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**MONTHLY STATISTICS OF REGISTERED UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY**

**JUNE 1977**

In June 1977, the percentage of the working population registered as unemployed in the Community as a whole was 5.1%. This is slightly higher than in May 1977 (5.0%) and noticeably more than in June of last year (4.6%).

The total number of registered unemployed - 5.3 millions in the whole Community - has increased by nearly 80,000 persons compared with May 1977; increases of 110,000 in the United Kingdom and 6,000 in the Netherlands more than offsetting falls in the other member countries. At this time of year, young people are leaving the school system and registering as unemployed; it seems that this was notably the case in the United Kingdom.

In comparison with the same month of last year - June 1976 - the number unemployed is now at a higher level in all countries except the Netherlands and Ireland. At the Community level, there has been an increase of nearly 480,000 unemployed.

An increase in the level of unemployment is also shown in the seasonally adjusted figures for the Community as a whole (see Graph).

The total of unemployed females rose faster between June 1976 and June 1977 (+17.4%) than the number of unemployed males (+5.1%). This trend which is common to all member states, is reflected in the proportion of females in the total unemployed, 38% in June 1976 and 41% in June 1977.

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| <b>I. Registered unemployed</b>  |   |                          |         |         |                |                  |                 |                   |         |         |       |
| a) in thousands  |   |                          |         |         |                |                  |                 |                   |         |         |       |
| Ø 1974   | T | 582,5                    | 497,7   | 997,2   | 134,9          | 124,1            | 0,057           | 614,9             | 70,4    | 47,9    | 3 070 |
| Ø 1975   | T | 1 074,2                  | 839,7   | 1 106,9 | 195,3          | 207,8            | 0,264           | 977,6             | 98,7    | 113,5   | 4 614 |
| Ø 1976   | T | 1 060,3                  | 933,5   | 1 182,6 | 210,8          | 266,6            | 0,457           | 1 360,0           | 110,5   | 118,2   | 5 243 |
| June 1976  | T | 921,0                    | 813,0   | 1 141,2 | 194,1          | 238,0            | 0,331           | 1 331,8           | 107,1   | 99,2    | 4 846 |
| September 1976   | T | 898,7                    | 955,4   | 1 205,0 | 206,9          | 291,3            | 0,356           | 1 455,7           | 106,8   | 111,8   | 5 232 |
| December 1976  | T | 1 089,9                  | 1 036,9 | 1 218,4 | 217,6          | 289,7            | 0,696           | 1 371,0           | 114,4   | 144,6   | 5 483 |
| March 1977   | T | 1 084,2                  | 1 020,6 | 1 295,0 | 201,5          | 279,9            | 0,674           | 1 383,8           | 114,0   | 148,0   | 5 528 |
| April 1977   | T | 1 039,2                  | 999,9   | 1 278,2 | 187,7          | 276,3            | 0,674           | 1 392,3           | 111,7   | 147,3   | 5 433 |
| May 1977   | T | 946,5                    | 976,1   | 1 282,2 | 179,8          | 274,4            | 0,609           | 1 341,7           | 108,8   | 134,5   | 5 245 |
|  | M | 464,1                    | 461,4   | 788,6   | 131,9          | 109,1            | 0,363           | 994,3             | 87,4    | 76,5    | 3 114 |
|  | F | 482,4                    | 514,7   | 493,6   | 47,9           | 165,3            | 0,246           | 347,4             | 21,4    | 58,0    | 2 131 |
| June 1977  | T | 931,0                    | 967,7   | 1 280,5 | 186,5          | 272,9            | 0,593           | 1 450,1           | 106,4   | 128,4   | 5 324 |
|  | M | 451,2                    | 455,1   | 782,7   | 132,6          | 107,5            | 0,391           | 1 050,8           | 85,5    | 70,8    | 3 137 |
