:47:14,940 --> 00:47:20,570
And so we ran on some
place in the morning

867
00:47:20,570 --> 00:47:25,040
and we didn't know it was
Germany or is it still Belgium.

868
00:47:25,040 --> 00:47:29,510
And I was a person,
they sent me--

869
00:47:29,510 --> 00:47:33,380
there was a girl
looking for milk.

870
00:47:33,380 --> 00:47:36,770
And I have to ask this
girl where we are.

871
00:47:36,770 --> 00:47:37,730
Where you are.

872
00:47:37,730 --> 00:47:39,800
Yeah, we are in Germany.

873
00:47:39,800 --> 00:47:40,430
In Germany?

874
00:47:40,430 --> 00:47:41,390
Yeah.

875
00:47:41,390 --> 00:47:48,710
And then we paid with
tea to get the train.

876
00:47:48,710 --> 00:47:51,850

877
00:47:51,850 --> 00:47:54,190

So you took the
train to Hamburg?

878
00:47:54,190 --> 00:47:54,690
Yeah.

879
00:47:54,690 --> 00:47:56,200
Yeah?

880
00:47:56,200 --> 00:47:59,050
And nobody tried to check
your papers or stop you?

881
00:47:59,050 --> 00:47:59,702
No, no.

882
00:47:59,702 --> 00:48:02,600

883
00:48:02,600 --> 00:48:05,070
And how long since you
had seen your family?

884
00:48:05,070 --> 00:48:05,870
Pardon?

885
00:48:05,870 --> 00:48:08,990
How long had it been since
you had seen your family?

886
00:48:08,990 --> 00:48:13,400
It's around 18 months.

887
00:48:13,400 --> 00:48:16,130
What was that like, to go back?

888
00:48:16,130 --> 00:48:17,810
Wonderful.

889
00:48:17,810 --> 00:48:18,980
That was very good.

890

00:48:18,980 --> 00:48:20,810

Was everyone there?

891

00:48:20,810 --> 00:48:23,750

Yes, I was the last
one to come back.

892

00:48:23,750 --> 00:48:25,670

On the end of the
war, everybody was--

893

00:48:25,670 --> 00:48:28,460

894

00:48:28,460 --> 00:48:33,350

my mother was, in
Thuringen, in Wasungen.

895

00:48:33,350 --> 00:48:37,400

This was our place
of our evacuation.

896

00:48:37,400 --> 00:48:43,160

My younger brother, Rolf, he
was in the Adolf-Hitler-Schule.

897

00:48:43,160 --> 00:48:47,000

I was near Goslar somewhere.

898

00:48:47,000 --> 00:48:50,550

And my father was in Berlin.

899

00:48:50,550 --> 00:48:53,060

And my older brother,
Karl Hans, he

900

00:48:53,060 --> 00:48:58,230

was pilot in south of France.

901

00:48:58,230 --> 00:49:03,830

And they are all here at
home in Hamburg, then me.

902
00:49:03,830 --> 00:49:07,330
I was the last one.

903
00:49:07,330 --> 00:49:09,640
That must have been
some reunion, huh?

904
00:49:09,640 --> 00:49:10,140
Yeah.

905
00:49:10,140 --> 00:49:12,760

906
00:49:12,760 --> 00:49:15,070
We are very happy that
we come together again.

907
00:49:15,070 --> 00:49:19,350

908
00:49:19,350 --> 00:49:28,040
But my father, something
was broken, His energy

909
00:49:28,040 --> 00:49:31,470
to do something, to work
with a job and so on.

910
00:49:31,470 --> 00:49:34,070
And he never spoke about it.

911
00:49:34,070 --> 00:49:39,530
But now, I have
been in Auschwitz.

912
00:49:39,530 --> 00:49:43,430
And I saw the chimneys
of the kitchens

913
00:49:43,430 --> 00:49:47,000
and all the other barracks.

914

00:49:47,000 --> 00:49:52,580

And these chimneys are just
the same that the factory

915

00:49:52,580 --> 00:49:59,060

in our evacuation place in
Thuringen. It was a [GERMAN]----

916

00:49:59,060 --> 00:50:03,440

[GERMAN] who works with
wood, cut wood and so on.

917

00:50:03,440 --> 00:50:06,020

I don't know the
name in English.

918

00:50:06,020 --> 00:50:14,180

And the factory, it's
just this chimneys.

919

00:50:14,180 --> 00:50:19,040

And my father said
all the time, he

920

00:50:19,040 --> 00:50:25,320

was working for the
Luftwaffe that he

921

00:50:25,320 --> 00:50:36,060

had to build field air bases
for the German army in the east

922

00:50:36,060 --> 00:50:45,825

and also in France and also
for gasoline for the planes.

923

00:50:45,825 --> 00:50:48,420

924

00:50:48,420 --> 00:50:50,790

But this was the
only information

925

00:50:50,790 --> 00:50:53,640

what we got from my father.

926

00:50:53,640 --> 00:50:55,320

But I saw these chimneys.

927

00:50:55,320 --> 00:50:57,840

928

00:50:57,840 --> 00:51:01,330

And this company
is in Thuringen,

929

00:51:01,330 --> 00:51:06,930

where we were evacuated,
they work for my father.

930

00:51:06,930 --> 00:51:12,450

This was the address we got from
my father, to go to this place.

931

00:51:12,450 --> 00:51:16,230

And I'm not sure.

932

00:51:16,230 --> 00:51:18,900

Maybe he had to do with
concentration camps.

933

00:51:18,900 --> 00:51:21,120

He didn't-- I don't know.

934

00:51:21,120 --> 00:51:22,890

You think he knew more?

935

00:51:22,890 --> 00:51:26,320

I think he knew more, but
he never spoke about it.

936

00:51:26,320 --> 00:51:33,090

And after the war, he
tried to pick a business

937
00:51:33,090 --> 00:51:34,380
or to do something.

938
00:51:34,380 --> 00:51:39,300
Everything was different
to the time before.

939
00:51:39,300 --> 00:51:42,810
He never get it.

940
00:51:42,810 --> 00:51:47,860
He start drinking, and
we lost plenty of money.

941
00:51:47,860 --> 00:51:49,170
And he was bankrupt.

942
00:51:49,170 --> 00:51:51,435
And it was a hard time.

943
00:51:51,435 --> 00:51:55,570

944
00:51:55,570 --> 00:51:57,560
You think something
was broken in him?

945
00:51:57,560 --> 00:51:58,190
I think so.

946
00:51:58,190 --> 00:51:58,690
Yeah.

947
00:51:58,690 --> 00:52:02,940

948
00:52:02,940 --> 00:52:07,510
That he knew too much,
or he saw too much?

949

00:52:07,510 --> 00:52:09,940
Yes, that's my feeling today.

950
00:52:09,940 --> 00:52:13,840
But I didn't know it.

951
00:52:13,840 --> 00:52:17,350
My mother, she was
during this time

952
00:52:17,350 --> 00:52:20,410
by herself in this
small village.

953
00:52:20,410 --> 00:52:28,010
She wrote a diary over the
last three weeks of the war.

954
00:52:28,010 --> 00:52:30,970
And I couldn't believe
it, that she wrote down

955
00:52:30,970 --> 00:52:37,360
that our Hitler didn't
get it and that she

956
00:52:37,360 --> 00:52:42,130
was very sorry that he
didn't get it with this war,

957
00:52:42,130 --> 00:52:45,130
that he lost the war.

958
00:52:45,130 --> 00:52:45,790
Crazy, huh?

959
00:52:45,790 --> 00:52:46,792
Mm-hmm.

960
00:52:46,792 --> 00:52:49,000
This was your mother writing
in the last three weeks?

