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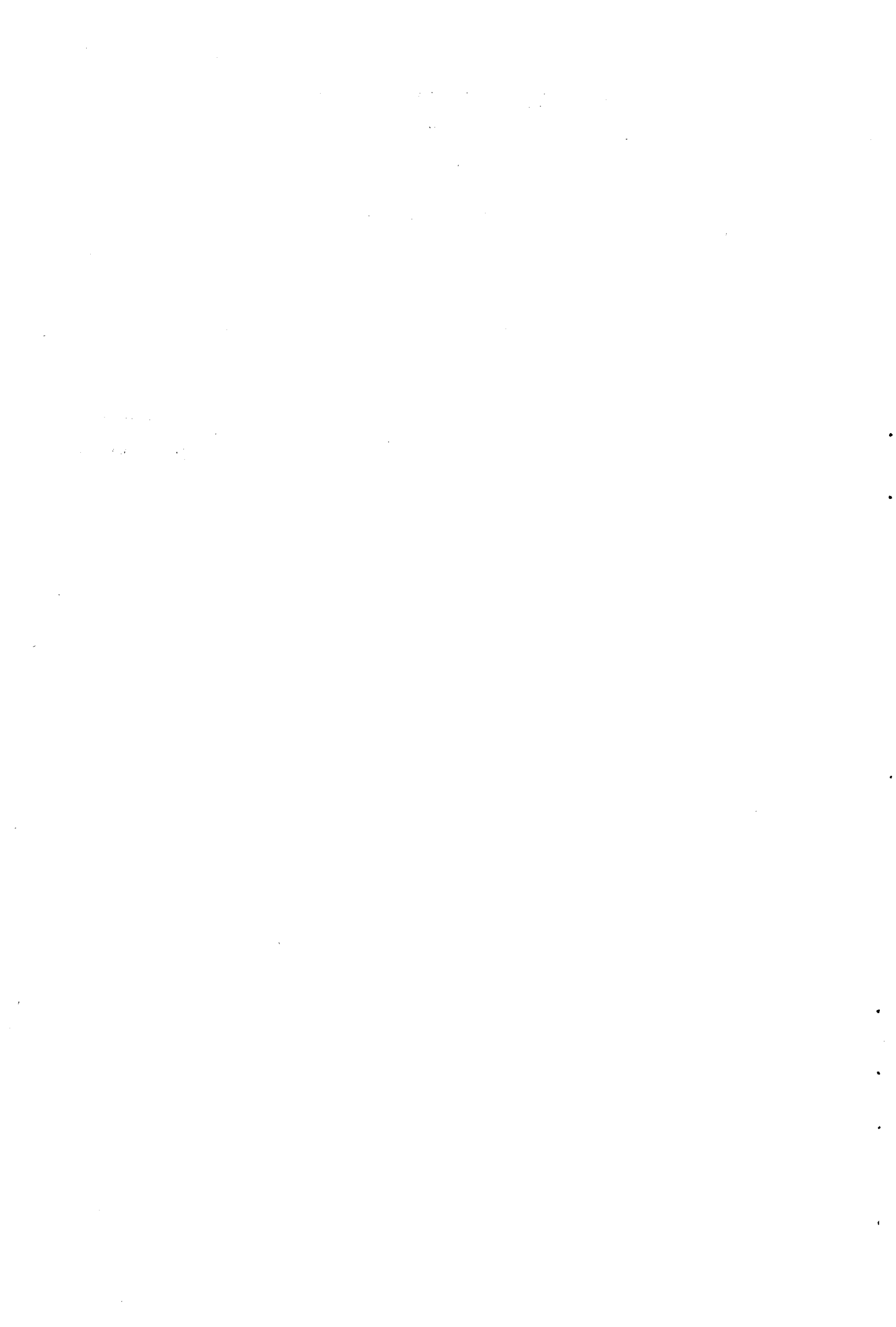
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ORAL QUESTIONS

Pursuant to Rule 47a of the Rules of Procedure

for QUESTION TIME on 15 September 1976

PE 45.475



1. Question by Mr BERKHOUWER (H-121/76)

Subject: Possible withholding of financial aid from a Member State

What truth is there in the reports that at the Puerto Rico Summit an agreement was reached between certain Member States and the United States of America to withhold from financial aid and assistance one of the Member States in the event of Communist participation in its new government?

2. Question by Mr NORMANTON (H-127/76)

Subject : Withdrawal of relations with Uganda

Will the Council give urgent consideration to the withdrawal by the EEC of all relations with the State of Uganda in view of the persistent anti-racial policies being pursued there, and support for international terrorism ?

3. Question by Mr FLETCHER (H-131/76)

Subject: Council's Rules of Procedure

Will the Council now publish officially the Rules of Procedure governing Council meetings?

4. Question by Mr COUSTE (H-63/76)

Subject: Situation in the data-processing sector

Can the Commission give a brief account of the situation in the data-processing sector as regards technical and commercial rationalization agreements recently concluded between European firms on the one hand and between European and non-European firms on the other?

5. Question by Mr NYBORG (H-86/76)

Subject: Effects of energy extraction on fishing

Seeing that the extraction of energy materials from the ocean bed has an adverse effect on fishing, has the Commission contemplated giving it priority to the detriment of fishing in the areas concerned?

6. Question by Mr NOLAN (H-99/76)

Subject: Maize-based sugar substitute

Does the Commission consider that the manufacture of a new sugar substitute - fructose syrup - from maize poses a threat to the production of sugar from sugar beet, thereby affecting the income of beet producers?

