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ORAL QUESTION (0-45/78)

with debate, pursuant to Rule 47

of the Rules of Procedure

by Mr PISANI, Mr HOFFMANN, Mrs DAHLERUP,

Mr ALBERS, Mr DINESEN, Mr GLINNE, Mr DANKERT,

Lord ARDWICK and Mr LAURAIN

on behalf of the Socialist Group

to the Council of the European Communities

Subject : The employment situation in
the European Community

The undersigned

1. Wish to express not only their grave concern at the present employment situation in the various countries of the Community, particularly as it affects young people and women, but also the anxiety they feel about medium and long-term employment prospects;

2. Ask the Council whether it does not consider it necessary and urgent
 - (a) to study the employment levels and structures that Member States are likely to have reached in 1985 (or to make available studies already made) having regard to :
 - the Community's avowed determination to continue its policy of openness towards the rest of the world,
 - the development of international industrial competition,
 - the frequent need to cut back employment in sectors destined for restructuring,
 - the employment prospects in all the possible growth sectors against a background of different hypotheses of growth;
 - (b) to work out and propose - in view of the serious tensions that are unfortunately to be expected - a new concerted employment policy and, indeed, a new definition of full employment, bearing in mind the profound implications that a new policy and a new definition can have for economic, social and cultural life as a whole;
3. Stress the serious and in some respects revolutionary nature of the situations to which world and technological developments may well give rise;
4. Request that a wide-ranging debate be held in the European Parliament by the end of the year that will take a comprehensive view of employment trends and of possible strategies, so that in this way the Tripartite activities can be put into a medium and long-term perspective.