961
00:52:49,000 --> 00:52:50,290
Yeah.

962
00:52:50,290 --> 00:52:55,210
Because first, the
Russian soldiers

963
00:52:55,210 --> 00:52:58,570
in this village and, after
that, the Americans--

964
00:52:58,570 --> 00:53:01,138

965
00:53:01,138 --> 00:53:02,930
or first, the Americans,
then the Russians.

966
00:53:02,930 --> 00:53:05,290
It was later on, Russian zone.

967
00:53:05,290 --> 00:53:11,100

968
00:53:11,100 --> 00:53:15,280
So she never understood the
full scope of his madness?

969
00:53:15,280 --> 00:53:15,780
No.

970
00:53:15,780 --> 00:53:21,770

971
00:53:21,770 --> 00:53:24,230
But she never heard of--

972
00:53:24,230 --> 00:53:26,540
my father-- she never
learned something

973

00:53:26,540 --> 00:53:29,100
about Jewish people or
something like that.

974
00:53:29,100 --> 00:53:31,650
Did you know Jewish people
when you were growing up?

975
00:53:31,650 --> 00:53:34,250
This was only this person.

976
00:53:34,250 --> 00:53:36,740
I worked for him
in his shoe place.

977
00:53:36,740 --> 00:53:37,490
In his shoe place.

978
00:53:37,490 --> 00:53:38,270
Yeah.

979
00:53:38,270 --> 00:53:41,360
Otherwise, your family
didn't know any Jews?

980
00:53:41,360 --> 00:53:47,330
After the war, I hear
about two people,

981
00:53:47,330 --> 00:53:49,160
they're working for my father.

982
00:53:49,160 --> 00:53:52,130
Because they came
back after the war,

983
00:53:52,130 --> 00:53:55,040
and they are looking for my
father, or for my parents.

984
00:53:55,040 --> 00:53:57,020
My mother was working, too.

985

00:53:57,020 --> 00:54:05,660

And I remember that one
family came and want

986

00:54:05,660 --> 00:54:09,590

to say thank you to
my father because he

987

00:54:09,590 --> 00:54:13,326

helps him and his father
to go to the United States.

988

00:54:13,326 --> 00:54:18,640

989

00:54:18,640 --> 00:54:20,635

I don't know which way.

990

00:54:20,635 --> 00:54:23,140

991

00:54:23,140 --> 00:54:27,370

Did they ever get to
talk to your father?

992

00:54:27,370 --> 00:54:28,510

They talked to my mother.

993

00:54:28,510 --> 00:54:33,070

And my mother, she
talked to me after that.

994

00:54:33,070 --> 00:54:36,070

And she didn't have
an address-- nothing.

995

00:54:36,070 --> 00:54:38,650

And so I have just
this information, no?

996

00:54:38,650 --> 00:54:49,160

997

00:54:49,160 --> 00:54:53,740

So how was it after you got back
from being a prisoner of war?

998

00:54:53,740 --> 00:54:58,670

Yes, I go back to school
to finish my school.

999

00:54:58,670 --> 00:55:00,610

And after that, I
studied medicine.

1000

00:55:00,610 --> 00:55:04,660

1001

00:55:04,660 --> 00:55:08,230

What was the spirit in
the country at that time?

1002

00:55:08,230 --> 00:55:12,160

It was the black market time.

1003

00:55:12,160 --> 00:55:17,560

And now, I went down
south of Hamburg,

1004

00:55:17,560 --> 00:55:25,520

in the country, that they
are places of still thinking

1005

00:55:25,520 --> 00:55:27,640

in the Nazi way.

1006

00:55:27,640 --> 00:55:32,380

And it was near Uelzen--

1007

00:55:32,380 --> 00:55:40,900

near the Luneburg.

1008

00:55:40,900 --> 00:55:42,100

That's a place--

1009
00:55:42,100 --> 00:55:46,270
I don't know why they
thinking in this way.

1010
00:55:46,270 --> 00:55:52,570
It was also Celle, a small town.

1011
00:55:52,570 --> 00:55:54,790
It was not destroyed.

1012
00:55:54,790 --> 00:55:58,900
And they are, after
the war, are still

1013
00:55:58,900 --> 00:56:03,220
thinking the
Russians have to give

1014
00:56:03,220 --> 00:56:07,360
back German country and
Ostpreussen and so on.

1015
00:56:07,360 --> 00:56:10,420

1016
00:56:10,420 --> 00:56:14,620
But from this point on,
I couldn't believe it,

1017
00:56:14,620 --> 00:56:18,310
what they wanted, which
way they are thinking.

1018
00:56:18,310 --> 00:56:28,250
And my family, we
are not Nazis at all.

1019
00:56:28,250 --> 00:56:30,640
We are not thinking this way.

1020
00:56:30,640 --> 00:56:35,890

We are more thinking as a social way, the sozialdemokratie.

1021
00:56:35,890 --> 00:56:38,950
This was more our way after the war.

1022
00:56:38,950 --> 00:56:49,040

1023
00:56:49,040 --> 00:56:54,140
I cannot understand today that we don't have had questions

1024
00:56:54,140 --> 00:56:55,450
to our parents, no?

1025
00:56:55,450 --> 00:56:58,840

1026
00:56:58,840 --> 00:57:03,630
And I understand that, during the war and also during

1027
00:57:03,630 --> 00:57:09,210
the Nazi time, let's say, they cannot do it.

1028
00:57:09,210 --> 00:57:11,670
The system was a little bit the same

1029
00:57:11,670 --> 00:57:15,870
like after the war in the GDR.

1030
00:57:15,870 --> 00:57:21,750
The children, if the children say something

1031
00:57:21,750 --> 00:57:25,170
in school about their parents, that they are not

1032

00:57:25,170 --> 00:57:28,650

of the same political
line, then the parents

1033

00:57:28,650 --> 00:57:30,430

have had big troubles.

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00:57:30,430 --> 00:57:33,030

And so I think it was
the same in Germany

1035

00:57:33,030 --> 00:57:41,250

that you have troubles if you
spoke against the Nazis, no?

1036

00:57:41,250 --> 00:57:42,900

I think so.

1037

00:57:42,900 --> 00:57:44,880

So you think there was
kind of an understanding

1038

00:57:44,880 --> 00:57:47,463

that there were certain things
that shouldn't be talked about?

1039

00:57:47,463 --> 00:57:48,630

Yeah.

1040

00:57:48,630 --> 00:57:51,100

And everyone kind of knew that?

1041

00:57:51,100 --> 00:57:51,600

Yeah.

1042

00:57:51,600 --> 00:57:54,360

1043

00:57:54,360 --> 00:57:57,420

The only thing what
I thought before,

1044

00:57:57,420 --> 00:58:03,780
after the Luftwaffenhelfer time
and before I came to the army,

1045

00:58:03,780 --> 00:58:08,535
I was, for six weeks,
in the Arbeitsdienst.

1046

00:58:08,535 --> 00:58:16,670
Arbeitsdienst, this was
a organization what--

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00:58:16,670 --> 00:58:17,850
A work organization.

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00:58:17,850 --> 00:58:20,040
A work organization.

1049

00:58:20,040 --> 00:58:23,520
During the time from
1933 to the war,

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00:58:23,520 --> 00:58:27,630
they built Autobahn,
the highways, and so on.

1051

00:58:27,630 --> 00:58:33,883
And it was a half-military
organization.

1052

00:58:33,883 --> 00:58:34,800
But you have to do it.

1053

00:58:34,800 --> 00:58:37,950
You have to go to,
first, Luftwaffenhelfer,

1054

00:58:37,950 --> 00:58:44,040
and then I was six weeks
in this area in Weimar.

