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European Kaleidoscope

Europe - an entity. We have known it
for a long time: now even the man
in the street is aware of the fact ...
But: realisation difficult. The "iron
curtains" (East and Spain ...); despite
besides Anglo-American tension: fear
of German revision. Pan-European
congress in the Hague: a mess.
Churchill - Comintern - Kaluzhsk.
Labour is about contradictions ...
complaints about separation, nationalism
in the meantime, within the western
continent, even different for Europeans
parts ... Travelling a Dutchman can't
(money difficulties: a Dutchman can't
get Belgian francs, etc.)
..... I spent a year - most of the time
on the western side of the Iron Curtain.
First, Switzerland - PEN Club; debating
German administration ... Silone, Ben Hubsch etc.

A certain European nationalism, particularly
among Socialists. A leading Swiss Social-Democrat
told me he was afraid of an understanding
between U.S. and S.U. - at the expense of
poor little Europe ... General contempt of the
two colossi ...

2½	months	Switzerland
2	weeks	Prague
2	weeks	Vienna
2	weeks	Paris
2	weeks	Copenhagen - Stockholm
3	weeks	
10	days	Germany
5½	months	+ Holland
65¼	months	

* So interesting and attractive is
 Europe, in spite of everything, that,
~~wherever one is, one would like to~~
 be ~~somewhere else~~ ~~nowhere at the~~
 same time: being in Vienna, one
 wonders what things are like in
 Danubius, Rome, or Prague; and
 now in Paris, where one is almost
 completely happy, one can't help
 feeling attracted by Stockholm,
 Venice, Garmisch, St. Moritz...

Zaid, prosperous, luxuriant, lovely, yet
full of "malaise" ... Visiting Pestalozzi
Village ... seems a long time ago ...
Then, Amsterdam, where I made my
headquarters. The small hotel: Nath. 2071;
even though I was told owners were
Nagis ... Marie (Mengeburg, Walter; Van Buren);
Jenderson ... "Nightwatch" (cleaned ...)
against it. "Herald Tribune" editorial:
"nation" who heated ... behind the war
effort. My reply, open letter. Aha ...
by a nationalist ... weekly "Elysium's":
"Communist ... Time city; hand-working
Paris ... just before De Gaulle's
victory. Tension; but: the charming
life. And: reunion with old friends ...:
Gide, Cocteau, Green ... Sartre, the
leading figure. Kafka, Herdigger ...:
innovational, dark, pessimistic ... Camus,
("Progress")
Gide, Amiel ... in
Nobel Prize ... U.S. Literature ... in
lectures on ("The Dances are
Copenhagen Skepticism ... Danish drama ...
different ... Michaelis, Andersen - Nexø,
seeing Niels [the best, with Garbo];
Asta Nielsen [the best, with Garbo];
an unusual life: the beer king ...
Wonderful food; but: shortages; no
paradise, in contrast to:)

.... Opera
... and a lot of books ...

Stockholm ... (Prosperity, plus morale,
life in Switzerland ... American influence ...
Pleasant life, but: decline, new fairy tale)
Brussels ... (even more settled and self-assured ...)
Hotel becomes stranger and stranger ...

9.5 Back in Holland: lectures ... violent
same at the "Bathhouse" ... you can't
do business with "Klapp" ... Owner of
fasty-shop says: "There haven't been
enough of them sent to the gas
chambers ..."

Germany a Half repulsed, half attracted.
My correspondence with the unknown
young man in Bielefeld [quotation]

Invitation to lecture in the French Zone:
Cultural activities in Baden-Baden, Mainz,
Freiburg, etc. Impression: Main Giron ...
contacts with academic German youth:
rather encouraging; no resentments, no
lies, more open-minded than the older
generation ... Dark yams: the evil whispering ...
Mannheim: a country ...

Lectures in Switzerland ... (monstrous
interest in U.S. literature ... Geneva,
Basel, Zurich, small town ...)

Shock of Gandhi's assassination ...
Variation in the policy; Tension during
visit in Czechoslovakia. Tension papers -
hysterical ... I had been invited to lecture
there. Wined: invitation non-firmed ...)

Nationalism, popular fear of
Germany; sympathy with
Russia ...

Two weeks in Prague (impossible to see B. I. appointment with M.)
but no "German" city
normal Fair then: Masaryk's death -
bombshell ... The funeral: Benes' "act
de pressure" ... Non-Communists worried.
Communists hopeful but not representative:
Kisch [his death] ... Still western
city: Hoffmeister; Voskovec and Wenzl;
bookshops; talk with Hoffmeister ... My
lecture, well received ... (improvement since
1946; money reform)
Two weeks in Vienna ... (Recovery in

Berlin crisis:
people get worried ...

no hysteria [even though Allied hotels
aborted] ... Self-assurance: Dr. Karl
Renner ... Three most important men:
Karajan, Peter Diego Goetz, Ernst
Fischer ... Litwasy, theatrical life: A
importance of repatriated refugees:
Thimig, Ernst Deutsch, Crook, Bruckner,
etc. contrast to Germany ...
your country between Austria / Germany:
no contact.

From Salzburg to Munich ...
the ruins, unchanged; conditions
improved in spite of U.S. "pro-
German" policy ... Fear; lethargy;
waiting ...

People, wishing to see Zerkmay's play,
"The Devil's General" - not a good
sign (where trials are going on and
Nuremberg (particularly unpleasant))
Frankfurt

Back in Amsterdam
People pleased about Italian elections ...
The Yanks "Berthorn"
Fight with the SS leaders ...
Trials: Quislings i NAMES 2

Dangers of Neo-Fascism

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"Friends of America: hard to be former Nazis: unmasked by Catholic paper."

Conclusion: Europe can't recover
as long as U.S. and S.U. refuse
to cooperate.
People are afraid, and not only
of the Russians!

* Nothing hopeless about Europ. tendency
toward socialism plus freedom (following
the English example). Still an amazing
amount of cultural activity: German
magazines, Austrian theater, Dutch concerts,
Stockholm opera, French literature, Danish
ballet, Swiss publishers, schools etc.
Italian films