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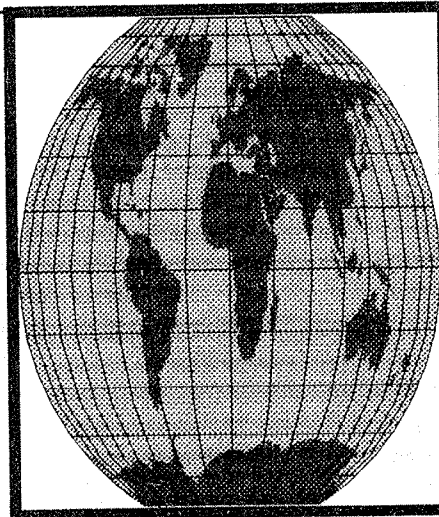
New Partnership Wins Top Award

News has arrived at Pool about their application for the European Curriculum Award 1993.

SUCCESS!



The 'Federal Partnership of European Schools' which was established at Pool in 1992 has won international recognition by winning the prestigious curriculum award for 1993. The award body is the Central Bureau for Educational Visits and Exchanges. One hundred and eighteen schools entered the competition but there were only eight winners. With one other school, Lancaster High School, Pool has been awarded a bursary to cover all the travelling and accommodation expenses for one student to travel to Lamego in Portugal to attend an International



Prizewinners Gathering where students from fifteen countries will gather and enjoy a variety of fun activities to foster Euro. friendships.

Plans For First Euro. Visit



Sct. Norberts Skole (our first Danish partner) is planning to bring 21 staff and students to visit Pool School and Community College in spring 1994. This will be the second international visit after the European Conference held at Pool in October 1992. Page 32 for details of visits to Pool.

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DENMARK

Sct. Norberts Skole
Blegbanken Vejle

History

Vejle and the Surroundings.

I want to tell you something about the history of Vejle and the surroundings, which is where I live.

Vejle is a city in Jutland, Denmark, with about 51000 inhabitants. From the earliest times, Vejle has been famous for the natural beauty of its site at the head of a fjord in a valley between unspoilt wooded hills. Today, Vejle is an active industrial and trading centre, exporting everything from bacon and bolts to chewing gum and textiles all over the world. In the Vejle region you can visit ancient monuments and churches, see beautiful town architecture and visit museums.

7 miles from Vejle is a small town, called Jelling, (pronounce it "Yilling"). This town was, a thousand years ago, a royal seat, and the many ancient monuments reflect a period of grandeur in the history of Denmark. The Jelling monuments are a proud witness to the Viking Period and its most remarkable personalities: King Gorm, Queen Thyra and King Harald Bluetooth. Visible monuments of the Viking Period, two enormous mounds dominate the centre of the village. In front of the little white church between the two mounds lie two famous rune stones. King Gorm of Denmark erected the smaller stone as a monument to his queen, Thyra. Their son, Harald Bluetooth, erected the biggest stone to his father, Gorm the Old, and his mother. These stones bear witness to an era when Denmark was on its way out of paganism and into Christianity.

About 15 miles away from Vejle lies the city, Kolding. The Koldinghouse Castle, former seat of kings, still towers above the city, which it has done for more than 700 years. The last royal seat in Jutland, which has played a considerable role in our Danish history. During the first centuries as a border stronghold, later as a royal residence.

In 1808 the castle was ruined by a fire and lay as a ruin for 80 years. A century ago, the process of restoration was started, not to be a royal residence but a museum. Today Koldinghouse presents a mixture of historic and modern architecture.

Now, this was something about Vejle and its surroundings. Vejle has every year a lot of tourists and if you're interested in Danish history it's sure worth visiting.

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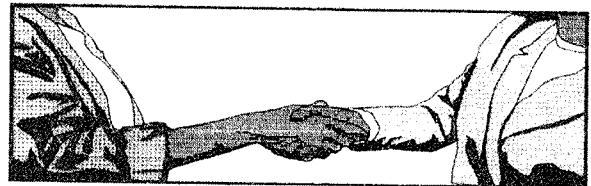
JELLING.

Jelling is in the area of Vejle and is placed 10 km northwest of that city. It is known for its 2 burial mounds 2 runestones and a church from the 12th century in roman style, but the tower is from the late middleage. Inside the church, there are some frescos, which are copies from the first half of the 12th century. Some archaeologist have under the church floor found human bones, gold thread from materials and gilded strapplates by bronze. Many people have the opinion, that "Gorm the Old" was buried under the floor.