1055

00:58:44,040 --> 00:58:48,240

This was in the
neighborhood of Wolfs--

1056
00:58:48,240 --> 00:58:52,680
Hitler's school,
Adolf-Hitler-Schule.

1057
00:58:52,680 --> 00:58:56,790
And he met me once.

1058
00:58:56,790 --> 00:59:04,530
And in this camp--

1059
00:59:04,530 --> 00:59:07,040
this was in Weimar--

1060
00:59:07,040 --> 00:59:10,340
the train, we was
on the railway,

1061
00:59:10,340 --> 00:59:11,600
near the railroad track.

1062
00:59:11,600 --> 00:59:16,190
This was the first time I
saw prisoner of Buchenwald.

1063
00:59:16,190 --> 00:59:19,800
And they spoke, that's
political prisoners.

1064
00:59:19,800 --> 00:59:22,660
How'd you know they
were from Buchenwald.

1065
00:59:22,660 --> 00:59:24,620
Buchenwald was just
in our neighborhood.

1066
00:59:24,620 --> 00:59:26,585
And the train, this was--

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00:59:26,585 --> 00:59:27,730
Went through the station.

1068
00:59:27,730 --> 00:59:28,230
Yeah, yeah.

1069
00:59:28,230 --> 00:59:29,615
And they spoke about it.

1070
00:59:29,615 --> 00:59:31,580
Yeah, a camp in Buchenwald.

1071
00:59:31,580 --> 00:59:34,340
And they are working there.

1072
00:59:34,340 --> 00:59:42,860
And this was the only
passenger contact.

1073
00:59:42,860 --> 00:59:47,120
We couldn't speak to them,
but just we saw them, no?

1074
00:59:47,120 --> 00:59:48,980
It was forbidden
to speak to them?

1075
00:59:48,980 --> 00:59:50,930
Yes.

1076
00:59:50,930 --> 00:59:53,660
The distance was too big.

1077
00:59:53,660 --> 00:59:57,920
And in this camp,
the SS was there.

1078
00:59:57,920 --> 01:00:03,830
We came together in a
casino, and they spoke.

1079
01:00:03,830 --> 01:00:06,560

We like that you
come by yourself

1080
01:00:06,560 --> 01:00:10,850
to serve in the SS army.

1081
01:00:10,850 --> 01:00:17,540
And this was information of my
father, said, don't do this.

1082
01:00:17,540 --> 01:00:19,280
Never do it.

1083
01:00:19,280 --> 01:00:24,110
Say that you want to
go by yourself to be

1084
01:00:24,110 --> 01:00:26,930
an officer in the Air Force.

1085
01:00:26,930 --> 01:00:29,720
And then, they let you go.

1086
01:00:29,720 --> 01:00:31,290
And I say that.

1087
01:00:31,290 --> 01:00:32,630
And there was a door.

1088
01:00:32,630 --> 01:00:35,310
They ask each person.

1089
01:00:35,310 --> 01:00:36,800
And they let me go out.

1090
01:00:36,800 --> 01:00:39,770
And after that, I called
my father in Berlin.

1091
01:00:39,770 --> 01:00:41,900
I said, now you have
to do it just now.

1092
01:00:41,900 --> 01:00:45,890
Because they look for that,
that your answer was right,

1093
01:00:45,890 --> 01:00:51,560
that you ought to
go to the Air Force.

1094
01:00:51,560 --> 01:00:57,020
And this way, I came to
this Raumgeschwader Oesau.

1095
01:00:57,020 --> 01:00:59,780

1096
01:00:59,780 --> 01:01:01,850
And not to the SS.

1097
01:01:01,850 --> 01:01:02,720
And not to what?

1098
01:01:02,720 --> 01:01:03,590
To the SS.

1099
01:01:03,590 --> 01:01:07,420

1100
01:01:07,420 --> 01:01:10,700
But what did you know
about the SS then?

1101
01:01:10,700 --> 01:01:13,550
I know only that they
are special troops,

1102
01:01:13,550 --> 01:01:20,300
and they have a very high
rate of death, the soldiers.

1103
01:01:20,300 --> 01:01:24,730

1104
01:01:24,730 --> 01:01:27,670
And I wasn't interested.

1105
01:01:27,670 --> 01:01:28,220
For what?

1106
01:01:28,220 --> 01:01:32,396

1107
01:01:32,396 --> 01:01:36,130
Were there rumors about
camps in the east?

1108
01:01:36,130 --> 01:01:38,020
No.

1109
01:01:38,020 --> 01:01:41,200
I never hear about camps.

1110
01:01:41,200 --> 01:01:44,410
If I came in prison,
was a prisoner

1111
01:01:44,410 --> 01:01:48,460
of war, the American army,
that's the first time that I

1112
01:01:48,460 --> 01:01:51,580
saw they have different gates.

1113
01:01:51,580 --> 01:01:53,920
And some gates
are for political,

1114
01:01:53,920 --> 01:02:01,990
that some gates also for
Gypsies or foreign workers from

1115
01:02:01,990 --> 01:02:03,190
France-- they worked--

1116

01:02:03,190 --> 01:02:05,480
and Germany, and so on.

1117

01:02:05,480 --> 01:02:09,280
This was the first
time I hear about

1118

01:02:09,280 --> 01:02:12,723
that they are also political.

1119

01:02:12,723 --> 01:02:14,140
That they're a
political prisoner.

1120

01:02:14,140 --> 01:02:14,640
Yeah.

1121

01:02:14,640 --> 01:02:18,090

1122

01:02:18,090 --> 01:02:23,940
I saw it on the Kristallnacht,
after that, people in Hamburg

1123

01:02:23,940 --> 01:02:28,470
with a Jewish star
on their clothes.

1124

01:02:28,470 --> 01:02:30,220
That was only after
Kristallnacht, huh?

1125

01:02:30,220 --> 01:02:30,720
Yeah.

1126

01:02:30,720 --> 01:02:32,250
Yeah.

1127

01:02:32,250 --> 01:02:34,200
And did you see people
throughout the war

1128

01:02:34,200 --> 01:02:37,320

that had to wear the
star, or less and less?

1129

01:02:37,320 --> 01:02:38,430

No, I saw--

1130

01:02:38,430 --> 01:02:41,420

1131

01:02:41,420 --> 01:02:46,220

I was too short in
this time, in this--

1132

01:02:46,220 --> 01:02:46,940

I have to do it.

1133

01:02:46,940 --> 01:02:47,830

I was too young.

1134

01:02:47,830 --> 01:02:50,285

I was 17 if I came in prison.

1135

01:02:50,285 --> 01:02:52,820

1136

01:02:52,820 --> 01:02:57,090

Now, after the war and after
everyone got home and so on,

1137

01:02:57,090 --> 01:03:00,485

did you talk about what had
happened earlier in the family?

1138

01:03:00,485 --> 01:03:04,460

1139

01:03:04,460 --> 01:03:08,250

Yes, only that my
father lost his good job

1140

01:03:08,250 --> 01:03:09,800
and his good business.

1141
01:03:09,800 --> 01:03:18,080
And yeah, we have
everything, our furniture

1142
01:03:18,080 --> 01:03:19,880
and that we have it still.

1143
01:03:19,880 --> 01:03:24,710
What we have in Hamburg,
it was still there.

1144
01:03:24,710 --> 01:03:32,000
But my parents took my truck,
some, down to the country,

1145
01:03:32,000 --> 01:03:36,240
and we lost it in East Germany.

1146
01:03:36,240 --> 01:03:43,440
And so I remember
after war was terrible.

1147
01:03:43,440 --> 01:03:45,920
But of the time
before, it was very bad

1148
01:03:45,920 --> 01:03:48,560
because we have had everything.

