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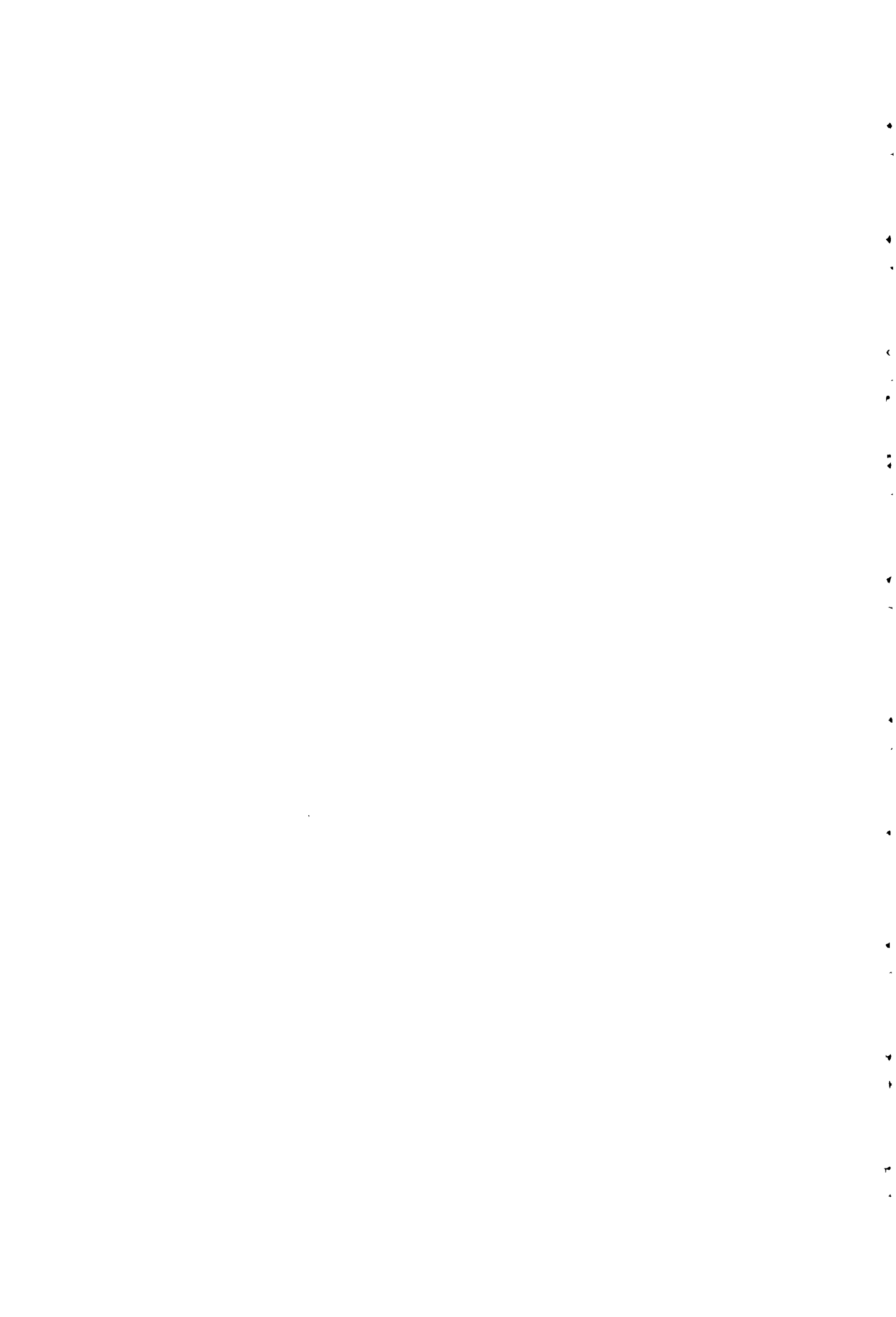
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ORAL QUESTIONS

Pursuant to Rule 47a of the Rules of Procedure

for Question TIME on 13 October 1976



1. Question by Mr HAMILTON (H-138/76)

Subject : Uranium price fixing by certain companies in Member States

Will the Council state if their attention has been drawn to reports that certain international companies, with the connivance of some of the Member States of the EEC, have sought to fix the world price of uranium. Does the Council agree that such arrangements conflict with the terms of the Treaties, and what action does the Council intend to take?

2. Question by Mr CARO (H-142/76)

Subject: Elections of the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage

The preparation of the elections to the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage in 1978 calls for practical measures. This is essential in order to arouse the interest of the European electorate. There is no lack of proposals from the Commission. Can the Council state what action it intends to take to this end?

3. Question by Sir Geoffrey de FREITAS (H-152/76)

Subject : Seat of the new directly elected European Parliament

Whether a study is being made of the respective advantages and disadvantages of establishing the new directly elected European Parliament in Brussels, Luxembourg or Strasbourg ?

4. Question by Mr BERKHOUWER (H-154/76)

Subject: EEC-COMECON relations

Can the Council state whether for its part it is now ready, one year after Helsinki, to undertake new initiatives in order to revive the negotiations with COMECON which are at a complete standstill?

5. Question by Mr FLETCHER (H-160/76)

Subject : Public admittance to legislative meetings of the Council

Will the Council follow the procedure in the national parliaments of the Member States by arranging for members of the public to be admitted to the legislative meetings of the Council of Ministers?

