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In return , Mrs. Thatcher is excoriated from Fleet Street to Paris as an obstructionist .

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Well , it now turns out that Mrs. Thatcher had to travel across the globe to the 49-member Commonwealth summit in Kuala Lumpur to discomfit the Holy Order of Consensus Builders .

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" She can no longer be trusted to behave in a civilised – that is unflaky – fashion when abroad . "

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Canada 's Brian Mulroney and Australia 's Bob Hawke , the paper said , were " enraged . "

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As usual , her sin was saying what she thought .

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She issued a separate statement , separating herself from a Commonwealth document reasserting the political value of imposing sanctions against South Africa .

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While supporting the Commonwealth " in utterly condemning apartheid , " her statement urged it to " encourage change " rather than inflict further punishment on the country 's black population .

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Still , Mrs. Thatcher had once again gone against the grain .

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Malaysia 's Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad sniffed , " If everybody else puts out their left foot and you put out your right foot , you are out of step . "

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If indeed Mrs. Thatcher has one opponent that could throw her off political course it is Britain 's mysteriously intractable inflation problem .

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It is refreshing to see at least one world figure who knows what she believes in and is not inclined to reflexively compromise those beliefs .