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Weekly Timetable of Community Activities - No 36/74

COUNCIL ON FINANCE

Two-Day Farm Ministers' Meeting

Next week sees two Councils of Ministers. On Monday, October 21, Finance Ministers meet and that day and the next, October 22, the Agricultural Ministers of the Nine will be in session. Both Councils are in Luxembourg.

On Tuesday evening, at 7.30 pm. the Commissioner responsible for the running of the customs union, Mr. Finn Olav Gundelach, will be the target on the BBC Radio 4 programme "It's Your Line." The programme will be broadcast live from Brussels.

From October 23 to 26, the President of the Commission, M. Ortolini, will be in Zaire.

On November 5, the standing committee of European Ministers of Education will meet in Strasbourg. (This is not a Community occasion but involves Ministers from the Nine Member States.)

A Council of Ministers on the Environment is provisionally scheduled for November 7, in Brussels.

The next Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, at which contributions to the Community will be discussed, is scheduled for Tuesday, November 12, in Brussels.

On November 13, the OECD Committee on the environment will meet at Ministerial level in Paris.

All that week, from November 11 to 15, the European Parliament meets in Strasbourg. The same week the annual meeting of the North Atlantic Assembly (NATO MPs) will take place in London.

On Monday, November 18, the Foreign Ministers of the Nine will meet as the Political Committee in Paris. This meeting will no doubt be concerned with the likelihood of a Summit of the Nine before the end of the year.

The same day there will be a Council of Finance Ministers in Brussels, and that day and the next, November 19, there will also be a Council of Agricultural Ministers in Brussels.

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FLASHBACK

At this week's Council of Foreign Ministers in Luxembourg, President Ortoli reported that the Commission's "inventory" of the economic and financial situation in the Community since enlargement should be ready for discussion at the Council scheduled for November 12.

The British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Callaghan, suggested a timetable for the British "renegotiation." He said he would like the process to be completed by next spring.

The Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations with Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka aimed at achieving cooperation agreements along the lines already reached with India.

It was agreed there will be further discussions among the Nine on the invitation of the Secretary-General of Comecon to President Ortoli for a meeting on future links between the Community and Comecon.

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