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Toulouse-Lautrec, Au Moulin-Rouge, le Départ du Quadrille,
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April near Paris!
C'est la vie!

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Bonjour, Elli and
Panicos

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Dear Elli and Panos!

Thanks for that warm and lovely picture, it's very needful in this cold first winter time, although I have a warm companion here too... And greetings from Malesia where I just was for two weeks. We had an international conference of poets there, about 30 poets from 18 countries. Really nice trip, many new contacts and material. - Just when I was back we had my children musical premiere in Helsinki City Thetre. O.K. The rewiews has been very polite. It flies.

You'll stay in N.Y. at Christmas? Have you Cypriot friends there? - We are going to Madeiça for a week just after Christmas Day - a good break in the middle of the winter darkness.

It would be nice to see you in N.Y. maybe I have to bring my poetry book in English there in next spring... (They'll print it in April-May..)

Merry Christmas!

Best regards

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Hanko 20.2.92

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Dear friends Elli and Panicos,

you had to leave Vasa! From Vasa to New York, what a jump! But of course you'll travel to Cyprus at least in summer? How is your lovely house there now? Who puts pieces of old almond-trees to fire now?

Congratulations of your new post, Panos. Is it in UN, or how? And Elli's lyrics on a skyscraper, I hope it doesn't tuärn etheric there (!)

It was really surprising to get a letter from you from N.Y. to my new address. You know, I have jumped too. We live with my new friend in a small wooden house in a very little coastal town about 100 miles from Helsinki. So you have moved higher, I have fallen down on the ground. Hanko is the southernmost town in Finland and the winter is quite easy here. This winter the sea has not frozen at all and we have some swans near us all the time. Very silent. ONLY some tiny factories, the fishermen's harbour and a big harbour for autoimporting are working. And me, of course. - My first musical in Helsinki City Theatre has been performing a little bit more than two years now. And it goes on while I am writing my next one. What is in program now tells about a finnish workerfamily from postwar years (-45) till nowadays. And the next one * is for children. Something about death, angels and this kind of sad things, but true things. The premier will be in November this year. I have also collected my songtexts for a book, it will be published in April. - So, I have a lot of work to do, while we in Finland have now a very high unemployment-percent (about 15). ~~MM~~ A lot of conversation "to be or not to be" - a member in EC, you know. It seems that Finland is going to that union. Everybody is asking 'what then'. The farmers are very nervous, military people are thinking and speculating... Nobody knows what shall be. Good for painters, yes, bad for writers, perhaps... What shall be the situation of small languages if there's "common-market" in cultural things too...

Well, in April I can "go to Europe" too. My publisher has a house near Paris and we'll be there for a month. I'm waiting this spring eagerly. As I'm waiting for your letters sometimes. Take care!

Yours



Hanko 10.5.93

Dear Elli and Panicos!

How are the swallows in Vasa? And you in flight too?
Many greetings from the finnish spring, and now finally I can
send something to you, something you can read. Translations,
but I'm sure there must be echoes at least from my poems.

I hope you feel fine and are beginning a nice summer!

Best regards

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Hanko 13.7.92

Dear Panicos!

Early this morning whwn I went out for walking I smelt smoke. No, our house was not burning, and the whole town was sleeping in rest and peace too. After I had read the morningpaper I found it: there are large forestfires in Baltic countries - and the wind came from south... so near we are eachothers... Well, then I got your letter and everything was alright again.

Yes, I just met playwright Ilpo Tuomarila whom you met in N.Y. He is a real professional playwright (and my old friend) while I feel myself as a poet. But, anyway, my second musical is now written and the composer is working. The premier will be in November. (The musical is called "Reearuu", so, Reea is an angelsister of Ruu, who is orphanboy... The idea is to speak about loneliness and death to cildren. Not very joyful theme, but important and natural.) The music of my libretto for a tv-opera "Angelika" is taped too and the rest of the work they will do in autumn. - Just now I am choosing poems of mine for an English collection. A smaäl publisher called "Making Waves" wants to print a book of my poems in England. So, at last, you can also read my works...

This summer has been very dry and hot here; no wonder there's forestfires... We have spent lot of time in Mustio Castle, where my friend has directed a summerplay. (She works much with amateuractors as her job) You know, to make theatre with amateur forces is very popular in Finland especially in summer-time. There is a summertheare "almost every village", you know, we are so crazy about summer here; jazz-, rock- and classic music happenings, fish- and strawberryfestivals, conferences around row-boats, crabs, old books and oldfashioned tar making...

~~I wish~~
~~I hope~~ a happy Europe-journey to you!

My regards to Elli!

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Dear friends Elli and Panicos!

The world is trembling but when I see your faces
I understand that we have possibilities. Thank
you for that Vasa time.

I just got a message from PAND. It's a pity that Elli
cannot come. But Panicos, so You shall come on 17 th
june from Moscow at 5.15 afternoon by flight FU 205.
It is sunday. I shall be at the airport and You can
come to us and stay here for the night if You wish. -
PAND didn't know if You have other plans.

And in monday morning (18 th) we have a private bus
~~for guests to Joensuu. You can take it if You want.~~
(In tuesday morning there is a bus too. It is up to
You which You want to take.)

Our lovely friend Ruth wrote to me that she will
come on monday from Oslo to Helsinki and then she
has a flight on tuesday to Joensuu.

We have a very beautiful spring here now and
summer will be wonderful too. You are very welcome.

Best wishes



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