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Weekly Timetable of Community Activities - No 37/74

No Council meetings are scheduled for next week, although the standing committee of European Ministers of Education will meet in Strasbourg.

The Council of Ministers on the Environment is now confirmed for November 7, in Brussels. Environment ministers will also meet as an OECD Committee in Paris on November 13.

The next Council of Foreign Ministers, will meet in Brussels on November 12. Contributions to the Community budget, a major plank in Britain's "renegotiation", will be discussed at this meeting and a Commission study of the question will be presented.

The following week there will be Council meetings of Agriculture Ministers (November 18 & 19) and Finance Ministers (November 18). The European Parliament sits in Strasbourg from November 11 to 15.

On November 26 a Council and Conference of Ministers of Justice of the European Community is proposed. In the same week - November 28 - a Council meeting on the 1975 budget is also proposed.

For December the following schedule for Council meetings has been laid down:

Dec 2-3	Foreign Affairs	(proposed)
Dec 9-10	Agriculture	(confirmed)
Dec 16	Finance	(proposed)

FLASHBACK

Two important decisions were taken at Council meetings this week.

On Monday October 20, Finance Ministers agreed on a Community loan from Arab oil-producing states to help Member-States in balance of payments difficulties. The loan will initially be of \$3,000 million, although Denis Healey, who described the agreement as "an important example of solidarity on a concrete problem", hoped that more extensive loans might be made in the future. Italy is expected to be the first country to seek aid from the fund.

On Tuesday October 21, Farm Ministers reached a settlement on the sugar problem. It was agreed that if any country was short of sugar the Community would buy supplies on the world market (where the price is now £400 per ton) and sell it at the Community price (£130 per ton). At the same time Ministers agreed to expand the Community's domestic production of sugar.