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IN THE CHAIR : MR SPENALE

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(The sitting opened at 5.05 p.m.)

President. — The sitting is open.

1. *Resumption of the session*

President. — I declare resumed the session of the European Parliament adjourned on 14 January 1977.

2. *Apologies*

President. — Apologies for absence have been received from Mr Pierre Bertrand, Mr Lücker and Mr Pianta, who regret their inability to attend this part-session.

3. *Appointment of Members*

President. — On 19 January last the Bundestag of the Federal Republic of Germany renewed its delegation.

The following were appointed :

Mr Adams, Mr Van Aerssen, Mr Aigner, Mr Alber, Mr Jangemann, Mr Bayerl, Mr Blumenfeld, Mr Feller-naier, Mr Flämig, Mr Früh, Mr Fuchs, Mr Haase Horst, Mr Hoffmann, Mr Jahn, Mr Klepsch, Mr Klinker, Mr Kunz, Mr Lange, Mr Lücker, Mr Hans-Werner Müller, Mr Willi Müller, Mr Müller-Hermann, Mr Schmidt, Mr Schreiber, Mr Schwabe, Mr Schwörer, Mr Seefeld, Mr Sieglerschmidt, Mr Spillecke, Mr Starke, Mrs Walz, Mr Wawrzik, Mr Würtz, Mr Zeyer and Mr Zywiets.

Pursuant to Rule 3 (1) of the Rules of Procedure, the Bureau has made sure that these appointments comply with the provisions of the Treaties.

It therefore asks the House to ratify these appointments.

Are there any objections ?

These appointments are ratified.

By letter of 27 January, the Chamber of Representatives of the Kingdom of Belgium informed me of the appointment of Mr Guillaume Schyns as Member of the European Parliament to replace the late Mr Pêtre, and by letter of 2 February 1977 the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of Ireland informed me of the appointment of Mr Gerald l'Estrange as a Member of the European Parliament to replace Mr Dunne who has resigned.

The credentials of these Members will be verified at the Bureau's next meeting, on the understanding that, under Rule 3 (3) of the Rules of Procedure, they will provisionally take their seats with the same rights as other Members of Parliament. I congratulate colleagues whose appointments have been renewed and welcome the new Members.

(Applause)

4. *Election of a Vice-President*

President. — I have received from the Socialist Group the nomination of Mr Rudi Adams to fill the Vice-President's seat which has become vacant as a result of the departure of Mr Behrendt.

As no other nomination has been submitted, I believe Parliament will wish to elect Mr Adams by acclamation pursuant to Rule 7 (1) of the Rules of Procedure.

(Applause)

I therefore declare Mr Adams Vice-President of the European Parliament. On the proposal of the Socialist Group, Mr Adams will occupy twelfth place in the order of precedence of the Vice-Presidents, while Mr Zagari will take tenth place which was held by Sir Geoffrey de Freitas ; the latter will take the sixth place which has been left vacant by Mr Behrendt.

5. *Membership of Committees*

President. — I have received from the Socialist Group, the Christian-Democratic Group and the Liberal and Democratic Group the following requests for appointments to the committees :

— *Political Affairs Committee :*

Mr Sieglerschmidt and Mr Bangemann

— *Legal Affairs Committee :*

Mr Alber

— *Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs :*

Mr Horst Haase and Mr Zywiets

— *Committee on Budgets :*

Mr Würtz and Mr Schreiber

— *Committee on Social Affairs, Employment and Education :*

Mr Wawrzik

— *Committee on Agriculture :*

Mr Schwabe and Mr Hoffmann

— *Committee on Regional Policy, Regional Planning and Transport :*

Mr Horst Haase ; Mr Hoffmann, to replace Mr Seefeld ; Mr Zywiets, to replace Mr Bangemann ; Mr Fuchs.

— *Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection :*

Mr Spillecke, to replace Mr Adams ; Mr Klinker and Mr Hans Werner Müller

— *Committee on Energy and Research :*

Mr Zeyer, Mr Kunz and Mr Hans-Werner Müller

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— *Committee on External Economic Relations*:
Mr Sieglerschmidt, to replace Mr Brégègère; Mr Müller-Hermann

— *Committee on Development and Cooperation*:
Mr Wawrzik and Mr Würtz

— *Committee on the Rules of Procedure and Petitions*:
Mr Spillecke, to replace Mr Bayerl; Mr Schwörer; Mr Kunz

— *Delegation to the Joint Parliamentary Committee of the EEC-Greece Association*:

Mr Lücker

Are there any objections?

