

October 6, 1983

A WEEKLY SUMMARY OF PAST AND FUTURE EVENTS

Next Council Meetings

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| Luxembourg | Oct 10 - 12 | Special Council (ATHENS)                  |
|            | Oct 17 - 18 | Agriculture                               |
|            | Oct 17 - 18 | Foreign Affairs                           |
|            | Oct 22 - 23 | Foreign Affairs informal meeting (ATHENS) |
|            | Oct 24      | Eco-Finance                               |
|            | Oct 26      | Research                                  |
|            | Oct 26      | Internal Market                           |

Other Events

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| European Parliament:                         | Oct 10-14 | (Strasbourg) |
|  | Oct 24-28 | (Strasbourg) |
| Economic & Social Committee Plenary Session: | Oct 25-27 | (Brussels)   |

Provisional Dates Further Ahead:

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| Energy Council:                              | Nov 4, Dec 2         |              |
| Agriculture Council:                         | Nov 7-8, Dec 12-13   |              |
| Special Council:                             | Nov 9-12             | (Greece)     |
| Finance Council:                             | Nov 14, Dec 12       |              |
| Development Council:                         | Nov 15               |              |
| Foreign Affairs Council:                     | Nov 18-19, Dec 19-20 |              |
| Budget Council:                              | Nov 22               |              |
| Environment Council:                         | Nov 28               |              |
| Fisheries Council:                           | Dec 5                |              |
| Social Affairs Council:                      | Dec 8                |              |
| Consumer Affairs Council:                    | Dec 12               |              |
| Research Council:                            | Dec 13               |              |
| Transport Council:                           | Dec 20               |              |
| Social Affairs Ministers (informal meeting): | Nov 7                | (Athens)     |
| Agriculture Ministers (informal meeting):    | Nov 28               | (Greece)     |
| European Parliament:                         | Nov 14-18            | (Strasbourg) |
|  | Dec 12-16            | (Strasbourg) |
| Economic & Social Committee Plenary Session: | Nov 22-24            | (Brussels)   |
|  | Dec 13-15            | (Brussels)   |
| Political Co-operation:                      | Nov 22               | (Brussels)   |
| European Council (summit):                   | Dec 5-6              | (Athens)     |

THE WEEK AHEAD

The October meeting of the Special Council of foreign, finance and agriculture ministers which is considering the development of the Community following the Stuttgart European Council is being held in Athens from Monday to Wednesday.

The European Parliament will be debating the Community's supplementary budget for 1983 on Monday and Tuesday, with the vote planned for 4.30pm on Wednesday. If the Parliament follows the opinion of its budgets committee, it will adopt the supplementary budget - which is necessary to meet the costs of agricultural spending for the rest of 1983 and to pay the rebates to the United Kingdom and Germany - but will put the rebate finance under a special budget line which effectively freezes it until the Community has resolved the long-term budget problem.

FLASHBACK

FISH: The Council of Ministers failed once again to resolve the impasse over fish quotas for 1983, despite new Commission proposals which include potential future stocks as well as current stocks. Talks will be resumed on October 19. The ministers did agree - by majority vote - to a three-year restructuring programme for the fishing industry costing 250m ECU (£145m).

LABOUR PARTY: The Labour Party conference voted for a National Executive Committee document which modified the party's position on the European Community, making it clear that withdrawal would not be an option during the life of the next European Parliament, although it would remain an option in the long term for Britain as for other member states.

NEW ZEALAND BUTTER: The European Commission agreed proposals on imports of New Zealand butter, which would fix imports at 83 000 tonnes for 1984 and diminish by 2 000 tonnes a year for five years. The Commission decided not to propose cut price sales of Christmas butter as suggested by the European Parliament.

BACKGROUND REPORTS ISSUED:

ISEC/B24/83 - The Employees' Right to Know - a Revised 'Vredeling' proposal

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