|  | F | 479,8                    | 512,6   | 497,8   | 53,9           | 165,4            | 0,202           | 399,3             | 20,9    | 57,6    | 2 187 |
| June 1976  | T | 921,0                    | 813,0   | 1 141,2 | 194,1          | 238,0            | 0,331           | 1 331,8           | 107,1   | 99,2    | 4 846 |
|  | M | 472,7                    | 388,5   | 717,8   | 147,7          | 101,1            | 0,210           | 1 009,4           | 87,2    | 58,7    | 2 983 |
|  | F | 448,3                    | 424,5   | 423,4   | 46,4           | 136,9            | 0,121           | 322,4             | 19,9    | 40,5    | 1 863 |
| b) % change on   |   |                          |         |         |                |                  |                 |                   |         |         |       |
| - previous month   | T | - 1,6                    | - 0,9   | - 0,1   | + 3,7          | - 0,5            | - 2,6           | + 8,1             | - 2,2   | - 4,5   | + 1,5 |
|  | M | - 2,8                    | - 1,4   | - 0,7   | + 0,5          | - 1,5            | + 7,7           | + 5,7             | - 2,2   | - 7,5   | + 0,7 |
|  | F | - 0,6                    | + 0,4   | + 0,8   | + 12,5         | + 0,1            | -17,9           | + 14,9            | - 2,3   | - 0,7   | + 2,6 |
| - corresponding month<br>of previous year                                | T | + 1,1                    | +19,0   | + 12,2  | - 3,9          | + 14,7           | + 79,2          | + 8,9             | - 0,7   | +29,4   | + 9,9 |
|  | M | - 4,5                    | +17,1   | + 9,0   | - 10,2         | + 6,3            | + 86,2          | + 4,1             | - 2,0   | +20,6   | + 5,1 |
|  | F | + 7,1                    | +20,8   | + 17,5  | + 16,2         | + 20,8           | + 66,9          | + 23,9            | + 5,0   | +42,2   | +17,4 |
| <b>II. Registered unemployed as %<br/>of civilian working population</b> |   |                          |         |         |                |                  |                 |                   |         |         |       |
| Ø 1974   | T | 2,2                      | 2,3     | 5,2     | 2,9            | 3,2              | 0,0             | 2,4               | 6,3     | 2,0     | 2,9   |
| Ø 1975   | T | 4,1                      | 3,9     | 5,7     | 4,1            | 5,3              | 0,2             | 3,8               | 8,8     | 4,6     | 4,4   |
| Ø 1976   | T | 4,1                      | 4,3     | 6,1     | 4,4            | 6,8              | 0,3             | 5,3               | 9,8     | 4,8     | 5,0   |
| June 1976  | T | 3,6                      | 3,8     | 5,9     | 4,1            | 6,1              | 0,2             | 5,2               | 9,5     | 4,0     | 4,6   |
| September 1976   | T | 3,5                      | 4,6     | 6,2     | 4,4            | 7,4              | 0,2             | 5,7               | 9,6     | 4,6     | 5,0   |
| December 1976  | T | 4,2                      | 4,8     | 6,3     | 4,6            | 7,4              | 0,4             | 5,4               | 10,1    | 5,9     | 5,2   |
| March 1977   | T | 4,2                      | 4,7     | 6,7     | 4,3            | 7,2              | 0,5             | 5,4               | 10,1    | 6,0     | 5,3   |
| April 1977   | T | 4,0                      | 4,6     | 6,6     | 4,0            | 7,1              | 0,5             | 5,5               | 9,9     | 6,0     | 5,2   |
| May 1977   | T | 3,7                      | 4,5     | 6,6     | 3,8            | 7,0              | 0,4             | 5,3               | 9,6     | 5,5     | 5,0   |
| June 1977  | T | 3,6                      | 4,5     | 6,6     | 3,9            | 7,0              | 0,4             | 5,7               | 9,4     | 5,2     | 5,1   |
| June 1976  | T | 3,6                      | 3,8     | 5,9     | 4,1            | 6,1              | 0,2             | 5,2               | 9,5     | 4,0     | 4,6   |