The south burial mound was searched in 1861, but there was no burial chamber. In the other burial mound there was plenty of valuables.

Gorm's stone is from the first half of the 10th century and carries an inscription. The stone of Harald is 2,5 m tall, is three-sided and is from the second half of the 10th century. There are 4 lines on the first side and one line under the pictures on the other sides. On the stone you can see the famous Christ-picture. In the old days Jelling was the city where the king lived and still there is some sort of gleam of mystery over the place.

Warning!!!!



Denmark / Belgium Visits

February 1993.

10th. class at St. Norbert's Skole in Vejle was last year invited to participate in a big Euromeeting which was held in Geel in Belgium. Each country was going to tell something about their culture and famous people and places of special interest.

We lived individually with the Belgian families, and we were taught a lot about the other countries' ways of living. Almost a year later we talked about the great time we had, and agreed on inviting some of the Belgium pupils to visit Vejle as a

sort of reward for giving us and many others a wonderful time.

It's all planned now, and they'll arrive on Saturday the 20th of February.

We expect to have a great week, and we are looking forward to meeting some of our Belgium friends again.

We have made a programme for the week where we among other things are going on a day trip to Odense to visit our famous fairytale writer Hans Christian Andersen's house, and the church of St. Knud. When we return to Vejle, dinner will be served at the school.

We are also going to Jelling, to see the two prehistoric runic stones which contain writing from about 900 years a.c. And of course we're taking them on a sightseeing tour in our own town, so they can see how we live our daily lives.

Our guests will take part in our lessons one day, to get an idea of what a Danish school is like. Friday evening the 26.02 is the last evening our guests will spend with us, and on that occasion, we will have a party on the school.

We will cook the food ourselves during the day, a buffet with dishes from the different European countries, and partly on the day. We hope it'll be fun.

Saturday the 27.02 we will start at 10.00 am. with a mass in St. Norbert's church, and afterwards they will return to Belgium.

When you read this it will all be history and therefore we will also tell you about the week after our visitors have left.

Christian Gade, age 17.
Class 10, St. Norbert's School, Denmark.

After the Visit

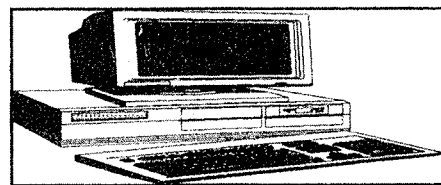
In week eight we got visitors from Geel, which is a city in Vlandern in Belgium. A year before this happened, our class visited their school in Geel. Together with us were school classes from the other E.E.C. countries. The meaning with our visit in Belgium was to get more understanding and respect for

E.E.C. into the younger members of the E.E.C. From Saturday 20/02-93 to Saturday 27/02-93 most of the classmembers in our class had one or two Belgian students living in their home. It's hard to have a guest living in the house for a week, because you have to talking entertaining and you also have to look after if your guest has a great time, or if she's bored or if she misses something/someone. I had planned on the free evenings to spend some hours away from home so it wouldn't be too boring to be in the house. Some of the days we arranged to be together between two and six couples at somebody's house. I thought it was a good idea to meet with the others in the evening, because then everybody could speak with each other. So we did. Unfortunately we mostly spoke Belgian and Danish which wasn't the intention. Of course we should have spoken only English but it's easier to speak your own language. There were no problems understanding the guest, so in the end it might have been a better idea to stay at home and talk. Some evenings after we had been out to visit, we spoke for several hours. When you speak with your visitor, you'll get more to know about them and their country, than if you were reading a Belgian tourist brochure.

During the week we showed the Belgians some of the interesting places in Vejle and in surrounding Vejle. One of the days we were in Odense. There we spent a day. In the programme there were both exiting and less exiting things. We saw mostly things of cultural interests. Museums and churches were often seen. But things also happened on the school. One day the Danes cooked for a long time. The Belgians were preparing their fancy show for the evening. In the evening we held a party, where there was a buffet and entertainment.

When a person lives with your family for a week, you become attached to the person. It's like a member of the family, who's leaving on the last day. A week like this is a great experience both for the host and the visitor. I can recommend such an arrangement to other youngsters, while it gives you knowledge about other countries and how the young people are living.

