

June 4, 1981

A WEEKLY SUMMARY OF PAST AND FUTURE EVENTS

Next Council Meetings Scheduled

Luxembourg	June 10	Social Affairs	TO BE CONFIRMED
	June 11	Ecofinance/Social Affairs	TO BE C.
	June 11	Environment	
	June 15	Finance	
	June 15/16	Agriculture	
	June 18	Transport	
	June 22	Education	
	June 22/23	Foreign Affairs	
	June 25	Fiscal	

Other Events

Strasbourg	June 15 - 19	European Parliament
Luxembourg	June 29 + 30	European Council (summit)

Provisional Dates Further Ahead

Finance Council:	July 6	
Foreign Affairs Council:	July 13/14	
Agriculture Council:	July 20/21	
Budget Council:	July 23	
European Parliament:	July 6 - 10	(Strasbourg)
Western Economic Summit:	July 20 + 21	(Ottawa)
European Council (summit):	Nov. 26 + 27	(London)

THE WEEK AHEAD

The Environment Council is the only ministerial meeting to be confirmed at the time of writing. Ministers will be discussing environmental impact assessment, the risk of major accidents of the Seveso type and a Community information system for preventing oil pollution at sea. Lead levels in the atmosphere may also be on the agenda. The so-called 'jumbo' joint Finance and Social Affairs Council is provisionally scheduled for Thursday, but may be postponed.

FLASHBACK

JAPAN: The twice-yearly consultations with the Japanese produced no concessions on Japan's part in spite of pressure by the European Commission delegation on a large number of issues. In the first four months of this year, the Community's deficit with Japan has gone up by 46 per cent, reaching \$3 600m compared with \$2 500m during the same period of 1980. Passenger car imports were 18 per cent up between January and March, colour television imports up 40 per cent, colour tv tubes up 7 per cent. The Commission pressed the Japanese delegation for measures to open up the Japanese market, but no progress has been made.

STEEL: The Council of Ministers meeting today is discussing Commission proposals for maintaining crisis quotas on production of coils (which represent nearly half of total steel output) and a voluntary scheme for other products.

COURT OF JUSTICE: An eleventh judge has been sworn in for the Court of Justice, as well as a further advocate-general. These additional appointments are necessary to deal with the work load of the Court. The new judge, M. Fernand Grevisse, is French.

ITALY: The Commission is carrying out a detailed examination of the 30 per cent import deposit scheme which the Italian Government is operating until September 30. The Commission has already told the Italian Government that the measures should be sufficiently simple to cause a minimum of disturbance to the Community market.

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