7. Question by Mr OSBORN (H-109/76)

Subject: International Sugar Negotiations

What are the Commission's views on the future of the world sugar market and the associated international agreements and Institutions?

8. Question by Mr DALYELL (H-110/76)

Subject : Scots law and the Scots legal system

Is the Commission aware of the separate nature of Scots law and the Scots legal system ?

9. Question by Mr COINTAT (H-111/76)

Subject: Aid for marine aquiculture

What aid is the Community giving or planning to give to marine aquiculture?

10. Question by Mr HERBERT (H-113/76)

Subject : Irish Cross-border Study

As the present Irish cross-border study is confined to the Donegal Derry region would the Commission indicate why the remaining area of the Irish trans-border region has not been included in this study ?

11. Question by Mr DONDELINGER (H-114/76)

Subject: Information on the European Regional Fund

Is there any truth in the persistent rumours reported by AGENCE EUROPE¹ that certain Member States are continuing to limit as far as possible the publicity given to information on the work of the Regional Fund? Which governments are involved and what steps does the Commission intend to take in their regard?

(1) AGENCE EUROPE, 1 July 1976, p. 1

12. Question by Mr HUGHES (H-115/76)

Subject : Recruiting of new staff

In view of the imbalance of nationalities of its staff revealed in my written question no. 751/76 (1), will the Commission undertake public advertising for new staff in countries whose nationalities are at present underrepresented ?

(1) O.J. no. C 119, 29.5.1976, p. 11

13. Question by Mr KAVANAGH (H-116/76)

Subject : Community programme of pilot schemes and studies to combat poverty

Can the Commission give an account of the progress made to date on the Community programme of pilot schemes and studies to combat poverty ?

14. Question by Mr EVANS (H-118/76)

Subject : Concentration of wealth in prosperous regions of the Community

What plans do the Commission have to prevent a further concentration of wealth in the most prosperous regions of the Community ?

Will the Commission propose rules requiring special permission for big investments in these regions ?

15. Question by Mr PRESCOTT (H-117/76)

Subject : Conviction of Mr Stanley ADAMS

What representation has the Commission made to the Swiss Government about the conviction of Mr Adams for supplying it with evidence concerning the activities of the multinational Hoffman La Roche and will it now recommend that the Association Agreement between Switzerland and the Community be suspended until its obligations are clearly understood by both parties ?

16. Question by Mr HAMILTON (H-120/76)

Subject : Tax on vegetable oil

What protests have been received on the imposition of a tax on vegetable oil; whether the Commission agrees that this is a tax on the consumer and therefore a blow against the fight to beat inflation; that the tax is likely to increase the sale of dairy products which one a health hazard; and that the tax will discourage the import of vegetable oil from developing countries.

17. Question by Lord BETHELL (H-123/76)

Subject : Smoking and its Effects on Health

In the light of the World Health Organisation report on "Smoking and its Effects on Health" (1975), will the Commission state whether it is contemplating a programme to discourage tobacco consumption and to limit cigarette advertising in the interests of protecting public health in the Member States ?

18. Question by Mr SPICER (H-124/76)

Subject: Violations of human rights in Uganda

In view of the repeated violations of human rights and the disappearance of democracy there, does the Commission think it is justified in continuing to give preferential treatment in terms of trade and aid to Uganda?

19. Question by Lord BESSBOROUGH (H-125/76)

Subject : Future data processing requirements

Has the Commission come to any decision about its future data processing requirements ?

20. Question by Mrs EWING (H-126/76)

Subject : Substance and procedures of the criminal law and of the rights of accused persons

What comparative studies, if any, are being carried out on the subject of the substance and procedures of the criminal law and of the rights of accused persons, within the various member states; and if no such studies are at present being carried out, will the Commission undertake studies in this field themselves or take steps to arrange that such comparative studies are carried out ?

21. Question by Mr LENIHAN (H-128/76)

Subject : Organisation of Direct Elections in the Member States
of the EEC

Does the Commission envisage giving financial assistance from
Community funds to political parties in the Member States to
enable them to conduct an information campaign on Direct
Elections ?

22. Question by Mr BORDU (H-132/76)

Subject: The Puerto Rico conspiracy

Does the Commission approve the secret decisions, later revealed by
Chancellor Schmidt, taken in Puerto Rico by three Member States to cut
off all economic aid to another Member State should the Communists
help form the government of that country?

23. Question by Mrs GOUTMANN (H-133/76)

Subject: Aid to the Lebanese and Palestinian peoples

In view of the gravity of the situation in the Lebanon, does the
Commission contemplate taking any measures to provide emergency
medical and food supplies to alleviate the hardship being suffered
by the Lebanese and Palestinian peoples?

24. Question by Mr MARRAS (H-134/76)

Subject: Implementation of the guidelines laid down by the tripartite
conference

The Commission's work schedule indicates that at its meeting of
20 October next it is to discuss the implementation of the guidelines
laid down by the tripartite conference in Luxembourg.

Can the Commission give Parliament or its Committee on Social
Affairs, Employment and Education any advance information on the
proposals to be submitted at this meeting?

25. Question by Mr FABBRINI (H-135/76)

Subject: Experts report on inflation

We have learned through the press of the report on inflation drawn up on the Commission's instructions by a panel of experts chaired by Robert MALDAGUE.

What does the Commission think of the findings of this study, and why has it not seen fit to give the public adequate information about it?

26. Question by Mr SHAW (H-136/76)

Subject : United Nations Convention on a code of conduct for
Liner Conferences

What action has the Commission considered taking concerning bringing before the Court of Justice possible infraction of Community obligations by those Member States who have signed the United Nations Convention on a code of conduct for Liner Conferences ?