

Young Harry Fink In The Street



In the picture you can see me on my bike and our car in Prague. The photo was probably taken in 1937. We lived in Prague, on Jindrisska Street. Our apartment was in a former palace. It was a huge apartment building with three stairwells and dozens and dozens of rooms. Originally we lived in the third wing. We had four large rooms, a toilet, pantry and kitchen. There was one more small room, which was the children's room, and also a bathroom. The building belonged to the National Bank and it decided to use our apartment for an archive, so they moved us into the first wing, the first staircase on Jindrisska Street. But from what I remember for those four years the apartment stayed unlocked, so that I rode my bike around in those huge rooms and organized races. We also used to go a little ways outside of Prague to Radejovice. We had a place rented there, and my father would

come in the evening, because it was a suburb of Prague and today it's part of the city. Back then it was still a village in the forest. So we used to go on vacations like this as well. We also drove around the region surrounding Prague, to Karlstein, to St. John's Currents to swim. While we still could, before they took our car [because of the Anti-Jewish laws in the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia] we went on trips and then, when we couldn't have the car any more, we stopped.