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## Closer to Greece by the day

In a moment of candor, labor leader Bohumír Dufek told [LN](#) that Czechs don't have a general strike in them right now. Maybe in seven years, he said, with slight hyperbole. If the union leaders want to keep the CR from going down the Greek path, they'll have to work faster than this. The country has been largely spared so far because it hasn't had as much time - only 20 years - to saddle itself with crippling debt and to allow the special interests to steal it blind, but people at the top are working hard to "correct" this. The underlying structure is already very Greek; it's mainly the degree that's different. Petr Nečas's bright idea of temporarily raising the VAT rate to 19% if the eurozone crisis deepened would in fact speed up the Hellenization, not retard it. Opposing any tax increase before the theft from the budget is stemmed is something all honest workers and honest companies should be able to agree on immediately.

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