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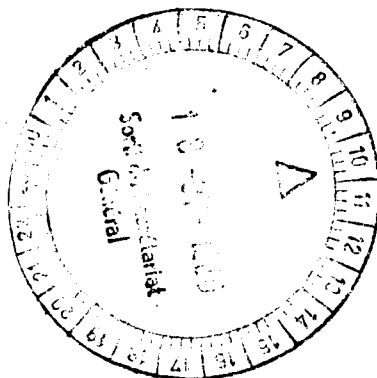
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INTRODUCTION

This is the seventh report drawn up by the Commission. It covers the period from 1 January to 31 December 1979 and is in four parts:

- I. Work of the Loans Committee
  - II. Utilization of funds during the financial year
  - III. Conclusions
  - IV. Statistics
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I. WORK OF THE LOANS COMMITTEE

A. Meetings

The Committee held four ordinary meetings (four days) and examined 250 applications. It also held one extraordinary meeting to examine a proposal to extend eligibility for building loans to temporary JRC staff on indefinite contracts; this was not approved because insufficient funds.

B. Working methods

Faced once again with the problem of insufficient funds to satisfy all applicants, the Committee decided that it was necessary to continue selecting applications on the basis of certain priority criteria, as it has been doing since 1972.

During the period in question it used the very selective system which has been in force since 1976, enabling it to take account of a greater number of factors, weighted according to importance, notably:

- A. the location of the property to be financed;
- B. the applicant's age and family status;
- C. the income of the applicant and, where applicable, of his spouse.

C. Opinions given by the Committee

On the basis of these criteria the Committee approved 116 applications and rejected 4 during the financial year in question.

II. UTILIZATION OF FUNDS

1. General administration

	At 31/12/1978	During the financial year	At 31/12/1979
Applications made	2 502	146	2 648
Applications withdrawn	- 543	87	- 630
Applications pending	- 7	1	- 8
Applications already submitted or to be submitted to the Committee	1 952	/	2 010
Applications on which no decision was taken because all funds for the financial year had been disbursed	- 278	/	216
Cases decided by the Commission	1 674	120	1 794
Refusals	- 69	- 4	- 73
Loans granted	1 605	116 <sup>+</sup>	1 721 <sup>*</sup>
Loans cancelled at the request of recipients	- 33	10	- 43
Loans outstanding	1 572		1 678

\* 1 721 loans involving 1 587 officials.

<sup>+</sup> 116 loans involving 107 officials.

2. Financial administration

(a) Money derived from the ECSC Fund

A. Funds available initially

	<u>Bfrs</u>
40% of the ECSC Pension Fund	510 187.020
ECSC interest 1970 and 1971	+ 7 104.737
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	517 291.757
Balance due on ECSC loans at 15 December 1971	- 93 878 178
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Available on 15 December 1971	423 413 579
New funds made available in 1976	+ 140.000 000
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B. <u>Loans granted from 15 December 1971 to 31 December 1978</u>	
Bfrs 1 033 710 007 - Bfrs 25 918 709 (cancelled)	- 1.007.791.298
C. <u>Receipts from 1 January 1972 to 31 December 1978</u>	
	+ 431.388.492
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D. <u>Receipts from 1 January to 31 December 1979</u>	
Redemption	+ 51 001.079
Interest	+ 33.077.957
Repayments (death, etc.)	+ 18.097 944
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E. <u>Loans granted from 1 January to 31 December 1979</u>	
Bfrs 111 384 665 - Bfrs 3 413 000 (cancelled)	- 107.971 665
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F. <u>Forecasts for coming financial years</u>	
1980 { Receipts	+ 110.000 000
{ Loans to be granted	- 110.000 000
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1981 { Receipts	+ 120.000 000
{ Loans to be granted	- 120.000 000

(b) Budget appropriations

Appropriations available

Bfrs 50 000 000

Appropriations committed in 1976 and paid in 1976 and 1977 which made it possible to grant 67 loans

Bfrs 49 999 994

3. Observations

During the period in question the Loans Committee, with Commission approval, continued to apply the priority criteria based on applicants' family status and financial situation.

The 116 loans granted during the financial year involve 107 officials. A breakdown by grade is given in Table I.

III. CONCLUSIONS

1. The number of new loan applications was 146.
2. 116 loans were granted, totalling Bfrs 107 971 665.
3. The obligation imposed by the Council to distribute a minimum of Bfrs 50 000 000 annually was therefore respected.
4. On 31 December 1979, 216 applications were pending.



