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ORAL QUESTION (O-168/79)

without debate, pursuant to Rule 46 of the Rules of Procedure

by Mr DE PASQUALE, Mr PAPAPIETRO, Mr CARDIA, Mrs BARBARELLA, Mr D'ANGELOSANTE and Mr CERAVOLO to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject: Problems of the wine market

Has the Commission given careful consideration to the situation and the problems of the wine market following 1979's bumper harvest, both in quality and quantity, compared with those of recent years?

Does not the Commission consider that over and above the immediate measures relating to distillation, measures are needed to boost wine consumption in the Community by means of a gradual reduction of the duties which in some Member States (United Kingdom, Belgium, Netherlands, Denmark) artificially reduce both consumption and the market's natural capacity?

Does not the Commission also think that, apart from boosting consumption within the Community, measures are needed to give increased support to our wines on all extra-Community markets, and to improve marketing methods?

Does not the Commission agree on the extreme urgency of putting such measures into effect so as to avoid the predicted negative consequences that the forthcoming accession of Greece, Spain and Portugal will have on the wine sector in the Mediterranean regions of the present Community and in the associated Mediterranean countries?