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Weekly Timetable of Community Activities - No 13/75

On Sunday next, April 13, the Foreign Ministers of the Nine hold one of their regular informal meetings to discuss political and foreign policies. As usual, the meeting will be in the capital of the Member State holding the chair in the Council of Ministers - in this case, Dublin.

On the Monday and Tuesday, April 14 and 15, they are due to hold a Council of Ministers in Luxembourg, starting at 15.30 hours.

Items on the agenda for this meeting include: Raw material problems with the developing countries; policy towards the Mediterranean; preparations for the International Energy Conference; preparation of the draft supplementary budget No. 2 for 1975 (preceded by a discussion with a delegation from the European Parliament which has voted for doubling the size of the Regional Development Fund); and the draft rectifying supplementary budget No. 1 which allows the Fund to be put into operation.

Also on Tuesday, April 15, there will be a Council of Ministers of Agriculture beginning at 10.30 hours in Luxembourg. This meeting will be devoted to the wine market in the wake of the French ban on Italian imports.

The following Monday, April 21, there will be a Council of Finance Ministers (five days after the British Budget) and on Thursday, April 24, a Council of Ministers on energy. Both these Councils will be in Luxembourg.

On Monday and Tuesday, April 28 and 29, there will be another Council of Ministers of Agriculture, this time in Brussels.

FURTHER AHEAD:

In May the following Council meetings are scheduled to take place in Brussels:

May 5 - 6 Foreign Affairs

May 13 Development

May 20 Finance

May 26 - 27 Agriculture

FLASHBACK

The House of Commons voted 396-170 in favour of continued British membership of the Common Market.

A Gallup poll published in the Daily Telegraph produced the following result: Yes to the EEC, 57 per cent; No, 31 per cent; Don't know, 12 per cent.

A poll published in the Glasgow Herald showed a one per cent margin (37-36) in favour of continued membership.

The Danish Commissioner responsible for the Community's customs union, Mr Finn Olav Gundelach, speaking in the European Parliament, strongly refuted arguments that the Common Market was responsible for Britain's trade deficit. He said that British anti-marketeers were advancing the contradictory claim to remain in a free trade area which would retain all the disadvantages they attributed to the Common Market.

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