

Interviewee: Noyma Appelbaum
Interviewer: Daniel Matz
Interview date: March 10, March 17, 2011 (afternoon)
Interview location: Mr. Appelbaum's home in the East Oak Lane section of Philadelphia, PA

Recording format: Tascam DR-03

Length of interview: 2:24:23 **Number of CDs:** 1

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Related documentary materials:

PowerPoint presentation with images of Mr. Appelbaum both at the time of the interview and in his youth. Also included are various historical images relating to Mr. Appelbaum's interview.

Transcription:

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Summary of topics in order on the recording:

Time	Topic
Audio file 1	
1:00	mother and father's immigration to the US
4:00	grandparents in Lithuania and Ukraine
6:30	parents meeting in Philadelphia
11:03	mother's work history in the US and early radicalization and life in NYC textile mills
20:01	mother's education in Ukraine
21:29	father's first jobs in US upon arrival in Philadelphia
30:00	father's education
33:52	father's involvement in leftist politics including membership in the Communist Party USA
44:00	father's organization of union members at the Darien Body Company and subsequent blacklisting
51:40	eviction from West Philadelphia apartment
56:00	childhood illness and stay at Paoli convalescent home
1:09:23	father starts auto upholstery business
1:19:08	origins of Noyma and his brother Eugene Victor's names
Audio file 2	
00:50	ideals instilled from mother and father, schooling, and involvement in Young Pioneers
5:34	education in the ideals of the Soviet Union and the perceived treatment of Jews in the Soviet Union
10:30	membership in the Young Communist League and the American Youth for Democracy
15:08	attendance of Temple University and involvement in communist groups during college

17:55	banning of communist groups at Temple University
20:25	instances of being challenged for beliefs
25:00	work at the <i>Philadelphia Inquirer</i> and the <i>Daily Worker</i>
27:20	completing college and meeting wife, Ellen
29:28	exposing police brutality/ Captain Frank Rizzo
33:53	working at the <i>Daily Worker</i>
36:11	organizing in Philadelphia area factories post-college
45:00	secrecy within the Communist Party and FBI investigations
53:00	ideological shifts after the Stalin revelations of 1956
56:32	change of career to teaching
1:00:00	continued political activism
1:00:09	wife's and children's political involvement
1:10:00	the purpose of education/ education career
1:24:00	legacy of the Communist Party

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