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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr WALTMANS and Mr FRÜH

pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on residential adult education as the nucleus of the European Community's
education policy

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The European Parliament,

- having regard to the crisis of imagination and confidence facing the European Community at present,
 - having regard to direct elections to the European Parliament and the need to strengthen a sense of parliamentary democracy in the general public, for which not only information services but also more substantial educational opportunities are required,
 - having regard to the need to increase public awareness of the European Community through political education and to provide more members of the public with an understanding of Community problems and procedures,
 - aware that more opportunities must be created to enable people from various Member States, and especially young adults, to meet one another,
 - aware that residential adult education can be the best means of political and European education and of enabling adult citizens from various Member States to meet one another,
1. Calls for the programme of action in the field of education¹ to be supplemented by a campaign of political education within the framework of residential adult education;
 2. Calls for the Committee for Educational Affairs, which was established on the adoption of the programme of action on 9 February 1976, to be entrusted with the task of preparing such a campaign within the framework of residential adult education without delay;
 3. Considers that a campaign of this kind must form the nucleus of any future Community educational policy;
 4. Therefore calls for assistance from Community funds for the 'Europe Houses' and residential adult education centres concerned with European education;
 5. Proposes that a particular aim of such promotion should be to provide encounter opportunities where teachers from more than one Member State provide European studies for participants from more than one Member State;
 6. Proposes that the Community campaign should not only cover extended basic courses for young adults but also shorter continuation courses;

¹ OJ No. C 38 of 19.2.1976, p.1

7. Proposes that Community assistance should be granted not only to existing institutions already running European education programmes or planning to offer them, but also to group initiatives for establishing new institutions for residential adult education in those areas of the Community where 'Europe Houses' or residential adult education centres do not yet exist;
8. Insists that, in view of the wide dispersion of participants, Community assistance must include a joint campaign to promote such opportunities for European education;
9. Calls for the sum of 350,000 u.a. to be made available for implementation of such a programme in the 1978 budget, to be amended in the light of experience in each succeeding budget;
10. Calls for Community aid to be granted without reference to the political orientation of the institutions concerned and for the full preservation of pedagogic freedom in the said adult education institutions;
11. Therefore calls for no more than material controls over the use of funds, while continuing qualitative improvement in educational opportunities will be sought by means of the voluntary cooperation of such institutions on curriculum planning and staff refresher courses;
12. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and Council of the European Communities and to the ministers of Member States responsible for educational affairs.

