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ORAL QUESTION (0-87/82)

with debate pursuant to Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure
by Mr GLINNE

on behalf of the Socialist Group
to the Council of the European Communities

Subject: Special aid to regions affected by the crisis
in the European iron and steel industry

1. Does the Council share the Commission's view that the level of steel consumption, which was very low during the third (summer) quarter of 1982, will be equally low during the fourth quarter? If this situation continues, the annual level of consumption will be 100 million tonnes, the lowest ever figure since the ECSC was set up (1952).
2. Does the Council agree that the regions affected by the crisis in the iron and steel industry should be granted special aid?

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3. What is the Council's attitude, in this connection, to the statements made by Commissioner Davignon in which he announced the Commission's intention to propose that the member governments should allocate substantial aid for conversion in the regions affected by the crisis? This investment aid, to come from the European Regional Development Fund (non-quota section), would amount to 200 million ECU over five years and would supplement the relatively small conversion loan currently allocated from ECSC appropriations.