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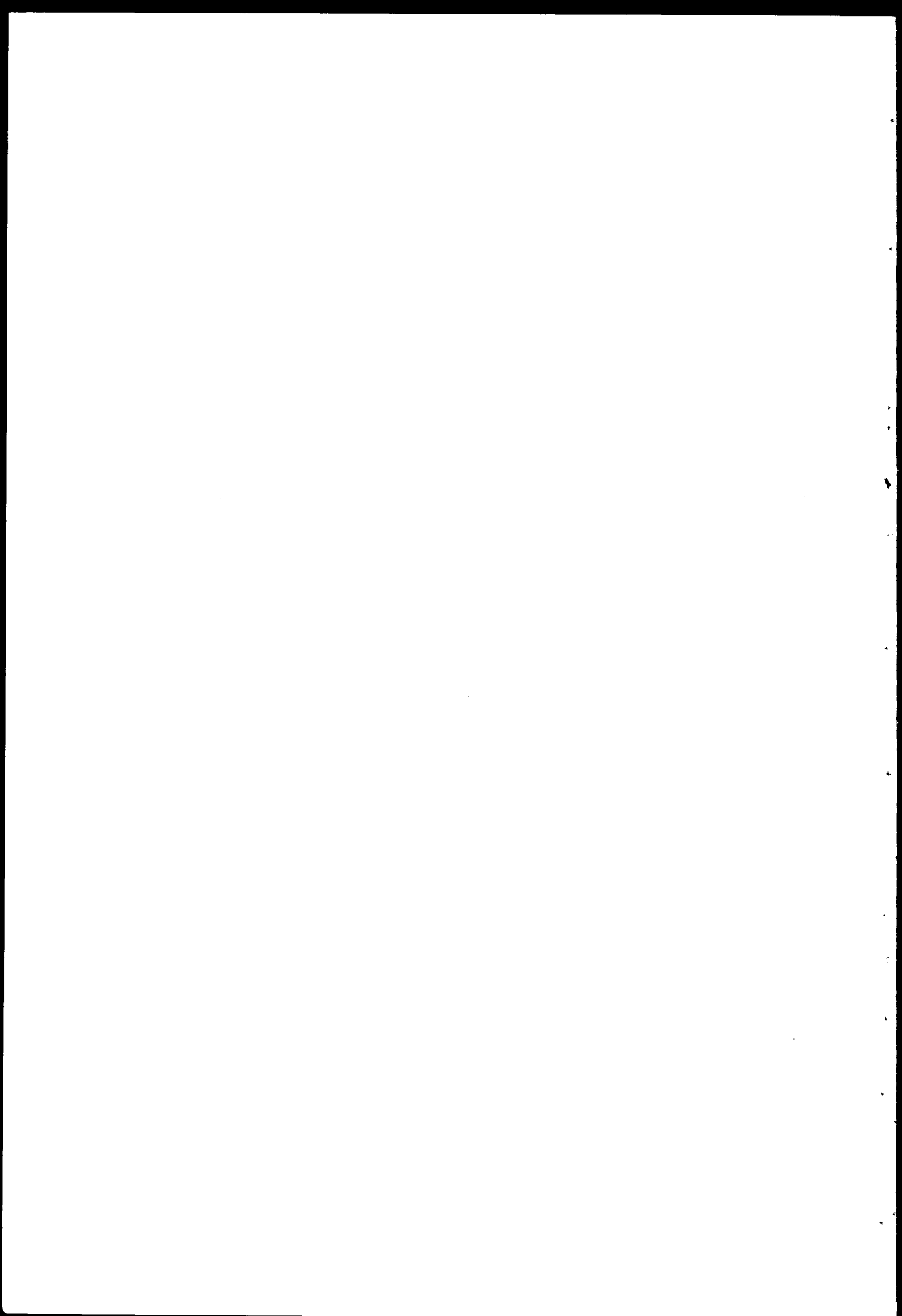
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ORAL QUESTIONS

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QUESTION TIME

QUESTIONS TO THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

1. Question by Mr FELLERMAIER (H-90/75)

Subject: Portugal

Does the Commission believe that its proposals for aid to Portugal are economically and politically sufficient?

2. Question by Miss FLESCH (H-82/75)

Subject : Relations EEC/India

What steps has the Community taken to extend and strengthen the trade relations with India, as provided in the Joint Declaration of Intent, and how does the Commission envisage the further evolution of the Community's relations with India in the framework of the overall development cooperation policy ?

