

POOL REPORT

Economic Summit Luncheon
Versailles
Saturday, June 5, 1982

Pool entered luncheon room where leaders were seated at a table. President Reagan sat with Prime Minister Thatcher on his right and Prime Minister Suzuki on his left.

The exchange verbated below then took place:

Q: Mr. President, what happened at the U.N. vote? Sir, did we mean to veto or abstain?

A: Uh, you've caught me a long ways away from there, let me catch up with things of that kind.

Q: Mrs. Kirkpatrick cast a veto, and later said she meant to abstain...but the council said the veto had to stand.

A: Well, then the veto stands but abstain would have done the same thing. It would not have been voting for the measure.

Q: Some British sources claim to be furious that we had even wanted to abstain. They wanted us to join in the veto.

A: Sam, I have no information with which to answer.

Q: You're not angry, Mrs. Thatcher. You're not angry, mam?

A: I don't do interviews at lunchtime.

Voice from behind Mrs. Thatcher: This is no time for interviews.

Mrs. Thatcher looked somewhat pained, I thought. The President was, as ever, cheerful and gracious in attempting to answer questions. Needless to say, Mr. Deaver and Mr. Speakes were not present.

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