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Monetarism attacked by top economists

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Three hundred and sixty-four of Britain's leading academic economists have today published an outspoken attack on the Government's handling of the economy.

The group, which includes most of the men who have held the coveted post of Chief Economic Adviser to governments since the war, declares that present policies are eroding the industrial base, deepening the depression and threatening social and political stability.

The attack comes in the form of a statement which was circulated in Britain's universities just after the Budget. Copies have been sent to the Prime Minister and to the Chancellor of the Exchequer. Although uncompromising in tone, it has succeeded in attracting massive support from the community of academic economists.

Among the signatories are the president, nine vice-presidents and the director-general of the Royal Economic Society.

The statement says: "We, who are all present or retired members of the economic staffs

of British universities, are convinced that:

There is no basis in economic theory or supporting evidence for the Government's belief that by deflating demand they will bring inflation permanently under control and thereby induce an automatic recovery in output and employment;

Present policies will deepen the depression, erode the industrial base of our economy and threaten its social and political stability;

There are alternative policies; and

The time has come to reject monetarist policies and consider urgently which alternative offers the best hope of sustained economic recovery."

Five men who have held the post of Chief Economic Adviser to the Government since the war have signed the statement. They are Professor James Meade, Lord Roberthall, Sir Alec Cairncross, Sir Bryan Hopkin and Sir Fred Atkinson.

Sir Donald MacDougall, at present at the Confederation of British Industry, and Sir Kenneth Berrill, who was until

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last year head of the Government "think tank", are the two former Chief Economic Advisers to the Government who have not signed the statement. But under Sir Donald's guidance, the CBI has been critical of Government policy.

The organizers say that the response from different universities throughout the country may have been influenced by the timing of the statement, which went out as term was ending. The biggest contingent, 54 in all, comes from Cambridge University, the original home of the statement. There are 47 signatories from the various colleges of London University, 13 from Oxford and 21 from Warwick.

The list includes 76 present or past professors. Thirty-six universities are represented.

The statement was organized by Professors Frank Hahn and Robert Nield at Cambridge.

The aim is to bury the controversy over whether the Government is right in its present policies and switch attention to what alternatives should be pursued instead. The organizers feel that the economics profession in Britain has never been convinced of the case for monetarism, but that this fact has never clearly been communicated to the country as a whole.

Monetarism's converts have been largely in the City, politics and in the Press, although there are some leading academic economists who do broadly subscribe to the monetarist viewpoint.

The statement aimed against monetarism comes from economists who could be loosely described as "Keynesian" in their views.

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