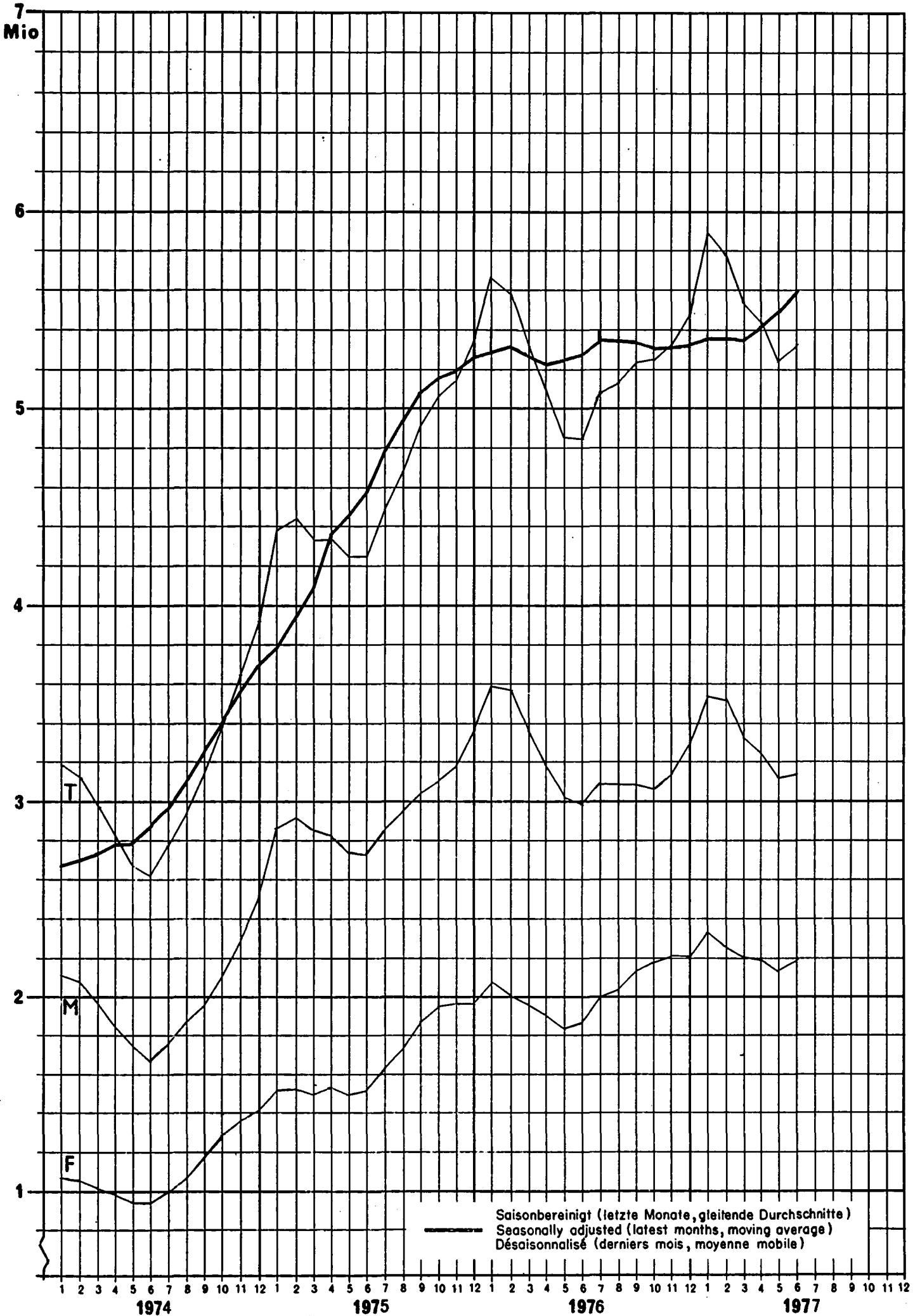
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| <b>III. New registrations to unemployment (000's)</b> |   |                          |        |        |                |                    |                 |                   |         |         |       |
| During March 1977                                     | T | 258,2                    | 189,5  | :      | 32,4           | 42,4               | 1,5             | 341,1             | :       | :       | :     |
| During April 1977                                     | T | 272,0                    | 179,7  | :      | 29,4           | 37,6               | 1,4             | 385,7             | :       | :       | :     |
| During May 1977                                       | T | 207,9                    | 162,9  | :      | 33,5           | 37,1               | 1,4             | 358,7             | :       | :       | :     |
| <b>IV. Unemployed under 25 years</b>                  |   |                          |        |        |                |                    |                 |                   |         |         |       |
| <b>a) as a % of all registered unemployed</b>         |   |                          |        |        |                |                    |                 |                   |         |         |       |
| September 1976  | T | 28,6                     | 46,3   | :      | 44,1           | 43,9               | :               | :                 | :       | :       | :     |
| December 1976   | T | :                        | 46,3   | :      | 39,4           | 39,1               | :               | (a) 36,6          | :       | :       | :     |
| March 1977  | T | :                        | 39,9   | :      | 36,9           | 35,6               | :               | :                 | :       | :       | :     |
| April 1977  | T | :                        | 39,3   | :      | 36,8           | 34,7               | :               | :                 | :       | :       | :     |
| May 1977  | T |                          | 38,3   | :      | 37,0           | 33,9               | :               | :                 | :       | :       | :     |
| May 1976  | T | 25,7                     | 37,0   | :      | 36,3           | 35,1               | :               | :                 | :       | :       | :     |
| <b>b) in thousands</b>                                |   |                          |        |        |                |                    |                 |                   |         |         |       |
| May 1977  | T |                          | 373,6  | :      | 66,4           | 93,0               | :               | :                 | :       | :       | :     |
|   | M |                          | 134,8  | :      | 40,3           | 29,2               | :               | :                 | :       | :       | :     |
|   | F |                          | 238,8  | :      | 26,1           | 63,8               | :               | :                 | :       | :       | :     |
