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IN THE CHAIR : MR SPENALE

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(The sitting was opened at 5.02 p.m.)

President. — The sitting is open.

1. *Resumption of the session*

President. — I declare resumed the session of the European Parliament adjourned on 13 February 1976.

2. *Appointment of a Member*

President. — The presidents of the first and second Houses of the States General of the Kingdom of the Netherlands have informed me that they have appointed Mr D. F. Van der Mei as a Member of the European Parliament to replace Mr Scholten.

The credentials of this member will be verified after the Bureau's next meeting, on the understanding that, under Rule 3 (3) of the Rules of Procedure, he will provisionally take his seat with the same rights as other Members of Parliament.

I should like to take this opportunity of congratulating Mr Scholten, on behalf of this House, on his appointment as Member of the Council of State of the Netherlands, and of cordially welcoming Mr Van der Mei.

3. *Documents submitted*

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

(a) from the Council of the European Communities, requests for an opinion on :

- the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a regulation on the arrangements applicable to agricultural products and certain goods resulting from the processing of agricultural products originating in African, Caribbean and Pacific States or in the Overseas Countries and Territories (Doc. 528/75).

This document has been referred to the Committee on Development and Cooperation as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Budgets for its opinion ;

— the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for

I. a regulation on the opening, allocation and administration of the Community tariff quota of 30,000 head of heifers and cows, not intended for slaughter, of certain mountain breeds falling within subheading ex 01.02 A II b) 2 bb) of the Common Customs Tariff

II. a regulation on the opening, allocation and administration of the Community tariff quota of 5,000 head of bulls, cows and heifers, not intended for slaughter, of certain Alpine breeds falling within subheading ex 01.02 A II b) 2 bb) of the Common Customs Tariff.

(Doc. 529/75).

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

— the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a directive on summer time arrangements (Doc. 530/75).

This document has been referred to the Committee on Regional Policy and Transport as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology and the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs for their opinions ;

— the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a regulation on the crediting of securities, deposits and guarantees furnished under the common agricultural policy and subsequently forfeited (Doc. 531/75).

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

— the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a regulation setting

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up a temporary system of aids to private storage of certain protein products (Doc. 539/75).

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

- the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a directive amending Directive No 72/464/EEC on taxes other than turnover taxes which affect the consumption of manufactured tobacco (Doc. 552/75).

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

- the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a directive coordinating the conditions for the admission of securities to official stock exchange quotation (Doc. 556/75).

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

- the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 1696/71 on the common organization of the market in hops (Doc. 562/75).

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

- the Agreement extending the provisions governing the first stage of the Agreement establishing an association between the European Economic Community and Malta (Doc. 564/75).

This document has been referred to the Committee on External Economic Relations as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Budgets for its opinion.

(b) from the committees, the following reports :

- Report by Mr Spicer, on behalf of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment, on the amended proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 411/75) for a directive on the approximation of Member States' legislation concerning mayonnaise and other emulsified condiment sauces (Doc. 532/75),
- Report by Lady Fisher, on behalf of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 479/75) for a directive for a fifth amendment to the directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States concerning the colouring matters authorized for use in foodstuffs intended for human consumption (Doc. 533/75);
- Report by Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, on behalf of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, on the motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Brugger, on the Community of stability and growth (Doc. 381/75) — (Doc. 534/75);

- Report by Mr Zeller, on behalf of the Committee on Development and Cooperation, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 528/75) for a regulation on the arrangements applicable to agricultural products and certain goods resulting from processing of agricultural products originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific States or in the Overseas Countries and Territories (Doc. 536/75);

- Report by Lady Fisher, on behalf of the Committee on Cultural Affairs and Youth, on the motion for a resolution tabled by Mrs Kellett-Bowman on the formation of a European Community Youth Orchestra (Doc. 453/75) — (Doc. 537/75);

- Report by Mr Laban on behalf of the Committee on Cultural Affairs and Youth, on the promotion of education on European affairs for young workers (Doc. 538/75);

- Report by Mr Della Briotta, on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 333/75 for a regulation on the granting of a conversion premium in the wine sector (Doc. 540/75);