Mads Leisgaard 10th class.
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COMPUTERS - the future.

Computers today are one of the most important things in modern technology. Already today the computer has got a lot of influence, so can anybody imagine how it will be in the future. I am sure, that in a few years the development among computers will reach a level, nobody thought it would. In Denmark about 20% of the Danish families own a computer (about 420.000) and more

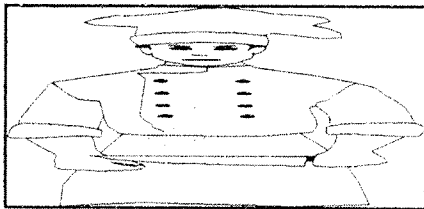
families, are getting one all the time. I am sure that in about 5 to 10 years almost every family have one. Unfortunately we have a lot of unemployment in Denmark, that also means that the computers are taking over a lot of peoples work and I think, that in a few years we will not need any factory-workers.

Torben Rønlev
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COMPUTERS and ME

In a period of nearly 10 years the computer has been a more common thing in many Danish homes. Many types of computers have been developed for a lot of different purposes. Many youngsters have got a computer for playing, and the most popular is the Amiga. The pc has made enormous progress in the past decade. In my home we have an IBM PS2 which we use for a lot of things. In "Microsoft Works" we have our internal account and personally I write my essays in the same program. Of course it is often used for playing a lot of different games. In the daily work at the school we use the computers a lot. I believe that through the computer we can learn many things and create a lot of things of great value for the human.

**Steffen B. Jensen, Sct. Norberts
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Cookery.

We will give you a recipe on a Danish cake called Danish pastry.
It goes like this please use

10g lard

25g yeast

2 spoontfuls of sugar

1 egg

1 1/2 dl cold milk

300g butter

1/2 teaspoon of cardamom

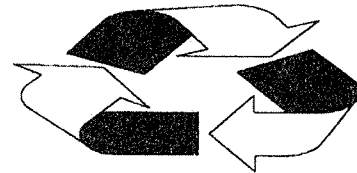
lard and yeast are mixed up. Add egg, sugar and milk. Flour and and milk. Flour and cardamom are mixed and should be kneaded. Prepare the dough to a square (20 x 40 cm) and the lard spread out in small pieces on 2/3 of the dough. This one is folded up in 3 layers, so that the part without lard should be folded up first.

This unrolling and putting together should be repeated at least 3 times and the dough is now ready to use.

The shaped pasties are now put aside on the baking sheet, where it has to raise for about 20 minutes, before it is going to be greased and baked in the middle of the oven on 225 degrees Centegrade for about 10-30 minutes (depending on size).

The stuffing (butterstuff, cream, marmalade) has to be ready before the dough is made, because it must not raise until it is shaped.

John, Lene & Martin Sct. Norbert School in Denmark.



PARTNERS OF THE EARTH

We're living in 1993. The world is getting more and more polluted because of the factories, the cars and a lot of waste products. Here in Veje, Denmark, the municipality introduced in 1987 a new waste system, which is based on recycling. All inhabitants are supposed to help with the sorting. Every household has got green and black plastic bags. The green bags are for garbage and all organic waste, such as flowers, fruit, potato peel and kitchen roll. The black bags are for unorganic waste, f.ex. paper, tag ends, litter and chewinggum. The litterbox is emptied out every weeks. The bags are driven to the recycling terminal, where the green bags are sorted from the black. The waste from the green bags are transformed to compost. The black bags are driven to combustion. 55% of all waste are recycled, 30% are burnt and only 15% are deposited.

This project has made Veje a good example for a lot of other cities in Denmark.

Frederikke og Hanne 9. kl.

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Fashion.

We are 3 girls from Denmark who are going to write about Danish fashion. All boys and girls are wearing jeans, sweatshirts, shirts at school, and some of the girls use make-up. Here in Denmark we don't use uniforms, but our own clothes.

At home and with our friends, we use our school clothes but some times we use sports clothes.

When young people are going to parties, the boys mostly are wearing jeans and a sweatshirt or a shirt. The girls are maybe more modern because they use more different clothes as dresses, jeans modern blouses and a lot of other clothes.

