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The Rising Tide: The Latest Progress of Holland in 1990

In High Tide #2 we counted the pre-supporters for Holland in 1990 - and you numbered about 400. Since then the Tide has continued rising...

A major event, of course, was the Worldcon in Atlanta. For this occasion we had prepared ourselves well, complete with Dutch cheese, beer, unique liquors and a trunkful of buttons, miniature wooden shoes and t-shirts. Not to mention the rest...

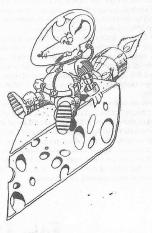
Atlanta

The six of us - Angélique, Kees, Lynne Ann, Roelof, Charlotte Kamermans of the Netherlands Congress Centre, and Johan-Martijn arrived with lives and limbs intact and excess luggage. (Contrary to popular opinion - t-shirts and wooden shoes are not weightless!) On Thursday we set up our exhibit under the roof of the Marriott Hotel - all 36 storeys of it. On Friday afternoon we were able to begin selling pre-supporting memberships. By Sunday afternoon we were sold out. Completely. We went right through our membership forms and t-shirts. We had to sell our *ouen* buttons and wooden shoes. We got rid of all our flyers, stickers and Dutch coffee-candies. The end result exceeded our wildest dreams: more than 300 new pre-supporters. And when the convention closed on Monday we had the distinct feeling that we had made many friends as well.

A Dutch Room Party

We really held three room parties in a row, from Friday through Sunday, all in the Hilton. And we lost count of the people who visited us. Between the opening of many, many bottles of real Dutch beer - Grolsch, (courtesy of Grolsch Breweries, Atlanta) and the serving of Dutch cheese and liquors, we continued to sell memberships, and to tell about Holland, the site and size of the Congress Centre and other facilities, the Queen (a rather popular topic), and about quite a bit more. We were treated to a Turkish belly-dancers' act. Many friends from all over the world helped us serve drinks. (The bathroom was a room party within a room party). Our Japanese friends came up with sake, and when our supplies ran low our Norwegian friends donated a supply of their national liquor, the tongue-tieing akvavit. A representative of the Perth in '94 bid, Lee Smoire, donated extra party supplies. On Saturday representatives of British fandom joined forces with us for a very succesful party promoting Conspiracy in '87. It was wonderful and exhausting - the six of us didn't see much of Confederation. Or a bed. But we did see our agents: Charlotte Proctor of Birmingham, David Schlosser of Los Angeles, Virginia Nelson of Minneapolis, Yvonne and Lloyd Penney of Toronto, Canada, Colin Fine of Cambridge, England. We owe a lot tothem!

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Back in Europe

We have been busy the whole summer, before and after the Atlanta Worldcon. We went to Colonia-con in Cologne, West-Germany. The German science fiction fans appreciated our first german language pamphlet. (We have since published our second.) They asked many questions about Worldcons in general and about Holland in particular, and during Coloniacon they signed up in droves.

Rectof Goudriaan and Lynne Ann Morse went to this year's Eurocon in Zagreb, Yugoslavia. Roclof had the honour of being Eurocon's fan guest, and as a result the Holland in 1990 table was extra busy with well-wishers. During the convention Roelof and Lynne Ann memberships (despite some currency problems) and received indications of interest and offers of help from fans throughout Europe, especially by participants from Italy, Yugoslavia and Eastern Europe.

The United Kingdom was covered by Larry van der Putte, called Hero of the Republic in a recent Ansible. Larry went to Unicon 7 in Guildford and 15-con in Birmingham, a celebration by the Brum SF Group for the 15th Anniversary of the Brum Group. Angelique and Kees van Toorn hit the annual Perry Rhodan Worldeon in Saarbrücken, West-Germany. They also went to Germany's national convention in Saarbrücken again, with Annemarie van Ewijck. Not too long ago, all three of them went to the Beneluxcon in Aalst, Belgium where Lynne Ann and John van Duin, the bids agent liaison joined them. And everyone on the bid showed up at Delftcon, here in Holland. Another Dutch con of note was Unquendor, a Tolkien con.

All in all, the total of pre-supporting members came up to 900. We are truly on our way now. Up to Brighton, to Conspiracy '87. And to Holland in 1990. But first...

