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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Miss QUIN, Mr GLINNE, Mr KEY, Mr VERNIMMEN and

Mrs THEOBALD-PAOLI, on behalf of the Socialist Group

with request for topical and urgent debate

pursuant to Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure

on the crisis in the shipbuilding industry

'The European Parliament.

- A. deeply concerned at the crisis in the European shipbuilding industry which has resulted in the loss of a large number of jobs in many of the most depressed regions of the EEC,
 - B. referring in particular to the announcement by British shipbuilders of a further reduction of 2,000 jobs concentrated in North East England in an area where male unemployment is already 25%,
 - C. deploring the failure of the Council to take any action on Commission proposals which were supported by the overwhelming majority of the European Parliament and which were designed to help older shipbuilding workers throughout the EEC who were being made redundant during the period of restructuring,
 - D. deploring the failure of the Council to accept proposals from the Commission to accept a scrap and build policy,
 - E. aware that South Korea and Japan have both recently been increasing their market share and that prices quoted for building ships in those countries over the last year (which have been up to 50% below those quoted by European shipbuilders) can only have been possible because of non-transparent production aids in those countries,
1. Calls on the Council to accept the view of the Commission that the shipbuilding industry is of crucial importance to Europe and, that in order to maintain a viable level of capacity, to accept that restructuring has now gone far enough;
 2. Calls on the Commission following its declarations to the European Parliament at the December 1982 plenary session to bring forward without delay proposals to enable the Community shipbuilding industry to weather the problems of the present world shipbuilding crisis,
 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission.'