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## EUROPEAN UNION GROWS TO 25

The European Union marked the arrival of 10 new members to the club with celebrations and fireworks the weekend of May 1. From Ireland to Poland and from Malta to Finland, a series of concerts and cultural events welcomed the mostly ex-communist nations. The largest expansion in EU history, 15 to 25 states, came into effect at midnight Friday, April 30, 2004. Gala music concerts in Berlin and Warsaw and a midnight firework display in Malta's Valletta harbor were screened live in more than 30 countries. Popular performers from the new member states were featured in a two-hour show linking the Berliner Konzerthaus and an open air stage in Warsaw. In Malta, part of a new opera by former Pink Floyd singer Roger Waters was performed for the first time. The work, called "Ca Ira (It Will be Fine)," is in English and French and involves an 84-piece orchestra, three soloists and an adult and children's choir. Elsewhere, embassies, ministries and municipalities in new and old member states marked the event with parties and concerts.

On Saturday, the leaders of all 25 EU countries will gathered for a largely ceremonial summit in Dublin. The Republic of Ireland currently holds the six-month rotating EU presidency. Amid the official pomp and ceremony, some east Europeans had more unorthodox ways of celebrating the expansion. Lithuanians switched on lights soon after dark to make their country glow in satellite photos of Europe, while Hungarians dumped their unwanted belongings in a pile at a central Budapest square. In Estonia, 20,000 volunteers will began planting a million trees, and Czechs and their German neighbors created artificial rainbows bridging "West" and "East" using water cannon and floodlights.

On the eve of the celebrations, European Commission President Romano Prodi declared that the divisions of the Cold War had been removed once and for all.

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### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members and Friends,

From all the positive comments and e-mails I have received from those who attended the Koninginnedag celebration, we must all conclude that it was a big success. I would like to thank the board members who helped pull this together for all their work and effort. Thank you! Also, a big thank you to the Netherlands Consulate, Phoenix, who donated the champagne for the toast.

We are approaching the summer season and many of us will be traveling, maybe even to the Netherlands. I wish you a safe journey. These will be quiet times for those of us who stay behind and brave the hot days of summer. Nevertheless, we will be doing some planning for the fall. We have the wine tasting and Dutch-American Heritage Day coming up. And, of course, *vol verwachting klopt ons hart* when St. Nicholas arrives in December.

Later this year we will also celebrate the 60th anniversary of the liberation of parts the Netherlands. Our editor will dedicate the next newsletter to this event. Talking about the newsletter, you may have noticed the name has changed. We now call it 't Oranje Krantje in memory of the old printed orange issue.

*Drew de Weerd*

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The Board wants to let all members know and hope they will agree and understand, that at events other than the picnic, bowling and Sinterklaas children are not allowed.

Anytime members hear about other members being ill, having a major family event such as a birth, anniversary or death, please contact any board member.

## MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

### **DUTCH FOOD IN THE VALLEY.**

Having been in the Phoenix area for only seven months, I have found so far two stores where they sell Dutch Food: The House of Rice in Scottsdale and Lee Lee Oriental Supermart in Chandler.

Upon entering this Asian supermart, one is immediately confronted with the aroma of Asian food which is not always appreciated by some people.

Why Dutch food at an Asian Supermarket? The answer is the fact that many citizen from the former Dutch Colony, now reside in Arizona and walking through the store you often will hear customers speak Dutch.

In the middle of the store you will find the Dutch food section located along two large isles. Here you find the traditional hagelslag and ontbijtkoek next to the many other items from Holland and also from Indonesia.

If you are looking for food items to prepare Indonesian food, you'll find an abundance of ingredients and not only in the Dutch section but also in other isles, such as bahmi noodles and ketchup. The store also sells one kind of Dutch cheese, located at the pastry counter.

When I spoke to the owner, Mr. Meng, he informed me that he is contemplating a larger assortment of Dutch cheese, but needs help to operate this section in the best possible way. He has now several employees from Indonesia that run the Dutch food section only.

Next to the Dutch food, the store has typical Asian food such as a large assortment of fresh and frozen fish and vegetables. Other items include cooking utensils for the preparation of Asian food and a large liquor department.