Further News in Europe

Of course, plans for the convention itself are also progressing. Committee member Jo Thomas checked out the Netherlands Congress Centre during this summer's North Sea Jazz Festival this festival attracted over 10,000 attendees per day, and Jo was there, armed with camera and notebook, to observe what little could go wrong with a major attraction held at the Centre. We want to avoid such problems, although things are already going very smoothly at the Centre.

Rather than listening to good music, our man at the Congress Centre dutifully frequented the bars and meal stands to see how they were doing their business. He noted the clean-up activities going on during the festival, the accessibility of the committee and VIP-rooms, the handicap access, and every room from the Willem Alexander Hall scating 2000+ to the toilets seating one... and he checked out every room in between, from the top floor to the ground floor, to the parking-garage.

Jo Thomas is also busy examining ways to transport SF merchandize across the borders and to deal easily with customs. We want to make life as easy as possible for dealers, artists and hucksters. If you fall into this category, please make yourself known to us, so that we can provide you with the vital information.

The number of people working for "Holland in 1990" keeps growing.

Paul de Leeuw van Weenen has joined the crew as treasurer of the bid, whereas Roelof will devote some of his time as a budgetcontroller with overall insight on financial matters.

John van Duin has signed on as agent liaison, so that our agents will be well informed about progress of the bid, and co-ordinated in their coverage of conventions, especially USA ones.

We have added a new operations coordinator, Saskia Kromhout van der Meer and meanwhile Jo Thomas has replaced Zweitse Klous as programming coordinator.

Future Conventions

One or more bidding committee members of Holland in 1990 will be present at these conventions. Final Frontier, 6-8 February 1987, Soest, Holland; Boskone, 13-15 February 1987, Boston, USA; Conception, 13-15 February 1987, Leeds, UK; possibly Wiscon, 20-22 February 1987, Madison, USA; Benelux Horror & 8F-filmcon, 14 March 1987, Tiel, Holland; Beccon, the 1987 Eastercon, 17-20 April 1987, Birmingham, UK; and possibly meetings in Scandinavia and France (probably 3rd International SFcon in Nice or the Eurocon in Montpellier).

Don't forget, too, there are agents who will be at conventions in your area, keeping you in touch with us.

Thank You To ...

We of course heartily appreciated the helpful staff of Confederation itself, as well as the spontaneous offers of help from the British, the Japanese, the Norwegians and the Australians, as they were all represented at this Worldcon.

And we would also like to thank Bernie Evans, Herbert Thiery, Krsto Mazuranić, Ian Sorensen, John-Paul Smith, Henk Kersbergen, Patrick van de Wiele, Eddy Bertin, and to many others whose names we cannot list due to space restrictions, for their tremendous help during conventions visited by members of Holland in 1990.

And the main thanks go to you, our pre-supporter. Without your support even the Biggest Mouse wouldn't be heard. So, in this place we would like to thank you, too. Not only for your memberships, but also for the friendliness we've encountered all over the world, from Atlanta via Saarbrücken to Zagreb. Thank you for supporting the idea of a truly international World Science Fiction World Convention.

Our last station will be Conspiracy '87, 27 August - 2 September 1987, in Brighton, UK. There and then you can vote for the site of the 1990 Worldcon. (*And please dol*) We will miss nothing in entertaining you there. Our little mice are already working on a truly memorable Bidding Party. You won't be able to miss it: the Mouse is Roaring. See vou!

Joban-Martijn Flaton and Roelof Goudriaan

Why IJOLI Should Come to Holland in 1990

We know, it's easy to say, "Hey, that's a very good idea: to hold a Worldcon in the jolly Old World. Just sell me that pre-supporting membership and you can count on me to vote for you guys in 1987. How about a bheer, now?"

Well, thank you kindly, we do like giving you bheer, but we want something else out of you. We want you to start thinking NOW, about going to Holland in 1990. And we're going to give you a brace of fannish reasons why.

