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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

August 5 at 8:00 PM	Bridge Social	Home of Caty & Jim Flowers
September		
1-4	Long Weekend Trip	Monterrey, Mexico
9 at 8:00 PM	Bridge Social	Home of Trudy & Chris Herben
16 at 10:00 AM	Foreign Folk Festival	Sharpstown Shopping Mall
17 at 12 Noon	Car Rally and Picnic	
29 at 7:30 PM	Herring Party with Dutch News Reels	Pearl's Jersey Lilly Hall

Due to vacations, the tennis get-togethers at Kincaid Campus on Monday nights have been temporarily suspended until fall.

LAST CALL!! 131 members have now paid their dues. If you have not paid your 1972 dues of \$8.00 per family, please do so immediately.

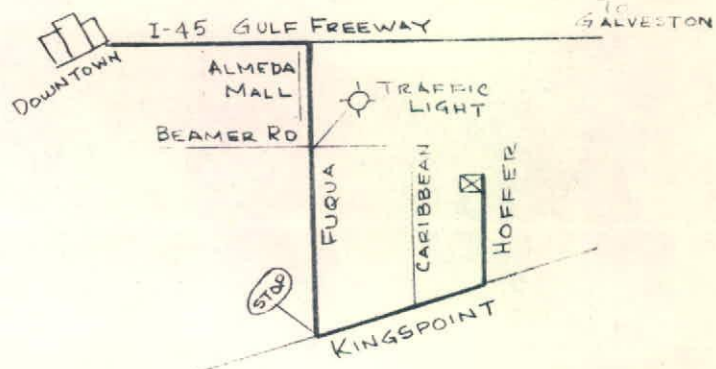
Wanted to Buy an electric typewriter in first class condition, for use by our Holland Club Bulletin Editor, Bennie Valcik. If you have a good usable typewriter or know where we can obtain one, please call P. C. Staats at 723-3423.

NEXT BRIDGE SOCIAL:

Saturday, August 5, 1972

Home of CATY & JIM
FLOWERS
11039 Hoffer Street

Reservations are to be
Made by August 2, 1972
Telephone: 946-3084



LONG WEEKEND TRIP TO MONTERREY (MEXICO) - is planned for Labor Day weekend from September 1 through 4, 1972 with a chartered bus leaving Houston, Friday evening and returning Monday night. Rooms are already reserved in Gran Hotel Ancira in downtown Monterrey. Total price for bus fare and hotel will be between \$40 and \$50 per person.

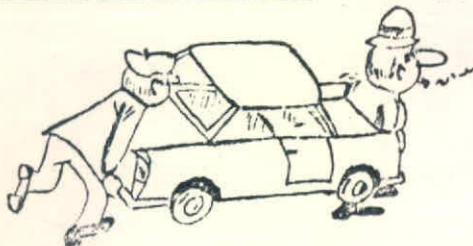
ELSE HEMMEN, telephone number 667-4136 will take your reservations before August 15 with a deposit of \$25.00 per person. Brochures with more detailed

information will be mailed to those interested. Please hurry as only 30 reservations are available. The tour was made possible through the kind cooperation of Van Nes Group Tours.

FOREIGN FOLK FESTIVAL

The Sharpstown Shopping Center has invited the Holland Club to participate in its annual Folk Festival which will be held in the Sharpstown Mall on Saturday, September 16, 1972. In connection with "the Holland House" (Westbury Square) your Club will have a booth with typical imported Dutch merchandise. Lady volunteers, if possible in Dutch costume, will be needed at the booths to take shifts. If interested, please call MRS. MIEK STAATS at 763-3423.

CAR RALLY AND PICNIC - Sunday, September 17, 1972



No special skills are needed - just a smart mind to figure out the puzzle. First of all, this is to be a fun rally - no racing is involved. Prizes will be awarded for the winning drivers, but you may have as many navigators as you want.

Picnic with awarding of trophies is planned after the rally in Clear Lake Harris County Park. An indoor pavilion has been arranged for in case of rain. ADRIE van de VOORDE, who is in charge of the rally, will explain the purpose and give details in our next Bulletin.

HERRING PARTY - Friday, September 29, 1972

We were able to make reservations at the Jersey Lilly, Pearl Beer's Hospitality Room, for our annual Herring Party with Hutspot. During that evening we will also show two recent Dutch Polygoon News issues, Volumes 2 and 3, with lots of Europe Cup Soccer with Ajax and Feyenoord. More details in the next Bulletin.

Report on Last Month's Events

After a false start because of threatening weather, HLAVACEK'S Fish Fry at Freeport Beach on June 24th turned out to be a great success again. The weather was beautiful (and hot!). Forty-six adults and 20 children attended the outing and consumed 20 pounds of flounder and 40 pounds of trout, deliciously fried on the spot by our Paratrooper. It was a pity that EVELYN could not attend the party.

An extra attraction were the sailboat rides through the surf conducted by Captain KEES JOBSIS and his two charming daughters. A bonfire kept the crowd around until after 11 o'clock.

