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SWB:

HENRY KANNER: OK, I remember the last days in

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ uh going back to early January of 1945

where we knew something was going to happen, that the

Russian Army was not too far. And sometime, I believe uh

very early, January the 7th or 8th, I don't remember

exactly. We were taken out of the Camp and uh told to march

uh It was a brutal winter, as I remember, wickedly cold, and

the the trouble quote un quote started almost as soon as we

left the camp because the weakest people who didn't have

sufficient protection from the elements and didn't have

enough food, started to falter fall back, and within a very

short period of time we began to hear shots and we knew what

they were. Because anyone who faltered was taken to the

side. And most the roads of Poland have ditches on both

sides, so they were just pushed towards the ditch, shot and

we just continued. I do not recall exactly how many days we

were marching, but I do know that uh many people, many

people uh were shot during the first two days. I believe it

was after this second day of marching where we stopped at a

what would appear a large farm uh I was one of the very

lucky ones, because uh they put me with a group of people in

a pig sty, which was great, because it protected us from

elements. Uh, we stayed there for a while and someone in

the group was very enterprising and he had a pocket-knife

and uh we decided to butcher one of the pigs. There were

loads you know around us. uh I recall it

today...laugh..almost you know with some humor because uh I

uh vividly recall a whole slew of us sitting on the pig

trying to hold it down while somebody tried to butcher it

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with a pocket-knife. uh Eventually, uh we succeeded, I

don't remember how it happened, how it finally it took

probably hours, but we succeeded and uh the pig was

butchered or torn apart and um we took a piece of whatever

was available with us, we ate raw. And whatever was left

over \_\_\_\_\_\_\_us and we started to march again. And just

around the third day, uh I began to feel that I wasn't going

to make it because cold was sever and I was getting weaker,

although I was in relatively, and I emphasize the word,

relatively, better shape when I then most when I left

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Eh, however, there were some friends who

were much older, and I was only what... 15 or 16 at that

time. And who were much stronger and who helped me. We

finally uh I think it was the forth day reached a railroad

yard of some sort and we were put in open cars, these

weren't the cada\_\_\_\_ these were open coal type of wagons,

and we shoved I I mean we were pushed in pretty tight I I

would assume that there were over a hundred people. And it

was things got pretty bad then, because it was snowing

heavily. We had again no protection at all. But, lucky for

me there were again strong people in the car particularly

there were a lot of uh German prisoners uh from \_\_\_\_\_\_. And

most of the German's were in a a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_position. So

they were both well feed and and uh they were provisioned

somewhat better than eh they were. In any case I had known

some of them because of the fact that when I was in

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_I was working in a laundry and these guys used to

come to us and to me and uh to have their laundry washed,

which I did, and because I knew them from uh from uh that

time uh they for some reason protected me. Or at least

helped me. Eh, it was unpleasant the first two nights

because there were too many people you know in uh in open

air uh it was very bad. Uh the Germans took ...laugh...as I

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recall of the overcrowding very simply at night they simply

picked up the weakest people and tossed them over board.

Eh, I do remember that someone had some matches and eh

\_\_\_\_\_there was a container, and eh they made a bit of a fire

and they melted some snow and we survived basically on

drinking that melted snow and eating the remnants of the pig

that we slaughtered the night or two before. They gained my

memory state and I don't know how long we were in that car,

eh, I do know that towards the end, eh I was so cold that I

I I I thought I really wasn't fully conscious. We finally

arrived and again I don't know how many days it took I I uh

three four I don't remember. The train was very slow. It

stopped at various points for hours and then moved again.

Anyway, we arrived at a place and I saw at a railroad

station \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ which I recognize immediately because we

all knew Mauthausen was another one another one of the

concentration camps. When uh the doors when uh yeah if you

will call it doors were slid open eh most of the people were

dead anyway and they fell out. I don't remember the exact

number, but I don't think there were more than maybe eh eh a

dozen left in my car comprising essentially, mostly of the

of the Germans and maybe ya there was one Polish man and I.

