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Irene was liberated from a prison in Czechoslovakia where she was held after 2 escapes. Russians liberated the prison, deloused and sent sick to hospital. Very happy to see German soldiers marching outside with their hands up. There was no direct Czech supervision, but were given change of clothes, a little money. Since she didn't want to go back to Poland, she and a friend got an apartment and registered as Czech citizens. They were not in contact with any other from camps.

When communists voted into power, she went to Prague to try to leave country. The underground smuggled them by bus to the border, where they crawled under a fence to the American Zone of Germany. She went by bus to DP camp at Landsberg, but didn't like the lack of privacy, crowded conditions. She took a room from Germans in Rosenheim near Munich. She also worked on a farm and sold her food and cigarettes to pay rent. She got into an ORT school for nursing in the small town of Föhrenwald and after graduated, she worked in a hospital in the DP camp in Pocking where she cared for survivors. She kept her place in Rosenheim and went back and forth to job by train. She had help from UNRRA and the Joint even while she was working as a nurse.