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Weekly Timetable of Community Activities - No 25/74

SIX COUNCILS BEFORE SUMMER BREAK

July Meetings in Brussels

There are six meetings of the Council of Ministers scheduled before the end of July, and one other which is not yet confirmed.

On Tuesday next, June 25, there will be a Council of Ministers on foreign affairs in Luxembourg. Although the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. James Callaghan, is expected to attend, it is doubtful if the Commission will be in a position to report on the budgetary analysis presented by Mr. Callaghan at the last meeting.

On Thursday, June 27, there will be a Council of Transport Ministers in Luxembourg. Transport Ministers from Community and other European countries met in Vienna yesterday. Next Thursday's Council will make further study of the Commission's proposals for a common transport strategy. However the Ministers are not expected to agree on the Commission's latest proposals for increased road haulage quotas for 1975 and 1976. Although the Ministers have to take a decision on new quotas by the end of the year, when the current quotas expire, more work on this topic needs to be done in the Committee of Permanent Representatives (COREPER). The quotas are also part of a negotiating package including the weights and dimensions of heavy lorries.

There are also provisionally scheduled for next Thursday in Luxembourg Councils of Ministers on the environment and industrial affairs, but these are not confirmed.

In July Council meetings move back to Brussels.

On July 15, there is a Council of Finance Ministers; on July 15 and 16, a Council of Agriculture Ministers; and on July 22 and 23, another Council of Ministers, on foreign affairs.

Meanwhile, the European Parliament meets in Luxembourg on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday next week (June 26-28) and again in Strasbourg from July 8 to 12.

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FLASHBACK

The British Minister for Agriculture, Mr. Fred Peart, presented in more detail his Government's proposals for modifications to the operation of the common agricultural policy. The Commissioner for Agriculture, M. Petrus Lardinois, later described the proposals as "more constructive than not" although he was not in favour of Mr. Peart's proposal for a beef slaughter premium. The Council of Agriculture Ministers agreed to prolong approval of the British subsidy to pig producers.

After watching Scotland play a 0-0 draw with Brazil, the British Prime Minister went to Bonn for talks with the Federal Chancellor, Herr Helmut Schmidt.

Following the recent agreement among Foreign Ministers of the Nine in Bonn, a three-man group of Community experts went to Cairo this week to prepare for the first meeting between Arab Ministers and the Community.

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