



## Greek MEPs take their seats

“Your country is regarded as the cradle of our civilisation”. These words were used in the welcome extended by President Simone Veil to Greece’s new 24 Members of the European Parliament when they took their seats in Strasbourg on Monday 12 January. With the accession of Greece, the Community could confidently claim that “it is not a club restricted to the most privileged,” added the President.

Pending direct elections in Greece the 24-member Greek delegation is composed as follows:

### **N.D.** (*New Democracy*)

Mr Leonidas BOURNIAS  
Mr Georgios VOYIATZIS  
Mr Nicolaos ZARDINIDIS  
Mr Ioannis DIMOPOULOS  
Mr Konstantinos GONDICAS  
Mr Mihail VARDAKAS  
Mr Dimitrios VLACKOPOULOS  
Mr Efstratios PAPAEFSTRATIOU  
Mr Themistoklis VYZAS  
Mr Georgios DALAKOURAS  
Mr Ioannis KATSAFADOS  
Mr Evangelos SOUSSOUROYIANNIS  
Mr Dimitrios FRANGHOS  
Mr Spyridon MARKOZANIS

### **PA.SO.K.** (*Panhellenic Socialist Movement*)

Mr Ioannis CHARALAMBOPOULOS  
Mr Ioannis COUTSOCHERAS  
Mr Assimakis FOTILAS  
Mr Spyridon PLASKOVITIS  
Mr Antonios GEORGIADIS  
Mr Konstantinos NICOLAOU  
Mr Anastasios PEPONIS

**F.DH.K.** (*Union of the Democratic Centre*)  
Mr Ioannis ZIGHDIS

**K.K.E.** (*Communist Party of Greece*)  
Mr Konstantinos LOULES

**KO.DH.SO.** (*Democratic Socialist Party*)  
Mr Ioannis PESMAZOGLOU

Mr Bournias of the New Democracy, in reply to Mrs Veil, spoke of his party’s enthusiasm for the Community and of his pride in being the first to use the language of Plato in the House. Socialist Ioannis Charalambopoulos stressed that PASOK was against membership not sanctioned by a referendum.

Tuesday 13 January provided several of the Greek Members with an opportunity to make their maiden speeches when the House debated shipping standards and oil pollution. Giorgos Dalakouras of the New Democracy assured the House that with its high level of tourism Greece was anxious to combat coastal pollution. His colleague Giorgos Voyiatzis reminded Parliament that with Greek accession the Community now has the largest fleet in the world.

The new Greek Commissioner Georgios Kontogeorgis has the transport portfolio. In addition to replying to this debate he told the House at Question Time on Monday 12 January that he hoped the Community would have a standard summer time by 1983.

The House has formally agreed to increase the size of its committees to accommodate the appointment of Greek members, which was ratified on Friday 16 January.

## 1981 and Supplementary 1980 Budgets Adopted

Speaking to Parliament on Monday 12 January President Simone Veil announced that the budgetary procedures for both the general 1981 Community budget and a supplementary budget for 1980 had been completed. In accordance with the Treaties she had declared both budgets adopted. In her statement Madame Veil said “the Council had not been able to pronounce on the amendments which Parliament made to the draft supplementary budget number 2 for 1980 at its sitting of 18 December 1980. The message of the Council President did not include any observation on the draft budget for 1981. Consequently, in accordance with the provisions of the treaties I declared on the same day that the procedure provided for in the Treaties had been completed and that the two budgets were therefore finally adopted”.

Replying on behalf of the main political groups of Parliament Ernest Glinne (Soc/Bel) said “we fully approve the decision that you took on behalf of us all”. For the European Commission, President Gaston Thorn confirmed, “I would like to make it clear that we consider

both the supplementary budget for 1980 and the budget for 1981 to be legal and hence enforceable”.

### **More money for jobs and quake victims**

As the Council failed to vote on the amendments to both budgets which had been adopted by Parliament during the December session they therefore remain as part of the final budgets. The amendments comprise, in payment appropriations, some £167.7m (equivalent) of extra expenditure for the Regional and Social Funds including regional employment policy, aid to promote employment, aid for business employment, aid for the disabled, actions to benefit women, action in the agricultural and textile sectors, pilot experiments and studies and aid for vocational training (Supplementary budget for 1980) and an extra £15.4m (equivalent) mainly for funds to alleviate the effects of the Italian earthquake and for developing new energy sources (General budget for 1981).