Em we were told to to get out of the car and of course you

know since because of conditions that we were in few of us

could stand up immediately and but there was no no eh

violence that I recall at the station other than the usual

shouting by the SS eh "get going, get going." Eh ..sigh..

And any event I I do recall looking around looking down this

train seeing corpses frozen stiff all over, they were

hanging out of the cars or people pulling them out or they

were laying already on the ground. We were then eh marched

up eh a hill, it was quite a long hill, as I remember

\_\_\_\_\_\_reach the gates of the camp. Eh the camp eh eh looked

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I remember like a fortress because it was stone walls,

towers, in any case, we entered the camp and we were made to

stay in the main assembly eh eh square so to speak where

they were, they were counting people\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and we stood

there for several hours until an officer, an SS officer came

and he spoke to us in German of course. And he said, "you

have arrived at" (I'm not quoting ver ba ver bedim) but eh

he said something to the effect extent you have arrived in

Mounthauser??? eh if you behave you have a chance if you

don't you don't have a change. I subsequently found out

that there was a Camp Commandant Commandant that made that

speech. After that, we were then assigned to the various

quarters. Mounthausen ???? consisted of one, two, three,

four separate, it was it was one camp that was divided and

isolated by walls and doors into four camps. And of course

the camp eh that eh we were put in was the worst one eh

because well it had nothing else but because the barracks

consisted of nothing else but four walls. There was nothing

else. Eh, we....pause....got in, we were glad that we had a

roof over our head. We were given towards the evening a the

usual bowl of of liquid eh which was cold soup, but really,

there wasn't much more to it. Then we were told it was time

to go to sleep and that was an interesting situation because

there were the couples who stood with big sticks over us,

and they put people on the floor, head to toe, head to toe,

like sardines. Pause

2nd tape

In any case eh ehe sleep was eh out of question under these

conditions and when we woke up, when we got up the next

morning, things were pretty bad. It looked that, I spoke to

some people who were in the camp for several weeks and I

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found out that the purpose of that particular camp was to

kill people quickly. Starve them or whatever, eh, pause,

about the fourth, third or fourth day when I was in the

camp, eh an SS man entered the barracks and they made

everybody line-up. And I recognized the SS man very well,

his name was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who was in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and he eh

walked by us and he says, "is there anyone over here from

\_\_\_\_\_\_?" And eh I stepped out and said, "yes sir," I said,

"I used to do your shirts." And he looked at me, smiled,

didn't say a word, but he did smile. And eh he continued

and just asked eh eh there were a number of eh bodies lying

around and says, "what happened to them?" And a couple of

the blacks said "oh the usual thing." He that was the end

of that. We were, he left the the barracks, and we were

then allowed to mingle or whatever. Eh he went towards the

gate of this camp and I followed him. I don't know why, eh

I went with him all the way to the gate and when he opened

the gate and when he opened the gate, I asked him, I don't

know what posses me, but I asked him, "May I go through the

gate?" And he kind of shrugged his shoulders again that

half a smile on his face and um I went through. And that

allowed me to go into the main camp were all the old

prisoners were, prisoners who might have been in in

Mounthausen??? for several years. And as I walked around,

and I knew I had to get back because we all had numbers and

we had to

eh stand for the counting at the, twice a day. But, again

eh providence, luck or whatever it was as I walked around I

noticed a familiar face and I walked over to the man. And

of course he was in a prisoners uniform, but, well in a

clean prisoners uniform. And I asked him, "do you recognize

me?" And he looked at me and said "of course." The man was

eh ah someone who was my father's employee before the war

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and eh eh who I know who was very close to my father. Eh

looked at me and he said, "where are you? Where did you come

from?" I said, "just a few days ago I came from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_."

He looked at me, he was a wonderful man, I I will never

forget him, and he said, "sit over here and don't move until

I come." I did not know, I did not know at all what he had

in mind, why, but I certainly sat down and waited for him.

Eh in about a half an hour, and that was late afternoon, in

about a half an hour he came to me and he said, eh "try to

make sure that you wear your shirt eh sleeves all the way

down so that know one sees your tatoo." Eh I says, "why?"

