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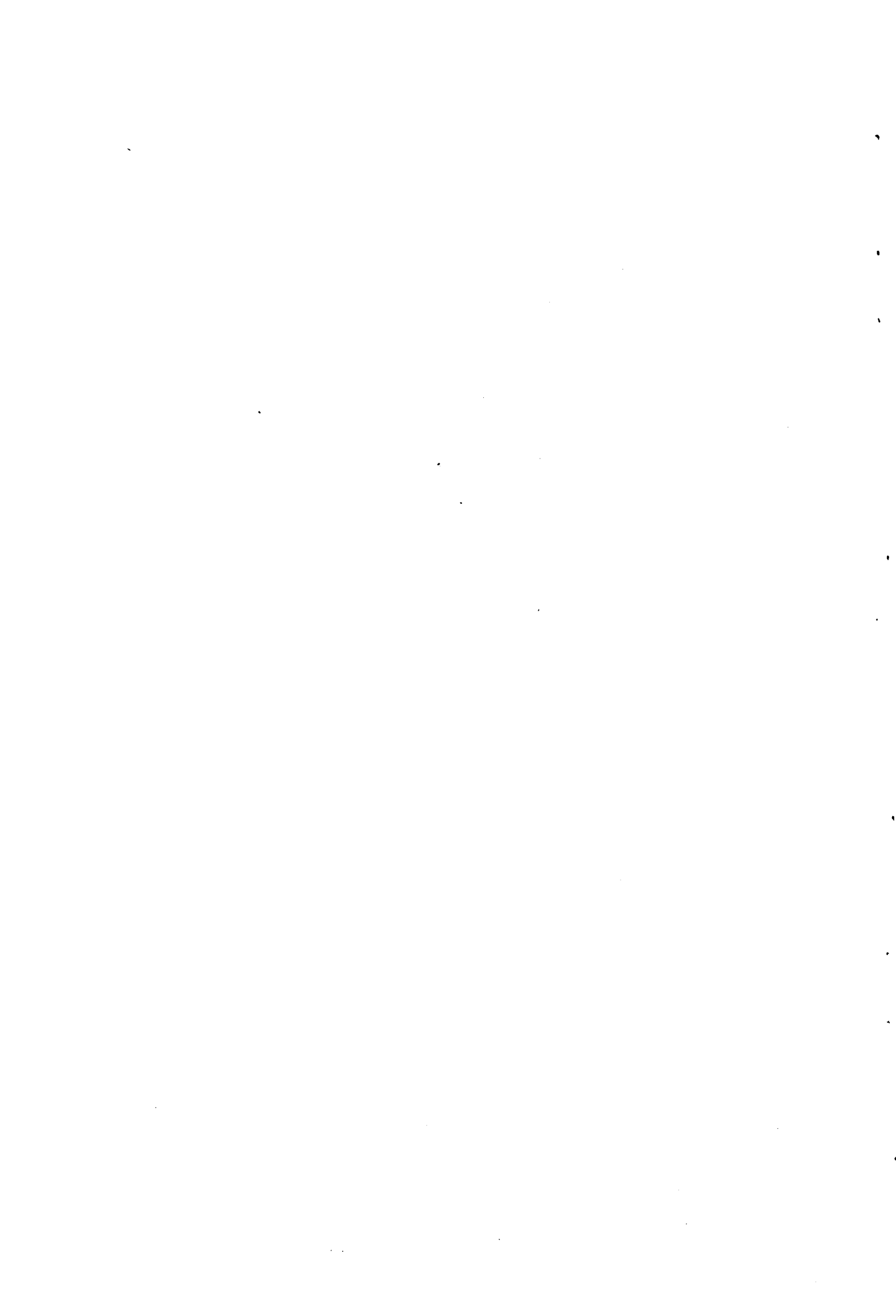
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QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

1. Question by Sir Geoffrey DE FREITAS (H-184/75)  
Subject: Tindemans Report

Will the Council ask the Commission and the Parliament to join them in setting up a small ad hoc committee to study the report in conditions which would not in any way commit either the Council, the Commission or Parliament.

2. Question by Mr ZELLER (H-213/75)  
Subject: Community membership of the International Agricultural Development Fund

Why have the Community and Member States not yet become members of the International Agricultural Development Fund?

3. Question by Lord REAY (H-214/75)  
Subject : Surplus stocks of skimmed milk powder.

Now that the Council has refused to increase its allocation of skimmed milk powder in Food Aid for 1976, what steps does the Council intend to take to dispose of the Community's surplus stocks ?