First off, it's an interesting country with a long and juicy history. A country that managed to buy itself the lsle of Manhattan for about \$17 worth of shop rejects... Oh well, we are properly ashamed of it now, and anyway we lost New Amsterdam to the British, and after they renamed it New York, they lost it to the Locals. But some of you must be our descendants, in some way. And do we feel proud when we spy The Bowery ('The Construction Site', in Dutch, or 'bouwerij', which also refers to The Bowery's former life as the farm of Governor Peter Stuyvesant). And you never could sell us even the smallest share in the Brooklyn Bridge, for Breukelen in Holland, which gave Brooklyn its name, boasts bridges of its own a'plenty.

Holland, or The Netherlands as it's properly called, is paradise if you like weird things. (Horror fen, are you tuned in?) Roughly half of our territory is below sea level - but we're nicely protected by dikes and dunes and dams. And roughly half of THAT half was not created by Time or Geology but by the Dutch themselves.

They undertook the first project of terra-forming in the 17th century - before Jack Williamson even thought of the word. Here's how it's done: you sandbag a stretch of water, and just pump the contents out. And then you can put in cows and corn and clover. And turnips. Lacking orthodox sources of energy - like the combustion engine - we evicted that water in the most unpolluting way, with windmills. You can see them standing around to this day, in clumps of 3 or 4 or even 20, taking the air and mumbling about the good old days before electricity. But if you're not really into hardcore science and technology, the Nether regions still have plenty to offer. The small town of Oudewater boasts an authentic Weighing House for Witches, dating back to the time of the European Witch Hunts. The contemporary theory was that witches would have to weigh a lot less than they appeared to, in order to be able to fly. Anyone proven to be properly weighty could therefore not be a witch. Oudewater gave out lifesaving certificates to travellers from all over Europe and still does so now, for a small fee.

That might (or might not) charm D&D buffs and horror fen, who may also want to visit the medieval State Dungeon and Torture Chamber in The Hague itself. (ed. note - this is within ten minutes of the Netberlands Congress Centre by public transport) You can view original Iron Maidens or implements of the tortures of Fire and Water. As a rule, visitors are locked into one of the dungeons for a space, which should please Creative Anachronists and role-players no end... A visit to the rural community of Monster, nearby, would nicely round off a trip into terror.

Speaking of quaint place-names, fen with an even more down-toearth disposition (or maybe just a nastier one) might like to wallow in the contemplation of localities called Mudhole or Filthy Rita, while Ellison fen may quietly rave over the communities of Puffed Corpse, Pain's Acre, or Suffering, which is the city of Leyden. (ed note - relation also means to lead, which be University of Leyden certainly did in medical knowledge before anaestbetics were discovered) This is also the place where a number of Pilgrim Parents resided before pushing off to find Plymouth Rock. If grubbing for roots-and-beginnings charms you at all, The Netherlands is an excellent jumping-off point, for among your 16 great-great-grandparents there's a fair chance that at least one of them hailed from The Netherlands.

Maybe they came from villages like Standing Outside, The Zero, Never Thought Of, or Mashing Hole. Or Side Cake, Wouldn't Fantasy fen flock to see the Isle of the Monks in Grey, or winsome Windragon? More constructively, convention fen will just love Wow, Profligate, Stretched Pants and, for a room party, Sexbierum (bier = bheer; your first Durch lesson, free of charge). On a lighter note, students of movie special effects may move north to see the daily re-enactment of the Red Sea Miracle at the Waddenzee near Pieterburen - be your own Charlton Heston and take a guided hike across the scabed to a little off-shore island, without getting more than your toes wet.

Keeping our feet dry is a national passtime. So, for greater protection from fierce flooding, we recently closed off the large deta of the Schelde, Rhine and Maas Rivers in Zeeland with a nifty, futuristic complex of dams, bridges and locks. This piece of hydraulic engineering not only gives us greater protection from floods, but we also have more water-ways and recreational lakes. It was also the set for a scene in a recent sf film.

What a country for science fiction fen; if we didn't live there already, we'd move there! (*ed. note - one fan already bas!*) We would love YOU to join us, at least for a Worldcon.

So, now some hints on how to find us. Look at a map of Europe. Find France, then Belgium north of it. Right there, on top of Belgium, tacked onto the upper left hand corner of Germany, and looking wishfully across the North Sea toward our age old rival, Great Britain, that's were we are.

And that's where we will be in 1990. So do come, we're looking forward to seeing you all.