These appointments are ratified.

6. Petitions

President. — I have received from Mrs Van Buytene a petition concerning proposals for a European Charter for road accident victims and from Mr Jean-Louis Gerus and three other signatories a petition on Europe and young people — action taken on Petition No 16/75.

These petitions have been entered under Nos 15/76 and 16/76 respectively in the register provided for in Rule 48 (2) of the Rules of Procedure and, pursuant to paragraph 3 of that same Rule, referred to the Committee on the Rules of Procedure and Petitions.

7. Documents received

President. — Since the session was adjourned, I have received the following documents:

(a) from the Council, requests for an opinion on the following Commission proposals for:

— a directive to coordinate the laws of the Member States relating to (self-employed) commercial agents (Doc. 514/76),

which has been referred to the Legal Affairs Committee as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs for its opinion;

— a directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to materials and articles containing vinyl chloride monomer and intended to come into contact with foodstuffs (Doc. 515/76),

which has been referred to the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs for its opinion;

I. a directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to rear fog lamps for motor vehicles and their trailers

II. a directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to reversing lamps for motor vehicles and their trailers

III. a directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to parking lamps for motor vehicles (Doc. 516/76),

which has been referred to the Committee on Regional Policy, Regional Planning and Transport as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs for its opinion;

— a directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the weights and dimensions of certain motor vehicles (Doc. 517/76),

which has been referred to the Committee on Regional Policy, Regional Planning and Transport as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs for its opinion;

— a directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to tyres for motor vehicles and their trailers (Doc. 518/76),

which has been referred to the Committee on Regional Policy, Regional Planning and Transport as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs for its opinion;

— a regulation instituting a Community export declaration from (Doc. 520/76),

which has been referred to the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs;

I. a directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to heating systems for the passenger compartment of motor vehicles

II. a directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the wheel guards of motor vehicles (Doc. 521/76),

which has been referred to the Committee on Regional Policy, Regional Planning and Transport as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs for its opinion;

— a directive concerning the progressive implementation of the principle of equality of treatment for men and women in matters of social security (Doc. 522/76),

which has been referred to the Committee on Social Affairs, Employment and Education;

— a directive on the harmonization of provisions laid down by law, regulation or administrative action relating to the rules governing turnover tax and excise duty applicable in international travel (Doc. 524/76),

which has been referred to the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs;

— a directive amending Directive 70/156/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to type-approval of motor vehicles and their trailers (Doc. 525/76),

which has been referred to the Committee on Regional Policy, Regional Planning and Transport as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs for its opinion;

— a regulation laying down special measures in respect of the Beneventano variety of tobacco (Doc. 533/76),

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which has been referred to the Committee on Agriculture as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Budgets for its opinion ;

- a regulation opening, allocating and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for certain wines of designation of origin, falling within sub-heading ex 22.05 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Morocco (1977/1978) (Doc. 534/76),

which has been referred to the Committee on External Economic Relations as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Agriculture for its opinion ;

- a regulation on Community financial measures to promote the use of coal for electricity generation (Doc. 535/76),

which has been referred to the Committee on Energy and Research as the committee responsible and to the committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the Committee on Budgets for their opinions ;

- a decision adopting a research programme in the field of Treatment and Use of Sewage Sludge (concerted action) (Doc. 536/76),

which has been referred to the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Budgets for its opinion.

- a directive to protect the consumer in respect of contracts which have been negotiated away from business premises (Doc. 550/76),

which has been referred to the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection as the committee responsible and the the Legal Affairs Committee for its opinion ;

(b) from the committees the following reports :

