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THE SMILING SENHORA'S

Portugal's woman Prime Minister, (below) talking about herself for the first time to JACQUELINE REDDITT.



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PRIME Ministers are traditionally serious, forbidding and male. Portugal's new premier is jolly, easy to talk to and female. Her constant smile and ready laugh are already becoming legend, but behind the smile is, if not an "Iron Lady" certainly a woman to be reckoned with.

Senhora (Miss) Maria De Lourdes Pintasilgo, considered Left-wing though not a member of any political party, was recently appointed by Portugal's President Antonio Ramalho Eanes to run a "caretaker" government for about 100 days, until general elections.

A comparison between Europe's first two women Prime Ministers is inevitable. To begin with, both are from middle-class backgrounds and both are industrial chemists. The two have never met, but Senhora Pintasilgo said of Mrs Thatcher: "She appears to me as a person of tremendous determination and at the same time pragmatism and—something I admire a lot—she doesn't seem to get lost in the midst of many