"Well the fact that today you are a Roman Catholic and you

are Polish and you have been transferred from Camp 4 to Camp

1 and you are going to go \_\_\_\_\_\_I think it was Block number

3" And eh I just couldn't believe it because eh in

Mounthausen???? Jews were not supposed to live. It was

something that was well known. Anyway I reported to the

block where he told me to. Eh I should mention that eh the

he was in a high position, he was a eh what they call a a

Shriver which roughly translated would be Clerk of the eh

and he was employed in the main registry office, so he had

access to all the files. He has changed, I have I have

failed to say it. What he has done what he has done, he

went to the main office. He pulled my file and he changed

it. He just left my name on it but it changed where it said

Jew, he changed it to Roman Catholic which the nationality,

he said Pole. Eh, that single ev event with without

question saved my life. Now that was eh late January of

1945 eh I spent the next few months in in Mounthousen?? em

long pause.. not really working hard at anything because

things were quite disorganized eh I eh one day eh I I was eh

almost eh told that that I had to join the brigade eh that

work eh in the stone query and that equalled to almost a

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\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_because it was a hundred and sixty

steps that you had to walk up with a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_on your

back and eh then after you got to the top you had to go back

and repeat it. Eh..pause..anyway few months have past and

eh I seen this eh wonderful man several times. He brought

me food and eh I survived. Eh, as time went by, close to

May eh we knew something was happening. Eh, one of the

things that I noticed immediately is that a lot of the SS

men were disappearing and those who stayed suddenly were not

wearing SS uniform, but rather the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_uniform. I also

noticed that the guards around the parameter of the camp,

the SS guards disappeared, and we were being watched by eh

some comical looking eh guys with eh in the sixties with

guns and eventually some would tell us that these were the

fire-brigades eh from Vienna. Eh somewhere around that time

I remember there was an air-raid and we had eh great

Mauthausen on the top of the mountain with a great vantage

point to observe what was going on. And eh one of the

things that I remember is that a eh plane was shot down by

the anti-aircraft and three American soldiers were brought

into the camp, eh chained to the wall near the gate, beaten

brutally. And eh the following day they were taken to the

gas chambers and killed. Just about a few days later we

began to hear distant artillery and we knew that things were

going to happen. Sight...we were very fearful because we

were told that the camp was mined and that the camp

commander had issued orders that the whole thing be blown up

before liberation. The day of liberation, I remember very

very vividly because eh all of a sudden there was no one

around the camp. There was no one at the gate. And it all

happened within like almost you know minutes. Eh eh at one

time, you know, one minute they were there the second no one

was there and eh someone climbed the wall and he started

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yelling and then we just, the humanity, all the prisoners

rushed to the gate and we went through the gate. Something

that was unheard of before. And we ran outside and in a

distance ..sniff..we saw a tank, a single tank, American

tank and they did not they did not ride into the camp or

close to the camp. They just stopped there. Of course we

rushed to them. I was one of the first, eh by the tank and

eh I we started of course screaming out of joy or eh and one

of the eh one of the eh em soldiers, a lieutenant, he

started to speak, he eh you know tried to respond to what we

were saying. Eh, of course everybody was talking in his own

language but eh he tried to respond and I am sure to this

day that he must have been Jewish because he tried to speak

in German which sounded more Yiddish to me than it sounded

eh German. The thing that is almost impossible forg to

forget to me is the outcry, because you had several thousand

people yelling at the top of their voices. And it wasn't eh

as I recall eh a shout of joy or anything. It was just like

an eh eh an animalistic outcry. People were just yelling at

their top of their lungs. I was yelling. And and eh it it

it's incredible to this day to me. Of course, eventually,

eh it died down and eh the next thing that happened is that

eh the eh prisoner the eldest, every camp every camp

had.....