# Work in progress

DOCUMENT	SUBJECT	Main Cttee	Other Cttee
COM(80)643 fin	Proposal for a decision on the conservation of antarctic Marine living resources	Env	Agric, Budget
COM(80)668 fin	Proposal for a decision on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the NW Atlantic Fisheries	Agric	
COM(80)	Proposals for regulations on the agricultural provisions of the Act of Accession of Greece to the European Communities	Agric	
COM(80)711 fin	Proposal for a regulation on measures to put an end to abuses resulting from the sale of agricultural products on board ships	Agric	
COM(80)658 fin	Proposal for a regulation on the definition of the customs territory of the Community	Ext	
COM(80)724	Proposal for a regulation on fishery products	Agric	Budget
COM(80)706	Proposal introducing temporary measures for the recruitment of officials for the accession of the Hellenic Republic	Budget	
COM(80)665 fin	Proposal for the transfer of appropriations for the General EEC Budget for 1980	Budget	
COM(80)501 fin	Annual Report from the Commission on the data processing departments 1979	Control	Econ, Legal
COM(80)583 fin	Communication to the Council on energy and economic policy	Econ, Energy	
COM(80)616 fin	Proposals for regulations concluding agreements between the EEC and Cyprus, Egypt, Jordan and the Lebanon following the accession of Greece to the Community	Ext	Dev, Agric
COM(80)622 fin	Report on the planting of vineyards and the ratio between production and utilisation of the wine sector in the EEC	Agric	
COM(80)629 fin	Proposal for a regulation on financial support for projects to exploit alternative energy sources	Control	Agric
COM(80)639 fin	Ninth financial report on the EAGGF 1979	Agric	
COM(80)651 fin	Proposal for a regulation on the distribution of total catch possibilities among the Member States in 1980	Agric	
COM(80)666 fin	Report on the programme to combat poverty	Social	
COM(80)696 fin	Report on the arrangements for the import of New Zealand butter into the UK during 1979	Agric	Ext
COM(80)701 fin	Communication by the Commission on oil supply	Energy	
COM(80)625 fin	Proposals for regulations on tariff quotas for high-quality fresh, chilled or frozen beef, veal and buffalo	Agric	Budget
COM(80)614 fin	Proposal for a regulation on the use of substances with a hormonal action and/or having a throstatic action in domestic animals	Agric	Env
COM(80)670 fin	Proposal for a decision to contract loans for the purpose of promoting investment with the Community	Budget	Econ, Control
COM(80)672 fin	Proposal for a regulation adjusting the Community loan mechanism	Budget	Econ
COM(80)661 fin	Proposal for an amending regulation on the conclusion of the Convention on multilateral cooperation in the NW Atlantic Fisheries	Agric	
COM(80)749	Proposal for the transfer of appropriations No 16 for the EEC General Budget 1980	Budget	
COM(80)807 fin	Annual Report of the Court of Auditors for 1979	Control	
COM(80)813 fin	Proposal for the transfer of appropriations No 19 for the EEC General Budget 1980	Budget	
COM(80)719 fin	Proposal for the transfer of appropriations No 21 for the EEC General Budget 1980	Budget	
COM(80)720 fin	Proposal for a regulation on a Community tariff quota for frozen beef and veal	Ext	
COM(80)720 fin	Proposal for a regulation on the allocation and control of certain catch quotas for 1981 for Member State vessels	Agric	
COM(80)635 fin	Proposals for a first directive and a regulation on Community trade marks	Legal	
COM(80)725	Communication on social aspects in the Community sea fishing sector	Agric	
COM(80)863 fin	Proposal for a regulation on interest rate subsidies for loans granted for the reconstruction of areas affected by the Italian earthquake in Nov 1980	Econ	Budget
COM(80)811 fin	Proposals for amending regulations on the provisions for isoglucose and production quotas in the sugar and isoglucose sectors from 1 July 1980 to 30 June 1981	Agric	
COM(80)775 fin	Proposal for an amending regulation on the market in cereals	Agric	
COM(80)729 fin	Proposal for an amending directive on the statistical surveys to be carried out by Member States on livestock herds	Agric	
COM(80)783	Recommendation for a regulation on the conclusion of the agreement on the accession of Zimbabwe to the second ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé	Dev	
COM(80)468	Proposal for a directive on the limitation of noise emitted by hydraulic and rope-operated excavators and by dozers and loaders	Econ	
COM(80)677 fin	Proposal for an amending directive on taxes which affect the consumption of manufactured tobacco	Econ	Agric
COM(80)776 fin	Proposal for a regulation on the conclusion of the Agreement between the EEC and Portugal	Ext	Budget
COM(80)804 fin	Proposal for the transfer of appropriations No 17 for the EEC General Budget 1980	Budget	
COM(80)691 fin	Proposal for a regulation compensating Greece for its contribution to the cost of the financial mechanism and supplementary measures for the UK	Budget	
COM(80)700 fin	Proposal for a regulation on the improvement of public facilities in certain less-favoured areas in Germany	Agric	
COM(80)806 fin	Proposal for the transfer of appropriations No 20 for the EEC General Budget 1980	Budget	
COM(80)814 fin	Proposal for the transfer of appropriations No 23 for the EEC General Budget 1980	Budget	
COM(80)815 fin	Proposal for the transfer of appropriations No 24 for the EEC General Budget 1980	Budget	
COM(80)86 fin	Communication on relations with Austria in the transport sector	Trans	Budget
COM(80)631 fin	Commission Communication on follow-up to the parliamentary debate on world hunger	Dev	
COM(80)685 fin	Ninth financial report on the EAGGF 1979	Control	Agric
COM(80)713 fin	Amended regulation on the conservation and management of fishery resources applying to Norwegian vessels	Agric	
COM(80)537 fin	Communication on financial and technical cooperation with the non-associates developing countries guidelines for the 1981 programme	Dev	Budget
COM(80)648 fin	Eighth report on the harmonisation of certain social legislation relating to road transport	Trans	Soc
COM(80)726 fin	Communication on small and medium-sized enterprises in the Community	Econ	
COM(80)731 fin	Communication on updating of 'Community action in the natural gas supply sector'	Energy	
COM(80)747 fin	Amendment to the proposal for a directive on the major accident hazard of certain industrial activities	Agric	
COM(80)800 fin	Communication on the reflections on CAP	Agric	
COM(80)803 fin	Amendments to the proposals on the discharges of mercury, aldrin, dieldrin and endrin into the aquatic environment by the chlor-alkali electrolysis industry	Agric	
	Agricultural price statistics 1969-79 (SOEC)		
	Annual reports on progress towards European Union drawn up by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and the Commission	Pol	

