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QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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1. Question by Mr GLINNE (H-164/76)

Subject: Council ostracism of the French Democratic Labour Confederation  
(CFDT)

Why, in its decision of 1 June 1976, did the Council exclude the French Democratic Labour Confederation, the second largest trade union group in France, from the ECSC Consultative Committee? How can it justify such high-handedness?

2. Question by Mr DONDELINGER (H-174/76)

Subject: European elections

What measures has the Council prepared in order to ensure that, when the European elections are held in 1978, industrialists who receive enormous orders from a Member State or from the Community are declared ineligible for election to the European Parliament or obliged to resign, so that the new Europe may be spared events like the Dassault affair?

3. Question by Mr COUSTE (H-176/76)

Subject: Differences between the United States and the Community on the method of cutting tariffs and the treatment of agricultural produce

After the recent half-yearly consultations between the Commission and the USA, can the Council state whether the divergent standpoints of the United States and the Community on the method of cutting tariffs and the treatment of agricultural produce have been brought closer together, and whether it intends to take steps to ensure that the multilateral negotiations at Geneva (Tokyo Round), can in fact reach a positive conclusion in 1977?

4. Question by Mr COINTAT (H-177/76)

Subject: The disastrous repercussions of the fall in the pound sterling

In view of the disastrous repercussions of the fall in the pound sterling for the Community's monetary mechanisms, and independently of the adoption of Commission proposals aimed at reducing the monetary compensatory amounts, does the Council intend to grant the United Kingdom short- and medium-term financial aid for the purpose of correcting that country's enormous economic imbalances, at the same time encouraging it to apply to the International Monetary Fund for help?

5. Question by Mr DYKES (H-184/76)

Subject : Role of Sterling

What consideration will the Council give to the possibility of the Community taking steps to relieve the strains presently imposed upon the pound sterling by its role as a reserve currency?

6. Question by Mr FLETCHER (H-186/76)

Subject : Record of conclusions of the Council

In view of the compelling need for fuller information on the process of legislation by the Council, will its President-in-Office make an oral monthly report to Parliament on its decisions on legislation, specifying in each case whether decisions were reached unanimously, by a majority vote or by a majority with abstentions?

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7. Question by Mr EVANS (H-119/76)

Subject : EEC Directive 71/305 coordinating procedures for the award of public works contracts

Is the Commission satisfied that all member states are observing EEC Directive 71/305 (1) ?

8. Question by Mr HAMILTON (H-139/76)

Subject : Unemployment in the EEC

Will the Commission state what evidence exists of an overall decline in the numbers unemployed in the EEC, wether their attention has been drawn to the document on this and related matters produced by the European Trade Union Confederation, and what has been the result of the Council's study of the document?

9. 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?

10. 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?

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(1) O.J. L 185, 16.8.1971, p. 5

11. Question by Mr SPICER (H-157/76)

Subject : International "consensus" agreement on export credits

Why has the Commission thought it appropriate to open procedures under Article 169 of the EEC Treaty in respect of those Member States who are participating in the international "consensus" agreement on export credits?

12. 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?

13. Question by Mr Brøndlund NIELSEN (H-158/76)

Subject: The effect of chemical substances on the ozone layer of the atmosphere

Is the Commission willing, in the light of inter alia recent information from the American National Academy of Sciences, to take steps to reduce the effect of chemical substances such as fluorocarbons on the ozone layer of the atmosphere?

14. Question by Mr OSBORN (H-170/76)

Subject : EEC Environmental Chemicals

Bearing in mind the use of the EEC Environmental Chemicals Data Information Network (ECDIN) at the time of the Seveso disaster, what plans does the Commission have for the continuation of the network after the project stage is completed this year?

15. Question by Mr ELLIS (H-166/76)

Subject : Information policy for the United Kingdom

Has the Commission an information policy for the United Kingdom?

16. Question by Mr MOLLOY (H-167/76)

Subject : "Community Free Health Service"

Will the Commission embark upon examinations for the ultimate establishment of an integrated "Community Free Health Service"?

17. Question by Mr BERKHOUWER (H-168/76)

Subject: Thefts of European art treasures

At present there exists in the EEC an extensive and well-organized gang of criminals which specializes in the theft of European art treasures from museums, churches, etc., and which is apparently described in a report to the Commission by Mr Jean Chatelain. Will the Commission make this report public and take steps to ensure effective joint action to combat these art thefts?

18. Question by Mr SANDRI (H-169/76)

Subject: Personal dossiers on Community officials

Does not the Commission feel that the recent opening, once again, of personal dossiers on Community officials on the basis of a questionnaire containing inadmissible questions concerning their political opinions and their private lives is in sharp contrast with the democratic principles embodied in the Treaties establishing the European Communities?

19. Question by Sir Brandon RHYS WILLIAMS (H-171/76)

Subject : Social security systems

What progress has the Commission made with the comparative study of social security systems which it undertook to make in May 1976 in response to the motion for a resolution on social security (DOC 382/75)?

20. Question by Mr SCOTT-HOPKINS (H-173/76)

Subject : Price of duck meat in the Community

As the present sluice gate price for duck meat imported into some parts of the Community is below the cost of production outside the EEC, when will steps be taken to redress this situation by increasing this price in order that Community producers are not unfairly penalised by imports from Communist countries?

21. Question by Mr BANGEMANN (H-175/76)

Subject: Common trade policy

In connection with the visit to Europe by a Japanese trade delegation, the press has repeatedly reported the conclusion of bilateral 'self-restraint' agreements.

Does the Commission not feel that these agreements form part of the common trade policy?

22. Question by Mr HOWELL (H-178/76)

Subject : Provision of Agricultural Statistics

Will the Commission state how soon they will be able to provide statistics on prices received by producers for pig-meat, beef, eggs, fresh milk and wheat in each Member State, during the first nine months of 1976 ?



23. Question by Mr DALYELL (H-181/76)

Subject : Coherent policy in the Community in relation to the construction of new oil refining capacity

What proposals does the Commission intend to make with a view to achieving a coherent policy in the Community in relation to the construction of new oil refining capacity, given that current projections indicate that existing plant will be used at only 60 - 70 % of capacity until at least the mid-1980's ?

24. Question by Mrs. DUNWOODY (H-182/76)

Subject : Failure to implement Community Directives in Member States

Will the Commission now provide Parliament with a list of those Directives whose implementation has been seriously delayed by Member States, so that Parliament can judge the efficacy of the Commission's control procedures in this field?

25. Question by Mr GIBBONS (H-183/76)

Subject : Aids to beef production in Northern Ireland

Will the Commission give its opinion on the "employment premium" for meat plants in Northern Ireland, which is actually paid to beef producers at the rate of 5 pence per pound, and state whether it is compatible with Community rules?

26. Question by Mr DE CLERCQ (H-187/76)

Subject: EEC-Greece financial protocol

Can the Commission explain why the negotiations on the second EEC-Greece financial protocol have not yet been successfully concluded?

27. Question by Mr CIFARELLI (H-188/76)

Subject: Euro-Arab dialogue

Could the Commission specify in which area it would like to see agreement reached at the next meeting in Tunis of the International Commission for the Euro-Arab dialogue.

28. Question by Mr GERLACH (H-189/76)

Subject: Stabilization fund for eggs and poultry

Does the Commission intend to submit to the Council a proposal for a directive or regulation for setting up a stabilization fund for eggs and poultry along the lines of the scheme introduced in the Federal Republic of Germany?