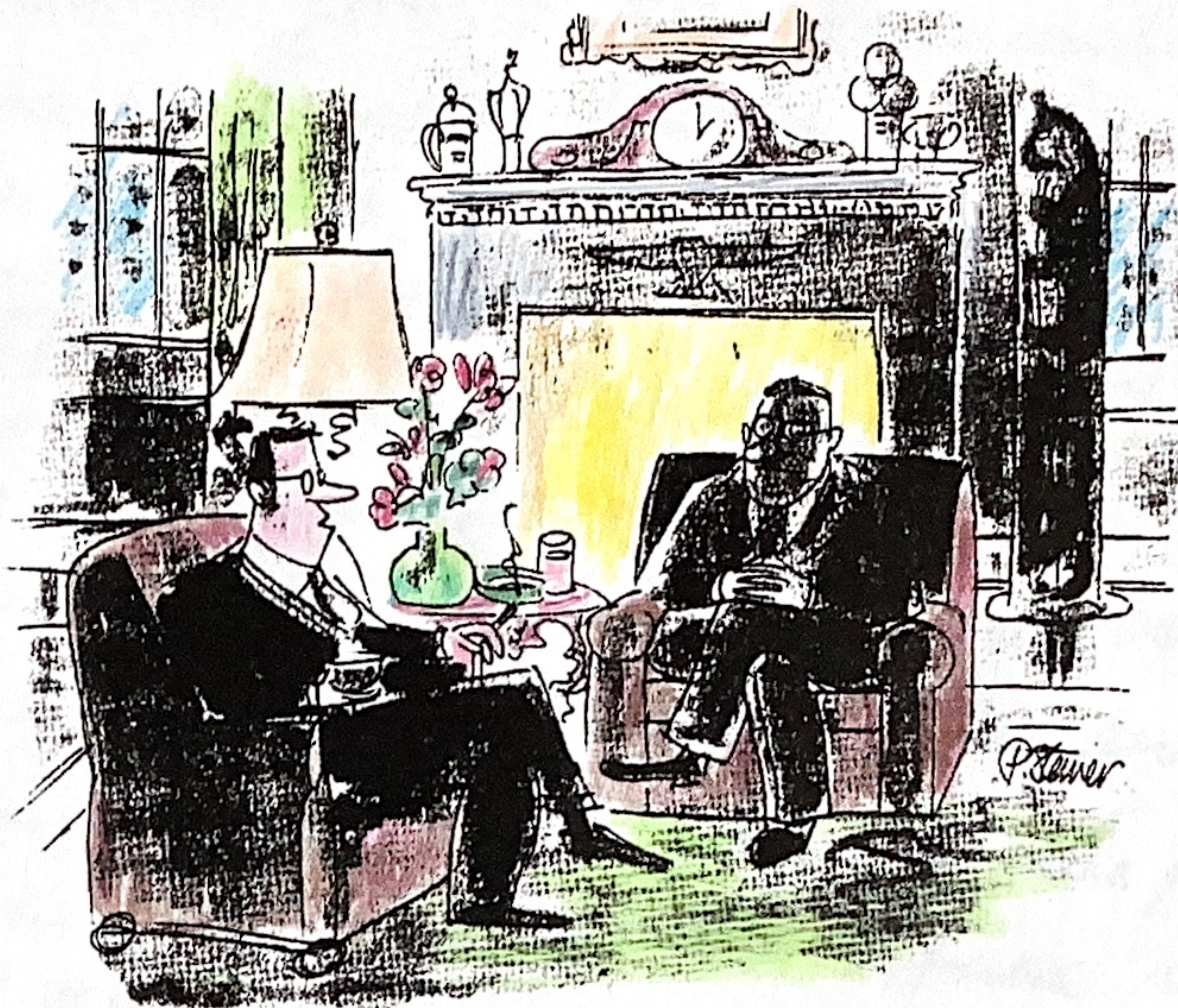




"As for immigration, I say admit anyone who arrives on the Concorde."

Amsterdam, March 10 2002

Dear Stuart,

What a perfectly quiet moment on Sunday morning to write to you a couple of thoughts.

First of all a comment in respect of the Cartoon. Our new princess of Argentine descent falls in the category who flies with the Concorde. The approval stamp on her request for immigration took not more than six weeks. Political refugees on average wait two to three years before they get a decision whether or not they are welcome into the Netherlands. "Get a quick admission procedure, marry a prince!" could be read on a banner the day our crown prince married.

Today it is lovely weather. Yesterday <sup>evening</sup> we got the  
huge storm wind from the UK. A number of roof-  
tiles came down and on a Sunday there is no one  
available to fix it. We are a rich country that  
we can afford not to work on a Sunday. Yes,  
if needed, I remember. Writing an OCR on  
Sunday. Yes, yes, what a good guy I am.

Is President Bush of the USA also a good guy?  
I doubt it. I think that he is an American  
megalomaniac. He has hardly won the presidency  
and he has a lot to hide. For instance his foul  
play with ENRON and his war policy is hiding his  
mediocrity. I am afraid of him. All his views  
go against the grain of the thinking of reasonable men.  
Enough about him and his bad friend Dick Cheney.  
20% of the world population lives under the poverty  
line. Being born in these poor circumstances life is  
not a gift. His USD 40 billion increase in the US  
defense budget could be better spent to relieve the  
conditions of these poor societies. Believe me, them  
the have-nots will not turn to Bin Laden Bin Laden  
to redress the unjust division of wealth in the world.  
I compare Bin Laden with Jesus Christ. Both pretend to  
mobilize the dissatisfaction of the poorest of the poor.  
Finally an observation on Tony Blair. He did a  
great job in black Africa. Does he not lack focus  
on the real world problems of today? If he is a  
salving  
"real-politician", he should use his high office

To end the war in the Middle East, a former protectorate land of the British.  
March 11<sup>th</sup>.

Did I mention already that coming Sunday we depart on 10 day tour to Egypt. A couple of days Cairo and a fair day trip on the Nile. Besides the blue skies are the main attractions the graveyards (pyramids and mastabas) and the dead (mummies).

If you ask me, it is all a bit morbid. This journey prompted me to catch up with the Egyptian history as from 3000 BC. What amazed me to read was that during 3000 years the Egyptians had a barter economy. No coins. And like the USA which is not autarkic on crude oil, lacked the Egyptians wood, an essential raw material for building boats, their transportation vehicles. They imported wood from middle eastern countries.

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Vera has made known to the board of the foundation that she will be no longer

available after this year event, to organise next years, "Open garden days". To our amazement the board decided that next year's event will be skipped. It implies that Vera is irreplaceable. And I could not agree more with this statement. Floris, our no. 1, stayed with us for one night (Saturday/Sunday) on his way for a 10 day holidays in Cuba with friends.

He said that he preferred staying in London above returning to Amsterdam when his two year contract has finished. After five years working as a fiscal lawyer for Ernst & Young, he would love to tackle the problems sitting at the other side of the desk. He is getting interviews, but he realizes that the employers are in the driver seats. <sup>his fraternity</sup>

Reinoud, our no. 2, 29 years of age is trying to get an employment. It is difficult to find the proper fit. As yet, he has not been graduated. He assured us that graduation will take place within a year. And 29 is considered a bit old nowadays to begin with your first job. My solution for him is to find an extremely rich girl friend and marry her. Love to Wanda. I hope you are all well.  
Adriaan DD