1149
01:03:48,560 --> 01:03:52,160

1150
01:03:52,160 --> 01:03:54,875
But we never got a car
after the war, my parents.

1151
01:03:54,875 --> 01:03:55,680
No more car.

1152

01:03:55,680 --> 01:03:56,180
No.

1153
01:03:56,180 --> 01:03:58,820

1154
01:03:58,820 --> 01:04:01,970
It took until, what,
around 1955 for Germany

1155
01:04:01,970 --> 01:04:05,630
to begin to revive economically?

1156
01:04:05,630 --> 01:04:06,960
It start earlier.

1157
01:04:06,960 --> 01:04:07,460
Earlier?

1158
01:04:07,460 --> 01:04:09,140
Yes.

1159
01:04:09,140 --> 01:04:14,300
I couldn't finish my
study because there was

1160
01:04:14,300 --> 01:04:18,660
limited who can be a physician.

1161
01:04:18,660 --> 01:04:26,330
And so, after six semesters,
there was an examination,

1162
01:04:26,330 --> 01:04:28,490
and I didn't get it, OK.

1163
01:04:28,490 --> 01:04:32,990
And during this time,
I met my first wife.

1164
01:04:32,990 --> 01:04:39,860
And her father was a

plumber with a big company.

1165

01:04:39,860 --> 01:04:41,830

He had 150 workers.

1166

01:04:41,830 --> 01:04:44,630

And it was a time

Germany was to build up.

1167

01:04:44,630 --> 01:04:51,530

And his son died

during the war, and he

1168

01:04:51,530 --> 01:04:53,510

was looking for somebody.

1169

01:04:53,510 --> 01:04:59,150

And OK, we married 1953.

1170

01:04:59,150 --> 01:05:07,910

And I study now to be a plumber.

1171

01:05:07,910 --> 01:05:12,170

And I got a master's

degree in this area.

1172

01:05:12,170 --> 01:05:12,710

Plumbing?

1173

01:05:12,710 --> 01:05:13,850

Plumbing, yeah.

1174

01:05:13,850 --> 01:05:16,790

1175

01:05:16,790 --> 01:05:19,910

But it doesn't work very

well with my father-in-law,

1176

01:05:19,910 --> 01:05:23,600

and he's going bankrupt.

1177

01:05:23,600 --> 01:05:26,510

And I changed my job.

1178

01:05:26,510 --> 01:05:30,350

1179

01:05:30,350 --> 01:05:33,890

I studied medicine,
and I was a plumber.

1180

01:05:33,890 --> 01:05:40,040

And so my new job was
to furnish laboratories.

1181

01:05:40,040 --> 01:05:41,930

Medical laboratory?

1182

01:05:41,930 --> 01:05:44,600

Everything, every
kind of laboratory.

1183

01:05:44,600 --> 01:05:47,840

And I did this for 40 years.

1184

01:05:47,840 --> 01:05:52,580

And this was a very good
job, and the basis for that

1185

01:05:52,580 --> 01:05:54,710

was very well.

1186

01:05:54,710 --> 01:05:55,490

Did you like it?

1187

01:05:55,490 --> 01:05:57,170

Yeah.

1188

01:05:57,170 --> 01:06:00,140

It was my hobby.

1189

01:06:00,140 --> 01:06:01,010

Oh, I'm sorry.

1190
01:06:01,010 --> 01:06:05,340
You didn't get on with your
father-in-law too well?

1191
01:06:05,340 --> 01:06:06,150
Pardon?

1192
01:06:06,150 --> 01:06:08,940
You didn't get along with
your father-in-law too well?

1193
01:06:08,940 --> 01:06:11,865
No.

1194
01:06:11,865 --> 01:06:15,090
He didn't study.

1195
01:06:15,090 --> 01:06:23,370
He liked to install social
buildings, apartments.

1196
01:06:23,370 --> 01:06:27,340
And there was one
like the other one--

1197
01:06:27,340 --> 01:06:28,620
hundreds.

1198
01:06:28,620 --> 01:06:31,480
And I like it a little
bit more difficult.

1199
01:06:31,480 --> 01:06:34,230
And I start to
furnish laboratories

1200
01:06:34,230 --> 01:06:41,410
to furnish hospitals to furnish
industrial companies and so on.

1201

01:06:41,410 --> 01:06:43,620
And this was more important.

1202
01:06:43,620 --> 01:06:46,200
And I get a little
bit more complicated.

1203
01:06:46,200 --> 01:06:50,530
And he didn't want it.

1204
01:06:50,530 --> 01:06:54,900
And so I went to another
company, to a special company.

1205
01:06:54,900 --> 01:07:00,450
And yeah, he finished his work.

1206
01:07:00,450 --> 01:07:03,150
I was very sorry.

1207
01:07:03,150 --> 01:07:09,830
My mother-in-law, she was
how you call that, with--

1208
01:07:09,830 --> 01:07:12,510
Germans have a [GERMAN] when
they feed their horses thing,

1209
01:07:12,510 --> 01:07:13,360
you know.

1210
01:07:13,360 --> 01:07:13,860
Blinders.

1211
01:07:13,860 --> 01:07:14,910
Yeah, blinders.

1212
01:07:14,910 --> 01:07:26,340
And this was the end of the
company of my father-in-law.

1213
01:07:26,340 --> 01:07:28,650

So you were married how long?

1214

01:07:28,650 --> 01:07:30,570

I was married 17 years.

1215

01:07:30,570 --> 01:07:31,510

17.

1216

01:07:31,510 --> 01:07:34,890

17 years, with three children.

1217

01:07:34,890 --> 01:07:36,000

And what happened?

1218

01:07:36,000 --> 01:07:38,730

1219

01:07:38,730 --> 01:07:44,430

Our problems years were 1968.

1220

01:07:44,430 --> 01:07:49,050

This was a time in this country
with the flower children.

1221

01:07:49,050 --> 01:07:56,520

And in Germany, before we
have had always the Christ

1222

01:07:56,520 --> 01:07:59,970

Democratic Party,
Konrad Adenauer.

1223

01:07:59,970 --> 01:08:03,240

And they are very,
very conservative.

1224

01:08:03,240 --> 01:08:09,300

And I liked it the other
way, more with Willy Brandt,

1225

01:08:09,300 --> 01:08:12,780

the Social Democratic Party.

1226
01:08:12,780 --> 01:08:18,210
And it was a time of changing
that Willy Brandt came

1227
01:08:18,210 --> 01:08:19,109
to power.

1228
01:08:19,109 --> 01:08:30,149
And his information, see
they were too extremely.

1229
01:08:30,149 --> 01:08:37,560
Because it changed, if you
have problems with your family

1230
01:08:37,560 --> 01:08:41,970
or with financial or with
the health insurance or that,

1231
01:08:41,970 --> 01:08:44,160
you have to go to
the government.

1232
01:08:44,160 --> 01:08:46,600
The government had to do it.

1233
01:08:46,600 --> 01:08:49,529
You don't have to
ask for something.

1234
01:08:49,529 --> 01:08:52,810
It's your right that you get it.

1235
01:08:52,810 --> 01:08:58,815
And on this way, they
over dived everything.

1236
01:08:58,815 --> 01:08:59,565
Also, my children.

1237
01:08:59,565 --> 01:09:00,899

They said, no, no.

1238

01:09:00,899 --> 01:09:05,430

We can do what we want,
and this is the right way

1239

01:09:05,430 --> 01:09:08,910

to live and not
your way and so on.

1240

01:09:08,910 --> 01:09:12,450

And they didn't get the school.

1241

01:09:12,450 --> 01:09:17,220

They did a class a second
time and a third time.

1242

01:09:17,220 --> 01:09:18,840

That's not the right way.