- Report by Mr Martens, on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 413/75) for a regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 1411/75 in respect of the fat content of full-cream milk (Doc. 541/75);

- Report by Mr Della Briotta, on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture, on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for

I. a directive amending Council Directive 75/271/EEC of 28 April 1975 on the Community list of less-favoured farming areas within the meaning of Directive 75/268/EEC (France) — Doc. 523/75)

- II. a directive on the Community list of less-favoured farming areas within the meaning of Directive 75/268/EEC (France — Overseas Departments) — (Doc. 498/75) (Doc. 549/75);

- Report by Mr Brugger, on behalf of the Committee on Budgets, on the report of the ECSC Auditor for the financial year 1974 (Doc. 195/75) — (Doc. 550/75),

- Report by Mr Houdet, on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 483/75) for a regulation supplementing Annex I of Regulation (EEC) No. 1035/72 on the common organization of the market in fruit and vegetables (Doc. 551/75);

- Report by Mr Schwörer, on behalf of the Committee on External Economic Relations, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 409/75) for a directive amending Directive No. 69/74/EEC on the customs warehousing procedure, Directive No. 69/75/EEC on free zones and Directive No. 71/235/EEC on the usual forms of handling which may be carried out in customs warehouses and in free zones (Doc. 553/75);

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- Report by Mr Artzinger, on behalf of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, on the report of the Commission of the European Communities on the economic situation in the Community (Doc. 556/75);
- Report by Mr Seefeld, on behalf of the Committee on Regional Policy and Transport, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 530/75) for a directive on summer time arrangements (Doc. 559/75);
- Report by Sir Brandon Rhys Williams on behalf of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 325/75) for a regulation on the establishment of a European Community Institute for economic analysis and research (Doc. 560/75);
- Report by Mr Bermani, on behalf of the Legal Affairs Committee, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 471/75) for a directive amending the Council Directive of 18 October 1971 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to units of measurement (Doc. 563/75).

(c) the following motions for resolutions :

- motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Hamilton, pursuant to Rule 54 of the Rules of Procedure, on the amendment of Rule 2 (Plenary Sitings) of the Rules of Procedure (Doc. 535/75).

This document has been referred to the Political Affairs Committee as the Committee responsible, and to the Committee on the Rules of Procedure and Petitions and the Committee on Budget for their opinions.

- motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Broeks, on behalf of the Committee on Cultural Affairs and Youth, with request for debate by urgent procedure pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure, on Community action in the cultural sector (Doc. 542/75);
- motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Broeks, Lord Ardwick, Mr P. Vertrand, Mr. Calewaert, Mrs Caretoni Romagnoli, Mr Deschamps, Lady Fisher, Mr Hougardy, Mr Kavanagh, Mr Laban, Mr Meintz, Mr Mitchell, Mr Nolan, Mr Schulz, Mr Suck and Mr Walkhoff, with request for debate by urgent procedure pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure, on a resolution of the Council of the European Communities comprising an action programme in the field of education (Doc. 548/75);
- motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Springorum, on behalf of the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology, with request for debate by urgent procedure pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure, on the research programme concerning the Dragon project and the continuation of high-temperature metal work (primary circuit) — (Doc. 558/75);
- motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Alfred Bertrand, on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure, on direct elections to the European Parliament (Doc. 561/75).

This document has been referred to the Political Affairs Committee ;

- motion for a resolution tabled by Mrs Goutmann and Mr Marras on behalf of the Communist and Allies Group, pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure, on the crisis in Europe and the tripartite conference (Doc. 565/75).

This document has been referred to the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment.

