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I recently met a Mr. Zombanakis, formerly of Manufacturers' Hanover, but now with the First Boston. He is, himself, a monetary economist, ex-Harvard, and would glad help organise a conference.

He believes that Healey is tough and skilled in many dogmas but is still a determined and shrewd Socialist intent on demonstrating the failure of the private sector — as an excuse for nationalisation a la française. Nationalisation would then not appear to be dogmatic but a "commonsense" solution to the lack of investment vitality.

Zombanakis emphasises the huge L.D.C. debts of £115 billion and the shattering effect that any failure might have on the banking system of the free world.

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