6. Question by Mrs DUNWOODY (H-162/76)

Subject : Delay in accrediting the Fiji Ambassador to the Community

Can the Council explain the reason for the delay in accrediting the Fiji Ambassador to the Community, a matter of considerable importance in view of the fact that Fiji has assumed the chairmanship of the ACP-Council?

7. Question by Mr GIBBONS (H-148/76)

Subject : Monetary Compensatory Amounts

As monetary compensatory amounts have reached an unacceptably high level - more than 20 % for Ireland and the U.K. - resulting in severe pressure on the Community's budget and denying equitable prices to producers will the Council state what Member States are opposing a devaluation of the "green" currency rates ?

8. Question by Mr YEATS (H-147/76)

Subject : Monetary Compensatory Amounts

As monetary compensatory amounts have now reached an unacceptable high level - more than 20 % for Ireland and the U.K. - will the Commission propose an immediate devaluation of the green pound ?

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

Subject : Limits of 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?

10. 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?

11. 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?

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

Subject : Organization 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 ?

13. 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?

14. 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 ?

15. Question by Mr COUSTE (H-122/76)

Subject : Policy for familiarizing young people with, and involving them in, the work of the EEC

Can the Commission state what progress has been made on the policy for familiarizing young people with, and involving them in, the work of the EEC ?

16. Question by Mr MOLLOY (H-137/76)

Subject : Consumer protection

What further developments and proposals are being contemplated by the Commission in the field of Consumer Protection?

17. Question by Mr EVANS (H-140/76)

Subject : Consumer protection and information policy

Are the Commission satisfied with the progress of the preliminary programme of the European Economic Community for a consumer protection and information policy?

18. Question by Mr DALYELL (H-141/76)

Subject : Alleged uranium cartel

What is the result of the Commission's study of the evidence they have obtained from American sources on the alleged OPEC-like uranium cartel, and what action they propose to take?

19. Question by Mr NOE (H-143/76)

Subject: Contracts for nuclear power stations in the Community

Does the Commission not feel that, unless the formation of joint undertakings is promoted between industries in different Member States which produce components for nuclear power stations, it will be impossible to liberalize the Community markets in this important sector?

20. Question by Mr OSBORN (H-130/76)

Subject : Trade Talks with Japan

What has been the outcome of the recent Commission Trade Talks with Japan, on the need to reduce imports from and increase exports to this country?

21. Question by Mr NORMANTON (H-145/76)

Subject : Japanese imports of ball-bearings

Will the Commission

- a) confirm that Japanese-made ball-bearings imported into the Community are sold, after paying 9% duty, at prices 25%-40% and sometimes as much as 60% below the market prices charged by Community producers and explain how it is possible for Japanese ball-bearings to undercut European ones by such a wide margin;
- b) confirm that the social consequences of Japanese imports have included the creation of unemployment amongst Community workers engaged in the ball-bearing industry?

22. Question by Mr ALBERS (H-144/76)

Subject: Concentration of economic activity in the EEC

Has the existence of the EEC favoured the further concentration of economic activity in the most prosperous areas, as suggested by the Community's critics?

23. Question by Mr KOFOED (H-146/76)

Subject: Infringement proceedings against four countries

Can the Commission indicate what replies have been given by the four Member States requested to submit comments on their adoption, with the United States and Japan, of a so-called gentlemen's agreement on export credits, and what action it intends to take in the matter?

24. Question by Mr NOLAN (H-149/76)

Subject : Artificial Sugar

Does the Commission intend to control the production of artificial sugar from maize so as to eliminate the unfair conditions of competition between this product and sugar produced from sugar beet ?

25. Question by Mr McDONALD (H-150/76)

Subject : Financial aid for improvements or additions to farm dwellings

Will consideration be given to the granting of financial aid for improvements or additions to farm dwellings to make them suitable for use as tourist accommodation to farmers who wish to cease farming so that these farmers would have a source of income, the depopulation of rural areas would be avoided, and structural reform of agriculture would be encouraged ?

26. Question by Mr CREED (H-151/76)

Subject : Guidelines for land reallocation agencies

Does the Commission intend to draw up guidelines for land reallocation agencies so that these may become effective instruments for structural improvement of agricultural land in the Community ?

27. Question by Mr BAAS (H-153/76)

Subject: Protection of the Rhine against pollution

Now that the Commission as such is a party to the convention on the protection of the Rhine against pollution, can it give details of the measures it intends to take in the near future, especially as regards the reduction of chemical pollution originating in Basle, the Ruhr district and Arnhem and as regards the excessively high salt content of effluent discharged in Alsace?

28. Question by Mr KAVANAGH (H-155/76)

Subject : Social Fund

Will the Commission confirm that the difficulties encountered in assessing projects and making payments under the Social Fund are due to inadequate staffing ?

29. Question by Lord Castle (H-156/76)

Subject : Community Disaster Fund

Has the Commission further considered the idea proposed by President Ortoli to the European Parliament on 15th June 1976,¹ of devising a budgetary mechanism to deal with disasters such as the Friuli earthquake ?

¹ Debates Nr. 204

30. Question by Miss FLESCH (H-159/76)

Subject: New equipment for the Commission Computer Centre
in Luxembourg

For the replacement of existing equipment in its Computer Centre in Luxembourg, the Commission of the European Communities is apparently considering buying material which would cost some 5 m u.a. more than other, less expensive, alternatives.

What are the technical and economic factors on which the Commission is basing its study and its final choice?

31. Question by Mr NYBORG (H-161/76)

Subject: Computer Centre Equipment

What economic, technical and staff-related criteria does the Commission apply when it renews and/or replaces equipment at the Computer Centre?