- Report by Mr Lautenschlager on behalf of the Legal Affairs Committee on the proposal from the Commission to the Council for a regulation on the European Cooperation Grouping (ECG) (Doc. 519/76) ;
- Interim report by Mr Schuijt on behalf of the Political Affairs Committee on the European Community's information policy with regard to preparations for the first direct elections to the European Parliament (DOC. 526/76) ;
- Interim report by Mr Cointat on behalf of the Committee on Budgets on the proposal from the Commission to the Council for a directive amending the Council Directive of 15 March 1976 on mutual assistance for the recovery of claims resulting from operations forming part of the system of financing the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund, and of agricultural levies and customs duties (Doc. 572/76) ;
- Report by Mr Pucci on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture on the proposal from the Commission to the Council for a regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 2511/69 laying down special measures for improving the production and marketing of Community citrus fruit (Doc. 528/76) ;
- Report by Mr Kofoed on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture on the proposal from the Commission to the Council for a regulation supplementing Regulation (EEC) No 100/76 with regard to arrangements for importing prepared and preserved sardines (Doc. 529/76) ;
- Report by Mr Giraud on behalf of the Committee on Energy and Research on the adoption of and prospects for a system of basic prices for imported primary energy sources within the framework of a Community energy policy (Doc. 530/76) ;
- Report by Mr De Keersmaecker on behalf of the Legal Affairs Committee on the relationship between Community law and criminal law (Doc. 531/76) ;
- Report by Lord Ardwick on behalf of the Legal Affairs Committee on the proposal from the Commission to the Council for a directive for the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions regarding collective investment undertakings for transferable securities (Doc. 532/76) ;
- Report by Mr Giraud on behalf of the Committee on Regional Policy, Regional Planning and Transport on the proposal from the Commission to the Council for a decision amending the decision on the harmonization of certain provisions affecting competition in transport by rail, road and inland waterway (Doc. 537/76) ;
- Report by Mr Früh on behalf of the Committee on Budgets on the proposal from the Commission to the Council for a regulation on the entries in the Budget of the Communities relating to the financial effects of the different conversion rates applied for measures financed by the Guarantee Section of the EAGGF (Doc. 538/76) ;
- Report by Mr Schmidt on behalf of the Committee on External Economic Relations on the recommendations of the Joint Parliamentary Committee of the EEC-Greece Association adopted in
 - Rome on 9 December 1975
 - Aghios Nikolaos (Crete) on 19 May 1976
 - Berlin on 23 November 1976 (Doc. 546/76) ;
- Report by Mr Lange, on behalf of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, on the principles to be observed by enterprises and governments in international economic activity (Doc. 547/76) ;
- Report by Mr Klepsch on behalf of the Committee on External Economic Relations on the recommendations of the Joint Parliamentary Committee of the EEC-Turkey Association adopted in Nice on 28 April 1976 and in Ankara on 9 November 1976 — (Doc. 548/76) ;
- Report by Mr Albertini, on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture on the proposal from the Commission to the Council for a regulation laying down special measures in respect of the Beneventano variety of tobacco (Doc. 549/76) ;
- Report by Mr Gibbons on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture on the proposal from the Commission to the Council for a regulation relating to the fixing of representative exchange rates in the agricultural sector (Doc. 552/76) ;

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(c) the following oral questions with debate :

- the oral question by Mr A. Bertrand on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group to the Commission on the UN General Assembly's meeting of 24 November 1976 (Doc. 539/76);
- The oral question by Mr Cousté on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats to the Council on the North-South Dialogue (Doc. 540/76);
- the oral question by Mr Molloy, Lady Fisher of Rednal, Mrs Boothroyd, Mr Mitchell, Lord Murray of Gravesend, Lord Walston, Mr Hughes, Mr Kavanagh and Mrs Dunwoody to the Commission on the promotion of consumer interests (Doc. 541/76);
- the oral question by Mrs Squarcialupi, Mr Veronesi, Mr Mascagni, Mr Masullo and Mr Pistillo to the Council on the deferral of the directive on the discharge of titanium dioxide at sea (Doc. 542/76);
- the oral question by Mr Fellermaier, Mr Prescott, Mr Schmidt and Mr Laban on behalf of the Socialist Group to the Council on the failure by the Council to agree an interim Community internal fishing regime for 1977 (Doc. 543/76);
- the oral question by Mr Glinne on behalf of the Socialist Group to the Commission on the repeated violations of human rights in Uruguay (Doc. 544/76);

(d) the following oral question without debate :

- the oral question by Mr Martens, Mr A. Bertrand, Mr De Koning and Mr Früh on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group to the Commission on the increased production of sugar syrups with a high fructose content (isomereses) from maize (Doc. 545/76/Rev.);