(d) the following oral questions :

- oral question with debate put by Mr de la Malène, on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats, to the Council of the European Communities, on the convergence of national policies (Doc. 543/75);
- oral question with debate put by Mr de la Malène, on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats, to the Commission of the European Communities, on the convergence of national policies (Doc. 544/75);
- oral question with debate put by Lord Gladwyn, Mr Scott-Hopkins, Mr Achenbach, Mr Aigner and Mr Klepsch to the Conference of Foreign Ministers of the Member States of the European Communities on the role of defence in the context of a European foreign policy (Doc. 545/75);
- oral question with debate put by Mr Berkhouwer, Sir Geoffrey de Freitas, Mr Martens, Mr Krieg and Mr Girardin to the Council of the European Communities, on the construction of a tunnel under the English Channel (Doc. 546/75);
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- oral question with debate put by Mr Scott Hopkins, on behalf of the European Conservative Group, to the Commission of the European Communities on the negotiating mandate for Greek accession to the EEC (Doc. 554/75);
- oral question with debate put by Mr de la Malène, on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats, to the Commission of the European Communities on the Commission's position with regard to Greece's accession to the Community (Doc. 555/75);

4. *Texts of treaties forwarded by the Council*

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

- Notice of the completion by the Community of the procedures necessary for the entry into force of the ACP-EEC Convention of Lome;
- Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters relating to Article 3 of Protocol No. 8 to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Portuguese Republic.

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

President*5. Authorization of reports*

I have authorized, pursuant to Rule 38 of the Rules of Procedure, the Committee on Public Health and the Environment to draw up a report on the Community's policy as regards consumer protection. The legal Affairs Committee has been asked for its opinion.

6. Petitions

President. — The Committee on the Rules of Procedure and Petitions informed me, by letter of 25 February 1976, of its conclusions with respect to Petition No. 11/75, which had been submitted to it on 13 November 1975, and Petition No. 12/75, submitted to it on 15 December 1975.

The committee decided that Petition No. 11/75, submitted by Mr Grussendorf, Mr Borodkine, Mr Schmidt, Mrs Richter and 26 other signatories, on the disregard of the rule of law, was inadmissible since the events referred to in it took place outside the territorial jurisdiction of the Community.

The Committee on the Rules of Procedure and Petitions declared Petition No. 12/75 by Maître Bleuzet Julbin and seven other signatories on the UN General Assembly vote on Zionism to be admissible. However, it decided that the petition should simply be filed, pursuant to Rule 48 (4) of the Rules of Procedure, since the European Parliament is already carrying out, in so far as it is possible for it to do so, the actions urged by the authors of the petition.

I have also received from Mr Gerus, Mr Sergent and 23 other signatories a petition on Europe and young people.

This petition has been entered under No. 16/75 in the general register provided for in Rule 48(2) of the Rules of Procedure and referred to the Committee on the Rules of Procedure and Petitions for consideration.

7. Limit on speaking time

President. — In accordance with the usual practice and pursuant to Rule 31 of the Rules of Procedure, I propose that speaking time be limited as follows:

Reports:

- 15 minutes for the rapporteur and one speaker for each political group;
- 10 minutes for other speakers,
- 5 minutes for speakers on amendments.

Oral questions with debate:

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

Are there any objections?

That is agreed.

8. Order of business

President. — The next item is the order of business for today's sitting, the last of the 1975-76 parliamentary session.

At its meeting of 26 February 1976 the enlarged Bureau drew up the agenda which has been distributed.

However, the Committee on Agriculture has not had sufficient time to consider and adopt the report on the Commission's proposal for a regulation on aids to private storage of protein products, which appeared on the agenda for today's sitting.

I should like to take this opportunity of once again urging the Council to meet the agreed deadlines in forwarding documents. This particular file was sent to us on 29 February, with the part-session due to begin on 8 March. But we are supposed to submit our reports eight days before the session starts!

Since the Council has stressed the urgency of this matter, it might be possible for the committee responsible, following its reconstitution tomorrow, to adopt a report during the course of this sittings week. In that event we may be able to enter it on the agenda for one of this week's sittings.

I call Lady Fisher of Rednal.

Lady Fisher of Rednal. — I am rapporteur for the Committee on Public Health and the Environment on the colouring matters authorized for use in foodstuffs intended for human consumption. According to the preliminary draft agenda, this report was to be taken this session, but I see that in the draft agenda it has been deleted.

May I ask your indulgence, Mr President, as to whether you can find a slot in the week's programme to put it back in again?

President. — Lady Fisher, we are at the moment only dealing with the order of business for today's sitting. When the newly constituted enlarged Bureau meets tomorrow it will consider your proposal.

I call Mr Laban.