1243

01:09:18,840 --> 01:09:26,850

And my wife, she
start to study, also.

1244

01:09:26,850 --> 01:09:28,800

And I accepted it.

1245

01:09:28,800 --> 01:09:32,010

Because the children
are quite enough.

1246

01:09:32,010 --> 01:09:38,580

And this was in a part of
Germany, it was always--

1247

01:09:38,580 --> 01:09:42,330

we call it this was a
red part of Germany.

1248

01:09:42,330 --> 01:09:47,399

Most Social Democratic
people there.

1249

01:09:47,399 --> 01:09:50,399
And they said, now, it changed.

1250

01:09:50,399 --> 01:09:52,529
Now, we're the capitalists.

1251

01:09:52,529 --> 01:09:55,680
They have to pay for everything,
and we have open hands,

1252

01:09:55,680 --> 01:09:56,460
and we take it.

1253

01:09:56,460 --> 01:09:57,030
We take it.

1254

01:09:57,030 --> 01:09:58,500
We take it.

1255

01:09:58,500 --> 01:10:01,920
And it changed absolutely,
also in the way

1256

01:10:01,920 --> 01:10:08,970
of life in the families that
the children did what they want,

1257

01:10:08,970 --> 01:10:14,530
absolutely, and I
couldn't do nothing.

1258

01:10:14,530 --> 01:10:18,810
And so they said, no, come on.

1259

01:10:18,810 --> 01:10:22,170
And they took money, and
they took credits and so on.

1260

01:10:22,170 --> 01:10:27,190
And it was very fast that
I have no money anymore.

1261

01:10:27,190 --> 01:10:29,820

On the other hand, I
had a very good job.

1262

01:10:29,820 --> 01:10:36,930

But I had a chauffeur
and a Mercedes.

1263

01:10:36,930 --> 01:10:43,320

And they drove me to
different places in Germany

1264

01:10:43,320 --> 01:10:44,650

and also at home.

1265

01:10:44,650 --> 01:10:46,080

They picked me up
in the morning.

1266

01:10:46,080 --> 01:10:49,920

And I was a capitalist for them.

1267

01:10:49,920 --> 01:10:53,760

But in the company, I
was just the opposite.

1268

01:10:53,760 --> 01:10:57,340

Because my way of thinking
was still the other way.

1269

01:10:57,340 --> 01:11:00,360

And so it doesn't work.

1270

01:11:00,360 --> 01:11:02,490

My marriage broke down.

1271

01:11:02,490 --> 01:11:05,070

1272

01:11:05,070 --> 01:11:05,810

Yeah.

1273

01:11:05,810 --> 01:11:06,510

Was that hard?

1274

01:11:06,510 --> 01:11:08,520

And I lost my job, too.

1275

01:11:08,520 --> 01:11:11,493

Because they said,
you are lefty.

1276

01:11:11,493 --> 01:11:12,300

Really?

1277

01:11:12,300 --> 01:11:14,550

Yeah.

1278

01:11:14,550 --> 01:11:17,100

And this way, it was in
the middle of Germany.

1279

01:11:17,100 --> 01:11:20,370

And then, this way, I
went back to Hamburg,

1280

01:11:20,370 --> 01:11:23,490

and I stayed there by myself.

1281

01:11:23,490 --> 01:11:31,330

And this way, I met my
second wife in Hamburg.

1282

01:11:31,330 --> 01:11:33,580

Tell us about her, and
tell us about that.

1283

01:11:33,580 --> 01:11:38,320

1284

01:11:38,320 --> 01:11:40,060

She was a teacher.

1285

01:11:40,060 --> 01:11:43,900
Her family is from Vienna.

1286
01:11:43,900 --> 01:11:52,120
And they came 1978 from
Vienna to New York.

1287
01:11:52,120 --> 01:11:55,340
And Gerda had a sister.

1288
01:11:55,340 --> 01:11:56,680
She was two years older.

1289
01:11:56,680 --> 01:12:02,890
And they stay in
New York, and they

1290
01:12:02,890 --> 01:12:04,990
finished school and university.

1291
01:12:04,990 --> 01:12:07,930
And she was first.

1292
01:12:07,930 --> 01:12:12,910
She studied physics, and she
works for Bell Laboratories

1293
01:12:12,910 --> 01:12:14,590
in New York.

1294
01:12:14,590 --> 01:12:18,640
And then, she married,
and the children came.

1295
01:12:18,640 --> 01:12:23,650
And she start to
teach mathematics

1296
01:12:23,650 --> 01:12:25,930
on Scarsdale High School.

1297
01:12:25,930 --> 01:12:28,660

And she did this for
more than 18 or 20 years.

1298
01:12:28,660 --> 01:12:29,650
I don't know exactly.

1299
01:12:29,650 --> 01:12:32,650

1300
01:12:32,650 --> 01:12:36,250
At this time, I
met her in Hamburg.

1301
01:12:36,250 --> 01:12:42,950
Because she had traveled
with her husband.

1302
01:12:42,950 --> 01:12:45,580
And she was looking
for someplace

1303
01:12:45,580 --> 01:12:49,600
for a separation for one year.

1304
01:12:49,600 --> 01:12:52,750
And she took a job.

1305
01:12:52,750 --> 01:12:56,530
Hamburg was looking for
foreign math teachers.

1306
01:12:56,530 --> 01:13:00,370
Because, at this time, we
haven't had enough math

1307
01:13:00,370 --> 01:13:02,590
teachers on high school.

1308
01:13:02,590 --> 01:13:04,160
And she was one of them.

1309
01:13:04,160 --> 01:13:07,270

And I met her in Hamburg.

1310

01:13:07,270 --> 01:13:11,980

Hamburg took 45 teachers
from the United States.

1311

01:13:11,980 --> 01:13:16,510

And in this way, we met
each other in Hamburg.

1312

01:13:16,510 --> 01:13:24,100

And her match looks like that
it's more than separated,

1313

01:13:24,100 --> 01:13:30,940

and she was divorced,
and my marriage, too.

1314

01:13:30,940 --> 01:13:37,090

And so we are good
friends, but we never

1315

01:13:37,090 --> 01:13:41,140

were thinking about this we
maybe want to be married.

1316

01:13:41,140 --> 01:13:44,080

Because both of us, our
marriage, on the end,

1317

01:13:44,080 --> 01:13:48,320

was not a good way of thinking.

1318

01:13:48,320 --> 01:13:55,250

And so after four years, it
was the time that I said,

1319

01:13:55,250 --> 01:14:01,060

OK, now, I have no problems
to live by myself in Hamburg.

1320

01:14:01,060 --> 01:14:08,560

And Gerda called me and

said, what you think about--

1321

01:14:08,560 --> 01:14:13,230

I want to visit you for
one year in Hamburg.

1322

01:14:13,230 --> 01:14:16,750

And my first reaction
was, oh, god.

1323

01:14:16,750 --> 01:14:24,850

But she came, and she start to
teach for one year in Hamburg,

1324

01:14:24,850 --> 01:14:29,290

mathematics, in high school.

1325

01:14:29,290 --> 01:14:32,290

And she start with
a question here.

1326

01:14:32,290 --> 01:14:37,150

What happens to
the other teachers,

1327

01:14:37,150 --> 01:14:38,170

the American teachers?

1328

01:14:38,170 --> 01:14:38,920

What do you think?

1329

01:14:38,920 --> 01:14:41,800

What is the difference
between to teach in Germany

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01:14:41,800 --> 01:14:44,290

or to teach in
the United States?

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01:14:44,290 --> 01:14:48,760

And also, she asked
students, German students,

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01:14:48,760 --> 01:14:53,110
they are for one year
in the United States,

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01:14:53,110 --> 01:14:57,610
what do you think about what
is the difference between to go

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01:14:57,610 --> 01:15:00,520
to school in this
country and so?

