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President: Mr Giovanni MARCORA,
Minister of Agriculture and Forestry
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1852

The following table shows the results of the experiments conducted at the University of Cambridge, England, in 1852, by Messrs. Joule, Thomson, and Watt, in which the heat generated in the condensation of steam was measured. The results are given in terms of the mechanical equivalent of heat, which is the amount of work done by the steam in the condensation process, divided by the amount of heat generated. The results are given in the following table:

TABLE I.

The Governments of the Member States and the Commission of the European Communities were represented as follows:

Belgium:

Mr Albert LAVENS
Minister for Agriculture
and for Small Firms and Traders

Denmark:

Mr Poul DALSAGER
Minister of Agriculture

Germany:

Mr Hans-Jürgen ROHR
State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Food,
Agriculture and Forestry

France:

Mr Pierre MEHAIGNERIE
Minister of Agriculture
Mr Jacques FOUCHIER
State Secretary,
Ministry of Agriculture

Ireland:

Mr Ray MacSHARRY
Minister for Agriculture

Italy:

Mr Giovanni MARCORA
Minister of Agriculture and
Forestry
Mr Ferruccio PISONI
State Secretary,
Ministry of Agriculture and
Forestry
Mr Fabio FABBRI
Deputy State Secretary,
Agriculture

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Luxembourg:

Mr Camille NEY

Minister of Agriculture,
Viticulture, Water and Forestry

Netherlands:

Mr Gerrits BRAES

Minister of Agriculture

United Kingdom:

Mr Peter WALKER

Minister of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

Mr Alick BUCHANAN-SMITH

Minister of State,
Ministry of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

Commission:

Mr Finn Olav GUNDELACH

Vice-President

SHEEPMEAT

The Council confirmed its agreement in principle on the draft Regulation on sheepmeat, subject to completion of the procedures still in progress - in particular consultation with Greece. This Regulation includes provisions on the price and premium levels for the current marketing year, on the understanding that for subsequent marketing years this matter will be dealt with in ad hoc Regulations, under procedures similar to those applied for all the systems of market organization.

SWINE FEVER

The Council agreed to prolong for four months (until 31 October 1980) the derogations granted to Denmark, Ireland, and the United Kingdom in respect of swine fever. It stressed the importance which it attached to speeding up the discussions on measures to combat swine fever with a view to its total eradication from the Member States of the Community.

SUGAR AND ISOGLUCOSE

The Council confirmed the extension, which occurred at the end of May, of the current sugar and isoglucose arrangements until the end of June 1981, and it held an exchange of views on the last difficulties over sugar and isoglucose for the next marketing year.

In conclusion it agreed to the five Regulations on the arrangements for quotas, levies and aid, and the prices to apply from 1 July 1980 to 30 June 1981.

NEW ZEALAND BUTTER

The Council heard a statement from the Commission announcing forthcoming proposals on the import of New Zealand butter into the EEC as from 1981.

It was agreed that this highly political question would shortly be raised in the Council after study by an ad hoc Working Party.

STRUCTURAL MEASURES

The Council discussed various structural measures involving integrated development programmes for the Western Isles of Scotland, the Department of Lozère and the Belgian Province of Luxembourg, together with a common measure for the development of beef cattle and sheep production in Italy.

Moreover, the Council took note of new Commission proposals for the stimulation of agricultural development in the less-favoured areas of Northern Ireland, and for a common measure to improve the conditions under which agricultural products in the eggs, poultrymeat, cereals and cattlefeed sectors in Northern Ireland are processed and marketed.

Following its discussion, the Council instructed the Special Committee on Agriculture to examine in greater detail the proposals relating to the integrated programmes and the common measure, together with other structural measures - in particular the adjustment of Directive 72/159 - in order to make it easier for the Council to take a decision on this matter at its next meeting planned for 22 July in Luxembourg.

VARIOUS STATEMENTS

The Council took note of the following statements, accompanied where appropriate by replies from the Commission:

- measures taken by the French authorities with regard to sheepmeat imports (German delegation);
- policy of refunds in the milk products sector (Belgian delegation);
- budget savings (Danish delegation);
- problems of cultivation under glass in relation to the cost of energy (Danish delegation).