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Buttons, Wooden Shoes and T-Shirts

We distributed every button and pair of wooden sboes that we brought with us at Atlanta. Still, not all of you have received these items that, after all, belong with your pre-supporting membership. With this High Tide we are sending out the buttons and wooden shoes belonging to those of you who haven't yet received them. Please let us know if you think you should have gotten your red, white and blue button with mouse-sized wooden shoes, but haven't yet. Otherwise, we hope you enjoy your button and shoes.

If you want to show the world your support for Holland in 1990 in an even bigger way, you can still order t-shirts directly from us for USS 10,00, UKL 6,00 or f 25,00, return postage included. The t-shirts are available in various sizes: small, medium, large and extra-large and are a cotton/polyester blend. We prefer payment by international postal money orders. If you send a personal check please add USS 1.00 or the equivalent for bandling. If you live in a country with a Giro banking system please send the above named amount to our Giro account number: 237884. You may also send money to our AMRO bank account number 482688041.

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för Beginners

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Most inhabitants of The Hague identify their city by its distance from other, better known locations in the Netherlands and Europe. It's not that we want you to leave for those other places -- in fact, it's the other way around. We want you to stay, though we know that our city isn't instantly recognized like London or Paris. However, when a 'Hagenaar' tells you.'The Hague is 45 minutes from Amsterdam,'' it shows how easy it is to reach The Hague and to sample what it has to offer.

If you really paid attention in your history classes, then you'll remember that The Hague was the site of the Peace Conference in 1899. Then, Andrew Carnegie provided 1.5 million dollars for a permanent (and worthy) home and legal library for the International Courts of Justice. You can get a look at the Palace on your way downtown from the Netherlands Congress Center, where the Worldcon will be held.

The Hague's downtown is the center of political life for the Netherlands. Forget what people tell you about Amsterdam being the capital of the country; only the Queen is crowned there, but the real work is done in The Hague. The buildings of the "working capital" are worth looking at. So is the rest of the city center, with busy, closely-clustered shops and stately, tree-lined streets, that have residences for ambassadors, art and aristocracy. A handful of palaces are thrown in as well, for the Queen lives and works in The Hague. It is known as "The Residence" because The Hague is the Washington D.C. of the Netherlands.

The most important government buildings stand in a ring about Knights'

Hall, which was built in the mid-13th century for receptions and feasts for the Counts of Holland and their guests. Knights' Hall is an 88- foot tall Gothic building, the largest ever built for secular purposes. Enclosing the brick-covered Inner Court you'll find the buildings of the Dutch Parliament and various ministries. The Senate meets in a building completed in 1657, and the House meets in a former dance hall built in 1790. While you are dwelling on those gracious, lost ages, don't forget the 17th century Mauritshuis, adjoining the Inner Court, with a host of Rembrandts, Vermeers, Frans Hals: Ruysdaels; some of those famous paintings had to be taken back from the Louvre. because they were much admired. The other pole of the historical center is the Great Church, with its famous hexagonal tower, started in 1420 and finished off in 1956 with a vane shapd like a crowned stork (the coat-of-arms of The Hague). In between the church and the Inner Court you'll find a maze of twisted little streets, lined with shops, sidewalk cafes, and a kaleidoscopic variety of exotic restaurants, ranging from the Chinese to the Mexican, the French to the Algerian, the Turkish to the Indian suisine. And yes... there

is a MacDonald's. Also, groceries and distinctive, low-budget snacks are easily found. As a city of many we cater to all...

A short tram ride away is the beach, known as Scheveningen, where the nobility tried their hand at sandsailing and swimming in bath- coaches. Today the entertainment at Scheveningen is a bit different. Dominating the scene is the Kurhaus, recently restored to its majestic 19th century beauty, with probably the most elegant dining room of Europe. Short of money or looking for excitement? Try the Casino out in front. Or try the dozens and dozens of restaurants, bowling alleys, fun shops and, oh yes, the beach itself and the distinctive Pier-islands with game arcades and restaurants.

But The Hague is not just a city of the past, nor crammed with 'big' things. (Our highest skyscraper is just a modest 22 floors.) Small is beautiful, as you'll find out. Madurodam is the biggest smallest city in Europe, built on a scale of 1:25. You'll find bits of Amsterdam, Rotterdam and other places in The Hague and Holland -- even Schiphol Airport -- all beautifully miniaturized.