| May 1976  | T | 244,7                    | 314,0  | :      | 68,6           | 82,7               | :               | :                 | :       | :       | :     |
|   | M | 114,1                    | 115,5  | :      | 46,4           | 28,2               | :               | :                 | :       | :       | :     |
|   | F | 130,6                    | 198,5  | :      | 22,2           | 53,5               | :               | :                 | :       | :       | :     |
| <b>V. Unemployed foreigners (000's)</b>               |   |                          |        |        |                |                    |                 |                   |         |         |       |
| April 1977  | T | 98,2                     | :      | :      | 13,4           | 40,1               | :               | :                 | :       | :       | :     |
| May 1977  | T | 89,0                     | :      | :      | 13,0           | 40,2               | :               | :                 | :       | :       | :     |
| <b>VI. Vacancies</b>                                  |   |                          |        |        |                |                    |                 |                   |         |         |       |
| <b>a) recorded during the month</b>                   |   |                          |        |        |                |                    |                 |                   |         |         |       |
| March 1977  | T | 229,3                    | 87,6   | :      | 28,0           | 14,7               | 1,4             | 186,4             | 2,1     | 19,6    | :     |
| April 1977  | T | 184,6                    | 71,7   | :      | 24,2           | 12,8               | 1,4             | 224,6             | 2,4     | 18,1    | :     |
| May 1977  | T | 195,5                    | 71,2   | :      | 34,9           | 13,0               | 1,4             | 197,6             |         | 19,2    | :     |
| May 1976  | T | 230,2                    | 98,3   | :      | 26,6           | 12,5               | 1,5             | 193,9             | :       | 21,9    | :     |
| <b>b) unfilled at end of month</b>                    |   |                          |        |        |                |                    |                 |                   |         |         |       |
| April 1977  | T | 246,4                    | 103,3  | :      | 46,5           | 3,6                | 0,2             | 155,7             | 1,7     | 2,1     | :     |
| May 1977  | T | 242,8                    | 105,1  | :      | 60,9           | 4,0                | 0,2             | 165,4             |         | 2,1     | :     |
| June 1977   | T | 261,9                    | 106,6  | :      | 65,4           | 4,0                | 0,2             | 168,8             |         | 1,8     | :     |
| June 1976   | T | 280,8                    | 153,3  | :      | 53,5           | 4,2                | 0,3             | 127,1             | :       | 2,4     | :     |