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01:15:00,520 --> 01:15:07,390
At the end, she came
back to this country

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01:15:07,390 --> 01:15:11,065
and studied on Columbia.

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01:15:11,065 --> 01:15:13,840
In the morning, she was in
high school in Scarsdale.

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01:15:13,840 --> 01:15:16,240
In the evening, she studied.

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01:15:16,240 --> 01:15:20,410
And she made her PhD.

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01:15:20,410 --> 01:15:22,540
In what?

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01:15:22,540 --> 01:15:23,920
Psychology.

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01:15:23,920 --> 01:15:24,580
Psychology.

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01:15:24,580 --> 01:15:25,480
Yeah.

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01:15:25,480 --> 01:15:33,370

And her dissertation
was a questionnaire

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01:15:33,370 --> 01:15:38,980

to American and German
students about that they

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01:15:38,980 --> 01:15:42,370

are 17 years old in this area.

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01:15:42,370 --> 01:15:46,870

And it was a questionnaire
from a lady--

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01:15:46,870 --> 01:15:49,540

her name is Kagitcibasi.

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01:15:49,540 --> 01:15:52,840

She was an American
at this time.

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01:15:52,840 --> 01:15:54,655

Now, she is back in Turkey.

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01:15:54,655 --> 01:15:57,190

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01:15:57,190 --> 01:16:00,970

Just after the war, she
asked German students

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01:16:00,970 --> 01:16:03,310

and American students,
and there was

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01:16:03,310 --> 01:16:05,530

a big, big difference
in German students

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01:16:05,530 --> 01:16:09,040

are very authoritarian.

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01:16:09,040 --> 01:16:11,090

And OK.

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01:16:11,090 --> 01:16:14,500

And her thing was 1978.

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01:16:14,500 --> 01:16:17,950

And this was the
first time it said,

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01:16:17,950 --> 01:16:21,460

the German students
are more or less

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01:16:21,460 --> 01:16:25,750

authoritarian than
the Americans?

1361

01:16:25,750 --> 01:16:28,610

Nobody wants to believe it.

1362

01:16:28,610 --> 01:16:34,530

And she continue it,
this questionnaire,

1363

01:16:34,530 --> 01:16:41,970

in Austria and in Russia
and also in this country.

1364

01:16:41,970 --> 01:16:46,020

And it's still the
same situation.

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01:16:46,020 --> 01:16:49,830

The American young
people are more

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01:16:49,830 --> 01:16:51,345

authoritarian than the Germans.

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01:16:51,345 --> 01:16:54,910

1368
01:16:54,910 --> 01:16:55,410
Yes.

1369
01:16:55,410 --> 01:16:58,920
And now, she is still
working in this area.

1370
01:16:58,920 --> 01:17:06,420
In the moment, she is
teaching online, on internet,

1371
01:17:06,420 --> 01:17:11,010
in New York for the New
School, and in Germany, it's

1372
01:17:11,010 --> 01:17:14,010
the University of Bielefeld.

1373
01:17:14,010 --> 01:17:16,740
And now, it's the
second semester.

1374
01:17:16,740 --> 01:17:22,080
The first time was
about prejudice,

1375
01:17:22,080 --> 01:17:25,950
Germans against Americans and
Americans against Germans.

1376
01:17:25,950 --> 01:17:28,950
And she had German students
and American students.

1377
01:17:28,950 --> 01:17:31,260
And it was a very
interesting, of course.

1378
01:17:31,260 --> 01:17:36,540
And this time was
about what happens

1379

01:17:36,540 --> 01:17:46,420

with the media in this
country and Germany

1380

01:17:46,420 --> 01:17:51,040

and what the students,
what they remember

1381

01:17:51,040 --> 01:17:57,140

was an important political
thing during their life.

1382

01:17:57,140 --> 01:18:01,840

And very interesting that
the Japanese students

1383

01:18:01,840 --> 01:18:04,870

never spoke about
Hiroshima or something.,

1384

01:18:04,870 --> 01:18:07,600

that it was important.

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01:18:07,600 --> 01:18:15,280

The important thing was, OK,
World War II but nothing very

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01:18:15,280 --> 01:18:15,970

special.

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01:18:15,970 --> 01:18:25,180

And the same as the
American young people.

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01:18:25,180 --> 01:18:30,730

And now, at the moment, she is
teaching the Manhattan College

1389

01:18:30,730 --> 01:18:32,830

and about Holocaust.

1390

01:18:32,830 --> 01:18:36,170

1391
01:18:36,170 --> 01:18:40,890
Was that a problem for you
and for her to get together?

1392
01:18:40,890 --> 01:18:42,500
It was not a problem for us.

1393
01:18:42,500 --> 01:18:46,430
It was more a problem
with her children--

1394
01:18:46,430 --> 01:18:48,830
not with my children,
with her children.

1395
01:18:48,830 --> 01:18:52,640
They couldn't believe
it, that their mother

1396
01:18:52,640 --> 01:18:59,870
met a German and this German
was also in the German army--

1397
01:18:59,870 --> 01:19:02,150
well, only six weeks, but I was.

1398
01:19:02,150 --> 01:19:07,370
And we had to work
on this, especially

1399
01:19:07,370 --> 01:19:11,150
with the oldest daughter.

1400
01:19:11,150 --> 01:19:18,410
And there are some I tell
you, it was very, very hard.

1401
01:19:18,410 --> 01:19:21,920
But today and now,
for a long time,

1402

01:19:21,920 --> 01:19:26,900

it works very well with
her three daughters.

1403

01:19:26,900 --> 01:19:30,780

And how about you with
your friends in Germany?

1404

01:19:30,780 --> 01:19:31,280

Yes.

1405

01:19:31,280 --> 01:19:35,300

1406

01:19:35,300 --> 01:19:40,220

Most of my friends,
we have no problems.

1407

01:19:40,220 --> 01:19:44,570

Because I never know
friends that they

1408

01:19:44,570 --> 01:19:52,100

are in the German Nazi party
or have a big job or something

1409

01:19:52,100 --> 01:19:54,240

like that.

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01:19:54,240 --> 01:19:59,780

And the connection to Gerda was
very quickly and very friendly

1411

01:19:59,780 --> 01:20:00,930

and very open.

1412

01:20:00,930 --> 01:20:04,670

We have had big
discussions about it.

1413

01:20:04,670 --> 01:20:08,960

And we never have had problems.

1414
01:20:08,960 --> 01:20:15,770
If we met sometimes somebody,
Gerda works with scales.

1415
01:20:15,770 --> 01:20:17,730
They are Autoritarismus scale.

1416
01:20:17,730 --> 01:20:23,510
They are-- they are different
scales, a group of question

1417
01:20:23,510 --> 01:20:28,470
who answered you if you have
this question to a person.

1418
01:20:28,470 --> 01:20:30,980
And she said, yes,
yes, yes, or no.

1419
01:20:30,980 --> 01:20:34,490
And so then, you can
say, OK, it looks

1420
01:20:34,490 --> 01:20:39,470
like that he is a
very tolerant person,

1421
01:20:39,470 --> 01:20:42,710
or he is a very authoritarian
person, and so on.

1422
01:20:42,710 --> 01:20:45,770
And so we met together
people have said,

1423
01:20:45,770 --> 01:20:49,160
look, this one, if you
have the 10 questions

1424
01:20:49,160 --> 01:20:52,880
asked him, yes, he said, yes.

1425
01:20:52,880 --> 01:20:53,960
It's crazy.

1426
01:20:53,960 --> 01:20:55,250
It's crazy.

1427
01:20:55,250 --> 01:21:00,380
And on this way, I learn plenty.

