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Fri, 20 Aug 2004 01:41:48 +0300: "Yannis the Macedonian"
<makedon@vip.gr>: in sci.lang:

>*Do those Hollanders [in the region 'Holland' in England]
>call themselves as you ?*

I don't know, I have never met any of them, have never even been there. I have been in England, but not in Holland, England.

>*Do they call their language Dutch ?*

Probably not, but it doesn't matter much, because we call our language Nederlands. 'Duits' is the Dutch word for what the English call 'German', and the Germans themselves call "Deutsch". Complicated, isn't it? But we have no problems with it, despite numerous wars with the Germans, and the English, and the French, and the Spanish, throughout our history.

>*Do you want to liberate them from the English "occupation" ??*

Of course not. As I said, I have never met anyone from that area, don't know what it even looks like. Neither do I care. I just noticed the name on maps, that's all.

>*Do they want to build a new state named Holland ??*

No idea, probably not. Would it matter? Not to me.

>*Do those Hollanders in GB
>ever spread Dutch language and Civilization to the World ?*

I suppose not. Would it matter? Not to me.

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