## EDITOR'S CORNER

Remember the movie "High Society" with Bing Crosby and Frank Sinatra? One of the lyrics went like this: "What a swellegant, elegant party it was!" Well, that's how I would like to describe our *Koninginnedag*. Unfortunately, I was gone during most of the planning for this event. But, as an old-timer, I have to hand it to the new board of young whippersnappers, they have done a terrific job to pull it all together. A special thanks to Drew, Johan, Alietta, Marcelline and David. Herring and Gouda in the desert, what more do you want? And let's not forget Siebe, our Dutch consul, who supplied the champagne for the toast. Personally, I've been in the U.S. for 48 years, and the Wilhelmus and Star Spangled Banner still bring a tear to my eye. What's up next? This year we will celebrate the 60th anniversary of D-Day. On the morning of June 5, 1944, Eisenhower announced, "O.K. We'll go." Within hours an armada of 3,000 landing craft, 2,500 other ships, and 500 naval vessels, escorts and bombardment ships, began to leave English ports. That night, 822 aircraft, carrying parachutists or towing gliders, roared overhead to the Normandy landing zones. They were a fraction of the air armada of 13,000 aircraft that would support D-Day.

In the next issues of the newsletter I will cover one of the battles that took place in the Netherlands. As a little boy, while I was visiting my aunt and uncle in Geldrop, Noord Brabant, I was awakened by a frightening noise on the highway. Operation Market Garden had started.

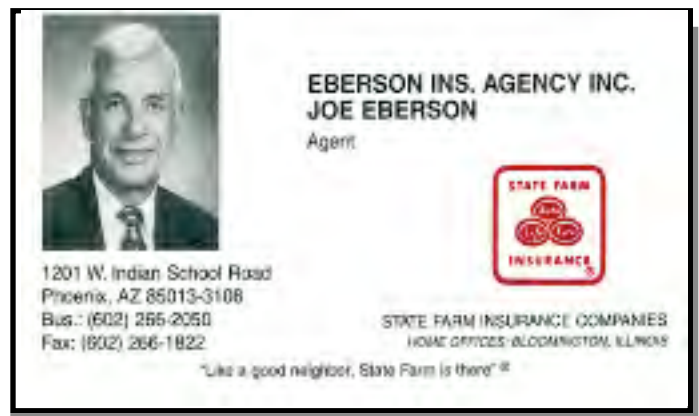
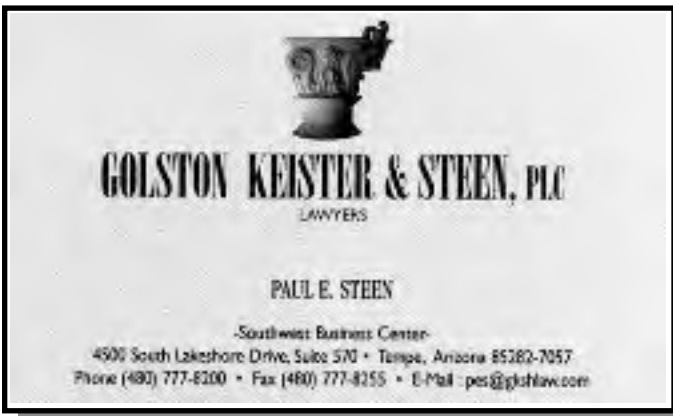
By the way, how do you like the new name for the newsletter?

*Hans Verhaagen*

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For me the visit was a surprise to find all this Dutch food in an Asian Supermart and if you're in the area I suggest to visit this store for perhaps a rolletje King pepermunt of een zakje katjes drop.

*Harm Lottering*



**EUROPEAN UNION GROWS TO 25 (Continued from page 1)**

"We are bringing into the EU family 10 new member states and 75 million new EU citizens," the UK Press Association quoted Prodi as saying. "Five decades after our great project of European integration began, we are celebrating the fact that Europeans are no longer kept apart by artificial ideological barriers. We share the same destiny and we are stronger when we act together. I urge all Europeans to join in celebrations of this astonishing achievement." The commission is spending about 6 million euros (\$7 million) on the enlargement celebrations.

The EU began with six member states, becoming nine in 1973 with the arrival of the UK, Ireland and Denmark. Greece followed in 1981, and Portugal and Spain in 1986. Austria, Sweden and Finland made it 15 in 1995. The 10 nations that joined on May 1 are Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Slovenia, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Cyprus and Malta. This expansion turns the EU into the world's largest free trade area with 450 million citizens and will move its border some 1,000 km (620 miles) east to the frontiers of Belarus, Russia and Ukraine.

