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### EC "SUMMIT" SEEN MAKING ADVANCES ON JOBS, ENERGY, FARM SURPLUSES

The EC "undoubtedly moved forward" on three issues - employment, energy and agriculture - EC Commission President Roy Jenkins told journalists after EC heads of government ended their two-day "summit" in Paris on 13 March.

Extracts from his statement follow:

Employment: The European Monetary System (launched on 13 March after 2 1/2 month delay) "has the potential to make bigger contribution to the economic situation in the Community than any other single step. However, we also need to improve the operation of the instruments at our disposal. In particular the Commission will:

- make specific proposals to improve the work of the tripartite conference (governments, labour and management);
- make proposals in a very short timescale to the Council on the implications of concerted action in the field of work-sharing;
- also make proposals for significant action for dealing with the social aspects of problems of the steel industry... and also to make further improvements in the working of the Social Fund."

Energy: "We have agreed on two specific new goals:

- the commitment, as proposed by the Commission, to limit oil imports by 1985 to last year's figure, in other words, 470 million tons;
- and also to restrict our total consumption this year to 5 per cent less than originally foreseen..."

Agriculture: "The Commission's view is that the Common Agricultural Policy is under threat from its own operation. Unless we can reduce the current surpluses, it may in the future collapse under its own weight. We are spending a far too large proportion of the budget on agriculture and in particular on financing the accumulation of surpluses. The centrepiece of our counter-attack on this waste of resources is a continuing rigorous price policy and a completely remodelled variable co-responsibility levy. I now believe that the dangers are recognized by all member states..."

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