BETINA, LINE & SINE.

A girl with a white sweatshirt with yellow shorts.

A girl with a long grey dress.

A man with a check pattern shirt, a white T-shirt and blue shorts.

A man with a stripe sweater, and blue shorts.



HUMOUR!

The Danes have a very wide form of humour. We also laugh at Benny Hill and John Cleese. In Denmark we have some few humourists, Mek Pek, De nattergale (The nightingales) and Linie 3 (Line 3). We also have a very popular humourist called Victor Borge, I think you know him, and everyone in Denmark knows Storm P. one who makes jokes about peoples behaviour and the economy.

I have heard that the Englishmen make jokes about the Irishmen, we also have some people from different places for example Molboer (people who live on Mols) and the Aarhusianere (the inhabitants in a town called Aarhus). The jokes about the Aarhusianere and the Molboere come from Sweden about the Norwegians.

Why does Aarhusianere leave an empty beer bottle in their refrigerator?
In case of anybody who visit them aren't thirsty.

Mette, Kenneth og Martin
9 kl. Sct Norbert School
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Kidlink - don't waste your time!

A few years ago someone had a dream. A dream about a global international computer network. Through the network pupils around the world were going to communicate. A great dream, but only a dream, I'm afraid. The result: A big mess of letters. The project promises access to thousands of letters. Great in theory, but a big mess in practice. This is how it works: You write your letter at a computer, then you save it on a diskette. Later your teacher sends the letter to a "head-computer" in Copenhagen and from there it will be given to other schools, which are wasting their time too, during this project. I'll mention some of the several disadvantages this project has. If I wish to communicate with a guy from France I have to look through all the letters (there are thousands of them) until I find a letter from a French boy. A waste of time. If I wish to communicate with a French boy and write in my letter "I would like to communicate with a guy from France" and wait for an answer I can wait long. Because he has the same problems as I have, looking through thousands of letters trying to find my letter. All this "looking through" is a waste of time. It could have been great, but it isn't.

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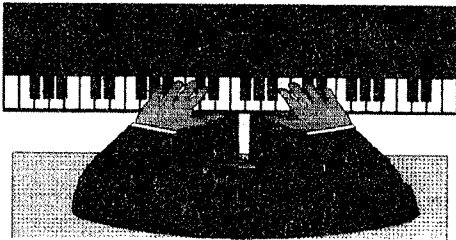


Sports

In Denmark we haven't got an unknown sport. This is the male stars in Denmark: Michael Laudrup was a player in the Danish football team, in his career he was bought by Juventus and later by Fc Barcelona, where he is a very famous player. Another famous player in Denmark is Peter Schmeichel, he was selected to be the world's best goalkeeper. As you know he was at the Danish football team at EM-92 (European Championships). These are the female stars in Denmark. Through the years Camilla Martin has performed a great performance. She has competed in several competitions and has won a great deal of titles. The same has Connie Hansen a Danish wheelchair competitor there won 7 gold medals in the Olympic Games.

At school we don't really have stars, but we got a volleyball team. At the school we have a competition, where all classes from 7-10 grade compete. The winners of the competition then compete in the county championships. At school we don't have team clothes, and I don't think other schools have, but some schools have.

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MUSIC!

In our school we have collected some information about music. We have interweaved different people from the 6th 8th 9th and 10th form, from the age of 12 to 17.

HERE WE PRESENT THE LIST

Nr.	Band.	Genre.
1.	Queen.	Rock.
2.	Joe Cooker.	Rock.
3.	AC/DC.	Heavy Rock.
4.	D.A.D.	Danish Rock.
5.	Metallica.	Heavy Metal.
6.	Genesis.	Rock.
7.	U2.	Rock.
8.	R.e.m.	Rock.
9.	Dire Straits.	Rock.
10.	ZZTop.	Rock.
11.	Bryan Adams.	Rock.
12.	Elton John.	Old Rock.
13.	Slayer.	Death Metal.
14.	Roxette.	Rock.
15.	Bon Jovi.	Rock.

This is from the Danish newspaper, Vejle Amts Folkeblad, the 9th of March 1993.