"May 1 will be a milestone in the history of Europe," EU Enlargement Commissioner Guenter Verheugen said. "It is Europe's response to the end of the Cold War and an opportunity to heal the wounds of the past, wounds of war and dictatorship".

The enlargement crowns efforts by Poland and Germany to overcome the past. They are the largest old and new members of the EU, with about 80 million and 40 million citizens respectively.



*French stamp celebrates EU enlargement*

**ANTHROPOLOGIST TEN KATE MADE MEMORABLE JOURNEY IN 1880'S U.S.**

The anthropological journey to Baja, California in 1882 and 1883 by Hermn ten Kate was the culmination of many years of adolescent fascination with American Native culture and legend. The scholarly son of a painter by the same name, Herman Frederik Carel ten Kate, wrote about his exploits and findins in his 1886 book *Travels and*

*Discoveries in North America.*

Ten Kate (1858-1931), like his father and his uncle Mari, wanted to become a graphic arts artist. A field trip to the Mediterranean island of Corsica however, changed his outlook on life. Combined with an early zest for stories about cowboys and

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## **EUROPE IS ON THE VERGE OF A PERIOD OF DRAMATIC GROWTH**

Ten nations join the European Union in May, including eight former communist states. Two more are expected to join in 2007, and a review of Turkey's application will be made in December. By the end of the decade, the EU's land mass may have grown by a third and its population swelled by more than 100 million to almost half a billion.

The European community has expanded four times in the half century since six core nations, Belgium, France, West Germany, Italy, Luxembourg and the Netherlands, agreed to place their coal and steel production under a single supranational authority in 1951. Until now, however, expansion has been an incremental affair. In previous enlargements, 1973, 1981, 1986 and 1995, the union took on just three, one, two and three new members, respectively.

The 10 states joining in May are Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Slovenia, Malta and Cyprus. Together, they will boost the EU's population by 20 percent to 450 million. Negotiations with the leading wave of candidates, the Czech Republic, Cyprus, Poland, Hungary, Slovenia and Estonia, began in March 1998. The mostly ex-communist front-runners originally targeted an entry date of January 2003, the time they said their institutions and markets would be ready for the rough-and-tumble of the EU's free market. But analysts say this timetable was overly optimistic.

To join, would-be members have to bring their national laws into conformity with the union's strict criteria on everything from human rights to the environment and ensure that the political mood does not sour on accession.

A second group of aspirants, Romania, Bulgaria, Lithuania, Latvia, the Slovak Republic and Malta, began negotiations in February 2000.

In October 2002 the European Commission gave its verdict.

In 2004 it would admit 10 of the 13 applicants -- not including Turkey. An EC report said Turkey met political and economic membership criteria but needed to clean up its human rights record.

Romania and Bulgaria, which faced greater difficulty than some of their eastern neighbors in tackling economic, political and social issues after years under communist rule, were given a date of 2007.

At a European summit in Copenhagen in December 2002, it was formally agreed to admit the 10 newcomers in May 2004. A much-disappointed Turkey was told its case would be reviewed in December 2004 and that entry talks could begin shortly afterwards if there had been significant improvements in the country's human rights record and treatment of its Kurdish minority.

The road to accession is strewn with logistical hurdles as most EU institutions were designed for a smaller, cozier club. Accommodating the newcomers means a wholesale rethinking of issues ranging from the size of the decision-making commission, to how to weigh and allocate votes and what procedure to follow when tallying those votes.

EU membership also means instant access to one of the world's most competitive marketplaces, 390 million consumers strong. And for some EU leaders, the benefits of taking on new members are not clear-cut.

Those who have opposed enlargement cite fears about the impact of cheap labor and goods from new members' markets, as well as a reluctance to shoulder the added budgetary burden of an expanded Europe.

The prospect of membership, however, carries enormous symbolic weight for many of the new members, many of whom were cut off from the European Union for decades by the Iron Curtain.

## **DUTCH VERY PROUD OF THEIR COUNTRY**

It stands to reason that a huge majority of Dutchmen in a recent survey described the Netherlands as 'a beautiful country.' One in four people when asked, went so far as to proclaim the country as 'the best in the world.'

