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used to drink shoe polish. Shirley: The liquid shoe...? Gordie: No, no, the paste shoe polish. You'd melt that down. And (one fellow) said, "Geez," he said, "get anything but that Nugget," he said. "That goddamn Nugget gives me heartburn!" Imagine!... And vanilla extract--geez, we used to drink that by the bottle. And shaving lotion, we used to drink that. And perfume. All that stuff. Oh, you'd drink all that stuff. Oh, geez, that was great. You know, we were the only smelly guys in Sydney. (How did you get out of it, then? Clearly, you did.) Yeah, I got out of it. (But how?) Well, it took awhile. I guess--you've got to hit the rock bottom, you know what I mean? You hit the pits, and you're right down and you're out. And you're sick and you're degraded. Well, you humiliate your family--my family had nothing, wanted to do with me. Not even some of my friends, want to associate with you, you know what I mean? And then you pick yourself up by the bootstraps. And I got up, and I--okay, then. So then I went away. (Is this when your family fell apart?) Yeah. That was part of the whole thing, see. Vacation in Louisbourg! 'fortress Vie-zu %tstamant  
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