Iron Lady Thatcher warns again of Soviet threat

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In the House of Commons yesterday, the Prime Minister, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, warned that the Soviet Union was continuing to build up its nuclear arsenal at a rate that could raise the threat of another full-scale war to a level of danger not seen since the Cold War.

Mrs Thatcher said that the Soviet Union was already the world's leading nuclear power and that it continued to build up its nuclear forces at a rate that could increase the risk of another full-scale war to a level of danger not seen since the Cold War.

She added that the Soviet Union had also been increasing its conventional forces in Europe, and that this too was a cause for concern.

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