The national pride is expressed most frequently in terms of the Netherlands' continued fight to control water: the seas, lakes and rivers. This control best expresses itself in hydraulic engineering works such as dikes, dams, bridges, tunnels and drainage works and systems.

The Dutch also are very proud of the many multinationals originating in their country, which are led by flagships such as Philips, Akzo-Nobel, ING, Ahold and Royal Dutch Airlines KLM. Surprisingly, Dutch food ranked almost as high on the list, closely followed by the national wintersport speed skating.

Although an overwhelming majority called the Netherlands the most beautiful country in the world, half of those surveyed feel it needs a huge clean-up and scrubbing.

According to the survey, held shortly after the birth of Princess Catharina-Amalia, her mother Princess Mxima now is the most popular member of the Royal family, slightly ahead of Queen Beatrix, the baby's grandmother.

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## **ANTHROPOLOGIST TEN KATE**

indians in the Wild West, Ten Kate wanted to become an explorer instead.

He enrolled at the Leiden University and took general classes in geography, Eastern and Indo languages and ethnography. In 1878, Ten Kate wrote a couple of scathing articles about the U.S. government's handling of the Nez Percés Indians, pleading for a more humane treatment of the Natives in the opening of the West.

He switched to universities in Paris, Berlin, Göttingen and Heidelberg to acquire more knowledge in anthropology and at age 24, he obtained his PhD in Heidelberg, Germany.

The Natives of North America hover, held his on-

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going fascination and upon returning home, he persuaded the Dutch Geographic Society, the Holland company of Sciences and especially his father, to foot the 9,000 guilders bill for an expedition into the U.S. and Mexico.

Traveling through the Southwest, Ten Kate did, alone and sometimes with fellow scientists such as American Frank Cushing, extensive research and hands-on observations among such tribes as the Papago, Mojave, Navajo, Apache and Zuni. Realizing that he was studying vanishing aboriginal groups, Ten Kate again berated the U.S. government on its treatment of the Natives.

Upon his return home, Ten Kate wrote and kept editing his notes and eventually published a book, which received little attention however. He unsuccessfully tried to land a job as an anthropologist or ethnographer. Instead, the Dutchman secured participation in other expeditions and traveled to Lapland, once more to the American Southwest and to Latin America, the Far East, and Australia, writing articles for science magazines in the Netherlands and abroad.

In 1895, Ten Kate became a Doctor of Medicine, but did not settle down until he visited Japan. For almost 20 years, Ten Kate lived and worked as a physician in Japan. The world traveler also was not enamored with the situation in the Dutch East Indies either, where the natives according to him, deserved a much larger say in running their affairs.

After the death of his Japanese wife in 1919, Ten Kate returned to Europe, eventually settling in Tunisia, where he died in poverty 12 years later.

## **PRINSES JULIANA OVERLEDEN**

Prinses Juliana is op zaterdag 20 maart 2004 op 94-jarige leeftijd overleden. Premier Balkenende sprak het volk toe: "Ze was al langere tijd ziek. In haar verliezen we een warme en betrokken vrouw, een moeder van ons allen." Juliana stond en staat voor warmte, hartelijkheid, emotie en eenvoud. Ze had hoge waarden: voelde oprecht sterk voor de minder bedeelde medemens en was vredelievend.

Groot opzien baarde de hoogbejaarde prinses toen bleek dat zij op 84-jarige leeftijd nog steeds tijdens haar wintersportvakanties in Lech de ski's onderbond! Zij was er, geholpen door haar goede gezondheid, nooit mee gestopt.

Persoonlijke problemen bleven prinses Juliana in haar lange leven niet bespaard. Moeilijk had zij het al in de Tweede Wereldoorlog toen zij jarenlang met haar kinderen in Canada verbleef.

Diep ongelukkig voelde prinses Juliana zich op 31 januari 1930. Op 20-jarige leeftijd kreeg zij van de Universiteit van Leiden een **eredoctoraat** in de Letteren en Wijsbegeerte in de schoot geworpen. Na slechts twee jaar studeren en het afleggen van drie tentamens onderstreepte de promotie haar uitzonderingspositie ten opzichte van haar medestudentes.

Als staatshoofd pleegde koningin Juliana zich grondig in de regeringszaken te verdiepen en vervulde zij met grote zorgvuldigheid en groeiende ervaring haar taak bij opeenvolgende kabinetsformaties. "Als de Koningin bedenkingen oppert, een andere oplossing suggereert, zal elke minister daaraan ernstige aandacht schenken," zo wist ook premier Drees.