SWB: interjects question....

stop

SWB:

HENRY KANNER: Sight... I I I um I find it very difficult to

define because I think we were just you now making eh as I

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recall it was just a a like a bellowing sound. There were

no words. I'm sure of that, there were no words of joy,

there was no expression. It's just people I think eh in

were shouting in disbelief. People who never thought that

they they would see the day. Eh certainly, eh af after some

time it all eh you know died down and people began to

realize really what what was happening. Eh in any event, we

eh everyone ran to the gate and were went right through it

eh, we ran to the tank. And we surrounded the tank of

course, eh eh I was, I think I was one of the first people

to reach one one of the first, one one of the first groups

that that reached the tank and we tried to communicate with

with the soldiers. Because of the languages of course, eh

eh it was very difficult until one of the eh em, one of the

soldiers tried to speak to us. And I recognized it he tried

to speak German but eh it sounded much more Yiddish and I'm

quite sure that he was eh eh Jewish. Eh after a while, the

eh Prisoner Camp Eldest approached the Americans and spoke

to them, he apparently spoke English. And then one of the

American soldiers and the Camp Elder mounted the stand above

the main gate and I will never forget because they stood

over there with all of us, thousands of people down below,

and he uttered in German these words, "\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_" which

translates, "you are free." When he said that the same

outcry started. Peopled just bellowed. They couldn't

believe it. There's reaffirmation before we\_\_\_\_\_\_\_saw the

soldiers knew we were liberated??? The word "you are free"

eh just evoked eh a tremendous emotion of everyone. And

again, the five ten minutes you couldn't hear anything, but

this shouting. Eh when it then died down, eh the next words

were that eh they requested that everyone stay in the camp

until the em the Americans can reach for provisions and eh

medications and eh whatever was needed in the camp. Snif...

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I stayed in the camp until the following day eh where eh I

decided that I was going to strike out on my own. Eh I knew

that I did not want to go back East since by that time, I

knew that none of my family had survived. There was nothing

there and I had a lot of relatives in the United States.

So, I and eh eh a young Polish man eh whom I befriended in

the last couple of days decided that we were going to strike

out and that we were going to walk. And we proceed. And we

walked from eh Mauthausen the immediate next city, which was

Lyn\_\_\_\_\_??? We tried to find something to eat over there,

but the city was totally bombed out and couldn't even see

anyone. We went to some of the house, there was nothing.

So, we continued to walk and into the direction of Westerly

and en ..cough.. in the directions of the next town which

was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Anyway, being prisoners for so many

years we were afraid, still, of something, eh we did not

walk too much during the day. We tried to walk mostly at

night. And we walked eh with not on the main road, but we

tried to walk through the forest where there was cover. I

think it was the second night out ..snif..we were going

through a small village where...laugh slight...suddenly we

were surrounded by a bunch of eh villagers. Em, most of

them elderly people, since most of the younger people were

in the Army. Eh who clamped us down and took us in a in a

place and sat us in the chairs and hog-tied us. And eh told

us that eh you probably escaped from Mauthausen and eh we

know what to do with you. I speak eh eh German rather

fluently. So I had no problem communicating with them. So

I tried to explain to them that eh there was no more

Mauthausen as they knew. That there were Americans over

there and eh I told them they are making a terrible mistake.

And they laughed at at eh and eh eh left us alone but they

were sitting, standing in a group discussing it. Eh I heard

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them saying that they don't believe a word and that the next

day they are going to call the local Gestapo and they

probably will be rewarded in some sort for catching two

escapees from Mauthausen. Eh it went down for a couple of

hours, finally they left, and one guy came later on and I

spoke to him. And he was not so sure that we weren't

telling the truth. And I told him, "look, you know there

will be hell to pay," em something to that extent.

