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**Summary of Oral History — Hans Czempin— ENGLISH**

Hans Czempin, born in 1912; discusses photographs that he prepared for the news in the papers; speaking of his work for Firma Ullstein; speaking of the Ullstein firm and the Jewish family Ullstein; speaking of the arrival of Russians in 1945; speaking of working as a Jew; speaking of his father and the artist Bernhard Thomas; speaking of Werner Thomas; speaking of the sports club in 1935—Vorsitzende dieses Sportvereins; speaking of his uncle who was a professor; the Ullstein family escaping to England, and then coming back for the firm which was already under Nazi control; speaking of being forced to leave the firm in 1938; speaking of Kristallnacht; speaking of his brother-in-law; speaking of the evening of November 9, 1938; speaking of the beautiful house with a glass veranda, and how all of the windows and flower pots were broken; speaking of his father-in-law; speaking of ration cards; neighbors; Berlin; living in a village with a farmer; their house being torn up by the Russians; his mother and brother working in east Berlin; his mother-in-law shot on May 29, 1945; marrying on June 9, 1945; speaking of Wolfgang Czempin; speaking of his mother's family and the land in Anhalt near Halle; continuing to work at the small firm; his father's death; the Wall being put up in 1961; giving up their land in East Berlin in order to live and work in West Berlin; family in Palestine, Greece, Berlin...