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Weekly Timetable of Community Activities - No 43/74

PARIS SUMMIT AT QUAI D'ORSAY

Regional Development Fund

The Heads of State and Government of the Nine will meet in Paris next Monday and Tuesday, December 9 and 10. Prospects for agreements at the summit appear brighter than in previous weeks. Governments have already decided to go ahead and establish a regional development fund.

On the same days there will be a Council of Agriculture Ministers in Brussels.

On Wednesday, December 11, there will be a Council of Transport Ministers.

On Tuesday, December 17, there is to be a Council of Ministers on social affairs, and the same day it is expected there will be a Council on energy, although this was to be confirmed later this week.

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

FLASHBACK

On Saturday last the West German Chancellor, Herr Schmidt, told the Labour Party conference that their colleagues on the Continent wanted Britain to stay in the European Community. He said that when the Party talked of solidarity, they would have to weigh this.

The Council of Ministers of foreign affairs meeting in Brussels this week gave the green light for a Regional Development Fund, which is expected to emerge in concrete form at the summit.

On Tuesday evening, the Prime Minister, Mr. Wilson, flew to Paris for dinner with the French President. Subsequent reports suggest that the meeting went better than was originally thought, although differences remain, especially on the question of Britain's contributions to the Community budget.