IV. Following increases in the Belgian retail price index, the ceilings set in Article 4(2) of the implementing provisions were raised as follows:

	Bfrs	Bfrs	
On 17 June 1971:	600 000	+ 50 000	per child
On 1 May 1972:	630 000	+ 52 500	per child
On 1 December 1972	660 000	+ 55 000	per child
On 24 January 1974:	693 000	+ 57 750	per child
On 1 April 1974:	727 650	+ 60 638	per child
On 1 August 1974:	764 033	+ 63 670	per child
On 1 January 1975:	802 235	+ 66 854	per child
On 1 July 1975:	842 347	+ 70 197	per child
On 1 January 1976:	884 464	+ 73 707	per child
On 1 October 1976:	928 687	+ 77 392	per child
On 1 July 1977:	975 121	+ 81 262	per child
On 1 October 1978:	1 023 877	+ 85 325	per child
On 1 November 1979:	1 075 071	+ 89 591	per child

This represents a 79.17% increase in ceilings.

The ABEX index shows a 155.46% increase in building costs over the period 1 November 1971 to 1 November 1979.

STATISTICS AS AT 31 DECEMBER 1979

I. Loans granted (object of loan)

Purchase of building land	83
Purchase of house	254
Purchase of flat	363
Purchase + repayment (flat)	2
Purchase + repayment (house)	3
Purchase + conversion (house)	59
Purchase + conversion (flat)	6
Building of flat	10
Building of house	626
Building + repayment (house)	6
Repayment of loan (flat)	31
Repayment of loan (house)	146
Conversion of flat	7
Conversion of house	89
Conversion + repayment (house)	5
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TOTAL	1 690
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NB. Of these 1 690 loans 103 were granted in two instalments, which means that a total of 1 587 officials were involved.

II. Recipients

(a) By institution

Council	135
Parliament	65
Court of Justice	22
Economic and Social Committee	26
Court of Auditors	6
Commission, Brussels	821
Commission, Luxembourg	149
Commission, Ispra	239
Commission, Karlsruhe	8
Commission, Geel-Mol	48
Commission, Petten	24
Commission, other	44
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TOTAL	1 587
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(b) By nationality

Belgian	375
German	331
French	249
Italian	448
Luxembourg	46
Dutch	116
British	16
Irish	2
Danish	3
Other	1
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	TOTAL
	1 587
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(c) By sex

Female	513
Male	1 074
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	TOTAL
	1 587
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(d) By marital status

Single	183
Married	1 286
Separated	11
Divorced	92
Widowed	15
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	TOTAL
	1 587
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(e) By category

Category A	390 = 24.57%
Category B	492 = 31.0%
Category C	582 = 36.67%
Category D	123 = 7.76%
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	1 587
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(f) By age at time of application

24 years	2
25 "	4
26 "	10
27 "	20
28 "	21
29 "	27
30 "	38
31 "	44
32 "	80
33 "	62
34 "	76
35 "	81
36 "	94
37 "	100
38 "	86
39 "	95
40 "	93
41 "	75
42 "	76
43 "	66
44 "	56
45 "	51
46 "	41
47 "	41
48 "	49
49 "	30
50 "	35
51 "	34
52 "	19
53 "	14
54 "	15
55 "	19
56 "	10
57 "	8
58 "	4
59 "	4
60 "	2
61 "	2
62 "	3
TOTAL	1587
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(g) By length of service at time of application

3 years	40	16 years	35
4 "	54	17 "	26
5 "	192	18 "	35
6 "	122	19 "	18
7 "	144	20 "	4
8 "	131	21 "	6
9 "	137	23 "	1
10 "	169	24 "	1
11 "	128	25 "	1
12 "	119	26 "	1
13 "	123		
14 "	63	TOTAL	1587
15 "	37		=====

TABLE I

OFFICIALS TO WHOM A LOAN WAS GRANTED  
DURING THE PERIOD

GRADE	FROM 16/8/1971 TO 31/12/1976	FROM 1/1/1977 TO 31/12/1977	FROM 1/1/1978 TO 31/12/1978	FROM 1/1/1979 TO 31/12/1979	TOTALS
A 1	2	-	-	-	2
A 2	12	-	-	-	12
A 3	33	-	-	-	33
A 4	64	-	-	-	64
A 5	147	-	-	-	147
A 6	94	3	-	1	98
A 7	31	1	-	1	33
A 8	1	-	-	-	1
TOTAL A	384	4	-	2	390
B 1	58	7	-	1	66
B 2	99	11	6	8	124
B 3	127	18	9	13	167
B 4	72	12	6	3	93
B 5	32	7	1	2	42
TOTAL B	388	55	22	27	492
C 1	77	14	9	10	110
C 2	157	49	19	29	254
C 3	108	28	13	18	167
C 4	23	12	2	5	42
C 5	5	-	3	1	9
TOTAL C	370	103	46	63	582
D 1	37	7	2	7	53
D 2	21	15	8	6	50
D 3	2	10	6	2	20
TOTAL D	60	32	16	15	123
GRAND TOTAL	1202	194	84	107	1587