(e) — Oral questions by Mr Berkhouwer, Mr Cousté, Mr Johnston, Mr Laudrin, Mr Kaspereit, Mr Nolan, Mr Cointat, Mr Dondelinger, Mr Howell, Mr Dalyell, Mr Evans, Mr Herbert, Mr Yeats, Mr Noe, Mr Scott-Hopkins, Mrs Squarcialupi, Lord Bessborough, Mr Nyborg, Mr Radoux, Mr Dykes, Sir Geoffrey de Freitas, Sir Peter Kirk, Mr Seefeld, Lord Bethell, Mr Osborn, Mr Spicer, Mr Hamilton and Lord St. Oswald, for Question Time on Tuesday, 8 and Wednesday, 9 February 1977, pursuant to Rule 47A of the Rules of Procedure (Doc. 551/76);

(f) from the Commission the operating accounts and financial statements relating to the budget operations for the financial year 1975 (Volumes I, II, III A and III B)

and

the report of the audit board on the accounts for the financial year 1975 followed by the replies of the institutions — Volumes One and Two —

(Docs. 523/I/76, 523/II/76, 523/III/76).

These documents have been referred to the Committee on Budgets, as the committee responsible; Volume two of the report of the Audit Board has also been referred to the Committee on Development and Cooperation for its opinion.

8. Texts of treaties forwarded by the Council

President. — I have received from the Council certified true copies of the following documents :

- agreement between the European Economic Community and Macao on trade in textile products;
- agreement between the European Economic Community and the Federative Republic of Brazil on trade in textile products;
- agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Columbia on trade in textile products.

These documents will be placed in the archives of the European Parliament.

9. Tabling of a motion for a resolution

President. — I have received from Mr Terrenoire, Mr Lenihan, Mr Cointat, Mr Cousté, Mr Gibbons, Mr Kaspereit, Mr Laudrin, Mr Liogier, Mr Rivierez and Mr Yeats, on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats, with request for urgent debate pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure, a Motion for a Resolution on the last meeting of the Council of Ministers concerning the Middle East (Doc. 553/76).

I shall consult Parliament at the beginning of tomorrow's sitting on the urgency of this motion.

10. Authorization of reports

President. — Pursuant to Rule 38 of the Rules of Procedure I have authorized the following committees to draw up reports :

- *Committee on Energy and Research* : a report on the prospects for and requirements of a common oil supply and processing policy; the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection have been asked for their opinions
- *Committee on Development and Cooperation* : a report on the advance implementation of certain provisions of the ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé concerning trade with São-Tomé and Príncipe, Cape Verde and Papua-New Guinea.

11. Referral to committee

President. — The motion for a resolution (Doc. 487/76) tabled by Mr Hamilton pursuant to Rule 54 of the Rules of Procedure on the addition of Rule 200A (Debates on the state of the Community) to the Rules of Procedure, which had been referred to the Committee on the Rules of Procedure and Petitions, has now also been referred, at the request of that Committee and to the Political Affairs Committee for its opinion.

12. *Limit on speaking time*

President. — I propose that speaking time be allocated as follows :

Reports :

- 15 minutes for the rapporteur and for one speaker on behalf of each Group ;
- 10 minutes for other speakers ;
- 3 minutes for speakers on amendments.

For *oral questions with debate*, the Rules of Procedure provide for :

- 10 minutes for the author of the question ;
- 5 minutes for the other speakers.

Are there any objections ?

That is agreed.

The debate on the statement by the President of the Commission on the Tenth General Report and the Commission's annual work programme scheduled for Thursday will be organized in accordance with Rule 28 of the Rules of Procedure.

Are there any objections ?

I call Mr Fellermaier.

Mr Fellermaier. — (*D*) I have no objections but wish to make a proposal on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, the Socialist Group, the Liberal and Democratic Group and the European Conservative Group : we should like the joint debate on fishery problems to be organized under Rule 28 as well. The total speaking time for the six groups would be two hours allocated in the usual way ; the numerous amendments would then be moved under the normal procedure.

We consider these arrangements necessary to enable the agenda to be proceeded with satisfactorily on Wednesday.

President. — I consult Parliament on the proposal which has just been made to limit the joint debate on fishing planned for Wednesday to 2 hours, divided between the groups.

That is agreed.

13. *Order of business*

President. — The next item is the order of business.