1428
01:21:00,380 --> 01:21:03,740
What did you learn?

1429
01:21:03,740 --> 01:21:08,390
To see the people
through different eyes.

1430
01:21:08,390 --> 01:21:11,790

1431
01:21:11,790 --> 01:21:17,630
And it's now that
now we work together,

1432
01:21:17,630 --> 01:21:18,650
and we speak together.

1433
01:21:18,650 --> 01:21:22,110
We have in New York the
Leo Baeck Institute.

1434
01:21:22,110 --> 01:21:25,640
Maybe you know the name.

1435
01:21:25,640 --> 01:21:30,320
He was the rabbi from Berlin.

1436
01:21:30,320 --> 01:21:34,070
Berlin and Austria, Austria.

1437
01:21:34,070 --> 01:21:38,240
And we are there with

plenty discussions,

1438
01:21:38,240 --> 01:21:40,280
also with Goldhagen
about the book

1439
01:21:40,280 --> 01:21:49,350
of Goldhagen. And sometimes,
some Jewish people,

1440
01:21:49,350 --> 01:21:51,240
they fight me--

1441
01:21:51,240 --> 01:21:54,300
very often-- and I accepted it.

1442
01:21:54,300 --> 01:21:56,227
But I cannot change it.

1443
01:21:56,227 --> 01:21:57,060
They fight with you?

1444
01:21:57,060 --> 01:21:58,200
Yeah.

1445
01:21:58,200 --> 01:22:00,460
And I cannot change it anymore.

1446
01:22:00,460 --> 01:22:05,100
The only thing what we can do,
not only to hope and to work

1447
01:22:05,100 --> 01:22:08,850
on it is never come
back, that it never

1448
01:22:08,850 --> 01:22:14,460
came to the same situation that
what we have had in Germany

1449
01:22:14,460 --> 01:22:18,130
at this time, the Nazi time.

1450
01:22:18,130 --> 01:22:21,010
But how did they fight with you?

1451
01:22:21,010 --> 01:22:24,250
What do you mean?

1452
01:22:24,250 --> 01:22:26,440
Differently.

1453
01:22:26,440 --> 01:22:32,470
People who were-- there
was an American army,

1454
01:22:32,470 --> 01:22:37,420
and they are in
Europe during the war.

1455
01:22:37,420 --> 01:22:43,660
They understand more than people
in this country they never have

1456
01:22:43,660 --> 01:22:55,900
been in Europe and the influence
of her friends or their friends

1457
01:22:55,900 --> 01:23:00,640
maybe are so strong that
they cannot understand it,

1458
01:23:00,640 --> 01:23:03,850
that something is
changing in Germany,

1459
01:23:03,850 --> 01:23:06,910
that we don't have the
same situation anymore.

1460
01:23:06,910 --> 01:23:10,150

1461
01:23:10,150 --> 01:23:14,980

I learn it from my own
children after the war.

1462
01:23:14,980 --> 01:23:20,590
German teachers start
to tell crazy stories

1463
01:23:20,590 --> 01:23:22,990
in front of the class.

1464
01:23:22,990 --> 01:23:29,050
And they are waiting that some
say, come on, that's crazy.

1465
01:23:29,050 --> 01:23:38,140
That cannot be OK to go in the
opposition to your own teacher.

1466
01:23:38,140 --> 01:23:42,715
Because the teacher is
an authoritarian person.

1467
01:23:42,715 --> 01:23:44,950
Were teachers
encouraging them to?

1468
01:23:44,950 --> 01:23:46,360
Yes.

1469
01:23:46,360 --> 01:23:51,130
And this way, it was
very, very hard--

1470
01:23:51,130 --> 01:23:54,460
also for Gerda and for
the American teachers--

1471
01:23:54,460 --> 01:23:58,510
to teach German students.

1472
01:23:58,510 --> 01:24:00,415
They are so critical.

1473

01:24:00,415 --> 01:24:02,680

German students?

1474

01:24:02,680 --> 01:24:03,730

About everything.

1475

01:24:03,730 --> 01:24:05,710

Sometimes, it's too much.

1476

01:24:05,710 --> 01:24:08,300

But I think better

too much than--

1477

01:24:08,300 --> 01:24:09,130

Than too little.

1478

01:24:09,130 --> 01:24:13,210

Yeah And this is what

I see, through my eyes,

1479

01:24:13,210 --> 01:24:15,210

in this country.

1480

01:24:15,210 --> 01:24:19,120

There are too much things

what the American people

1481

01:24:19,120 --> 01:24:21,670

do for honor.

1482

01:24:21,670 --> 01:24:23,590

And they think it's for honor.

1483

01:24:23,590 --> 01:24:27,910

But it is, in a way--

1484

01:24:27,910 --> 01:24:32,770

in Germany, you are under

the Kaiser and under Hitler,

1485

01:24:32,770 --> 01:24:34,750

and everything was for honor.

1486
01:24:34,750 --> 01:24:35,410
For honor?

1487
01:24:35,410 --> 01:24:37,060
For honor.

1488
01:24:37,060 --> 01:24:41,140
And in German, I say,
I [GERMAN] of it.

1489
01:24:41,140 --> 01:24:45,370
I hate it, something
to do for this honor.

1490
01:24:45,370 --> 01:24:52,660
And plenty things are going
in this country the same way.

1491
01:24:52,660 --> 01:24:56,230
And the American people,
they are OK, it's a way.

1492
01:24:56,230 --> 01:24:57,310
It's a way.

1493
01:24:57,310 --> 01:25:02,860
And this is what I think we
did it the same way, saying,

1494
01:25:02,860 --> 01:25:04,330
it's OK.

1495
01:25:04,330 --> 01:25:08,260
And it was going the wrong way.

1496
01:25:08,260 --> 01:25:11,350
And this is my feeling here.

1497
01:25:11,350 --> 01:25:15,287
So it troubles you to see people

accepting things too easily

1498
01:25:15,287 --> 01:25:16,120
that they shouldn't.

1499
01:25:16,120 --> 01:25:16,620
Yeah.

1500
01:25:16,620 --> 01:25:23,110

1501
01:25:23,110 --> 01:25:26,360
So you've come a long way from
that young boy in Germany.

1502
01:25:26,360 --> 01:25:26,860
Yeah.

1503
01:25:26,860 --> 01:25:30,180

1504
01:25:30,180 --> 01:25:33,630
I learn very much
in this country

1505
01:25:33,630 --> 01:25:34,850
but also in Germany, no?

1506
01:25:34,850 --> 01:25:37,400

1507
01:25:37,400 --> 01:25:38,810
Do you have hope for Germany?

1508
01:25:38,810 --> 01:25:41,740
Are you hopeful for what's
happening over there?

1509
01:25:41,740 --> 01:25:42,600
Yes.

1510

01:25:42,600 --> 01:25:43,100
Yeah.

1511
01:25:43,100 --> 01:25:49,220

1512
01:25:49,220 --> 01:25:53,030
I think, in this country, you
have more right-wing people

1513
01:25:53,030 --> 01:25:55,070
than in Germany.

1514
01:25:55,070 --> 01:25:59,530
If it's going on
in Germany, then it

1515
01:25:59,530 --> 01:26:00,800
is just in the newspaper.

1516
01:26:00,800 --> 01:26:05,060
New York Times is the first
people who printed it.

1517
01:26:05,060 --> 01:26:09,740
And I think it's good
when take a feedback

1518
01:26:09,740 --> 01:26:12,980
to the German government,
and they say, come on.

1519
01:26:12,980 --> 01:26:16,850
We have to do something
against this situation.

1520
01:26:16,850 --> 01:26:29,580
And the Social Party, they have
in the moment not good leaders.

