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APPROACH TO THE SUMMIT

Foreign Ministers Meet Again on Monday

There will be another Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs in Brussels on Monday and Tuesday, December 2 and 3, where final preparations will go ahead for the proposed summit meeting of the Nine. It is assumed that the summit will take place in Paris on the following Monday and Tuesday, December 9 and 10.

Also on December 9 and 10 there will be a Council of Agricultural Ministers in Brussels, and the next day, Wednesday, December 11, a Council of Transport Ministers.

On Tuesday, December 17, there should be two Councils of Ministers, on energy and on social affairs, but these have yet to be confirmed.

On Thursday, December 19, there will be a Council of Economics and Finance Ministers.

The first Council in the New Year is proposed for January 13, on development and cooperation with Third World countries.

FLASHBACK

On Monday, November 25, the Foreign Ministers of the Nine met in Brussels to discuss the agenda for the summit meeting in Paris on December 9 and 10. Mr. Roy Hattersley, representing Britain, felt that the agenda so far produced was "too precise, detailed and inhibiting for heads of government".

On Tuesday, November 26, the Council of Ministers of Justice of the Community met for the second time of its history. Mr. Gundelach, member of the Commission, presented a report on company law. The Council also discussed the functioning of the Court of Justice. A delegation from the Court of Justice was received by the Council and the president of the Court expressed the hope that it could collaborate with the judiciary of member states.

The ministers also discussed two conventions on criminal law, the first dealing with representations at law of European officials and the second with measures against breaches of Community economic law.

On November 20, Herr Willy Brandt, speaking to a meeting of the European Movement in Paris, suggested that integration of the Community might proceed at different speeds for different members. This proposal received a cool reception in Brussels; the Commission sees dangers in any such scheme.