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WEEKLY TIMETABLE OF COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES - No 2/77

Next Council Meetings

Brussels	January 18 January 24 + 25	Foreign Affairs Agriculture
Brussels	February 8 February 14 February 14 + 15 February 28/March 1	Foreign Affairs Finance Agriculture Agriculture

Provisional Dates Further Ahead

Joint Council of Foreign Affairs/Finance:	March 7
Foreign Affairs Council :	March 8, April 5, May 3, June 20
Finance Council :	March 14, April 25, May 16, June 20
Agriculture Council :	March 14+15, April 25+26, May 16+17, June 20+21
Transport Council :	March 22+23
Development Council :	March 29
European Council (summit):	February 21 + 22 (Brussels) June 28 + 29 (London)
European Parliament:	February 7 - 11 March 7 - 11 April 18 - 22 May 9 - 13 June 13 - 17

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FLASHBACK :

The President of the Commission, the Rt. Hon. Roy Jenkins, together with the other Vice-Presidents and Members of the new Commission, were sworn in at the Court of Justice in Luxembourg, on Tuesday, January 11. Later in the day Mr Jenkins delivered an inaugural address to the European Parliament. The texts of Mr Jenkins' remarks at both occasions are being circulated as a special Background Report. Mr Jenkins promised to announce the new Commission's programme of work at the next plenary session of the European Parliament between February 7 to 11 in Luxembourg.

The new Commission for Agriculture, Vice-President Finn Olav Gundelach, paid a preliminary visit to London where he had talks with the new President of the Council of Ministers of Agriculture, Mr John Silkin, and Dr David Owen, Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. The Commission is now heavily engaged in the preparation of its proposals for the forthcoming annual price review.

Sterling: The Governors of the Central Banks, meeting in Basle, approved a scheme to fund the sterling balances with a standby facility of \$3000 millions. The Commission warmly welcomed the agreement.

State Aid: The Commission has asked the British Government for more **information** about its plan to grant aid to industries making automatic equipment. Acting according to the Treaty of Rome the Commission decided that the justifications advanced required more explanation and so has opened a standard procedure; the British Government has two months in which to respond after which the Commission will take a decision on whether the aid proposed is in order or in conflict with the competition rules of the Treaty.

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