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Weekly Timetable of Community Activities - No 16/74

COUNCIL MEETINGS CONFIRMED

Ministers Also Meeting Informally

Foreign Ministers of the Nine will meet informally this weekend at Schloss Gymnich, near Bonn, to resume their discussion on political cooperation in foreign affairs. Their meetings will be strictly private, attended by few government officials. The President of the Commission, M. Ortolí, will be there.

On Monday and Tuesday, April 22 and 23, Finance Ministers of the Nine also meet informally and privately near Utrecht.

Throughout next week the European Parliament will be meeting in Strasbourg. There will be a major debate on Wednesday, April 24, on the political situation in the Community with special reference to the British Government's policy of "renegotiation".

Council Meetings

The following Council of Ministers are now confirmed:

Monday and Tuesday, April 29 and 30, Agriculture, (Mr Fred Peart, is expected to attend); Luxembourg.

Monday, April 29, Economics and Finance; Luxembourg.

Tuesday, April 30, Development and Cooperation, (Mrs Judith Hart is expected to represent the British Government); Luxembourg.

Thursday, May 2, Education ( Mr Reg Prentice is expected to attend); Brussels.

The next normal Council of Ministers (foreign affairs) scheduled for May 2, in Brussels, is not confirmed.

This date may well be moved because of the French Presidential election, the first round of which is on May 5.

Meanwhile, Ministers of the Council of Europe will meet in Strasbourg on Monday, May 6. Britain is expected to send a Minister.

The Foreign Ministers of the Nine are provisionally booked to meet again in Bonn on Monday and Tuesday, May 13 and 14.

As noted last week another Council of Ministers on Economics and Finance is set down for Monday, May 20, but not confirmed; a routine Agricultural Council is scheduled for May 20 and 21; and a Council meeting on research, education and science is provisionally scheduled for May 31. All these would be in Brussels.

#### FLASHBACK

In France, the Foreign Minister, M. Jobert, called for a European Government, supported by democratic institutions, perhaps by 1980. In Britain, the Confederation of British Industry delivered a strong warning against British withdrawal from the Community.