There's even more to tell about The Hague, much more. The parks and woods (The Hague is called "the greenest city of Europe"), the muscums (with one of the world's greatest Van Gogh collections), the many theaters, the execllent public transport system, the bookshops (English is a second language, and bookshops have almost as many books in English as in Dutch).

Then again, telling about The Hague isn't half as much fun as seeing it. Try our Worldcon in 1990, and we'll throw in The Hague for free (but you are welcome **anytime** !).



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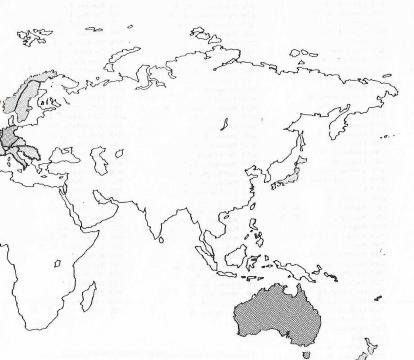
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The Crew of the Flying Dutchman!!

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"Gateway to Europe," we boldly state. One of the smallest countries in the world, but densely packed with 14 million people, a Queen, a host of multinational corporations, the biggest harbor in the world, and a bewildering variety of dikes and canals (one half of our country lies below sea-level). A country where English is our second language, and banking our second nature. Some of our neighbors called us "the Venice of the North," and others have said we were the "Chinese of the North." (We're still trying to find out if it's complimentary or not.) Oh yes, we have windmills as well as wooden shoes. and in the spring you'll discover why we are called a "nation of tulips" (and the biggest exporters of tulip bulbs as well) when the whole coastal area bursts with an astounding variety of flowerheds

A BIT OF HISTORY

Holland is, like most European countries, a land drenched in history. We've had our share of invading tribes of Celts and Vikings, Gauls and Saxons, followed by the Romans. We were part of the Carolingean Empire, the Burgundian Empire, the Holy Roman Empire, and the Hapsburg Empire. We've had our prince-bishops who were more concerned about fighting than praying, our warrior-dukes and our merchant-counts. In the Middle Ages we were a County. In the 16th Century we were part of Spain, and when we freed ourselves after eighty years of war we became the first Republic of the Continent: the Republic of the United Netherlands, headed by a Prince-Stadthouder from the House of Orange. One of them even managed to become the King of England as well. We gave the world Rembrandt, and Anthonie van Leeuwenhoeck, who discovered the microscope. Science was an important part of our society, as is shown by Christiaan Huygens and Simon Stevin. Desiderius Erasmus helped to shape the birth of the Renaissance, and Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck was the 'grandfather' of a musical line that ended

with the great Johann Sebastian Bach. In our Golden Age, the 17th Century, we roamed the seas, and our power was vested in big shipping companies like the United East Indian Company. We bought Manhattan (Brooklyn = Breukelen, and Harlem = Haarlem -- both the names of Dutch cities). and we took the Indian Archipel (nowdays known as Indonesia). We were the only people who were allowed to trade with Japan after the mighty Shogun Tokyugawa closed his country for three centuries. We invented bookprinting (forget about that alleged German claim), and forgery (the first counterfeiter was a Dutchie).

In short we were (and are) a busy people. We have to be: Holland is a very small nation indeed. Traveling from one end of the country to the other in a fast car would take you about half a day. So we have to be an inventive people. And a tolerant people as well: in a densely populated country you can't afford too many quarrels with your neighbors. Thus we got our share of Huguenots, Protestants, Jews and other refugees. The Pilgrim Fathers started their journey from the coast of Hollands. That's why we speak so many languages today. For most of us English is a second language. (Spanish is rapidly climbing up as the third!)

Nowdays Holland is a modern, highly industrialized country, with a fair share of multinationals (such as Royal Shell, Unilever, and Philips). International trade has been our 'trademark' for centuries. At the same time we try to preserve as much of our history as possible.

