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Beno Helmer discusses being liberated from a POW camp by the American Army; traveling to Czechoslovakia; recovering from rheumatic fever; life in postwar Teplice, Czechoslovakia; escaping communism by smuggling himself into Germany; finding his sister who he thought had perished in Auschwitz; immigrating to the United Sates; daily life in New York; being drafted into the United States Army; working for the Counter Intelligence Corps; his views on American politics; his volunteer work; his views on Israel; sharing his Holocaust experiences publicly; taking his children to Teplice; his views on Judaism; the importance of Holocaust remembrance; and his views on Holocaust movies.