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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr FAJARDIE, Mrs VIEHOFF, Mr ARFE, Mr SCHWENCKE,
Mrs PERY and Mrs DUPORT

with request for an early vote, pursuant to Rule 42(5)
of the Rules of Procedure,

to wind up the debate on the oral question,
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on the European social heritage

The European Parliament,

- A. whereas our European social heritage, such as evidence of the history of the world of work, industrial development, the birth of factories, the lives and struggles of workers, the creation and role of trade unions, cooperatives, mutual societies and associations, deserves to be preserved in view of its significance in our total cultural heritage,
- B. considering the importance of the protection of disused factories within the framework of this common social heritage and the development of the peoples of Europe,
1. Calls for the Community to give the necessary encouragement to create public awareness of this type of initiative and to encourage the acquisition by national or local authorities of disused factories. They could be used for the collection and exhibition of documentation and evidence such as texts, machinery and displays which could serve as material for travelling exhibitions. These factories could also serve as centres for conferences, studies, leisure and culture;
 2. Asks the Commission therefore, to examine the possibility of Community finance for initiatives towards the preservation of our common European social heritage in those areas which have witnessed the development of an industrial civilisation and constitute an important part of the history of the world of work, and to report to the European Parliament within one year;
 3. Calls for similar measures to be studied with a view to preserving evidence of the history and development of the rural world;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission and the governments of the Member States.