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COMMISSIONER BURKE TO DISCUSS EUROPEAN AIR TRANSPORT POLICY

Richard Burke, the nine-nation European Community's commissioner in charge of transport, will describe the possible outline of a European Community policy on air transport to two Washington audiences on Tuesday, November 21.

The Irish commissioner will be a guest of the National Press Club at a Newsmaker's Breakfast Tuesday morning and will address the International Aviation Club at noon that day. On Monday, November 20, he will speak on the new European monetary system and the dollar to a combined meeting in Chicago of the Belgian-American Chamber of Commerce and the Chicago Association of Commerce and Industry.

Burke, whose proposal for a Channel tunnel between Britain and France was recently praised by the British weekly, *The Economist*, is expected to present a proposal on European air transport later this month to the 13-member Commission that is the executive/administrative body of the European Community.

Burke is an Irishman who was born in New York. A former secondary teacher and lawyer, he was first elected to the Irish Parliament in 1969 to represent Tipperary. He became Irish minister of education in 1973 and was appointed to the EC Commission in 1976. He was instrumental in bringing to the United States an exhibition of Irish art that earlier this year attracted large audiences at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, the M.H. de Young Memorial Museum in San Francisco, and the Carnegie Institute Museum of Art in Pittsburgh. The exhibition is currently being shown at the Boston Fine Arts Museum and will travel to Philadelphia in 1979.