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AND TO PRIORITY MAFF (MILK DIVISION)

INFO PRIORITY UKREP BRUSSELS, DUBLIN

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COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY: MILK

1. THE ITALIAN MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE, PANDOLFI, IS QUOTED IN THE WEEKEND PRESS AS STATING, AT AN AGRICULTURAL MEETING IN THE NORTH, THAT ITALIAN PRODUCERS WOULD NOT SUFFER FROM THE IMPOSITION OF QUOTAS IN THE MILK SECTOR THIS YEAR. IF THE SUPPLEMENTARY LEVY WERE RAISED ON ITALY FOR THE YEAR AS A WHOLE, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD PAY DIRECT AND NO PRODUCER WOULD BE OUT OF POCKET. HE ALSO SAID THAT THE CENSUS ON PRODUCERS SHOULD BE COMPLETED OVER THE NEXT FORTNIGHT. IT WAS LIKELY TO RECORD ONLY 64 MILLION QUINTALS OF PRODUCTION AS AGAINST THE 98 MILLION WHICH WAS ITALY'S THRESHOLD SET BY THE EC FOR 1984, THE BALANCE BEING MADE UP OF MARGINAL PRODUCERS WHO HAVE ESCAPED THE CENSUS. PANDOLFI ALSO REITERATED HIS INTENTION TO HAVE ITALY COUNTED AS ONE PRODUCER FOR THE QUOTA EXERCISE FROM APRIL 1985.

2. NEWSPAPER REPORTS ALSO QUOTE UNOFFICIAL SOURCES IN BRUSSELS AS SAYING THAT FEW, IF ANY, COMMUNITY COUNTRIES ARE RESPECTING THE QUOTAS FIXED. PRODUCTION IS SAID TO HAVE FALLEN ONLY 2% OVERALL INSTEAD OF THE 4.1% SOUGHT. ONLY BRITAIN HAS EXCEEDED THE CUTS REQUIRED OF HER, WITH PRODUCTION FALLING A REPORTED 7.5% AGAINST 6.2% REQUESTED. GREECE, ALTHOUGH AUTHORISED TO INCREASE BY 6.3% IS SAID TO HAVE REDUCED PRODUCTION BY 5%. FRANCE IS SAID TO HAVE INCREASED BY 1.5% INSTEAD OF REDUCING BY 2%. FRG IS SAID TO HAVE REDUCED BY 3% INSTEAD OF 6.7% ITALY IS RECKONED TO HAVE EXCEEDED ITS QUOTA SO FAR BY 0.5%.

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