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**An *Inter*-Continental Breakfast.**

(Think we’ve used correct ‘Inter/Intra’ usage, but am sure we’ll hear about it if not.)

For this letter we have some musings while breakfasting. Sitting down to partake, the eyes scanned over the table and the mind sort of kicked in. *“Wonder where all this stuff comes from anyway?”*

We were starting with Parisian Bread & Brie, both local Ontario, accompanied by Italian Olive Oil and Coffee imported from Switzerland. As you will soon see, we are gung-ho on fruit for breakfast and next came a sliced banana in 2% milk. Hmmmn, … wonder where the banana came from, not many bananas grown in Canada. (You know those little mini-sticky things they put on fruit today? With a four digit number? And sometimes a bar code? That I always forget to take off when I’m washing fruit?) Well, … we went out to the kitchen to look at the banana peel. Surprise, the banana came from Ecuador! They got bananas in Ecuador? Ver-r-r-ry interesting. Danny Peck must already know that. Banana’s number was 4011. *(“I’m Chiquita Banana four thousand eleven, … Don’t refrigerate me cause I’ll end up in Heaven”*)

Next was Balkan Style Yogurt which we don’t think came from the Balkans and a few fresh Blueberries & Strawberries. The blues came from Chile and the straws came from the U.S.A., bar-coded only. Today’s strawberries make one wonder what is done to the poor things to make them morph into the size of small plums. As an aside: Fresh red raspberries are also an in-house staple, but off limits to Bailey & Ken.

We were now coming into the breakfast home stretch. With three fruits still to go we checked out a couple items on the table that were targeted for lunch. A Red Delicious Apple from the U.S.A., number 4167, and some Avocados from Mexico, number 4046. Hmmmn, a pattern. Do you suppose all fruits are numbered four thousand something? Does it mean that Avocados are a fruit? Was never quite sure if they were a fruit or a vegetable but boy, … do we love them. We play avocado Pinchy-Pinchy at the Produce Mart trying to ordain four pears which will ripen successively/successfully over the next four days. (From Ecuador again, Danny Peck, *“So what if they’re part black, eat’em anyway”.*)

Breakfast was finished up with a Florida Orange, Number 4013, White Seedless Grapes from Chile, bar-coded and Dried Apricots from Turkey, also bar-coded.

Well, … that was a quite impressive Breakfast, we had with four Continents and eight Countries in representation. Wonder what people hours were involved in making all those choices available on our dining room table? My, how politically correct, … ‘man-hours’ is no longer in our vocabulary. Maybe we’ll analyze dinner some day.

From Ottawa, LBK

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(One more line and we would have had to change to font 11 for Snail-mailers.)