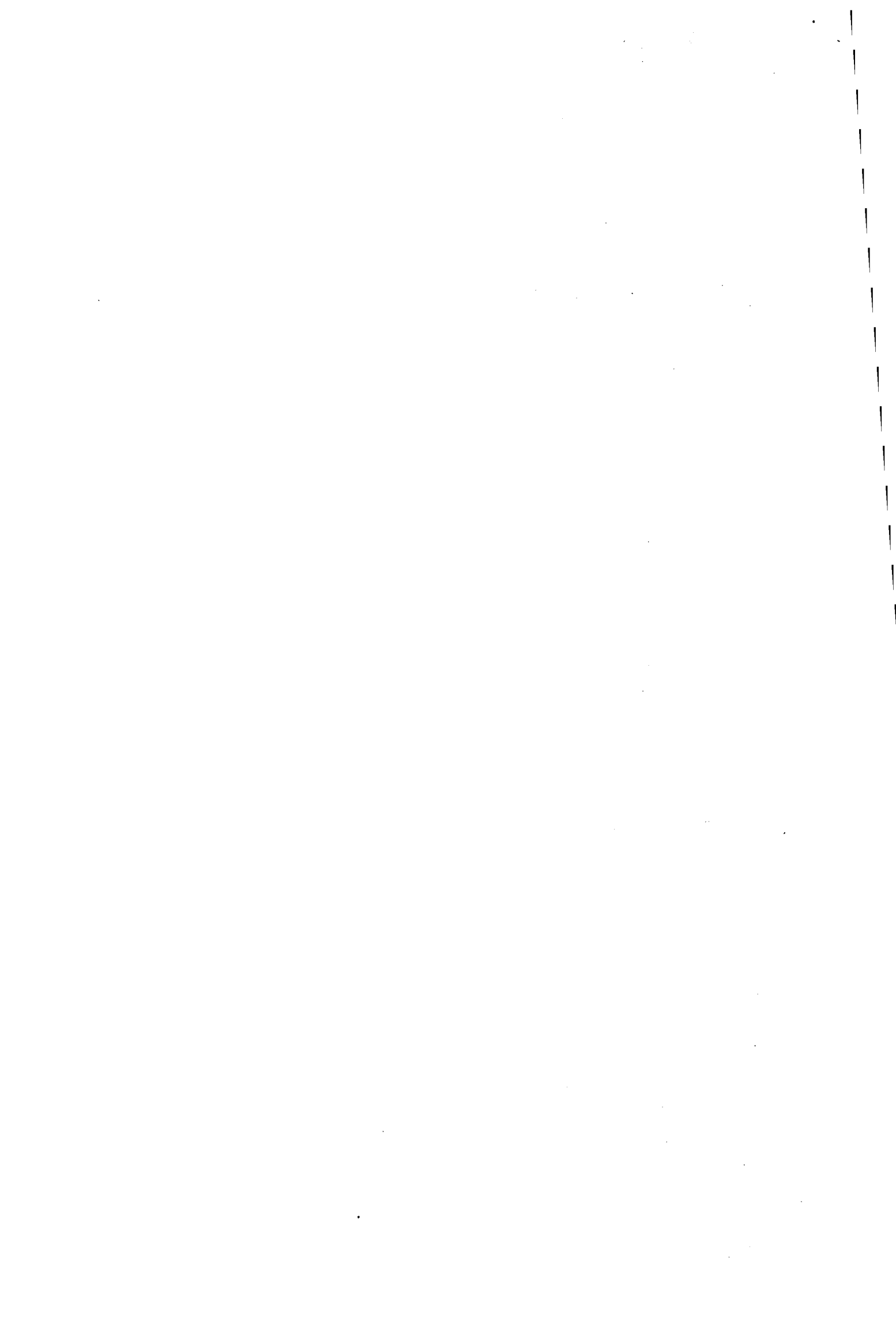
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TECHNICAL NOTE CONCERNING FIGURES OF REGISTERED UNEMPLOYMENT AND VACANCIES

