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Weekly Timetable of Community Activities - No 17/76

Next Council Meeting (Brussels)

May 31 + June 1 Foreign Affairs

Council Meetings in June (Luxembourg)

June 10 Energy
June 21 + 22 Agriculture
June 28 + 29 Foreign Affairs

Council Meetings in July (Brussels)

July 8 Finance PROPOSED
July 19 + 20 Foreign Affairs
July 19 + 20 Agriculture PROPOSED
July 22 Budget PROPOSED

Further Ahead - Other Events

May 3 - 28 UN Conference on Trade and Development, Nairobi
June 9 President Ortoli visits Egypt and Jordan
June 12 + 13 European Council (summit)
June 14 - 18 European Parliament, Strasbourg
June 22 - 25 State visit to the UK by the President of France
June 24 Tripartite Conference of Community Finance/Economic and
Employment Ministers, Employers, and Trade Unions, Luxembourg

FLASHBACK

Sg. Altiero Spinelli, Member of the Commission for Industrial and Technological Policy, announced his candidature in the forthcoming Italian elections as an independent supporter of the Communist Party. As is customary when a member of the Commission engages in national legislative campaigns, Sg. Spinelli has suspended his activities in the Commission.

The Council of Ministers of Agriculture again failed to reach agreement on the continuation of imports of butter from New Zealand after 1977. The difficulty remains over the size of annual quotas. The British Minister of Agriculture said he would hold further discussions with the New Zealanders. The New Zealand Government recalled its Ambassador to the Community, Mr Ian Stewart, to Wellington for consultations.

The Council of Ministers of Finance reached final agreement on the detailed mechanism to be employed in the case of a Member State paying more than its fair share, in terms of gross domestic product, into the Community Budget.

The Ministers of Finance and the standing committee on employment both discussed preparations for the Tripartite meeting on employment, scheduled to take place in Luxembourg on June 24.