Mr Laban. — (NL) Mr President, I entirely share your opinion of the working methods of the Commission, which at the last minute sends us a regulation on the establishing of a temporary system of aids to private storage of certain protein products.

This regulation forms part of the price proposals introduced last Saturday by the Council. I would ask you to leave the decision on whether this report can still be discussed this week to the Committee on Agriculture. It already exists as a draft report. If the Committee on Agriculture decides that it is advisable to deal with this report during the March part-session, I would ask

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you, particularly since Mr Martens is likely to be burdened with this report, to put this item on the agenda for Friday, either before or after Mr Martens' report on the fat content of full-cream milk.

President. — Mr Laban, I acknowledge your proposal, but for the moment we cannot go any farther. The matter should properly be raised with the newly constituted Committee on Agriculture and enlarged Bureau.

The agenda for today's sitting is, therefore, as follows :

- Broeksz motion for a resolution on Community action in the cultural sector
- Laban report on European education for young workers
- Lady Fisher report on the formation of a European Community youth orchestra
- Klepsch report on the recommendations of the EEC-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee.

Are there any objections ?

That is agreed.

9. Action taken by the Commission on the opinions of Parliament

President. — The next item is the communication from the Commission of the European Communities on action taken by the Commission on the opinions of Parliament.

I call Mr Brunner.

Mr Brunner, Member of the Commission. — (D) Mr President, since the last session of Parliament the Commission has amended a number of proposals at the request of Parliament. On the basis of Mr De Koning's report, the Parliament made a number of comments on the mixing of skimmed-milk powder into animal foodstuffs. The Commission has taken these comments into account and consequently accepted the Parliament's point of view.

During the February part-session you discussed a report by Mr Pianta on the directive on facilitating the effective exercise by lawyers of freedom to provide services. Parliament took the opportunity to propose a number of amendments. The Commission has accepted these proposals on the freedom for lawyers to provide services and has forwarded them to the Council.

We have also submitted amended proposals for a further three reports, namely Mr Müller's directive, which has already been considered, on the approximation of the laws of the Member States on the composition of petrol, especially the problem of the lead content of petrol, a directive on the quality of water for human consumption and a directive on air quality standards for lead. Lord Bethell and Mr Noë had proposed amendments to these. Parliament has been

informed in writing of the details of the amended proposals.

President. — We are grateful to the Commission for having, in most cases, adopted Parliament's opinions.

10. Community action in the cultural sector

President. — The next item is the debate by urgent procedure on the motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Broeksz, on behalf of the Committee on Cultural Affairs and Youth, on Community action in the cultural sector (Doc. 542/75).

I call Mr Broeksz.

Mr Broeksz, rapporteur. — (NL) Mr President, the view has generally become more widespread that further developments towards European integration are closely linked with the need for a Community policy on cultural affairs. In the final communiqués of the Hague and Paris summit conferences, emphasis was rightly laid on the cultural aspects of European integration. Economic growth is not an end in itself, it must serve the individual European citizen and improve his welfare. Here science and education have an important rôle to play.

Moreover, economic prosperity itself is at present largely dependent on the state of scientific research and the education of the populace. Further, the increase in leisure due to the expansion in automation implies a need to develop cultural activities.

Cultural cooperation is similarly of great importance for political integration.

If the integration process is not restricted to cooperation on economic and social levels, but — as Mr Thorn said — will lead in the next ten to fifteen years to a European Union, then cultural cooperation must be regarded as an indispensable condition. A further development of the Treaty of Rome, which must create the conditions for this European Union, will only be partially successful if important sectors in the cultural policy, such as education at all levels, further education, and scientific education do not keep pace with this development.

So cultural cooperation must run parallel with social and economic cooperation within the context of the Community. In the cultural sphere much good work has already been done by the Council of Europe, especially by one of its bodies, the Council for Cultural Cooperation. Within the framework of the Council of Europe, studies have been published on the most wide ranging cultural activities, meetings have been organized, exhibitions held and agreements signed.

Yet despite the fact that the Council of Europe's attitude to cooperation is much more flexible than that of the Community, the amount of cooperation achieved in the cultural sphere is still too limited. Cultural

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cooperation between Member States who have decided not simply to create an economic union, but also eventually to progress to political integration, must be much wider in scope.

