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Weekly Timetable of Community Activities - No 18/74

On Tuesday, May 7, the Council of Ministers (Foreign Affairs) will meet in Brussels, at 10 a.m. This is the first Council Meeting since the British Government's declaration on its intention to "renegotiate the terms of British entry". The British proposals for renegotiation will not, however, be ready until the June meeting.

On the other hand, the Council of Ministers will no doubt discuss the imposition of import restrictions by the Italian Government. In this context it is possible that there will be a special meeting of the Council of Agricultural Ministers and also of the Finance Ministers in Brussels on the same day. This will not be confirmed until Friday, 3.5. If this happens it is equally not excluded that there will be a joint session of the Ministers to discuss the repercussions of the Italian measures. The Italian measures, of course, include restrictions on the import of food.

On Monday and Tuesday, May 13 and 14, the Foreign Ministers of the Nine are provisionally scheduled to meet again as the political committee in Bonn.

On Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 16-18, a Council of OECD Ministers will meet in Paris.

That week from Monday 13 to Friday 17.5., the European Parliament will meet in Luxembourg.

On Monday, May 20, a Council of Finance Ministers has been confirmed.

On Monday and Tuesday, May 20 and 21, there is a Council of Agricultural Ministers.

COMMISSIONERS' MOVEMENTS

Prof. Dahrendorf, Commissioner for research, education and science, will be attending the Carnegie Commission Conference on higher education in Brugges.

Mr. George Thomson, Commissioner for regional affairs, will be in Foggia on May 4 for a conference on Europe and the Mediterranean.

FLASHBACK

On Tuesday evening, the Italian Government announced measures which would severely restrict imports of all goods except non-food raw materials and capital investment goods from all countries including other member states of the Community.

In Luxembourg the Council of Agricultural Ministers approved Commission proposals to stimulate the consumption of beef.

Again in Luxembourg, the British Minister for Overseas Development, Mrs. Judith Hart, told the Council meeting that the British Government would meet the United Nations aid target of 0.7 per cent of the growth national product. Moreover, she called on the Community to operate a system of distributing aid to developing countries on a world-wide basis rather than under the present system of restricting aid to those countries engaged in negotiations with the Community - the "Associables".

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