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PRIME MINISTER'S INTERVIEW WITH THE DAILY EXPRESS: EUROPEAN UNION

1. UNDER HEADLINES SUCH AS "UNIFICATION OF EUROPE IS LAUGHABLE" AND "THATCHER AGAINST UNIFICATION OF EUROPE" A NUMBER OF PAPERS HAVE CARRIED BRIEF AGENCY REPORTS OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S REMARKS ON EUROPEAN UNION.
2. THE PRIME MINISTER IS REPORTED TO HAVE SPOKEN OUT DECISIVELY AGAINST THE JOINING TOGETHER OF WESTERN EUROPEAN DEMOCRACIES IN A UNITED STATES OF EUROPE. IT WAS "ABSOLUTELY LAUGHABLE" TO TALK OF UNIFICATION OF EUROPEAN STATES ON THE MODEL OF THE USA. HER BELIEF IN A EUROPE OF DIFFERENT STATES EACH WITH ITS OWN CHARACTER AND IDENTITY WORKING TOGETHER IN A COMMON MARKET IS ALSO RECORDED AS IS HER STATEMENT THAT WE HAVE NOT YET A COMMON MARKET AND ARE A LONG WAY FROM IT.
3. WHEN THE AMBASSADOR SAW LAUTENSCHLAGER (AUSWAERTIGES AMT) AND STABREIT (KANZLERAMT) ON 4 JUNE, BOTH REFERRED TO THE PM'S REMARKS WITH REGRET.

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