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ORAL QUESTION (O-26/83)

with debate pursuant to Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure
by Mr FRISCHMANN, Mr ADAMOU, Mr DAMETTE, Mr EPHREMIDIS
and Mr ALAVANOS

to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject: Unemployment among immigrants

Despite the considerable contribution immigrants living and working in the Member States of the Community have made to the industrial development of Western Europe, they are currently having to contend with the tension created by the climate of hostility towards foreigners and are much more acutely affected than their other comrades by the problem of unemployment.

According to a recent study by the Nuremburg Institute for Labour Market and Occupational Research, immigrant unemployment is far higher than the average. In the summer of 1982, unemployment among foreigners in major West German cities amounted to 25-30%.

Would the Commission therefore state:

1. What specific measures it is taking, within its overall strategy to fight unemployment, to combat the tremendous social problem created by mass unemployment among immigrants and the climate of hostility towards foreigners?

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2. What its attitude is to the harsh anti-social measures taken by certain Member States' governments against immigrants from within the Community, which violate EEC Regulation 1612/68, ILO Convention No. 97 and the European Social Charter, e.g. deportation of immigrants whose income or living space does not meet the required standards; obstructing young people's education and preventing the reunion of family members, etc.?
3. How, more particularly, it intends to deal with the problems of Greek immigrants which have become especially acute on account of the long transitional period provided for in the treaty of accession as regards their right to freedom of movement?