Juliana Louise Emma Marie Wilhelmina wordt op 30 april 1909 geboren in Den Haag. Ze is het enige kind van koningin Wilhelmina en prins Hendrik en zet daarmee de lijn van het Oranjehuis voort.

Met prinses Juliana is een voormalig regerend vorstin gestorven. Rouw en organisatie zullen sterk overeen komen met die rond het overlijden van prins Claus.

"Mevrouw het prinsesje" zo werd de kleine Juliaantje aan het hof wel genoemd. Voor haar werd in de houding gesprongen, ze werd opgevoed door meerdere oudere hovelingen.

Eenieder die in de Borubodur zijn arm door de stupa's steekt en de Boeddha aanraakt, mag een wens doen. Juliana had er één: dat de pers zou ophoepelen.

Juliana had gruwelijk de pest aan protocol en dat liet ze merken ook. Ze kon zelfs zichtbaar geschokt zijn als iemand achteruit bij haar wegliep, een oud gebruik, of als iemand voor haar knielde, zoals in Indonesië. Ze schond het protocol ook als ze daar zin in hand en ging dan bij voorbeeld naast de rode loper lopen. Niemand kon dat immers ook gemakkelijker doen dan zijzelf.





### **MÁXIMA STAL DE SHOW**

Prinses Máxima stal op Koninginnedag 2004 zowel in Warffum als in Groningen de show. Gestoken in een bijzonder vlotte en jeugdige outfit stal ze de harten van alle aanwezigen. Zelfs de 'idols' Boris en Maud, zouden Máxima vast geen partij hebben geboden vrijdag in Warffum en Groningen. Een spandoek in Groningen zei dat ook al: 'Máxima, jij bent ons idol'.

Ook de overige Oranjes lieten zich van hun beste kant zien: De 'jongens uit Apeldoorn' en Marilène was echt niets teveel: een handje hier, een fotootje daar, een dansje ergens anders, iets sportiefs wat verderop, een partijtje neut'n schait'n (de Warffumse variant van jeu de boules) of rondcrossen in een karretje met aardappelen, het kon allemaal en werd buitengewoon op prijs gesteld door het publiek. Naast Máxima, kan vooral prins Maurits, de oudste van Margriet, zich getuige het gescandeer van zijn naam in een grote populariteit verheugen.

Maar ook de kleine Amalia is al populair. Van niets wetend in haar wieg in Wassenaar, kreeg ze vrijdag in Warffum haar eerste huwelijksaanzoek al binnen. Van Japie. Die ligt weliswaar ook nog in de kinderwagen, maar daar stak een bordje uit: 'Amalia, wil je met me trouwen? Japie'. De aspirant-gelieven kunnen nog ruim van hun pril geluk genieten, want Amalia hoeft voorlopig nog niet aan de bak. Sterker nog, sommigen vonden dat Alexander ook nog best even kan wachten. Jongeren in Groningen toonden een spandoek met: 'Beatrix Regina, blijf nog even, op naar de 30 jaar' en een scholiere dichtte: "De een is goed in zwemmen, de ander in het eten van Twix, maar slechts één in koningin zijn, en dat is Beatrix."



### **BEATRIX BEDANKT VOLK VOOR VIERING EN STEUN**

Koningin Beatrix bedankte vrijdagmiddag, 30 april, in haar speech op het bordes van het stadhuis in Groningen het Nederlandse volk voor een "bijzondere Koninginnedag". De koningin memoreerde hoe zij 24 jaar geleden besloot Koninginnedag te blijven vieren op haar moeders verjaardag om Juliana te bedanken en aan haar te blijven denken. Beatrix bekende dat zij voorheen nooit beseft had hoe het zou zijn als prinses Juliana er niet meer was.

"Nu kunnen we op deze fantastische feestelijke manier aan haar blijven denken. Het heeft enorm veel voor ons als familie betekend dat de mensen hier in Groningen en in Warffum dit met ons hebben gevierd", sprak zij in het bijzijn van burgemeester Wallage.

