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A WEEKLY SUMMARY OF PAST AND FUTURE EVENTS

Next Council Meetings

Brussels	July 11	Eco-Finance
	July 11/12	Fisheries
	July 12	Energy
	July 18/19	Agriculture
	July 18/19	Foreign Affairs
	July 20/21	Budget
	July 25	Steel

Provisional Dates Further Ahead

Agriculture Council:	Sept 19/20, Oct 17/18
Foreign Affairs Council:	Sept 19/20, Oct 17/18
Energy Council:	Sept 23
Transport Council:	Sept 26/27
Industry Council:	Oct 3
Fisheries Council:	Oct 3
Finance Council:	Oct 24
Research Council:	Oct 26
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)
Transport Ministers (informal meeting):	Oct 6-7 (Athens)
Foreign Affairs Ministers (informal meeting):	Oct 8-9 (Greece)
Political Co-operation:	Sept 12 (Athens)
European Parliament:	Sept 12-16 (Strasbourg)
	Oct 10-14 (Strasbourg)
	Oct 24-28 (Strasbourg)
Economic & Social Committee Plenary Session:	Sept 27-29 (Brussels)
	Oct 25-27 (Brussels)
European Council (summit):	Dec 6 (Athens)

THE WEEK AHEAD

The first meeting of the Special Council established to work on the declaration of the Stuttgart Summit takes place in Brussels tomorrow, July 8. Next week's timetable includes a meeting of finance ministers on Monday July 11 to discuss export credits and the international monetary system, a two-day meeting of fisheries ministers also beginning on Monday, which will seek agreement on herring fishery in the North Sea and quotas for other fish species, and a meeting of energy ministers on Tuesday.

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Briefing on exclusive purchasing: Thursday, July 14

A briefing is planned at this office at 3.30 pm on Thursday July 14 for journalists interested in the implications of the new Commission regulations on exclusive purchasing and distribution, which will govern, inter alia, franchises between suppliers and dealers, pubs and petrol stations. Anyone wishing to come should confirm with the press office beforehand.

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Europe without frontiers: Sunday July 10

A demonstration will be held at Dover Eastern Docks on Sunday July 10 to protest against barriers which restrict the free movement of people and goods between member countries. The event will take place between 10 am and 5 pm, with a press conference to be held by the European Movement at 11.30 am at the East Cliff Hotel, Dover.

FLASHBACK

BUDGET: Commission Vice-President Mr Christopher Tugendhat introduced the Community's supplementary budget to the European Parliament and told MEPs that the trend of agricultural costs was 'extremely disquieting'. It meant that farm guarantees would go up by 28 per cent this year, against a 9 per cent rise in the Community's income. The supplementary budget is for an additional 2 380m ECU (about £1 400m) of which 1 811m ECU (£1 050m) is for agriculture and another 385m (£223m) is an extra rebate to the United Kingdom for 1982. With this supplementary budget adopted, the full resources of the Community would be called upon this year.

FISHERIES: The European Commission decided to suspend herring fishing in the North Sea as from Tuesday July 12 for those countries which have reached their quotas - Norway, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom.

STEEL: The announcement by President Reagan that new tariffs and quotas would be imposed on imports of steel into the United States caused consternation. The European Commission stated its belief that the problems of the American steel industry were not due to imports but to a general collapse of demand. The decision did not reflect the commitments made at Williamsburg to resist protectionism. The Commission is now examining the American action in the context of GATT.

£5.6M GRANTS TO FARMING AND FISHING: The European Commission has announced grants totalling £5 657 293 for the processing and marketing of agricultural and fisheries products in the United Kingdom and for modernising the feeding-stuffs industry in Northern Ireland.

BACKGROUND REPORTS ISSUED:

ISEC/B22/83 Social measures designed to help the young and the unemployed

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Special note: As from Monday July 25 1983 the address of the European Commission in London will be:

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