Pursuant to Rule 27a of the Rules of Procedure, the following Commission proposals have been placed on the agenda for this sitting for the procedure without report :

— the proposal from the Commission to the Council for a decision on the acceptance of certain codex standards for sugars intended for human consumption (Doc. 473/76)

This proposal had been referred to the Legal Affairs Committee ;

— the proposal from the Commission to the Council for a directive modifying the Council Directive of 20.7.1976 concerning the statistical surveys to be carried out by the Member States in order to determine the production potential of plantations of certain species of fruit trees (76/625/EEC) — (Doc. 492/76)

— the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a directive on the Community list of less-favoured farming areas within the meaning of Directive 75/268/EEC (France) — (Doc. 507/76)

This proposal had been referred to the Committee on Agriculture as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Regional Policy, Regional Planning and Transport and the Committee on Budgets for their opinions ;

This proposal had been referred to the Committee on Agriculture ;

— the proposal from the Commission to the Council for a regulation opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for certain wines of designation of origin falling within sub-heading ex 22.05 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Morocco (1977—1978) — (Doc. 534/76)

This proposal had been referred to the Committee on External Economic Relations as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Agriculture for its opinion ;

Unless any Member asks leave to speak on this proposal, or amendments are tabled to it before the opening of the sitting on Friday, 11 February 1977, I shall declare these proposals approved.

At its meeting on 27 January, the enlarged Bureau prepared the draft agenda which has been distributed.

Since then, the Council has informed us that the oral question (Doc. 539/76) by Mr Alfred Bertrand on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group to the Council on the UN General Assembly was not within the competence of the Council but of the Conference of Foreign Ministers. As the latter has not yet been able to adopt an answer to this question, it must therefore be withdrawn from the Agenda.

The Commission has also informed me that since its members have only recently been appointed, it will not be making any statement during this part-session on action taken on the opinions and proposals of the European Parliament. It intends to make a full statement on this subject during the March part-session.

I call Mr Lange.

Mr Lange, Chairman of the Committee on Budgets. — (D) I simply wish to draw your attention to the fact that we agreed at the last part-session to vote this week on the motion for a resolution submitted by Mr Sandri on behalf of the Committee on Development and Cooperation. The vote was postponed with the proviso that the Committee on Budgets should have an opportunity to indicate its opinion to the House. I hope then that the Committee on Budgets will be allowed to explain its position before the vote is taken. I hope that the House will be able to agree to this procedure.

President. — Obviously, when a proposal has budgetary implications, the Committee on Budgets must have an opportunity to express its views in the debate. I call Mr Klepsch.

Mr Klepsch. — (D) Mr President, may I ask for the debate on the report, item 399, on the recommendations adopted by the EEC-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee to be arranged at a different time. I am the rapporteur and shall not be able to be in the House late on Thursday evening. If possible, I should therefore like the report to be taken either on Friday morning or on Tuesday.

President. — I believe the House can agree to that. I call Mr Berkhouwer.

Mr Berkhouwer. — (NL) Mr President, my group would prefer the debate on item 361 by Mr Guldberg to be postponed to a later part-session because he is not here this week. I am putting this request on behalf of my group and of Mr Guldberg.

My group has of course no objection to the debate on the Giraud report.

President. — I call Mr Cousté.

Mr Cousté. — (F) My group has put an oral question with debate on the North-South dialogue which has been entered on the agenda for Wednesday. For reasons which you will no doubt understand in this electoral period I have to be in Lyons on that day, although I was down to introduce this question. I therefore wonder whether it would not be possible to enter the question earlier — for example tomorrow, should the Guldberg report be postponed — or to postpone it to the next part-session.

President. — I call Mr Klepsch.

Mr Klepsch. — (D) Mr President, I have no objection to Mr Berkhouwer's proposal. But I would ask you to consider whether we could then place the report which I was to have introduced on Thursday evening, on Tuesday's agenda in place of the Guldberg report; it could of course be taken later on that day if that were more convenient.

President. — I call Mr Fellermaier.

Mr Fellermaier. — (D) I have to point out yet again, Mr President, that this is no way for our House to work.

(Applause)

The Bureau held a meeting at which six group chairmen reached agreement with you, Mr President, and with the Vice-Presidents. They also discussed the difficulties of the Guldberg report and the rapporteur, Mr Guldberg, was present himself in his capacity as Vice-President of Parliament. He was prepared to bow to the Bureau's argument that a report such as this, on which Parliament has been working for eighteen months, could not be postponed because of elections in a particular country, however important the Danish elections may be. But now a postponement is requested after all!

And then Mr Cousté comes along and says: Mr President, I have to go to Lyons. If I may so, I myself have to go to Bonn tomorrow morning, but I have sufficient confidence in my group to believe that it will work just as excellently in my absence.