De vorstin vertelde dat zij ook zeer dankbaar is voor de vele blijken van steun en medeleven uit het hele land na het overlijden van haar moeder. "Wat dat voor ons heeft betekend, kan ik u niet in een paar woorden uitleggen. Wij zijn u bijzonder, bijzonder dankbaar." Zij wenste vervolgens iedereen nog een heerlijke dag. Het dankwoord van de koningin betekende tevens de afsluiting van het koninklijke bezoek aan de provincie Groningen.



## **HALF MILJOEN MENSEN OP DE BEEN IN AMSTERDAM**

Amsterdam beleefde een drukke Koninginnedag. De politie schatte aan het eind van vrijdagmiddag dat ongeveer 500.000 mensen in de binnenstad op de been waren om het feest te vieren. Dat zijn er 150.000 meer dan vorig jaar, toen het weer een stuk minder mooi was.

De NS verwacht dat aan het eind van de dag ongeveer 160.000 mensen met de trein naar Amsterdam zijn gegaan. Het spoorbedrijf moest wegens de grote aantallen reizigers vanuit Den Haag, Leiden en Schiphol extra treinen inzetten tussen Schiphol en Amsterdam. Aan het begin van de avond begonnen de mensen langzamerhand terug te keren naar huis, aldus NS.

Het begon vrijdagochtend rustig in de hoofdstad. Amsterdam vierde donderdagavond voor het eerst sinds negen jaar weer een koninginnenacht en moest daar even van bijkomen. De traditionele vrijmarkt begon om zes uur 's ochtends. Rond twee uur 's middags kwam de stroom bezoekers pas goed op gang.

De pleinen in de hoofdstad hadden een grote aantrekkingskracht op de bezoekers. "Vanuit de helikopter konden wij zien dat het in de loop van de middag echt stampvol was op de pleinen. Overal waar een podium stond, was volk," zei een politiewoordvoerder. Op het Museumplein traden aan het begin van de middag de Idols-finalisten Maud en Boris op. Ongeveer 100.000 mensen genoten van hun optreden.

De politie is erg tevreden over het verloop van de dag. "Er zijn tot nog toe geen noemenswaardige incidenten geweest. Hier en daar werd niet helemaal jofel eten verkocht, maar dat hoort een beetje bij Koninginnedag," aldus de woordvoerder. Zij verwacht dat het tot laat in de avond druk zal blijven in de stad. "Het is prachtig weer en de mensen zijn morgen vrij. "

Het mooie weer zorgde niet alleen voor een drukke dag, maar ook voor een lange dag. Om half tien waren de pleinen nog niet verlaten. De politie verwachtte dat een deel van de bezoekers eerst nog een café opzocht voor ze naar huis gingen.

## **DIT NAJAAR NEDERLAND 60 JAAR GELEDEN BEVRIJD**

In het najaar van 1944 werd het grootste deel van Zuid-Nederland bevrijd. In de bevrijde dorpen verschenen de eerste affiches waarin uiting werd gegeven aan de vreugde over de herwonnen vrijheid. Zo verscheen een in Londen opgestelde officiële proclamatie van koningin Wilhelmina. In de jaren van bezetting en onderdrukking was zij uitgegroeid tot hét symbool van onverzettelijkheid en vertrouwen in de overwinning.

"Free Holland welcomes the soldiers of the allies. Welkom in het vrije Nederland". In opdracht van de Rijksvoorlichtingsdienst werd dit affiche voor de bevrijding van het overige deel van Nederland reeds in 1944 in Londen ontworpen en gedrukt. Niet voorzien was dat het noorden, oosten en westen van het land nog lange tijd op de proef zouden worden gesteld. Het werden zware maanden waarin de bevolking met de Hongerwinter te maken kreeg. Op 4 mei 1945 verscheen het laatste Duitse affiche in bezet Nederland. In een zoals gewoonlijk in het Duits en Nederlands gestelde Bekendmaking maakte de Beauftragte des Reichskommissars voor de provincie Noord-Holland en Amsterdam bekend dat alle berichten als zouden de Duitse troepen in Nederland hebben gecapituleerd op geruchten waren gebaseerd. De bevolking werd derhalve ernstig gewaarschuwd zich van feestvreugde te onthouden. Onderaan het affiche stond in rode letters vermeld: "Afscheuren of beschadigen van dit plakkaat is strafbaar".

*In opdracht van de Rijksvoorlichtingsdienst werd dit affiche voor de bevrijding van Nederland reeds in 1944 in Londen ontworpen en gedrukt.*