This Statistical Telegram is based on national data on numbers of persons registered at public employment offices. The information is obtained by regular transmission to the Statistical Office of the European Communities. The definitions have been standardized in a number of respects but complete comparability is not possible; national legislation and administrative practices are too different. The statistics are therefore useful mainly for studies of trends. Similarly the bases of calculation of the percentages of registered unemployment in the civilian working population have been standardized in a number of respects. They are therefore somewhat better suited for comparison of trends than are unemployment rates calculated nationally on different bases in the various countries. However, it must be emphasized that the degree of standardization is insufficient to permit reliable comparison either of absolute levels or of rates of unemployment; any such analysis must be made with extreme caution.

For registered unemployment, the following data have been used :

- F.R. OF GERMANY** : Unemployed according to the definition of the Bundesanstalt für Arbeit, namely persons without job seeking permanent work for at least 20 hours a week.
- FRANCE** : As defined by the Ministère du Travail and registered at the Agence National pour l'Emploi : persons without work available to start work immediately and seeking permanent employment for at least 30 hours a week.
- ITALY** : Persons registered in classes I and II on employment exchange lists provided by the Ministero del Lavoro e della Previdenza Sociale. These comprise unemployed persons who have worked before as well as young persons under 21 years and other persons seeking their first job, including those who have finished their legal military service and are seeking work.
- NETHERLANDS** : Persons under 65 years, as normally covered by statistics of the Ministerie van Sociale Zaken, who do not have or no longer have a job, and are seeking full-time work for 30 hours or more a week.
- BELGIUM** : Persons out of work on register at the Office National de l'Emploi, comprising unemployed persons receiving benefit, other persons seeking work who are obliged to register and persons seeking work registered voluntarily.
- LUXEMBOURG** : Persons without a job between 16 and 65 years seeking full-time work (at least 40 hours per week) provided they are available for an employment and registered at the Administration de l'Emploi.
- UNITED KINGDOM** : Unemployed persons registered for employment at a local employment office or careers office on the date of the monthly count who on that day have no job and are capable of and available for work for more than 30 hours a week. These statistics are compiled by Department of Employment for Great-Britain and Department of Manpower-Services for Northern Ireland.
- IRELAND** : Unemployed persons on the Live register capable of work and available for a job comprising claimants to Unemployment Benefits, applicants for Unemployment Assistance and certain other registered persons.
- DENMARK** : Unemployed persons aged from about 16 years seeking work, whether or not they are members of the trade unions' unemployment insurance funds, as counted by Danmarks Statistik.

According to agreements reached in the working party of the Statistical Office, the standardized figures in principle do not include short-time work for economic and meteorological reasons, unemployed persons taking part in vocational training schemes and persons for whom work has been provided by public initiatives in order to avoid unemployment. In some cases, this may not be the usual national understanding of registered unemployment.

Situation at the end of the month means at the last day of the month except for United Kingdom where they refer to the second Thursday of the month, Ireland to the last Friday of the month and Denmark to the Wednesday preceding the last complete week of the month. All registrations during the month are included and the totals shown gross, that is, without deduction of registrations cancelled during the month.

The national data published are absolute figures without seasonal adjustment. For comparison figures for the corresponding month of the previous year are shown. For the chart, seasonal adjustment has been done for EUR-9 according to the EUROSTAT method.

Civilian working population comprises persons in employment and unemployed, excluding armed forces. For calculation of the percentage of registered unemployed in the civilian working population, national estimates standardized according to OECD definitions have been used. The figures shown are annual average or mid-year estimates of the latest common available year for all countries (i.e. 1975).

Figures of unfilled vacancies relate solely to vacancies notified to public employment offices and are not a measure of total vacancies. Employers may be able to recruit workers without necessarily seeking the assistance of public employment offices.

SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS

|   |         |       |                       |
|---|---------|-------|-----------------------|
| T | Total   | *     | estimated by EUROSTAT |
| M | Males   | p     | preliminary           |
| F | Females | s     | not available         |
| Ø | Average | blank | not yet available     |
|   |         | r     | revised               |

