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Weekly Timetable of Community Activities - No. 8/76

Next Council Meetings

March (Brussels)

March 15 + 16	Agriculture	PROPOSED
March 15	Finance	CONFIRMED
March 25	Energy	CONFIRMED

European Parliament March 8 - 12 Strasbourg

+ "Women in the European Community" - Colloquium - March 12 - 13 Brussels

Further Ahead

April 1 + 2 European Council (summit) Luxembourg

Council Meetings in April (Luxembourg)

April 5 + 6	Foreign Affairs	CONFIRMED
April 5 + 6	Agriculture	PROPOSED
April 12	Development	CONFIRMED
April 26	Finance	PROPOSED

Council Meetings in May (Brussels)

May 3 + 4	Foreign Affairs	PROPOSED
May 17 + 18	Agriculture	PROPOSED
May 17	Finance	PROPOSED
May 31 + June 1	Foreign Affairs	PROPOSED

FLASHBACK

The Council of Ministers accepted the Commission's proposals on procedure to be followed at the United Nations conference on the Law of the Sea, opening in New York on March 16. On matters already agreed the Community will speak with one voice. On issues yet to be agreed Member States will refrain from unilateral initiatives while seeking Community solutions.

The Council has a preliminary discussion on the Commission's proposals for a 200-mile Community fishing limit and exclusive coastal rights up to 12 miles.

The Council formally replied to an approach for a new relationship with COMECON and asked the Commission to examine the proposals in collaboration with the Committee of Permanent Representatives.

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FLASHBACK cont'd

The Council discussed the question of direct elections to the European Parliament. The President of the Council, M. Gaslon Thorn, Prime Minister of Luxembourg, stated he would report on the state of progress to the European Council (summit) in Luxembourg on April 1 + 2.

A contract was signed today between the European Coal and Steel Community and an international banking syndicate for the first public offering by any European borrower in Canadian dollars - \$50 million to help finance investments by the enterprises of the ECSC. The notes bear interest at 9% and have been priced at 100.5 %.

The Council of Agricultural Ministers was pursuing its attempts to reach agreement on the annual farm price package. The next proposed meeting on March 15 + 16 was dependent on the outcome of today's negotiations.

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+ Women and the European Community

The European Commission is holding a symposium in Brussels on the 12th and 13th March on 'Women and the European Community'. About a hundred women prominent in public life have been invited to attend, including members of governments, the European Parliament and the Economic and Social Committee, trade unions, politicians and women in the arts and sciences.

The aim of the symposium is to appraise the results of a survey carried out in all nine Community countries in 1975 - International Women's Year - to learn more about the attitudes of men and women to certain social issues: the status of women, female employment, priorities for social reform, and participation in social and political life.

The symposium will be held in the Palais d'Egmont, starting at 10 a.m. on Friday, March 12th.

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