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WEEKLY TIMETABLE OF COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES - NO 24/77

The European Council (summit) will meet in London on Wednesday and Thursday next, June 29 and 30. The Council is expected to conclude around 11.30 a.m. on Thursday.

The Commission has taken a conference room at the Stafford Hotel, St James's Place, S.W.1. (less than five minutes' walk from the Government Press Centre), between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. in case the President of the Commission, Mr Roy Jenkins, wishes to give a wind-up press conference.

There is no formal agenda at the European Council, but there may well be action within the areas of growth, inflation and unemployment. The Commission is proposing a new loan scheme to help structural investment programmes and special action in the field of employment, particularly for young people and women.

Discussion is also expected on negotiations with other countries for the enlargement of the Community, relations with developing countries, East-West relations and the peaceful use of nuclear energy without this leading to nuclear proliferation.

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Next Council Meetings

Luxembourg	June 27	Fisheries
	June 28	Social Affairs
	June 28 + 29	Transport

Other Events

Tripartite Conference	June 27	Luxembourg
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Provisional Dates Further Ahead

Brussels	July 18	Eco-Finance
	July 18	Agriculture
	July 20	Budget
	July 25+26	Foreign Affairs
	August	No Council Meetings
Brussels	September 19	Eco-Finance
	September 19+20	Foreign Affairs
	September 26+27	Agriculture
Luxembourg	July 4 - 8	European Parliament

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FLASHBACK

DIRECT ELECTIONS: Following the action of the French Government last week in ratifying direct elections to the European Parliament by invoking the Constitution on the responsibility of the Government, the British Government today tabled a Bill aimed for ratification by the House of Commons. The Bill provides for a regional system of proportional representation combined with a first-past-the-post system.

EAST-WEST: The Council of Ministers (foreign affairs) replied to the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance (COMECON) proposing that a meeting of the two sides be held in Brussels in the autumn. The Community would be represented at first by the Presidency and the Commission, later by the Commission alone in the name of the Community.

President Brezhnev of the Soviet Union paid a three-day official visit to France.

UGANDA: The Council issued a declaration deploring the consistent denial of basic human rights to the people of Uganda. It went on: "The Council agrees to take steps within the framework of its relationship with Uganda under the Lomé Convention to ensure that any assistance given by the Community does not in any way have as its effect a reinforcement or prolongation of the denial of basic human rights to its people".

ICE-CREAM: The Council of Agricultural Ministers discussed the possible inclusion of "ice cream" as used in Britain in the proposed regulation on competition between milk products and their substitutes. The Community is faced with a surplus of dairy products and imports of vegetable oils which compete with dairy products. The question of British "ice cream" much of which is made from vegetable oils, was referred to the next Agricultural Council where it is hoped a decision may be reached. Any Member State may request exemptions to the Regulation.

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