(Applause and laughter)

Mr Cousté must surely also consider that his group has perfectly qualified experts to deal with the North-South dialogue. If the French members of the Group of European Progressive Democrats consider the North-South dialogue to be of political importance but cannot themselves be present, there are surely enough Irish politicians in their group who can deal with the subject with equal competence and brilliance.

I therefore appeal to any Member who is not able to be here on a particular day because of the dual mandate, to trust his own group to represent him; the agenda should for once be left exactly as it was put together by the Bureau.

(Applause)

President. — Thank you, Mr Fellermaier, for helping to keep to the agenda adopted by the Bureau.

In any case, it would not have been possible to include Mr Cousté's question on Tuesday's agenda because the Council, to whom it is addressed, will not be present on that day.

As for Mr Guldberg's report, I hope that the chairman, or another member of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, will be able to present it.

In this connection I must say that I have been in touch with the Danish Government to ask them whether they could provide transport for our Danish colleagues who are interested in this problem and in

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the problem of fishing which will be dealt with on the following day. The reply was in the negative: it is not the custom of the Danish Government to place military aircraft at the disposal of Members of Parliament, and civil aircraft would have cost too much. I then contacted the secretary of the Danish delegation who assured me that during this part-session, although Denmark is in the midst of an election period, there would be a fairly large number of Danish Members present.

In the circumstances, I propose that we leave Mr Guldberg's report on the agenda where it is. In that way I have also answered Mr Klepsch.

(Applause from certain quarters)

I call Mr Laban.

Mr Laban, Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture. — *(NL)* Mr President, the chairman of the Committee on Agriculture asked you to place the report by Mr Gibbons on monetary compensatory amounts and the report by Mr Albertini on special measures in favour of Beneventano tobacco on our agenda. It has since transpired that the opinions of the Committee on Budgets and the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs on monetary compensatory amounts are not yet available; moreover Mr Gibbons cannot himself be present. Without these two important opinions we cannot discuss this matter and I therefore withdraw the Committee on Agriculture's request. However, we maintain our request for the report by Mr Albertini, which can be dealt with quickly, to be included on Friday's agenda. The Chairman of the Committee on Budgets has informed me that his committee will be considering this report at six o'clock this evening. The debate will not take long but the issue is of importance to the growers of this special variety of tobacco, because the regulation is to enter into force on 1 March of this year, so that its provisions will apply to this year's planting and harvest. I should therefore be extremely grateful if you could meet our request.

President. — Mr Gibbons' report is therefore withdrawn.

I propose that Mr Albertini's report be included in Friday's agenda, provided that the Committee on Budgets can deliver its opinion this evening.

Are there any objections?

That is agreed.

The agenda will therefore be as follows:

This afternoon:

- Oral question with debate to the Commission on consumer interests
- Osborn report on certain social provisions relating to inland waterway transport
- Giraud report on transport competition (without debate).

Tuesday, 8 February 1977

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.:

- Question Time
- Joint debate on the Giraud and Guldberg reports on energy prices
- Introduction of the Tenth General Report and the Commission work programme
- Memmel and Lagorce reports on the Rules of Procedure (vote)
- Schuijt interim report on direct elections to the European Parliament
- Lautenschlager report on a European Cooperation Grouping
- Ardwick report on investments in transferable securities.

Wednesday, 9 February 1977

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.:

- Question Time
- Joint debate on the oral question to the Council and the Kofoed report on fishing
- Oral question with debate to the Council on the North-South Dialogue
- Oral question with debate to the Council discharge of titanium dioxide at sea
- Kofoed report on sardines

Thursday, 10 February 1977

9 a.m., 3 p.m. and possibly in the evening:

- Debate on the Tenth General Report and the Commission work programme
- Jozefan-Marigné report on human rights
- De Keersmaeker report on Community law and criminal law
- Prescott interim report on the Community shipping industry
- Sandri report on trade cooperation with the developing countries
- Oral question with debate to the Commission on human rights in Uruguay
- Schmidt report on the recommendations of the EEC-Greece Joint Parliamentary Committee

Friday, 11 February 1977

9 a.m. to 12 noon:

- Procedure without report
- Possibly, continuation of Thursday's agenda
- Früh report on conversion rates for measures financed by the EAGGF
- Cointat interim report on the EAGGF financing system
- Klepsch report on the recommendations of the EEC-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee
- Pucci report on production and marketing of citrus fruit