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Subject : European flag.

A rough tabulation of the 33 first answers gives the following results :

- 3 Representatives have refused to make any choice;
- 10 indicated one flag;
- 1 indicated two flags;
- 4 indicated three flags;
- 5 indicated four flags;
- 2 indicated five flags;

and 10 Representatives gave twelve answers, as originally requested.

Coming far ahead among the flags indicated as the first one is N° 1. (blue with yellow sun - Goudenrove-Kalergi's - it was put sixteen times as the first one).

N° 7. is five times given as first one, and six times as second one. This is the main impression given.

I must make some remarks : Mr Hopkinson considers all of them as "unsuitable". He thinks that the cross cannot be used for an organization which includes Moslems. The same argument is put forward by M. Urgüpli.

N° 11. The red flag with EUROPA, the sun and the hand, is indicated by M. Reynaud but he wants it without the hand.

N° 10. is indicated with "if simplified with one E only, appearing in the second place.

If N° 7. is mentioned, it is with the supplementary remark; on the one hand, they should support the idea of its connection with the U.S.A. but on the other hand, if stars are used, too strong American impression should be avoided.

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When N° 4. is mentioned, it is each time with the proposed suppression of the Strasbourg coat-of-arms.

Some of the Members have suggested to study the whole matter over again (two of them).

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