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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr W. ALBERS

pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on ~~actions~~ in the educational field specifically
to promote contact between the citizens of the
Community

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The European Parliament,

- whereas the Community has an undeniable responsibility in the field of education because the new opportunities and new responsibilities which it creates will be accessible to the citizens of the Member States only if the necessary adjustments are made in the educational policy field.
- whereas the Community must promote measures to enable its citizens to study European affairs in courses of varying duration and to increase the opportunities for Community citizens to meet one another,
- whereas contacts at intellectual level between Community citizens can best be promoted through educational institutions,
- whereas residential adult education, in the form of folk high schools and Europe Houses, constitutes an excellent means of fostering intellectual contact between adults; whereas contacts can be systematically expanded through teacher and pupil exchanges, and whereas action is required in the field of language teaching, since the teaching of Community languages has deteriorated rather than improved in recent years,
- having regard to the reports by Mrs Kellett-Bowman (Doc. 158/78) and Mr Power (Doc. 480/78) and the resolutions adopted on 16 June^{1 78} and 14 December 1978² on the basis thereof,

1. Requests that the following new items be included in the Community's budget for 1980:

	Payment appropriations	Commitment appropriations
3922 Residential adult education (Europe Houses and folk high schools)	350,000	650,000
3923 Language teaching	350,000	650,000
3924 Pupil exchanges	1,000,000	1,000,000
3925 Teacher exchanges	1,000,000	1,000,000

¹ OJ No. C 163, 10.7.1978, p. 72

² OJ No. C 6, 8.1.1979, p. 59

2. Calls on the Commission to submit to the Council concrete programmes in the above areas which can be put into operation as from 1 January 1980, so that the many different efforts being made in the Member States can be encouraged and given direct financial support;
3. Calls on the Council to hold a meeting of Ministers of Education as soon as possible in order to incorporate the measures requested into the education programme and to take the necessary decisions of substance on the new budgetary items;
4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Community.

