

THE UK AND EUROPE SINCE 1945

Task: After introducing the documents, analyze M. Thatcher's changing relationship to Europe



Source 1: 3rd June 1975, London, England, Conservative Party leader Margaret Thatcher with the Deputy Leader William Whitelaw.

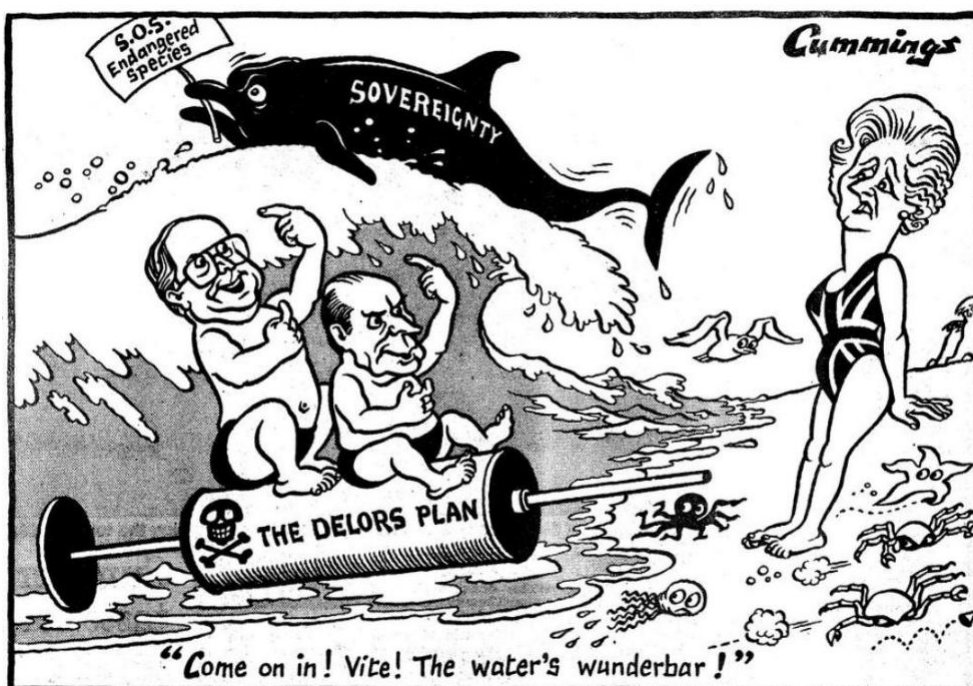
Source 2:

"Mrs Thatcher has recently left us in no doubt of her reservations about the direction which "Europe" — specifically the European Community — is in danger of taking. She has drawn clear battle lines between national sovereignty and federalist advocates of a European "super state".

Mrs Thatcher's European political nightmare does have some roots in reality. For example the extent of the developing challenge to traditional assumptions about British state sovereignty were underlined again last week with the revelation that — in future — Whitehall may be obliged to stump up real increases in public expenditure in the regions and areas of industrial decline if it is to attract promised EC regional and social development money. This can be seen as a possible loss of sovereignty over public spending to Brussels."

John Palmer (European Editor of the Guardian), Thatcher as the wallflower of Europe, in *The Guardian*, 31 October 1988

Source 3: Cummings, in the *Daily Express*. 28.06.1989. London.



Notes : The two characters on the syringe are Helmut Kohl (German Chancellor) and François Mitterrand (French President).

"Wunderbar" is the German word for Wonderful"