Cultural cooperation in a Community context is subject to the international legal system of the Communities by which the executing and the sanctioning of appropriate decisions are assured by the procedures laid down in the European Treaties.

The European Treaties contain wide-ranging provisions which fix the starting point for the setting up of a Community cultural policy, particularly Article 9 (2) of the EAEC Treaty on the creation of a European University, Article 50 of the EEC Treaty encouraging the exchange of young workers, and Article 57 of the EEC Treaty on the mutual recognition of formal qualifications. As for cooperation in education, Article 41, Article 118 and Article 128 of the EEC Treaty deal with cooperation in the field of vocational training. And the EAEC Treaty includes provisions for education and research in the field of nuclear energy.

The gradual realisation of cooperation in the cultural sphere will have to begin in the level of education. A draft resolution on this subject is going to be proposed to Parliament during this part-session.

On 1 July 1975, the Committee on Cultural Affairs and Youth asked the European Commission for a detailed memorandum on the possibilities for Community measures in the cultural sphere. Subsequently the Commission drew up a working document which was forwarded to members. In this working document, the Commission by and large agreed with the suggestions of the European Parliament which were then contained in its resolution of 13 May 1974 on the preservation of the European cultural heritage. The Committee proposed a number of preliminary measures in three areas: the application of the Treaty in the cultural sector, preparation for the European Committee on Cultural Affairs and Youth at its last meeting on 18 February 1976, referring to a working document by Mr Brunner on 'Community measures in the cultural sector' adopted unanimously a draft resolution. On behalf of the committee I am now submitting this short draft resolution to Parliament for adoption.

I would emphasise here that the activities of this alas recently abolished Committee on Cultural Affairs and Youth concerns themselves almost exclusively with the stimulation of action for the benefit of young people and for education as well as for cultural measures.

Thanks to this Parliament's support, it will be possible to include in the Commission's budget for 1976 a new item, even though it is only a 'token entry' (Item 393 for cultural measures.)

The Committee on Cultural Affairs and Youth has frequently pressed for the establishment of spheres of work for Community education, and their endeavours

have been crowned with success as evidenced by the decisions recently taken by the Council of Ministers for Education. I hope that in the near future similarly important measures for cultural Europe will be proposed and adopted.

We would have liked to deal more thoroughly with this important working document. But lack of time made this simply impossible. The job is now being handed on to the Political Affairs Committee. The document may possibly be put on the agenda again if concrete proposals are introduced by the Council. In paragraphs 2 and 4 of the draft resolution we urge this. It particularly concerns the application of the EEC Treaty for the simplification of administrative formalities which hinder the free exchange of cultural goods for improving the free movement of people who are active in the cultural sphere, and the removal of fiscal barriers which hamper the development of cultural institutions and of patronage.

With reference to paragraphs 3 and 6 I would like to point out that culture nowadays must no longer be regarded as the prerogative of an elite, but must be made available to all as part of a process leading to international cooperation on the part of Community citizens. The new mottos are, as you know, 'internationalization', and an 'open outlook on the world', 'understanding' and 'cooperation'.

Moreover, thanks to modern technology, the opportunities for the dissemination of culture have greatly increased. So culture can more easily become the heritage of broader social groups. What the radio, LP record and the tape recorder have done for music, so also the paperback can do for literature, and the TV for film, cabaret, concert, theatre and so forth.

In general I would just like to mention that the working document in my opinion is slanted too much towards the creators of culture and takes too little account of the recipients of this culture. Cultural democracy does not only mean that we should encourage, propagate and protect culture for artists, initiates and scholars, nor that we should 'intellectualize' leisure time, but that we should introduce the policies needed to offer to the mass of the people as many equal opportunities as possible for participation in a broad range of cultural activities. The desired passive participation in cultural life by as many people as possible, however, must not bring about the curtailment of their own active development as individuals.

