

# Degradation of imprisonment lives on in her mind

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Having once been locked up, Lydia Stack knows what misery and loss of freedom mean.

Mrs. Stack, a Troy resident whose fervent dedication to finding homes for unwanted animals has at times brought her to the brink of financial collapse,

spent two years locked up in Nazi concentration camps.

In 1943 at age 19, she was imprisoned for refusing to work in an ammunition plant in her hometown of Karlsbad, Czechoslovakia. She emerged two years later at the war's end, wasted from the many diseases and the hunger which plagued the camp. In that span of time, she had suffered

from numerous contagious diseases like typhoid and scarlet fever and had been beaten and imprisoned alone in a dark cell for several weeks for having tried to escape.

It's no wonder then that she has devoted much of her life and a major portion of her personal income to carrying for dogs and cats that have been callously tossed aside by uncaring owners.

"I get accused of being cruel because I won't put my dogs to sleep," she says. "I have to keep them locked up until I can find them homes."

"But when I was locked up, I was hoping for every day," she said. "I don't think they (her dogs) want to be put to sleep. Our dogs are happy, you don't see them sitting with a broken spirit in a corner. They are hoping for the next day and the next day like I was."

WHILE HER WARTIME experience has left her less trusting of people, Mrs. Stack has seeming unending compassion for animals. Unable to tolerate cruelty and neglect of animals, she founded the Oakland Humane Society in 1972 and since then has found homes for well over 7,000 cats and dogs.

But caring for the nearly 120 dogs which she often has at her kennel in Sterling Heights can be difficult. With one full-time volunteer for an assistant, Mrs. Stack washes down the kennels twice a day, feeds the animals — talk-

ing with them all the while to ease their loneliness — and raises funds, solicits new members and even collects newspapers for the kennels.

If the money is slow coming in from donors and fund-raisers, Mrs. Stack kicks in from her own family budget. It was that generosity which led to foreclosure on her Troy home this summer.

"If I need food for my dogs and I have to use my house payment, I do. I figure there's always tomorrow (for the house payment). But the tomorrows run out."

"I was very much on edge," she said. "But I knew I'd rather lose my house than have my animals starve." A friend loaned the Stacks the money to redeem their home, but her financial worries for the humane society are far from over.

"How do I keep going?" she said, repeating the question. "You know how? I know that if I can't do anything to keep my kennels open and keep it running, I have to put my animals to sleep. So I go look at them and think I'd have to go with everyone and put them to sleep."

"That makes me fight."

HER FEISTINESS and determination got her in trouble during the war — but are also the reasons she was able to survive while many women died in the Nazi camps.

At a time when she was planning to

become a doctor, it seemed only natural to refuse the German demand to work in an ammunition factory. "They said I was committing sabotage on the German people. Refusing to work in an ammunition factory was not sabotage to me. I just didn't want to make ammunition that kills people."

Earlier she had been branded a "white Jew" because her gentle grandfather was the shames who worked in the Jewish synagogue.

As was their pattern, the Nazi soldiers showed up at her doorstep early one morning and took her away to "learn how to be a good Nazi."

She was put in Pr. Konz Lager Ravensburck (Women's Concentration Camp Ravensburck) in Furftenberg, Germany. There she dug ditches, unloaded boats (it was located on a lake) and helped build the camp. Later she was transferred to Buchenwald and finally the ammunition factory in the Magdeburg camp.

"To me, being an Aquarian, the worst thing is taking my freedom away," she said. "I can do anything if I have my freedom. But if people tell things — you do this and this and this — boy, do I get buggy. I'm still like this. I'm still a rebel."

"Being locked up was bad, but if we had had food, we could have functioned better. But we were always hungry and it was so filthy. All these miseries

together. . .

"People say 'Why do you feed your dogs meat, they have enough with dry food.' I always tell them: When I was in concentration camp, everything would have been better if I wouldn't have been so hungry all the time — if just once in a while I had some good food or something."

"I feel my dogs have it better. They won't feel their imprisonment so bad, if they have some good food. Right?"

THE CRAVING for food caused many prisoners to eat contaminated foods and to steal. It cost one woman her life when a group of Russian women refused to identify the person who had stolen some food, Mrs. Stack recalled.

"The soldiers got us all up at 4 o'clock one morning," she recalled. "They took one of the Russian women and made us watch as they hanged her. That's something to see when you're 19. That woman could have told them who did it, but she showed no expression. They stuck together."

Mrs. Stack vividly recalls the days when the war drew to an end.

Without bomb shelters to protect them, the women sat in the middle of the camp and watched as Allied planes bombed the entire city of Magdeburg. Although the entire city was destroyed, the camp was spared.

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As deputy cashier, Lis shares authority for the bank's legal affairs and is responsible for insurance and realty tax activities. He also serves as assistant secretary of National Detroit Corp., holding company parent of NBD where he has been involved in the corporation's acquisition program, and is secretary of a number of other corporation subsidiaries.

In the eight years he has been with NBD, Lis has worked in the trust investment department, specializing in

management and disposition of closely-held businesses.

He holds a BS degree in economics from John Carroll University, an MBA degree in finance from University of Toledo and graduated magna cum laude from University of Detroit School of Law with a JD degree.

Lis is a member of Michigan and American Bar Associations; the Veterans of Foreign Wars; Alpha Kappa Psi; Alpha Sigma Nu; and is treasurer of Canterbury Commons Association.

He received a Bronze Star, Air Medal and Combat Infantryman's badge during his tour of duty with the U.S. Army in Vietnam.

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