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QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

1. Question by Lord CHELWOOD

Subject: The Luxembourg Agreement

Does the Council agree that the Luxembourg Agreement of January 1966 has led and will continue to lead to deadlock because of the failure to define in advance of discussions whether a particular issue involves the "very important interests" of one or more Community country, and what proposals they now have to resolve differences of opinion in the Council so that essential work can proceed harmoniously in future?

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QUESTIONS TO THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

2. Question by Mr EISMA

Subject: Protection of the waters of the Rhine Basin against pollution

Why has the Commission not yet submitted the proposals on the protection of the waters of the Rhine Basin against pollution¹ promised by 31 March 1974 in the Community environmental action programme?

¹ OJ No. C 112, 20 December 1973, pp. 26-28

3. Question by Mr Willi MULLER

Subject: Protection of the waters of the Rhine Basin against pollution

When will the Commission fulfil the obligations in regard to the protection of the waters of the Rhine Basin against pollution laid down in the environmental action programme, and what proposals does it intend to submit?

4. Question by Lord MANSFIELD

Subject: Opium production in Turkey

Is the Commission aware that the Turkish Government is contemplating the resumption of the commercial growing of poppies next season, with a view to the production of opium which may well be distributed either legally or on the black market to the Member States of the Community?

5. Question by Sir Douglas DODDS-PARKER

Subject: A European currency

What progress has been made in the establishment of a EUROPA as a step towards a European currency?

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6. Question by Mr McDONALD

Subject: Common Agricultural Policy

The United Kingdom obtained special derogations as part of the Communities 1974 Agricultural price package. Would the Commission say whether these were in legal conformity with the terms of the Treaty of Accession and whether they endanger the basic principles of the Common Agricultural Policy?

7. Question by Mr DELMOTTE

Subject: Rail links between the places of work of the European institutions

The new rail timetable (valid as from 25 May 1974) creates difficulties in respect of travel between the places of work of the European institutions (Brussels, Luxembourg, Strasbourg); what action does the Commission intend to take to restore at the earliest possible date the timetable which existed before this change?

8. Question by Mr MARTENS

Subject: Price of milk in March 1974

May all the Member States follow the example of the French Government, which has made an additional payment to milk producers of 3 francs per 100 kg plus a further payment of 2 francs per 100 kg in mountain districts, for milk produced in March 1974, corresponding to the Commission's original intention to raise the price of milk as from 1 March 1974?

9. Question by Mr NOE'

Subject: Development of resources by Community undertakings

Does the Commission not consider that in order to make it less difficult in future for the Community to obtain certain important raw materials originating in third countries, it would be advisable to encourage the participation of Community undertakings in the preparation, financing and implementation of large-scale programmes to develop the resources of certain third countries?

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10. Question by Mr CREED

Subject: Loan for coal and steel workers

The Commission is asked if they will give the terms of the loan for coal and steel workers and if they will define to what categories of worker it applies e.g. whether office workers are included, whether any payments have been made to Irish workers, and, if not, what is the cause for the delay?

11. Question by Mr SCOTT-HOPKINS

Subject: Stock of beef within the Community

How many tons of beef are in intervention cold store at the latest convenient date, and how many days reserve stock for the Community this entails?

12. Question by Mr John HILL

Subject: Estimates of the 1974 harvest within the Community

What are the latest available estimates of the 1974 harvest of barley, wheat, maize and sugar in the Community in view of the adverse weather conditions during the first quarter of 1974?

13. Question by Mr HARZSCHEL

Subject: Planning and construction of nuclear power stations

In view of the fact that as a result of the oil crisis the planning and construction of nuclear power stations have been stepped up to ensure adequate energy supplies, could the Commission indicate how many new nuclear power stations are to be built by 1985 in the Member States of the Community, whether fuel supplies are assured up to 1985 and beyond for existing nuclear power stations and those scheduled for construction up to 1985 and what agreements exist on the supply of nuclear fuels from third countries?

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14. Question by Mr GERLACH

Subject: Remarks made by a senior Commission official at a meeting of a parliamentary committee

Does the Commission consider it tolerable that one of its senior officials should, at a meeting of a committee of the European Parliament, explicitly disassociate himself from the Commission's proposals, and what disciplinary measures - based on the Staff Regulations of officials of the European Communities - does the Commission intend to take in the face of such a clear case of disloyalty - even though the official concerned is on the point of retirement?