4. Question by Mr VERNASCHI (H-215/75)  
Subject: Concentration camps for political prisoners in the USSR

Will the Council approach the Government of the USSR to discover the truth or otherwise of the television broadcasts by several European countries, including Italian TV, on the existence of concentration camps and labour camps for political prisoners? Does it intend to propose that a delegation from the UN or the International Red Cross visit Russia to check this information. If it proved true what consequences would this have on relations between the EEC and the USSR?

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5. Question by Mr DYKES (H-217/75)

Subject : Direct elections to the European Parliament

What is the Council's latest attitude, following the Rome Meeting of the European Council in December, to the Notion that some member states may wish to delay the initial implementation of direct elections to the European Parliament beyond the generally agreed target of 1978 ?

6. Question by Mr OSBORN (H-217/75)

Subject : Air fares within the Community

Will the Council ask the Commission to undertake a thorough examination of the reasons why air fares within the Community are much higher than those for comparable distances within the United States ?

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QUESTIONS TO THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

7. Question by Lord BETHELL (H-207/75)

Subject : Air fares within the Community

Will the Commission undertake a thorough examination of the reasons why air fares within the Community are much higher than those for comparable distances within the United States ?

8. Question by Mr HAMILTON (H-152/75)

Subject: Discrimination against women employed by the European Commission

Is the Commission aware of the feeling within the Community that there is discrimination against women in employment opportunities within the Commission and in other European institutions, and what steps are being taken to rebut such charges?

9. Question by Mr DALYELL (H-190/75)

Subject : Action to be taken in view of increased cost of rent likely with new facilities in Strasbourg

In view of the fact that the use of the new Palais du Conseil de l'Europe is likely to involve a major increase in the rent paid by the European Parliament in 1976, does the Commission agree that it would now be timely to make proposals for the fixing of the site of the European Parliament in one place?

10. Question by Mr THORNLEY (H-195/75)

Subject : Limit of age for re-training of workers

Will the Commission indicate if it possesses a view as to the age at which a redundant (a) industrial worker and (b) an agricultural worker ceases to be eligible for re-training for other employment ?

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11. Question by Mr DONDELINGER (H-196/75)

Subject: Obstacles to information on Community regional aid in France

Is it true that the French authorities have banned the publication of information on regional aid allocated to projects in France, and if so what measures does the Commission intend to take against this unacceptable ban?

12. Question by Mr HERBERT (H-206/75)

Subject : Publicity for Regional Fund Aid

Is the Commission satisfied with the publicity given to each individual project which has received assistance from the Regional Fund in accordance with Article 14 of the Fund Regulation ?

13. Question by Mr LABAN (H-200/75)

Subject : Preparation of a Community policy on Vocational Training

What progress, if any, has been made in the preparation of a Community policy on Vocational Training ?

14. Question by Sir Brandon RHYS WILLIAMS (H-203/75)

Subject : The raising of loans

Is it the Commission's intention to form a new Banking Department to handle negotiations with the purpose of raising loans without recourse to agents: and if the Commission will state his policy?

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- 15 Question by Miss BOOTHROYD (H-211/75)

Subject: New European Social Fund

What plans does the Commission have to provide money from the new European Social Fund for occupational therapy for mentally-handicapped as well as for physically-handicapped persons, and to what extent is the Commission restricted in the operation of the Fund by criteria used by Member States in regard to assistance for occupational therapy and re-training for mentally-handicapped persons?

16. Question by Mr NOE' (H-212/75)

Subject: The Business Cooperation Centre set up at the Commission

Does not the Commission think that the recently established Business Cooperation Centre could be given greater powers both to facilitate mergers and cooperation between firms at the development stage in different Member States and to provide support in times of economic crisis?

17. Question by Mr GIBBONS (H-218/75)

Subject : Review of EEC Structural Schemes

As the EEC Directives on farm modernisation and disadvantaged areas have now been implemented in all the Member States for some time and experience has shown that many improvements are needed does the Commission not think that it is an opportune time to review these directives ?

18. Question by Mrs EWING (H-219/75)

Subject: Commission representation in Scotland and Wales

At what administrative level, and in what force, is the Commission represented in Scotland and in Wales; does it consider such representation adequate to the needs of those two countries, and their wish to participate fully in all spheres of Community activity.

