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ORAL QUESTION (0-51/78)

with debate, pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure by Mr ANSART, Mr BORDU, Mr EBERHARD, Mr PORCU and Mr SOURY

to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject: Supplies of ore to the Community

- since ore resources of various kinds constitute one of the basic foundations of industry in the countries of the Community;
- since the resources available within the Community of certain ores are somewhat limited;
- since an adequate degree of self-sufficiency is one of the conditions of the Community's economic independence;

Does the Commission not feel:

1. that the speeded-up closure of the iron mines in Lorraine (a region which has the bulk of available resources) is contrary to the interests of that region, of France and of the Community;

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2. that it is on the contrary the consequence of domination by the most powerful iron and steel groups;
3. that the Commission should abandon the plans put forward by Mr Davignon for reducing production of zinc ore, given that resources of this ore within the Community enable it to be self-sufficient;
4. that the Community countries should do their utmost to make maximum use of the ore resources available to them?