THE PAST ALONG WITH THE PRE-SENT

There is some advantage to being a small-sized country, especially for tourism. We have alot to offer, except high mountains. (The biggest hill is about 900 feet, so forget about mountain climbing.) From Schiphol Airport the whole of Europe is at your feet, and the Netherlands as well, Amsterdam, the capital of the Netherlands and a mere 10 minutes from Schiphol, is famous for her canals and her wonderfully preserved 17th century city center. Leiden, with one of the oldest universities in Europe, is just half an hour away by train. The Hague itself, the governmental site and third largest city of Holland, is 35 minutes by train away from Schiphol. (The Hague is also the proposed site of the 1990 Worldcon.) Are you interested in the biggest harborworks in the world? Visit the Delta Works, where the mighty flood-

Delta Works, where the mighty floodgates protect the lowlands -- a mere two hours' traveling. Visit the ancient Roman cities of Nijmegen or Maastricht (the latter nearly 2,000 years old) within 4 hours. Visit the greatest cathedral up north, St. John's in Den Bosch, a two hours' trifle of a trip. Rent a car and visit the old villages on polders. (A typical Dutch custom is to wrestle land from the waters, encase it with dikes, and and then crown it with windmills to pump out the water.)

We even have our share of beautiful woodlands, and we threw in a handful of safariparks lust for the fun of it. We even have our own, smaller, version of Disneyland, called the Efteling, where fairytales spring up from the grass.

In short, we think we have the Best Little Country in the World (and it won't be closed down by the Sheriff), not only worthy of a Worldcon, but also worth a nice and easy-going holiday. 45TH WORLD SCIENCE FICTION CONVENTION 27th AUGUST – 1ST SEPTEMBER 1987 BRIGHTON, U.K.

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MORE NEWS ON BIDDING FOR A WORLD SCIENCE FICTION CONVENTION

In the second issue of High Tide, which most of our current presupporters have received, we printed a short article on the bid procedure for a World Science Fiction Convention. Unfortunately, we made a mistake in that article which we would like to rectify in this issue, as it is still one of the most important parts of the entire bid-campaign. We mentioned that, with respect to the voting fee you pay at the convention where you vote for the site of a future World Science Fiction Convention, that the fee "usually also buys you an attending membership. It has been a habit lately that whoever wins the bid honors the votes cast to the opposition by giving (supporting) memberships".

HOW DOES IT WORK THEN?

At Science Fiction World Conventions there are rules set by the World Science Fiction Society in its constitution. All members of the convention in question (say Brighton in 1987) can vote for the 1990 site of the 48th World Science Fiction Convention. The vote is by secret ballot, which means there is no way to determine which voters cast votes for which party. However, all the names of the voters are handed over to the winning party of the bid and according to Article 1, Section 4 of the above mentioned constitution, all voters are required to be given supporting memberships in the winning Worldcon. Also, such members may convert this supporting membership to a membership with the right of general attendance at the selected Worldcon and its Business Meeting by paying, within 90 days of the site selection, an additional fee set by the selected Worldcon committee, which is not more than the minimum voting fee and not greater than the difference between the voting fee and the attending fee for new members.

SO WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO DO?

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That is simple - support us! Not only by taking a prc-supporting membership for HOLLAND IN 1990, but also by actually voting for us at Brighton. If you do so, you will be able to gain both a membership for Holland in 1990 at a low cost (if we win) and a low registration number as we will try to convert your current pre-supporting membership number into the actual membershipnumber on the membership list.

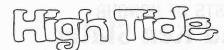
If you want to participate in the vote for the site selection at Brighton, you must be either a supporting or an attending member of this convention. If you take only a supporting membership and can not actually attend Conspiracy '87 (as the convention in Brighton is named), you will receive all the publications, the Hugo and Site Selection ballot. You will have to mail the last two in... If you are an attending member, then you will have to east your vote at the convention itself. This is a small investment, but the benefit will be worth *your* while... because it means HOLLAND IN 1990!

WHERE DO YOU GO FOR INFORMATION ON CONSPIRACY?

If you want to join Conspiracy '87 (to join all fen for five days of fun and to cast your vote), then write directly to the Conspiracy '87 committee, PO Box 43, Cambridge CB1 3JJ, United Kingdom for further information. They'll help you out with the latest information on membership rates and will provide you with addresses of their local agents.

Go for a membership of Conspiracy and we'll see you in Holland in 1990...

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