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Weekly Timetable of Community Activities - No 12/74

The next firm date for the Council of Ministers is Monday, April 1, when foreign ministers will meet in Luxembourg. At this meeting the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. James Callaghan, is expected to explain in more detail the Government's new approach to Europe.

No other firm dates have yet been set - such as for the postponed Council of Ministers on development and cooperation (negotiations about the "associables" of Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific).

The next routine Council of Agricultural Ministers is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, April 22 and 23, but since recent meetings have been moved around these dates must also be regarded as provisional; a new date may have been set by the coming weekend at the end of the current Council on agriculture.

FLASHBACK:

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Callaghan, said in a major intervention during the debate on the Queen's speech that Britain sought a fundamental renegotiation of the terms of entry to the Community, the negotiation to be within the Council of Ministers.

Mr. Callaghan said that the Government's purpose was to look at the operation of the Community in the economic and political sphere not in a spirit of destructive criticism but of constructive realism.

President Nixon announced that he was postponing his planned visit to Europe because discussions with the Nine had not gone well. He attacked the Community for failing to consult adequately with the United States but made clear in the wake of an earlier controversial speech in Chicago that American troops would remain in Europe.

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