# Action taken on Parliament's Opinions

Each month the Commission reports on the action it has taken in response to the Opinions previously expressed by Parliament.

At its second November part-session the European Parliament voted on the 13 Commission proposals.

1. In 11 cases Parliament adopted committee reports which were favourable to Commission proposals:

- Report by Mr Moreau on the adoption of the annual report on the economic situation and setting guidelines for 1981; (550/80)
- Report by Mr Wawrzik on — the recommendation on the ACP/EEC Convention, — the proposal for a decision on the association of OCT;(559/80)
- Report by Edith Cresson on fishing in the zone off Guyana by vessels of certain third countries;(537/80)
- Report by Joyce Quin on the import of New Zealand butter into the Community on special terms;(594/80)
- Report by Mr Colleselli on restructuring the system of farm surveys in Italy;(524/80)
- Report by Renate-Charlotte Rabbethge on rules for the supply of food aid to certain developing countries and other specialised agencies;(551/80)
- Report by Mr Moreland on the Community quota for the carriage of goods by road between Member States;(555/80)
- Report by Mr Key on harmonised implementation of the International Convention for Safe Containers in the EEC;(556/80)
- Proposal on preservatives for use in foodstuffs intended for human consumption;(355/80)
- Proposal on antioxidants for use in foodstuffs intended for human consumption;
- Proposals for the laying down of common rules relating to authorizations for the carriage of goods by road between Member States.

2. In two cases Parliament proposed amendments which the Commission accepted:

- Report by Mr Schmid on a multi-annual research and development programme in the field of biomolecular engineering;(521/80)
- Report by Mr Kirk on total allowable catches for fish stocks of the Member States.(597/80)

3. The Commission informed Parliament about aid it had granted disaster victims since the previous part-session. This included food and financial aid to the Italian earthquake victims, emergency food aid to drought-stricken regions of East Africa, and financial aid to combat famine in the Central African Republic, cattle plague in West Africa, the effects of the El Asnam earthquake in Algeria, hurricane Allen in Montserrat, and further aid in Cambodia.