3. Question by Mr KASPEREIT (H-88/75)

Subject: Relations between the EEC and India

Following the official visit to India by Mr Francois-Xavier ORTOLI, President of the Commission of the European Communities, from 18 to 26 April 1975, the Commission is asked to answer the following question:

What results have been achieved so far in the discussions begun in May 1974 in the Joint Committee provided for in the EEC/India Agreement, in regard to the implementation of practical measures and programmes for commercial cooperation between the two parties, and by what means does the Commission expect to achieve early implementation of the practical measures for cooperation mentioned in the joint press communique drawn up at the end of President Ortoli's visit?

4. Question by Mr VAN DER HEK (H-87/75)

Subject: Policy on raw materials

Could the Commission provide details of the proceedings of the last session of the Ministerial Council of the OECD at the end of last May and about the outcome of that meeting; and how, in the light of that meeting, does it view the prospects of establishing a rational organization of markets in raw materials?

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5. Question by Mr RADOUX (H-74/75)

Subject: Financial problems posed by unemployment in the Community

Could the Commission give its opinion on the creation of a European Fund to meet the financial problems posed by unemployment in the Community?

6. Question by Lord BESSBOROUGH (H-76/75)

Subject: Advanced Remote Sensing Techniques

What measures is the Commission taking to encourage the exploitation of the new methods of remote sensing from aircraft and satellites for the survey of natural resources, particularly for overseas development, and for the monitoring of the European Environment and the neighbouring areas?

7. Question by Mr SEEFELD (H-78/75)

Subject: Measures to combat pollution of the sea

The Yugoslavian freighter 'Cavtat' with its highly toxic cargo, which for the past year has been lying on the sea-bed close to the Italian coast off Otranto, presents a serious threat to the lives of local residents, tourists from many Member States and people who eat the fish caught there.

Will the Commission therefore state whether it is aware of its responsibility in respect of precisely those health hazards for which individual States consider themselves to have only limited liability, and will the Commission use this occasion to prepare more effective measures to combat pollution of the sea?

8. Question by Mr DELMOTTE (H-80/75)

Subject: Multinational companies

In view of the fact that the Council has taken no action on the Commission's communication on multinational companies, what does the Commission itself intend to do to ensure that work is resumed in this area, and what does the Commission see as the main obstacles to real progress here?

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9. Question by Mr NOE (H-81/75)

Subject: Study of Community oil resources

Does the Commission not consider it desirable to update as soon as possible the study undertaken in 1965 by Mr EICH on the Community's oil resources and their exploitation, in order to enable the Community bodies concerned to obtain adequate information?

10. Question by Mr BORDU (H-85/75)

Subject: Restrictions on occupational choice in the Federal Republic of Germany

In its reply to an oral question (H-40/75)¹, the Commission solemnly reaffirmed 'the horror with which it regards any violation of human rights and any attack on democracy'. In the Federal Republic of Germany, however, an increasing number of citizens are being denied the fundamental freedoms, in particular the freedom to choose one's occupation.

Does the Commission consider that such encroachments on the fundamental freedoms accord with the spirit and the letter of the Treaties?

¹ Debates of the European Parliament of 14.5.1975 (provisional edition) p.120

11. Question by Mr ARTZINGER (H-86/75)

Subject : Tyres purchased over the border

Does the Commission consider as being compatible with the EEC Treaty the practice of customs authorities at the Franco-German frontier of exempting car tyres purchased over the border from both French and German value-added tax when carried away loose but of applying value-added tax on both sides of the frontier when the tyres are fitted in the country of purchase, and how does the Commission propose to remedy this situation ?

12. Question by Mr NORMANTON (H-89/75)

Subject : Cross-Channel Ferries

Having regard to the consistently declared policy of the Commission in its opposition to monopolies and restrictive practices, how does it view the fares cartel on the cross-channel ferries operating between Belgium, France and Britain ?

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13. Question by Mr FRUH (H-75/75)

Subject: Measures to encourage farm modernization

What experience has the Commission had with the 'assistance threshold' in the context of Directive 72/159/EEC on the modernization of farms and does it envisage any adjustment of the threshold in the light of this experience?

14. Question by Mr GIBBONS (H-83/75)

Subject : Skimmed Milk Powder Mountain

As the European Community, having recently suffered the ill effects of a butter mountain and presently facing the ill effects of a beef mountain and a wine lake, is now facing the embarrassment of a skimmed milk powder mountain, will the Commission outline the current situation and state what measures it intends to take to keep the problem under control while preserving the incomes of dairy farmers in the Community ?

15. Question by Mr ZELLER (H-84/75)

Subject: Use of the EXIM system in beef and veal trade with third countries

Does the Commission not agree that the 'exim' trading system recently applied to beef and veal trade with third countries could, in the context of the monetary compensatory amounts, encourage and facilitate profiteering and fraudulent operations by allowing, for instance, those involved to collect both the compensatory amount for export from the F.R.G. and the unit compensatory amount for import into Italy or the United Kingdom? What measures does the Commission intend to take to prevent such practices?