1521
01:26:29,580 --> 01:26:34,820
That's the reason we have
still this Chancellor Kohl.

1522
01:26:34,820 --> 01:26:39,620
And Chancellor Kohl,
he went the politic

1523
01:26:39,620 --> 01:26:43,380
and the social way the same
way like in this country.

1524
01:26:43,380 --> 01:26:46,370
We have more poor people
and homeless people

1525
01:26:46,370 --> 01:26:48,930
than ever before.

1526
01:26:48,930 --> 01:26:53,030
And this had to do that
they can't solve everything,

1527
01:26:53,030 --> 01:26:56,570
but they can do to
cancel what had to do

1528
01:26:56,570 --> 01:26:58,625
with the social way of life.

1529
01:26:58,625 --> 01:27:01,130

1530
01:27:01,130 --> 01:27:05,810
And this is the situation, no?

1531
01:27:05,810 --> 01:27:11,180
And the other side,
these people, they

1532
01:27:11,180 --> 01:27:16,280
don't have no more
this social security.

1533
01:27:16,280 --> 01:27:22,280

They go in the direction of
the right wing and said, OK,

1534
01:27:22,280 --> 01:27:23,300
they cannot help me.

1535
01:27:23,300 --> 01:27:26,730
They look just for their own
money and for everything.

1536
01:27:26,730 --> 01:27:28,530
And so we go the other way.

1537
01:27:28,530 --> 01:27:33,110
And this is a part
of the opposition.

1538
01:27:33,110 --> 01:27:34,190
That's what I think.

1539
01:27:34,190 --> 01:27:36,530
Yeah.

1540
01:27:36,530 --> 01:27:41,870
Now, you grew up with
an authoritarian system

1541
01:27:41,870 --> 01:27:45,810
that was one of the most
authoritarian in history.

1542
01:27:45,810 --> 01:27:49,280
And yet you weren't
really aware of it.

1543
01:27:49,280 --> 01:27:51,410
And I'm not blaming
you personally,

1544
01:27:51,410 --> 01:27:54,890
but I'm saying could that,
then, happen again so

1545

01:27:54,890 --> 01:28:00,380

easily in the world, that
we could have monsters

1546

01:28:00,380 --> 01:28:02,180

in our midst and not know it?

1547

01:28:02,180 --> 01:28:06,725

1548

01:28:06,725 --> 01:28:11,150

We have three sons
with my father.

1549

01:28:11,150 --> 01:28:15,710

And my father, he was
saying after the war,

1550

01:28:15,710 --> 01:28:20,690

if I say this is black,
then it is black.

1551

01:28:20,690 --> 01:28:23,990

But in reality, it
was white, right?

1552

01:28:23,990 --> 01:28:27,770

And we fight very, very
hard with our father.

1553

01:28:27,770 --> 01:28:32,300

Because this had nothing to do
with the real way of thinking.

1554

01:28:32,300 --> 01:28:37,790

That had to be just only
he wants to be the boss.

1555

01:28:37,790 --> 01:28:39,163

I don't know.

1556

01:28:39,163 --> 01:28:40,580

Because that's
what he was taught.

1557
01:28:40,580 --> 01:28:43,100
Yeah.

1558
01:28:43,100 --> 01:28:49,820
And so it was very hard for
him to understand that it works

1559
01:28:49,820 --> 01:28:54,260
better the other way, to go--

1560
01:28:54,260 --> 01:28:55,220
With the conflict.

1561
01:28:55,220 --> 01:28:57,620
Yes.

1562
01:28:57,620 --> 01:29:05,660
And both brothers, also, I and
Rolf, and my older brother,

1563
01:29:05,660 --> 01:29:07,010
they go the house.

1564
01:29:07,010 --> 01:29:10,960
They couldn't stay
anymore at home.

1565
01:29:10,960 --> 01:29:13,130
It was always fighting.

1566
01:29:13,130 --> 01:29:15,020
And I was the only one at home.

1567
01:29:15,020 --> 01:29:17,990
And I took it with my father.

1568
01:29:17,990 --> 01:29:21,120

1569

01:29:21,120 --> 01:29:22,980

That must have been
hard for everybody.

1570

01:29:22,980 --> 01:29:24,870

Yeah.

1571

01:29:24,870 --> 01:29:27,270

Because the rules changed.

1572

01:29:27,270 --> 01:29:28,560

Yes.

1573

01:29:28,560 --> 01:29:30,400

And nobody knew how to do it.

1574

01:29:30,400 --> 01:29:32,040

No.

1575

01:29:32,040 --> 01:29:36,270

And it probably looked
worse than it had before,

1576

01:29:36,270 --> 01:29:37,870

when there was peace.

1577

01:29:37,870 --> 01:29:38,460

Yeah, yeah.

1578

01:29:38,460 --> 01:29:41,200

1579

01:29:41,200 --> 01:29:45,740

But it changed--
another specialist who--

1580

01:29:45,740 --> 01:29:46,240

Gerda.

1581

01:29:46,240 --> 01:29:50,140

1582
01:29:50,140 --> 01:29:53,200
She had many
friends in New York.

1583
01:29:53,200 --> 01:30:00,080
And they said, I never want
to do one step in Germany.

1584
01:30:00,080 --> 01:30:03,490
But they came, and they
visit us in Hamburg.

1585
01:30:03,490 --> 01:30:06,820
And they came again,
again, again, again.

1586
01:30:06,820 --> 01:30:09,130
And we like them.

1587
01:30:09,130 --> 01:30:12,190
And we went to-- we have,
in north of Germany,

1588
01:30:12,190 --> 01:30:13,910
we have Neuengamme.

1589
01:30:13,910 --> 01:30:16,090
This was a working camp.

1590
01:30:16,090 --> 01:30:24,130
We have Bergen-Belsen, that
was a place of Anne Frank.

1591
01:30:24,130 --> 01:30:30,640
And each time we have visitors,
we went to these places

1592
01:30:30,640 --> 01:30:32,680
and spoke about it.

1593
01:30:32,680 --> 01:30:35,560

1594

01:30:35,560 --> 01:30:41,920

But the time we went
to East Germany,

1595

01:30:41,920 --> 01:30:48,790

to Buchenwald, and now, in
Auschwitz and also in Birkenau,

1596

01:30:48,790 --> 01:30:53,320

that's camps in the
eastern part of the world

1597

01:30:53,320 --> 01:30:55,030

and the communist
part of the world.

1598

01:30:55,030 --> 01:31:00,770

1599

01:31:00,770 --> 01:31:03,860

They don't speak about
Jewish people there.

1600

01:31:03,860 --> 01:31:06,500

They speak about anti-fascists.

1601

01:31:06,500 --> 01:31:07,140

That's right.

1602

01:31:07,140 --> 01:31:09,930

But if you go in a
museum of these places,

1603

01:31:09,930 --> 01:31:12,470

you see in the corner,
you see, oh, yes, they

1604

01:31:12,470 --> 01:31:18,950

are 60,000 Jewish people
and 1,200 social people

1605

01:31:18,950 --> 01:31:21,260

died in this camp.

1606

01:31:21,260 --> 01:31:29,570

And they have to start to change
their way of demonstration,

1607

01:31:29,570 --> 01:31:34,486

what is going on and what
was going on in those camps.

1608

01:31:34,486 --> 01:31:37,530

I'm going to switch tapes.

1609

01:31:37,530 --> 01:31:38,692

So maybe we should--

1610

01:31:38,692 --> 01:31:39,900

I've got to switch the tapes.

1611

01:31:39,900 --> 01:31:40,400

Yeah.

1612

01:31:40,400 --> 01:32:42,230

You have--

1613

01:32:42,230 --> 01:33:42,000