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Thatcher incensed by EEC vote

From Ian Murray
Milan

An extremely bad-tempered EEC summit ended here on Saturday with the Community in serious disarray, after Britain, Greece and Denmark had been outmanoeuvred in a divisive vote called in the name of European union.

To the undisguised fury of Mrs Thatcher there is to be a special "intergovernmental conference" to discuss changes to the Treaty of Rome; changes which Britain and Denmark have already said they will never accept.

President Mitterrand, one of the seven to vote for the conference, said the summit had sorted out "those in favour of a strong, united Europe from those who are hanging back". He expected this to be finally cleared up at the next summit in Luxembourg at the end of the year.

His comments have re-kindled speculation about a two-tier Europe, with the original six members plus Ireland on one level and Britain and the dissident Greeks and Danes on another.

The furious argument inside the meeting overshadowed other agreements reached, to press ahead with tearing down the internal frontiers of the Community, to create a new-technology Europe, and to set up a 500,000 tonne cereal store to fight famine in Africa. But these points were scarcely noticed.

The debate also put an end to the real progress being made towards co-ordinating community foreign policy along lines suggested by Britain, France and West Germany. That subject is now to go to the intergovernmental conference as well.

Mrs Thatcher had gone to Milan seeking a kind of gentleman's agreement to accept more majority voting, while protecting but limiting the right of veto. Signor Bettino Craxi, the Italian Prime Minister chairing the summit, insisted that the only way to streamline decision-making was through treaty amendments doing away with the veto in certain areas. An intergovernmental conference was needed for this, he argued, and when Mrs Thatcher refused to accept it, he called a vote for the first time at a summit. An amazed Mrs Thatcher was defeated.

Afterwards she said the coming conference was just an excuse for not taking decisions. "I am not particularly irritated. It was just a lost opportunity."

But Mr Bernard Ingham, her spokesman, had another version of her mood. "She has but one emotion - fury", he said. "The Richter scale ceases to operate when it applies to her. It is not irritation to the Prime Minister. It is total volcanic eruption. Krakatoa has nothing on it."

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Bad tempered summit dims prospect of a federated Europe

From Ian Murray, Milan

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Reform sought of Rome treaty

From Our Own Correspondent, Milan

The calling of an inter-government conference, essentially to agree changes to two articles of the Treaty of Rome...

The two articles are 57 and 100. As the treaty now stands, any agreements under these articles have to be unanimous...

Dozens of Commission proposals are blocked by one or more members states using the veto rights given by the summit as a whole.

Extracts from the President's conclusions (which were not in all cases approved by the summit as a whole):

Institutional affairs: The European Council (the summit) confirmed the need to improve the operation of the Community in order to give concrete form to the objectives...

Economic and social: The Council of Ministers for Economic and Financial Affairs was asked to consider the extent to which the convergence which had already been achieved...

Internal market: It instructed the Council of Ministers to initiate a precise programme of action, based on the White Paper and the conditions on the basis of which customs union had been brought about...

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Their optimism seems ill-founded. Britain apart, the Government in Denmark, where at least a third of the population would vote to join...

And Mr Andreas Papandreou, the Greek Prime Minister, is showing no signs of wanting to see any change.

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Speaking from Canberra, the spokesman emphasized that the Australian Government, which is not directly represented in Palau, had no first hand information on the shooting...

He said the political situation there was delicate because Palau and the three other tiny states in the 2,000-island Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands were undergoing a change in their formal association with the US.

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Young Tibetan monks re-learning the art of blowing ceremonial horns amid the ruins of the Garden Monastery outside Lhasa. The monastery was one of more than 3,000 religious centres in Tibet destroyed on Chinese government orders after 1959.

Leader of island state murdered

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It falls well short of what the outside world has long been demanding: an immediate ceasefire, elections to a constituent assembly and full independence...

This route is blocked because South Africa has made the removal of an estimated 30,000 Cuban troops from Namibia's northern neighbour, Angola, a precondition for putting 435 into effect...

In the interim, South Africa is hoping to pressurize the South West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO) guerrillas, against whom it has been engaged in desultory war since 1966...

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Peres cuts run into a storm: Israel appeared poised for a period of labour unrest yesterday as the powerful Histadrut General Federation of Labour attacked the three-month economic stabilization plan...

Mr Peres was determined to win approval for the plan at yesterday's Cabinet meeting. "Either there will be an economic plan or there will be no Government," he was quoted as saying...

Race rivalry could block change

mixed-race Coloureds; the Rehoboth Liberated Democratic Party (RLDP) from the Baster People; the South West Africa National Union (Swa) from the Hereros; the Swapo Democrats (Swapo-D) from the Ovambos; and the National Party (NP) from the Afrikaans-speaking whites.

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'Self-rule' in Windhoek

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Pretoria claims 45 guerrillas killed in Angola raid

Johannesburg - South African troops killed 45 Namibian black nationalist guerrillas in a "hot pursuit" raid into southern Angola on Saturday, the chief of the Defence Force, General Constand Viljoen, said at the weekend (Michael Hornsby writes).

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General Viljoen said the raid was a response to a mortar attack on Friday on the base called Eenhana in the far northern Obamboland region of Namibia, a few miles east of the border town of Oshikango. The

one wounded, both black soldiers. In February last year, South Africa signed an agreement with Angola to withdraw all its troops from southern Angola. A condition was that the Angolan Army would control Swapo.

The South Africans say their right to make "hot pursuit" raids is recognized under the agreement if the Angolans cannot exercise this control.

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