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A WEEKLY SUMMARY OF PAST AND FUTURE EVENTS

Next Council Meetings

Luxembourg	June 13	Foreign Affairs
	June 13	Finance
	June 13/14	Agriculture
	June 14	Development
	June 16	Environment
	June 20/21	Fisheries
	June 21	Internal Market
	June 21	Steel
	June 21/22	Foreign Affairs
	June 28	Research

Other Events

European Council (summit):	June 17 - 19	(Stuttgart)
Political Co-operation:	June 21	(Luxembourg)

Provisional Dates Further Ahead

Transport Council:	July 4/5, Sept 26/27
Finance Council:	July 11
Agriculture Council:	July 11/12, Sept 19/20
Energy Council:	July 12, Sept 23
Foreign Affairs Council:	July 18/19, Sept 19/20
Budget Council:	July 21/22
European Parliament:	July 4-8 (Strasbourg) Sept 12-16 (Strasbourg)
Economic & Social Committee Plenary Session:	July 5-7 (Brussels) Sept 27-29 (Brussels)
Agriculture Ministers (informal meeting):	Sept 5-6 (Athens)
Finance Ministers (informal meeting):	Sept 10-11 (Greece)
Development Ministers (informal meeting):	Sept 26-27 (Greece)
Employment/Social Affairs Ministers (inf.meeting):	Sept 29-30 (Athens)
Political Co-operation:	Sept 12 (Athens)

THE WEEK AHEAD

A busy week in Luxembourg for newly elected British ministers begins with a Foreign Affairs Council on Monday June 13. This will be preparing for the European Council of heads of state and government which convenes in Stuttgart on Friday June 17 and continues until Sunday. No formal agenda is prepared for European Councils, but among the items expected to be discussed are: the future development of the Community's budget, including the question of Britain's contribution; progress in negotiations for Spanish and Portuguese entry; opening up of the European internal market; training of young unemployed; and the Genscher - Colombo initiative for a European Act.

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THE WEEK AHEAD (cont'd)

Finance ministers will meet on Monday to discuss economic and monetary issues which may arise at the Summit and also insurance other than life assurance. The main business of the Agriculture Council will be the proposals for aiding Mediterranean areas. Conditions for battery hens will also be on the agenda. The Development Council, meeting on Tuesday, will be considering aspects of Community food aid policy, including proposals for a special programme to combat hunger in the world.

Lead in petrol will feature on the agenda of the Environment Council on Thursday June 16, and also the shipment of dangerous wastes between member countries and the battle against atmospheric pollution arising from industrial plants.

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FLASHBACK

SOCIAL AFFAIRS: Ministers meeting in Luxembourg for the Social Affairs Council agreed on a resolution concerning vocational training for young people. Member states committed themselves to using their best endeavours to ensure that young people should receive six months' or if possible, one year's vocational training after leaving school.

SOCIAL FUND: The Social Affairs Council agreed a new structure for the Europe Social Fund. Three-quarters of the Fund will be devoted to young unemployed people (under 25 years old). Other groups to benefit will include the long-term unemployed, handicapped, migrant workers, women returning to work and employees of small and medium sized enterprises. Innovative projects will get special assistance. Finance will be concentrated on places with high unemployment irrespective of the situation in the wider region.

BRITISH VIEWS OF THE COMMUNITY: A Gallup poll has shown that 53 per cent of those questioned are in favour of Britain staying in the European Community as against 35 per cent in favour of coming out. 43 per cent believe British membership to be a good thing as against 40 per cent who think it is a bad thing.

PIONEER: The European Court of Justice has upheld the Commission's decision on the Pioneer electronics company. The company was fined for preventing parallel imports into France.

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