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A WEEKLY SUMMARY OF PAST AND FUTURE EVENTS

Next Council Meetings

Brussels	November 4	Industry
	November 4	Energy
	November 5	Research
	November 9-12	Special Council (Greece)
	November 14	Finance
	November 14-15	Agriculture
	November 15	Development
	November 22	Budget
	November 28	Environment
	November 28-29	Foreign Affairs

Other Events

Social Affairs Ministers (informal meeting):	Nov 7	(Athens)
Agriculture Ministers (informal meeting):	Nov 28	(Delphi)
Political Cooperation:	Nov 22	(Brussels)
European Parliament:	Nov 14-18	(Strasbourg)
Economic & Social Committee Plenary Session:	Nov 22-24	(Brussels)

Provisional Dates Further Ahead:

Energy Council:	Dec 2
Fisheries Council:	Dec 5
Social Affairs Council:	Dec 8
Consumer Affairs Council:	Dec 12
Finance Council:	Dec 12
Agriculture Council:	Dec 12-13
Research Council:	Dec 13
Foreign Affairs Council:	Dec 19-20
Transport Council:	Dec 20
European Parliament:	Dec 12-16 (Strasbourg)
European Council (summit):	Dec 5-6 (Athens)

THE WEEK AHEAD

Ministers responsible for industry are due to meet in Brussels on Friday, November 4. Steel will be among the items to be discussed. A Council of Ministers meeting on energy will be held on the same day. Following this week's failure to agree on the ESPRIT project, a research council has been convened for Saturday, November 5 in Brussels.

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FLASHBACK

MOTOR CARS: Motor manufacturers and traders attacked a Commission proposal which outlines means of regularising the so-called 'parallel' market in cars. The Commission suggests that dealers may undercut the nationally fixed price of cars, if there is more than 12 per cent difference between it and the price in another Community country. The intention is to bring down car prices and benefit the consumer.

ANGLO-FRENCH MEETING: After their meeting in London President Mitterand and Mrs Thatcher agreed to try to narrow differences between the two countries concerning the European Community and its policies.

ESPRIT: The Esprit programme of research on communications technology has been blocked by research ministers. The research council is to meet again on November 5.

AGRICULTURAL SUBSIDY: The Commission is to make available \$18.38m to subsidise sales of wheat flour to Egypt in an attempt to regain the Egyptian market from the United States.

STEEL: The Commission has condemned the beginning of an anti-dumping investigation by the American Department of Commerce of Belgian and German exports of steel plate to the United States.

INSURANCE: No progress was made at a Council of Finance ministers on the Commission's proposals to extend the right of establishment of insurance companies. The directive remains blocked by Germany.

COMMUNITY LOANS: Two loans for the high voltage electrical power line between Britain and France have been made under the New Community Instrument, totalling 46.7m ECU, of which £20m has been granted to the British Electricity Council and the balance to Electricité de France.

A further £10m facility is loaned to the ICFC division of Investors in Industry to help small and medium-scale industrial investment in Britain's non-assisted areas.

BACKGROUND REPORTS ISSUED: A set of four briefing papers as background to the Athens European Council are being sent to readers. The four titles are:

- I Future Financing of the Community
- II Adapting the Common Agricultural Policy
- III Completing enlargement
- IV Technology, Science and Industry

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