Nr.	Band.	Genre.
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1. Paul McCartney. Rock.
2. The Bodyguard. Pop.
3. Ace of Base. Pop.
4. R.E.M. Rock.
5. De Nattergale. Danish Pop.
6. Mick Jagger. Rock.
7. Skol/Torp. Rock.
8. Eric Clapton. Rock.
9. ABBA. Rock.
10. Boney M. Rock.
11. Genesis. Rock.
12. Rod Stewart. Rock.
13. Duran Duran. Rock.
14. Queen. Rock.
15. Roxette. Rock.

*This is from Sct. Norberts School, Denmark.
Made by Klaus, Mikkel and Daniel from the 9th form.*

Music!

Many cities all over the world have orchestras.

Here in Vejle, where I live, we have two community orchestras, the Vejle-garde and the FDF/FPF's (The boy's brigade and the girl's brigade.) Brass-band and the Junior orchestra. (A scout band.)

I'm playing the trombone in the Brass-band and the Junior orchestra.

But there are also cornets, drums, horns, barytones and euphoniums.

Before you get in the Junior orchestra, you have to be a student. After a year or so, you'll have a test, and if you make that right, you can come forward to the Junior orchestra and later the Brass-band.

We often play in the city and have concerts during the year.

The music, we play, is mostly Brass-band music and marches. Sometimes we play famous songs like "Hey, Jude" taken from the Beatles, and old ABBA numbers, like "The winner takes it all."

It could be all kind of numbers, actually.

Our orchestras have not achieved any fame, yet, but this summer, the Brass-band and the Junior orchestra are going on a trip to Polen, Estland and Letland, were we are going to play many concerts. The trip is going to be 10 days fun, learning and experience.

I really like playing in the orchestras. It's very funny and I'm really enjoying the time with my friends.

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A Message in Our Own Language

Tak for hjælpen med at skrive disse indlæg til børn og voksne på Sct. Norberts skole-foret 1993.

The Netherlands

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THE NETHERLANDS

Rogier van Wijk (16) and Nadine Hofman (13) are members of the editorial staff of the school magazine PIT of the Sint-Odulphuslyceum at Tilburg, in the south of The Netherlands. It is a grammar school, prepares for the University and has about 1100 pupils.

Rogier van Wijk gives an account of a meeting of editors of school magazines, organized by one of the national newspapers: TROUW.

Nadine Hofman divulges a number of passages from the diary she wrote during the last school camp in the summer holidays. Every year the Sint-Odulphuslyceum organizes a school camp for the first, second and third graders during the last week of the school year; the camp is led by teachers, former pupils of the school and senior pupils.

Summer Camp 1992

Fragments from Nadine Hofman's diary

Saturday, 11 July

(..) After the opening game the dead cert: hot chocolate, gingercake and the PIT and then ...the first night of the summer camp. Go over, spend the first night in another tent, two people sleeping in one sleeping-bag, that was the motto of that night. Not only that, but also the being nabbed, all part of the game, naturally. So we did not spend the first night in another tent, but on the concrete. There were three of us there and we thought it super-snug!

Sunday, 12 July

Eventually we had to go on, unpleasant though it was. Wet clothes, dripping hair, soaking shoes and red, cold faces. This was, then, the average Odulphian's outward appearance. But no time for losers, keep the whole caboodle tottering. This way we arrived at the last checkpoint. The Pool! We shivered the moment we saw it, yet a few fanatics jumped in!

"Surely, we haven't put on our swimming trunks for nothing!" (..) When we had had a meal it was time for us to doll ourselves up.

Tight dresses/skirts, tight sweaters, made-up faces and gelled hair.

Time for the Disco! At first everybody stood aside, except those over fanatic teachers, of course. They were jumping about, hopping and skipping.

About half past nine everybody began to unbend a little. And at a quarter to ten the 'party' was in full swing. We danced and housed to our hearts' content. "Oink, oink, oink, oink!!" was all that could be heard. Even Mr van Hoek began to find the 'housing' enjoyable, he looked as if entranced. The Disco was very successful!

And then the second night came (asleep, you understand). For the teachers an easy one. Nobody went over, no screaming girls, no roaring boys, everything was so quiet. All of us asleep like babies at 1 o'clock already (oh, well, apart from a few exceptions!)

In the opinion of the camp leadership this brought shame upon the reputation of the Summer Camp. "For many years pupils before you have tried to keep up the tradition. But you botch up everything in one night. In the camp there should be yelling, roaring, laughing for 24 hours! That's what the camp is meant for!" (Their own stupid fault: they should not have organised a twelve-mile anti-pollution walking tour!)

