

PM's Talks with Karamanlis

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~~For V. M. Karamanlis~~

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The talks between Mrs. Thatcher and Mr. Karamanlis were carried out in a very friendly climate which befits the traditional friendship linking Great Britain and Greece. As regards bilateral relations it was confirmed that they develop smoothly. It was agreed that ways should be sought to broaden further the co-operation between the two countries in all fields. To this effect the Greek Minister of Co-ordination will be coming to London next month. The Prime Ministers reviewed the international situation which has lately entered a ^{complicated} phase ~~of confusion and relative tension~~ and they agreed that a cool assessment of the ^{situation} ~~causes of this development~~ is required. In this frame-work the two Prime Ministers also discussed the problems that the European Community is facing today, ~~and they emphasised the need for a closer co-operation of the European countries for dealing with them.~~ Mr. Karamanlis had the opportunity to brief Mrs. Thatcher on his impressions of his recent trip to Moscow, Budapest and Prague. Other issues of particular interest to Greece such as Cyprus, the relations of Greece with NATO and Greece's accession to the European Community were also discussed. Mrs. Thatcher assured Mr. Karamanlis that the ratification by the British Parliament of the Treaty of Accession will be completed in the shortest possible time.

Was here for 1 1/4 hours pre-lunch; lunch ended 2-30.