At its 15-19 December part-session Parliament voted on 21 Commission proposals:

1. In 16 cases it adopted Committee reports which were favourable to Commission proposals.

- Report by Mr Pearce on a five-year scheme of generalised preferences for 1981-1985;(545/80)
- Report by Mr Gatto on agricultural provisions in the Greek act of Accession;(688/80)
- Report by Mr Cronin on the European Regional Development Fund;(610/80)
- Report by Mr van der Gun on European Social Fund assistance for shipbuilding workers;(553/80)
- Report by Mr Filippi on pre-accession arrangements for Portugal;(683/80)
- Report by Miss Quin on introducing a salmon fishing charge in the Baltic by Community vessels;(658/80)
- Report by Mr Lyngé on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the NW Atlantic Fisheries;(690/80)
- Report by Mr Louwes on the opening of tariff quotas for beef, veal and buffalo meat;(689/80)
- Report by Mr Beumer on taxes affecting the consumption of manufactured tobacco;(667/80)
- Report by Mr Giummarra on the import of olive oil from Tunisia, Algeria or Morocco and certain agricultural

products from Turkey;(694/80)

- Proposals on the labelling of energy consumption by household appliances;
- Proposal on project for the registration of congenital abnormalities;(513/80)
- Proposal for restrictions on the marketing and use of certain dangerous substances and preparations;(536/80)
- Proposal for the application of a price condition on certain types of citrus fruit from Spain;(538/80)
- Commission recommendation on the conclusion of an Agreement between the EEC and Yugoslavia.

2. Parliament asked the Commission to amend proposals in five cases, the Commission agreed to do so in the case of the final two.

- Report by Mr Dankert on compensatory payments to Greece;(703/80)
- Report by Mr Ghergo on the operation of social security arrangements for employed persons moving with the Community;(552/80)
- Report by Mr Ferranti on Community assistance for re-building areas damaged by the earthquake in Italy;(733/80)
- Report by Mr Taylor on Community loans for giving Member States balance of payment support;(707/80)
- Report by Mr Kirk on research and reconstruction of fisheries and agriculture.(679/80)

3. The Parliament also voted on reports by:

- Report by Mr Dankert on the draft second supplementary and amending budget for 1980;(731/80)
- Report by Mr Ansquer on the 1981 draft budget;(706/80)
- Report by Mrs Hoff on the ECSC levy rates and the ECSC operational budget for 1981.(704/80)

4. The Commission informed Parliament of aid it had granted disaster victims since the previous part-session. This included further earthquake aid for Italy, emergency aid for Ugandan refugees and Sudanese drought victims to repair damage caused by torrential rain in the Comoro Island, for Salvadorian refugees in Honduras, and for re-settling refugees in Zimbabwe.

# Replies to Members' questions

**Cars in Spain** — *Norvela Forster, Sir Henry Plumb, Robert Moreland, John de Courcy Ling, Richard Cottrill, Michael Welsh (Dem/UK) WQ 1239/80*

Spain operates a quantitative quota for motor imports from the Community. In 1979 this was worth 1,748,935,000 Ptas (approx £9,300,000). However, imports of motor vehicles for the transport of persons (excluding buses) were temporarily liberalised by a decree of March 1979. As

regards tariffs, the 1970 Agreement with Spain provides for a 25 per cent reduction in the Spanish customs tariff for Community products. Following temporary reductions introduced in April 1980, the duties applied to EEC vehicles are 38 per cent and 29.4 per cent (compared with 48.9 and 37.4 for non-member countries) depending on the number of seats. As far as the Commission is aware, no other barrier is applied by Spain to impts of cars from the Community. Subject

to any transitional arrangements, all customs duties and quantitative restrictions still existing between Spain and the other Member States would have to be removed upon Spain's accession. (In their question the Members had referred to the concern expressed by BL's Sir Michael Edwardes about the level of imports of cars from Spain into the Community and the "virtual prohibition" by Spain of imports of his company's cars).

**Greek horse trading** — *Antoinette Spaak (Ind/Bel) WQ 1245/80*

The Commission has formally asked the Italian and Greek governments to examine allegations of cruel practices in the export of horses — including deliberate mutilation by breaking legs and blinding — because of an old Greek law prohibiting the export of healthy horses. The Italian government has assured the Commission that it has taken measures to ensure strict control of this trade and respect for Community rules. The communication to the Greek government was despatched recently and the Commission are awaiting a reply.

**Guernsey tomatoes** — *Michael Welsh (Dem/UK) WQ 1250/80*

The UK Government is responsible for relations between the Channel Islands and the Community and their comments have been requested on a report that the Guernsey Island Parliament is considering a special export subsidy for its tomato growers involving a guaranteed deficiency payment. The Island authorities are entitled to maintain their own methods of supporting their agricultural producers provided that the principles of free movement of products and normal conditions of competition are respected. The island authorities may not, therefore, grant aids on exports to the United Kingdom or other Member States in breach of the rule concerning respect of normal conditions of competition. The island is also specifically prohibited from granting aids on exports to other Member States or third countries which are in excess of the refunds, compensatory amounts or other payments fixed under Community rules for exports from the United Kingdom.