Monday, 13 July

(..) Midnight: time for bed. Just another moment to give your dear teachers a good-night kiss, clean the teeth and turn in. It was more boisterous than last night. "Fortunately", those sly teachers thought, "we can now go and discipline them again". All through the night they are sneaking around your tent carrying their huge torches. And every ten minutes they dash into your tent to check if we behave ourselves and are lying properly in our bags. With our little thumbs in our little mouths! And if, then, by accident, you have to go and spend a penny, you can delightfully do that at the back of the tent. (We are not animals!)

Thursday, 16 July

(..) After the evening bite a little more practising and then the great moment comes:

The Evening of Varied Entertainment. Nervously all the children came on stage hoping they would not be pelted with rotten eggs. Even Mr Blaas contributed his mite with a 15-minute solo-hit. All sorts of things were to be seen: a striptease show, a rapband, the wheel of Fortune and instrument-playing entertainers. It was a roaring spectacle.

Until, in the sky, a thunderstorm broke. All and everything inside...even more companionable! Twenty boys and twenty girls, they were involved in the Miss and Mr Summer Camp 1992 contest. Even more nervously than a short while ago the photographers models came up the catwalk. Girls in mini dress and vivid red lipstick, boys in their finest boxer shorts and bare skin. Everyone did their best and put on a sparkling show. Of course, there were giants and failures. The panel of judges, consisting of former top models, was confronted with a difficult decision.

Five boys and five girls were left. It was nerve-racking to see how the remaining models looked out into the audience, while, in turn, they had to answer questions of the intelligence test. In the end one boy and one girl survived! The Miss and Mr Summer Camp 1992: Karin de Bie and Thijs Lavrijssen (the giant of the evening).

Friday, 17 July. THE LAST DAY!!

We were long in trying, yet we got it to burn: the Camp-fire. We all hoped that the weather would hold and, what did you think: it stayed dry (thank God), apart from a little shower (damn it). But no problem: just a piece of canvas over everybody and people did not get wet after the local shower. It was a super-happening. We talked, we laughed, we were silent, we dreamt and, of course, we sang. Everybody joined in the singing of the songs which were accompanied on the guitar, from our camp book. However false the sound may have been, it was terrific to hear. Then Luuk's turn came to tell a few stories. They were listened to attentively. The only things you heard were the crackling camp-fire, Luuk's voice and now and then laughter.

A thundering applause in addition. And then the evening slid towards its end. Tear, sob, sniff, snort, snivel, handkerchief full. With sad, but also tired faces everybody trudged to his or her own tent. How's that?

His or her own tent? This was not the last night for nothing, oh no! There was much racketing about during the night.

"Boys, this is your last chance of having to take part in a cleaning up as a punishment! For those interested, of course!

Epilogue

This is, more or less 'Odulphus Summer Camp 1992'. It was a

fabulous camp. I want to thank everybody for this superb week. To put it briefly, this was a week never to forget! Put me on the list, now, of the SUMMER CAMP of next year!
Warm greetings

Nadine Hofman

An E.E.C. - Day in Amsterdam



On the Wednesday before the autumn half-term holidays Beat Niderst and I had been invited for a conference of editors of school magazines about the E.E.C. in Amsterdam. In addition to these also the editor-in-chief of Trouw, (Dutch newspaper) E.E.C. commissioner Andriessen's spokesman, two reporters of the News for Young People, two Euro-MP's, and the State Secretary for Foreign Affairs had been invited. They were to give us a little more information about the E.E.C., except for the two News for Young People reporters, who were to give us tips for interviews.

Having arrived at Amsterdam-Amstel railway station we went to the building of the 'presscombination', where the conference was to be held. This had to succeed for we had been sent a street plan, and it would have succeeded, if we had not emerged from the station on the wrong side.

So after some delay we found the building, where through sliding doors we came into a large hall with reception desk, at which our identification cards were pinned on. After we had also got a newspaper we entered the auditorium, where the conference would be opened by the general editor of Trouw.

After his short opening speech the general editor gave the floor over to his reporter of European Affairs. The latter explained to us how the compiling of reports was done in Brussels and in what way he is kept informed there of things by the