"American's come and they will find out that you had hog

tied and tried kill." I forgot to say that. They were,

there was one guy in the group before who suggested they had

all shotguns with them, that eh maybe if they shoot us, the

Gestapo would be more pleased. In any event, I talked to

this man and I noticed that he was vacillating in in his

belief and finally I told him, "look," I says, "you know no

matter what happens you let us go and we will take care of

you when the American's come - - you were the good guy." Or

something to that extent, I don't remember. Sight.. in any

event, they they eh, he untied us and we ran

and ..laugh..it's irony, but almost we were almost shot

after the the day after we were liberated. Laugh... We then

continued until we reached eh a small down called

P\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_? on the Danube. And there I found a one of

the first DP camps. It was just just a small

enclave ..sniff.. and I found that there was um a displaced

person who then \_\_\_\_\_\_ call displaced

person...cough..sniff.. and most of them were French. Eh I

we went in and I told them that we eh were ex-prisoners from

Mauthausen and eh that eh I eh was French and that I you

know belonged. Eh the next day, no excuse me. No, I didn't

tell them yet that that I was French. The next day when a

truck a truck arrived and eh it was manned by French Army

personnel and called all French people to load on the the

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lorry and eh, that they were going back to France, being

repatriated. Eh since I wanted to go West, I eh mingled and

I jump on the truck, my Polish friend decided not to. He

stayed there...sniff... and eh we were taken to Nuremberg

where we were unloaded for one night and then the French

were eh after about an hour or so told to load another lorry

to France. And eh I tried to go with them, but eh by that

time eh they found out that I was not French and I had no

business. So I was kind of kicked-off. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_I was

kicked-off. And eh then found myself in a very large DP

camp in Nuremberg eh which was cold eh eh eh

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_which was prior to eh the end of the war

which was a large complex of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_barracks.

After a few days I managed to go to the...since each

nationality had its eh own office. I went to the Polish

office and I eh managed to tell them that I could be of some

help, I don't know why they believed me. And eh after a

while, they accepted me. And little, by little, I eh worked

up into the administration office of this of the camp. Eh

pause it was.....

SWB: speaks

HENRY KANNER: sure

SWB: speaks

HENRY KANNER: pardon me

SWB:speaks

HENRY KANNER: pardon me, I have a terrible\_\_\_\_\_developed

yesterday, r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. pause.......

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HENRY KANNER: The administration of the camp, from the top

down, consisted of a representative of the US Army, a

Captain, if I recall. And they represented

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The condition in the camp eh in the camp

were not too bad, although freedom of movement was

restricted in the sense that we eh the the DPs were not

allowed to exit from the camp and had to stay within the

parameter of the camp. Exceptions were granted but required

specific pass of permits to exit from the camp.

Pause....Cough...The parameter of the camp was guarded and

it was guarded by American military personal. I do recall

one eh vivid instance where for whatever reason it

happened,eh one of the eh DP's was shot because he either

came to close to the parameter of of the camp or what. I do

not recall. But I do know that he was shot. Other than

that the the there was sufficient food and eh sufficient

clothing given. And the various nationalities were

repatriated when at one time or another. I had approached

the eh the eh Captain in the main office, the American

Captain and requested or asked him whether he would be good

enough to use is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_privileges to contact my relatives

in the United States and tell them I was alive, which he

did. And eh eventually I received communication from my

relatives who of course had to arrange for my eh eh for my

immigration into the United States.

SWB:

HENRY KANNER: I don't want to go into that.

SWB:

HENRY KANNER: ok

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SWB:

HENRY KANNER: I want you to know I didn't forget it. I

purposely didn't want to go into it. But I will if will if

you want me.

SWB:

HENRY KANNER: ok but I will not go into much specific. That

please, I I really, really, under no circumstance. I will

be general, but not specific, I have my reasons.

SWB:

HENRY KANNER: Well, upon liberation, we knew that the

members of the SS were hiding in the wood or in the villages

around Mauthausen We had broken into the SS arsenal, camp

arsenal, and a good group of us grabbed guns and

eh ...sigh..made an effort to find these people. We were I

guess, by definition, slightly crazed. And we spent a day

and a half combing the surrounding area looking for those

people. Many of whom were found. That is what I was going

to say. Pause....Please forgive me......

