

Into the Arms of Strangers

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Guardian - 14/12/2000 - review:

"The story of the Kindertransport - the Chamberlain government's pre-war asylum in Britain for 10,000 Jewish children - is presented here in the classic Holocaust documentary style. Elderly survivors tell their stories, interspersed with family photos showing the deponents now looking heart-stoppingly like their parents."

[no listing in "Leonard Maltin's Movie and Video Guide 2001"]

No further information currently available. Another godawful American title which sounds like it was scribbled off on a pulpit between sermons. One would think the subject matter itself harrowing enough not to require such limp tugs on the heartstrings. "Kindertransport" would certainly have been a more dignified and suitable title. That aside, this makes a companion piece to other recent documentaries on British working class children forcibly resettled in Australia, or inner city children evacuated to the country during the Blitz. Antisemitism was certainly not unknown in Britain in the 1930s (nor in the USA), but since the survivors owe their lives to that resettlement programme, it wouldn't be surprising if any prejudice they encountered here were understated in their interviews.

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