**Potato imports** — *Neil Blaney (TCD/Irl) WQ 1253/80*

In the absence of a common organisation for the market in potatoes, the Commission is unable to compensate for any losses suffered by farmers as a result of imports from outside the Community. During the first half of 1980 there were surpluses of potatoes in a number of Member States owing to large stocks from the 1979 harvest and warm weather during the winter which encouraged consumption of other vegetables. Imports from outside the Community were at normal levels. Potatoes are imported during the Spring and are mainly new potatoes in which the EEC has a large deficit.

**No aid for Bolivia** — *Daniel Percheron (Soc/Fr) WQ 1196/80*

All Community aid which might benefit Bolivia and the military junta installed in July 1980 has been suspended. The Commission depløres and condemns the coup d'état, the more so because it abruptly ended the successful development towards democracy.

**Energy saving** — *Vincent Ansquer (EPD/Fr) WQ 1293/80*

The eleventh session of the World Energy Conference confirmed the Commission's

assessment of the long term outlook for the world energy market. Although physical resources are abundant, the terms of future supply — particularly of oil — will be unfavourable to consumers. It is essential to make more effort to save energy and develop substitute forms (particularly coal and nuclear). To be effective this effort requires strengthened international co-operation, particularly to help the developing countries overcome the difficulties they are facing as a result of high oil prices.

**Animal anabolics** — *Manlio Cecovini (Lib/It) WQ 1256/80*

Appropriate and urgent proposals concerning the use of anabolics (oestrogens) for fattening cattle have been presented by the Commission. Two proposals for Directives on the harmonisation of legislation on veterinary medicinal products, which provide in particular for the introduction of restrictions on the distribution of substances with hormonal activity, have remained blocked by the Council since the end of 1978. Controls in Member States on the manufacture and distribution of anabolics, as well as on treated animals live or slaughtered, differ and the Commission will present proposals for the harmonisation of control.

**France on-the-spot** — *Thomas van der Vring (Soc/Ger) WQ 1318/80*

The Commission has informed the French government that, with effect from the financial year 1980, outstanding payments from the European Regional Fund for industrial projects in respect of which its representatives have not been permitted to take part in on-the-spot checks and which have not, therefore, been subject to verification, will be suspended. The Commission regards the refusal of the French authorities to allow Commission officials to take part in on-the-spot checks of industrial undertakings as an infringement of the EEC Treaty. The Commission is doing its utmost to put an end to this untoward practice which, if continued, will result in the matter being brought before the Court of Justice.

**Citizens Band** — *Vincent Ansquer (EPD/Fr) WQ 1299/80*

The possibility of sending the Council a proposal for the harmonisation of provisions relating to Citizens' Band radio is being considered by the Commission. Technical provisions governing the use of Citizens' Band radiotelephone transmitter-receivers have been harmonised since 1977 by a Recommendation of the European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations which lays down common rules for radiotelephone, licensing, technical characteristics and type-approval and the frequencies that can be used by the general public. It is for Member States telecommunications administrations to implement these recommendations.

**Ultra horrid milk** — *Robert Moreland (Dem/UK) WQ 1233/80*

Because of concern for public health and the need to prolong the keeping qualities of the product, most milk sold to domestic consumers has been subjected to one of three methods of heat treatment — pasteurisation, sterilisation or Ultra Heat Treatment (UHT). The Commission understands that in the United Kingdom some 95 per cent of liquid milk sold to domestic consumers has undergone one of these forms of heat treatment and that further restrictions on the remaining possibilities to market milk in its raw state are being introduced by the UK authorities. Lower temperatures used in the pasteurisation process result in a product which has a limited shelf life and requires more sophisticated storage and distribution arrangements than sterilised or UHT (Long Life) milk. As most milk sold to domestic consumers is "heat treated" in one way or another, the use of this designation alone would not serve to distinguish pasteurised milk (popularly termed fresh milk by many consumers) from milk which has undergone one or other methods of treatment. The Commission agrees that it is desirable for containers to indicate clearly whether the milk is pasteurised, sterilised or UHT. The best interests of the Community dairy sector and consumers of milk are served by making available as wide a range as possible of different types of milk on the retail market. (Mr Moreland referred to UHT milk as "Ultra horrid taste".)

## Future Committee Meetings

Normally held at Parliament's Brussels offices. This list is provisional.

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