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Weekly Timetable of Community Activities - No 38/74

Council of Environment Ministers

The Ministers of the Environment will meet in Brussels next week, November 7, and also the following week on November 12 and 13. The anti-pollution policy of the European Communities and the "polluter pays" principle will feature prominently on the agenda. It is not yet sure which British minister will attend these meetings.

The European Parliament meets in Strasbourg from November 11 to 15. The following week there will be Council meetings on Agriculture (November 18 & 19) and Finance (November 18).

Foreign Ministers of the European Community will meet as a Political Cooperation Committee in Paris on November 18. On November 19, Mr Callaghan will have meetings with the French President, Mr Giscard d'Estaing, and the French Foreign Minister, Mr Sauvagnargues.

The Council and Conference of Ministers of Justice proposed for November 26 is now confirmed as is the Council meeting on the 1975 budget on November 28.

FURTHER AHEAD

The following Council meetings are proposed for December in Brussels:-

December 2-3	Foreign Ministers
December 9-10	Agriculture (confirmed)
December 12	Transport
December 16	Social
December 17	Energy

The Community Summit meeting now seems certain to take place in Paris in the first ten days of December although no date has yet been decided.

FLASHBACK

The Commission published a study of national contributions to the Community budget which tended to support suggestions that the system penalises heavy importing

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countries and those with balance of payments problems and a high ratio of consumption to investment.

On October 29, the British Government promised in the Queen's Speech to pursue vigorously the renegotiation and obtain the verdict of the British people on EEC membership. The following day, the Foreign Secretary, James Callaghan, said in the Commons that hopes for a successful conclusion to renegotiations by next Spring were high.

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