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WEEKLY TIMETABLE OF COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES - No. 29/77

This will be the last weekly timetable and flashback note to be issued until September 2, just before the Commission resumes work after the summer holidays.

This office will remain open, but with a reduced staff.

Future Events:

Brussels	September	7	Meeting following the return of the Commission
		19	Council of Finance Ministers
		19-20	Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs
		26-27	Council of Ministers of Agriculture

FLASHBACK

COMMUNITY AID IN BRITAIN: Taking into account all funds expected to be announced by the end of this month, the following figures represent Community aid in grants and loans reaching Britain since January, 1973:

<u>European Investment Bank Loans</u>		£618 million
<u>Coal and Steel Loans</u>		£746 million
<u>Coal and Steel Grants</u>		£36 million
<u>Social Fund Grants</u>		£159 million
<u>Regional Fund Grants</u>		£132 million
<u>Farming Capital Grants</u>		£46 million
<u>Hydrocarbon Grants</u>		£6.5 million
<u>Miscellaneous Grants</u>	approximately	£6 million
	<u>Total loans</u>	£1364 million
	<u>Total Grants</u>	£385.5 million
<u>Grand Total</u> of all loans and grants since 1.1.73:		£1749.5 million

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SPAIN: The Spanish Minister of Foreign Affairs, Sr. Marcelino Oreja, delivered his Government's application for Spain to become a member of the European Communities to M. Henri Simonet, President of the Council. In the normal course of events the Council would ask the Commission to prepare its Opinion on the application, and depending on the Opinion, negotiations for membership would open later.

GREECE: After this week's Ministerial negotiations between the Council and Greece, it was agreed that the first phase had ended and that the second should begin on October 17. While much common ground has been achieved, differences remain, particularly on the length of the transitional period, the free movement of labour and capital, agriculture and Greece's claim to special status because of its existing association agreement with the Community,

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS: At their last meeting before the summer holidays the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs:

1. Adopted a Regulation on the application of a 15 per cent anti-dumping duty on ball bearings and tapered ball bearings from Japan. The Regulation was then suspended, ready to be triggered if the main Japanese producers do not abide by their undertaking to review prices.
2. Agreed that pending the accession of the Republic of Djibouti to the Lomé Convention, Djibouti should take part in EEC-ACP institutions as an observer.
3. Agreed to take a final decision on the choice of site for the JET (Joint European Torus) site on September 20, discussions meanwhile to continue from the beginning of September under the aegis of the Belgian Presidency.
4. Approved without naming any sum the making of an exceptional loan towards reconstruction in Lebanon, and asked the European Investment Bank to investigate limits and terms.

TRADE: Mr. Wilhelm Haferkamp, Vice-President of the Commission for External Affairs, made a strong declaration in favour of continuing a single-world liberal trade policy, and against protectionism.

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