SWB:

HENRY KANNER: Sigh, I don't know eh personally eh oh yes I

knew I knew maybe two or three, but not immediately in in em

Nuremberg

in the DP camp. I know people who eventually whom I have

met later on in the United States who told me that they

found a father or a mother or a sister whom they had

considered dead. And they had found them one way or

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another. Yes, I've there instances, no question. In fact,

I have a dear friend in in in Fort Lauderdale, Florida whom

I visited only several weeks ago who found his father ex

exactly like that. I know another lady who found eh her

sister and her mother. Sigh...but in eh vast the vast

majority of the people eh knew that eh there were no

survivors, eh now you might ask me, "how did I know that eh

I was the only survivor in my family?" Well, I knew

eventually, I knew that people who were taking in that

particular action in the town where I lived were taken to

one of the first ex extermination camp called

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and were gassed. Eh. I eh knew it I felt

it and, certainly I could have been wrong, but I wasn't. Eh

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_was simply one of the extermination camps.

In fact, it was a a a model on which upon which Auschwitz

was built. Because the quote un quote experts from

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_came to Auschwitz to help in establishing it.

And the first eh eh gas eh gassing, mass gassing, occurred

in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. They've tried different methods, oh you

know, carbon monoxide by putting people in a truck you know

with the exhaust pipe going in and that that proved to be

too slow. Until one of them of course eh tried eh eh

x\_\_\_\_\_\_clone??? and that became the........

SWB:

HENRY KANNER: Tremendous amount. There were displaced

persons, camps all over. Eh the there were of course the

fortunate, the people of Western nationalities, meaning,

Belgium, Holland, France. They were the fortunate, because

they were first to be repatriated back to their own

countries. People from Eastern countries didn't have a

place to go. I remember there were many many Russians and

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Ukrainians for instance in Nuremberg in the DP camp. And

they were afraid to go because they knew what was going to

happen to them. I remember visits from the Russian eh eh

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at that time which was the the secret police, who

came in eh pleading to the people to come back. Eh and they

wouldn't move. Interestingly enough they were eventually,

they were forced, some of them, they were forced to come

back. Eh the Jewish people again, it was a question eh a

lot of them decided to go to Israel, one way or another.

And they managed. Eh the rest of them, like I, and many

other ones eh immigrated to various parts of the world. I

came to the United States, only because eh some of my

ancestors, on my mother's side, came to the United States in

1700's. So eh, I I I knew immediately where I wanted to go.

But I know many people who went to Brazil, to South America

eh you know many South American countries. Or just anywhere

they could. But, yes, there was a mass movement of people,

eh eh in in Europe at that time, particularly, particularly

particularly in Germany. Because that's where the

concentration of the various nationalities was. Yes, and no

matt I mean there were Prisoners of War, there were DP's,

just about anyone. Eh there were there not not to far from

from Nuremberg there was a very large \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of

former Polish Prisoners of War. And they, too, eh eh had

eh, as I spoke to them, had eh had some fears about

returning back to Poland. I I em I don't know I guess I was

luck, I'm here, I have three sons. Good citizens, good

Americans, good children. Pause.....It was long ago....but

em.....in my case, eh there was ....I am fortunate there was

continuity. In many case there was, I know of many many of

my contemporaries who came to the United States and that was

most prevalent in the first two years of the war who were

either hospitalized with sever psychotic problems or who

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simply committed suicide. They simply couldn't deal eh with

with the reality. And I think if there is one thread

emotionally, emotional thread common to all of us is eh that

there is certain amount, not a certain amount, there is

there is a profound feeling of guilt that we had survived

and those dear to us did not. And uh I would like to say

that I handled it rather rather well, and perhaps I did.

But as I get older I find out that it isn't as deep as I

thought it was. And as my son said, "we need to scratch

very little for it to come out." And I think it is a

function of I guess of a age. I simply don't have the same

amount of self-discipline that I had when I was young. But,

umb, all in all, I consider myself very fortunate. Like I

said before, I have had eh three great sons, I have grand

children right now, and eh I continue and my children. And

that's very important to me. That's where the continuity

is, I have my sons, I'm not afraid of dying at all. I

continue. Sigh...I hope that I haven't board you..sigh..

SWB:

HENRY KANNER: Oh, pause, she was, I tell you this was,

please believe me when I tell you this. This is the longest

I have talked about this topic since liberation.

SWB:

HENRY KANNER: And I am here only because my son told me if

I don't come...

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