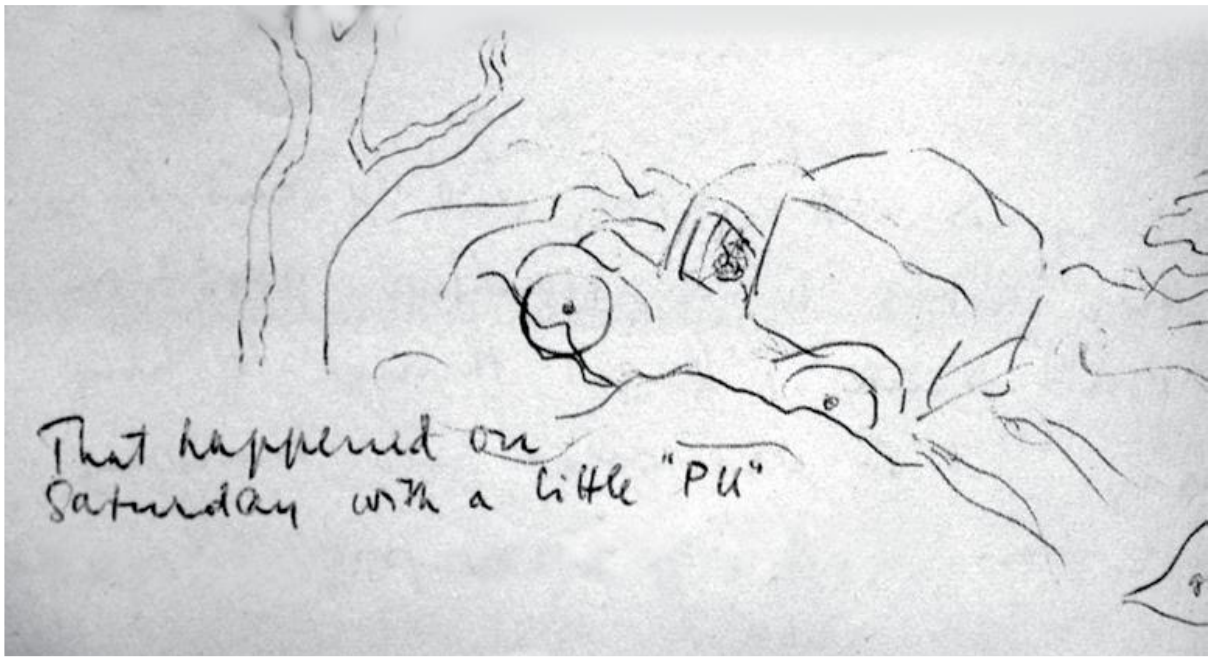
RE-EDUCATING GERMAN PRISONERS-OF-WAR AFTER WWII

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At the end of WWII there were over 400,000 German Prisoners-of-War housed in 1,500 camps throughout the United Kingdom. Some prisoners were very young and had received their education under the Nazi system. To enable these men to take their place in a democratic post-war Germany re-education was necessary. Some 200 lecturers travelled the length and breadth of the country to lecture in the camps and prepare the prisoners for civilian life.

This book contains over fifty letters and reports written by one such lecturer, Paul Bondy, a German refugee. His experience of the lecture circuit is compared to that of another refugee, Hermann Sinsheimer, whose correspondence has to date appeared only in German.

This work offers a grass roots perspective of conditions in POW camps and of prisoner morale in the early post-war years, and affords insight into the difficulties experienced by those charged with actually delivering the lecture programme during this time of austerity.



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