RIJST-TAFEL at Marilyn Estates Swimming Pool on July 8, 1972

A huge crowd of more than 70 members attended this "pot-luck style" Rijst-Tafel party. The weather was ideal, the swimming pool refreshingly wet, the beer plentiful, and the food was 'out of this world'.

Colorful shirts and dresses, decorated with leis, torch lights and music added tremendously to the oriental atmosphere. The food was better than any Houston restaurant could have served and we are already looking forward to a repeat (with more soft drinks for the non-beer-drinkers, we promise!). A special tip of the hat should go to ELLY & ADRIE van de VOORDE and JETTY & ED MARRS (the sate was delicious), PAULINE & ART JANSZEN and MIEK STAATS. And then, of course, thanks to our "indonesian" cooks for preparing their exquisite dishes.

BRIDGE SOCIAL

This was a very successful party on July 1st at the home of PAULINE & ART JANSZEN. There were four tables of Bridge with THEO MERKES winning the first prize for men - a Bridge Manual to improve his Bridge game. Someone overheard him saying, "Thank you, I needed that!"

WILLY CHATROU had high score for ladies and received a Chinese Cookbook. It is rumored she is working hard on her specialty "Hang Kreng Hang" and we will all be invited soon to 'Try it - you'll like it'.

Note From The Editor

It is a pleasure to be working with such a LIVE BUNCH and your cooperation is appreciated.

Have a good month



Bemnie Valcik

Small NATO allies bring big share of talent

By C. L. Sulzberger

BAARN, Holland — When contemplating their alliance with Europe, Americans are too often inclined to think of it in terms of the number of divisions, ships or aircraft being provided to NATO by these lesser powers and to overlook something perhaps even more important, namely industrial talent and human brains.

The small countries of the West furnish the North Atlantic coalition with an astonishing and sometimes disproportionate amount of organizing ability and individual intelligence. It is interesting to compare this with the role of the Soviet Union's weaker Warsaw Pact allies. Who ever heard of a Pole, Czech or Bulgarian awarded leading responsibility in that organization?

There is no limitation to a man's importance in the Western world simply because his nation happens to be relatively weak. A notable example may be found in the case of Holland, a country of 13,200,000 people and 14,131 square miles.

Yet two primarily Dutch corporations, Shell and Unilever, are among the 10 largest on Earth. Two others, Phillips and Akzo are among the largest in Europe. The concentration of technical and commercial ability demonstrated by these firms is of high category in estimating the North Atlantic community's overall vigor.

Even more striking is the personal role assumed by Dutchmen in international affairs. Joseph Luns is secretary general of NATO. Sicco Mansholt is president of the Commission of the Common Market. A.H. Boerma is director general of U.N.'s Food and Agriculture Organization.

Emile Van Lennep is secretary general of OECD (Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development). And Prince Bernhard, the versatile husband of Queen Juliana of the Netherlands and inspector general of his country's armed forces, is also energetic president of the World Wildlife Fund and chairman of the Bilderberg Group that brings together American and European leaders.

This is an impressive human contribution to international and above all Western cooperation. It is interesting, when trying to ponder similar potentials in East Europe, that the only small countries where individuals seem to make a global mark are the heretical lands of Rumania (Moscow's reluctant ally) and Yugoslavia (nonaligned and not an ally at all).

I have asked Dutch intellectuals and politicians how they explain the extraordinary part being played by their countrymen. Some say it is just a historical accident but others make the point that Holland is so small that it has had to make the whole Earth its intellectual and commercial domain.

Dutchmen are forced to learn many languages if they intend to get ahead. Their enormous global enterprises, dating back to the East Indies Company, have given them a tradition of overseas experience. One might add that in the 17th Century Holland was a superpower; that its empire, for the most part, was only shed a generation ago, and that the habit of administration on the grand scale is ingrained.

Of course this treasury of ability, matured in little lands for the benefit of the whole West, is not a Dutch copyright. Belgium's Paul-Henri Spaak, who was president of the U.N. Assembly and secretary general of NATO, is an excellent proof of this. And Spaak had a personal theory that certain advantages accrued to the statesman from a minor power if he gained sufficient stature to make a world mark.

His theory was that such a statesman, choosing his moment carefully, can help build firmer ground among the major powers and keep them from heading into impasse or confrontation. He thinks the small-nation statesman has a special freedom because he obviously cannot implicate the great powers and, at the very worst, will only appear imprudent.

Certainly men of the caliber of Spaak or of today's unusual crop of Dutch international leaders underscore one fact that is a source of strength to the West, a source that should be more frequently remembered by Americans who sometimes become mesmerized by size or by a fascination for military statistics. This fact is that the scale of states-

manship does not depend on the size of the statesman's country; only on his experience, wisdom and perspicacity.

Sulzberger is a Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist of the New York Times and former chief foreign correspondent of that paper.

THANK YOU, MR SULZBERGER!

WE, DUTCHMEN AND EX-DUTCHMEN ALIKE, NEED AN ARTICLE SUCH AS YOURS ONCE IN AWHILE, TO REMIND US THAT WE SHOULD BE REALLY PROUD OF THAT LITTLE COUNTRY THAT WE LEFT BEHIND.

P.C. STAATS

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