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QUESTION TIME

QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

1. Question by Mr NOE'

Subject: Choice of a single seat for the European Institutions

Does the Council not believe that it is becoming increasingly necessary to decide on a single seat for the Parliament, the Commission and the Council of the Communities in order to increase the efficiency of the drafting and decision-making processes of these institutions?

2. Question by Sir Douglas DODDS-PARKER

Subject: Relations of the Community with the 20 Arab countries

What further progress has been made in the discussions between the Council and the representatives of the 20 Arab countries?

3. Question by Mr TERRENOIRE

Subject: European-Arab dialogue

What conclusions does the Council draw from the postponement of the meeting of the 'General Committee', which was to have been held on 26 - 28 November to determine a strategy for the European-Arab dialogue?

4. Question by Mr BLUMENFELD

Subject: Common commercial policy towards state-trading countries¹

Is it true that the Council's decision on common commercial policy towards state-trading countries under which commercial policy towards the Socialist state-trading countries may only be conducted jointly as from 1 January 1975, was reached in the face of objections from the Federal German Government and that the latter has already taken action against this decision?

¹ Interview given by the German Economics Minister Dr Hans FRIDERICHS to the Hungarian economics journal 'Vilaggazdag' ('Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung' of 14.11.1974)

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QUESTIONS TO THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

7. Question by Mr ZELLER

Subject : Inquiry into the behaviour of oil companies on the European market

The Commission announced a year ago that it was undertaking an inquiry into the behaviour of oil companies on the European market in the light of the rules on competition. Having regard in particular to the recently published findings of a similar inquiry held in France by a parliamentary committee of inquiry, can the Commission indicate its short-term plans in this area ?

8. Question by Mr HOUGARDY

Subject : Conflicting information about energy

In view of the conflicting information about EEC oil supplies and price forecasts, what plans does the Commission have for improving information to consumers and industrialists ?

9. Question by Mr BREWIS

Subject: Regulation on sheep meat

When does the Commission intend to put forward a regulation on sheep meat?

10. Question by Mr GIBBONS

Subject: Implications for the Irish economy of the disastrous state of the beef market in all countries

Does the Commission, as guardian of the Treaties, intend to ensure that the principles of free movement are observed, so as to allow Irish beef cattle to be exported to all the Community Member States, and to see that a generalized intervention system is introduced in respect of beef cattle such as would assure both producers and exporters a fair return?

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15. Question by Mr THORNLEY

Subject : Support of women who are divorced, separated or deserted by their husbands

Does the Commission not consider that it would be particularly appropriate, in the light of the fact that 1975 is to be "Women's Year", to undertake the examination, (promised in answer to my written question no. 195/74⁽¹⁾), of the problem of the rights to state support of women who are divorced, separated or deserted by their husbands, and to take whatever measures that lie within its power, to resolve this problem ?

16. Question by Mr COINTAT

Subject: Oil companies

What measures does the Commission intend to take on the basis of Articles 85, 86 and 89 of the Treaty establishing the EEC and in the light of its own inquiries and that of a Member State, in order to ensure compliance by the oil companies with the obligations laid down by the Treaty of Rome?

17. Question by Mr BAYERL

Subject: Prosecution of offences against Community law

What is the Commission's view of the fact that the Council in instituting proceedings in respect of offences against Community law, has neither issued directives pursuant to Article 100 of the EEC Treaty nor made appropriate additions to the Treaty pursuant to Article 235 of the EEC Treaty, but intends to have this matter resolved by inter-governmental agreement - particularly in view of the establishment of effective Community responsibilities in this field and the participation of Parliament pursuant to the aforementioned articles?

18. Question by Mr FELLERMAIER

Subject: Penalties in the various Member States

To what extent have individual penalties, particularly as regards the severity of sentences, differed until now in the various Member States in judgments of offences involving advantage being taken of Community law and subsidy swindles?

(1) O.J. Nr. C 101, 31.8.1974, page 27

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22. Question by Mr DELLA BRIOTTA

Subject: Supply of Community wheat to Italy

Does the Community consider that the common wheat supplied to Italy during the summer of 1973 by other Member States pursuant to Regulation (EEC) 2104/73¹ is really being used to 'safeguard the proper development of the market', thus relieving shortages in certain areas of southern Italy, and that the Italian Government is justified in requesting authorization to sell off some of that wheat 'at a price compatible, having regard to the deterioration in the quality of the product, with the intervention price for feed grain'?

¹ OJ No. L 214 of 2.8.1973, p. 2