But the creation of real cultural works is essentially the task of artists and even as a rule of professional artists. Artists fulfil an important social mission. It is just for this reason that society has a responsibility towards them and must, both on a national and an international level, ensure that real talent is prevented neither from finding expression nor from being allowed to develop. Artists must be assured of an existence where the production of valuable works of art is fostered. However I would warn against the tendency I

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see in Mr Brunner's working document to create alongside the existing copyright convention an EEC convention in this field. This would cause the greatest possible confusion throughout the world. Moreover I would deny that the use by a modern generation of artists of cultural works by authors who have been dead for more than 50 years and which consequently belong to what is called 'public property' should create more rights for them than for society as a whole. Rights of derivative artists moreover do not come under the heading of copyright laws but of labour laws.

The concern to preserve our cultural possessions in all their variety leads to a need for concrete Community measures for the upkeep of archeological remains, the protection of monuments and the preservation of works of art. Measures should also be taken at Community level to prevent abuse by the export of works of art of particular value.

Naturally, as I have just said, cultural life must not be restricted to the creative activity of artists in the proper sense of the word.

'Cultural life' implies to a greater or lesser extent the active participation of all citizens in the standards which are today being created by individual artists or which were created in the past.

Point 5 needs no further explanation. In it a call is made for the Commission to encourage the dissemination of culture particularly among young people and to draw up a programme for the exchange of young workers in the cultural field in accordance with Article 50 of the EEC Treaty.

Finally, as for point 7, reference may perhaps be made to what Mr Tindemans said in his report on the European Union concerning the cultural aspects of life, namely under Title B: the external signs of our solidarity. In Chapter 4 — A Citizen's Europe — he says: 'The aim is to give Europeans of tomorrow a personal and concrete impression of the European reality and a detailed knowledge of our languages and cultures since these constitute the common heritage which the European Union aims specifically to protect.'

I would like to add here that we must not postpone until the establishment of European Union the protection and extension of the common European heritage, but that the European Union, which also constitutes a counterweight to the technological development of the Europe of tomorrow, will be that much more easily achieved if efforts are made now to give Europe a more cultural complexion.

So I would ask you to approve the present draft resolution and to encourage the European Commission to proceed further along this path.

Mr Brunner took the first important step with his working document, for which I should like to thank him most sincerely on behalf of the Committee on Cultural Affairs and Youth. I would also like to wish

him continued success in the future elaboration of his report.

(Applause)

President. — I call Mr Deschamps on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group.

Mr Deschamps. — *(F)* Mr President, Ladies and Gentlemen, we are witnessing at this meeting what might be called with a certain amount of regret the swan song of the Committee on Cultural Affairs and Youth. Tomorrow, new committees will be appointed to which will be allotted the tasks which devolved on this committee chaired with such friendly efficiency by Mr Broeksz, to whom I am sure we all wish to pay tribute.

(Applause)

By one of the paradoxes of parliamentary life, or of life pure and simple, we have today to decide on this motion for a resolution on community action in the cultural sector, which is, as it were, the charter and the programme for what we hope will tomorrow be a real cultural policy, given its importance, its topicality and its scope, this deserves to be 'kept under review' by a specialist committee in our Parliament.

Our hope and our will, is, then, that this cultural action should soon prove to everyone the absolute need to restore in its own identity a Committee on Cultural Affairs whose abolition we can only regret, all the more so since it was at the same time a Committee on Youth. The enthusiastic support of young people is going to be essential when direct elections are held to the European Parliament. At present, the fact is that many young people are unfortunately diverted from cultural preoccupations by material problems linked to unemployment. Moreover, the European Union is taking shape and needs young people's contributions to cultural unity. Indeed for these and many other reasons we must regret the passing of the Committee on Cultural Affairs and Youth.

Mr Brunner's working document which serves as the basis for the resolution on which we must make our decision, points out to a certain extent the reason for the disappearance of the committee. It demonstrates clearly that up till now we have had no real Community cultural policy, that we have lacked a concrete programme and yet that this policy and this programme were both possible and necessary. This basic text contains some excellent points. It is clearly founded on a thorough study by the Commission's bodies, and I would like to thank its author for it. From this, we might ask ourselves how such clarity of analysis could exist side by side with such inadequacy of action. Therefore you will note that your committee in point 2 of its resolution 'regrets the absence in the working document of any timetable for the presenta-