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But during his visit to Hungary he did appear to budge on something else - a kind of sugar tax - at least, one on drinks. The evidence about how bad they are for us is growing all the time. A study published today in the medical journal The Lancet says cutting the consumption of sugar in drinks by 40% might have a dramatic effect. It could prevent a million people becoming obese. And 300,000 instances of Type 2 diabetes, over 20 years. And today Cancer Research UK backed a sugary drinks tax for the first time, saying Britain is on track for 700,000 new cancer cases as a result of people being

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overweight or obese. They may taste good and look good. But these drinks we are told are our enemies. The sugar content is too high. It is a problem the government wants to tackle. Today the Prime Minister hinted he may consider that such drinks. We need to look at this in the way in the past we have looked at dangers of smoking and other health related issues. We need a fully worked out strategy. We should rule nothing out. But putting extra taxes on something is something I would rather avoid. If that sounds like an changing tone then it is. Last year Downing Street ruled out a blanket sugar tax. But something could be on the cards. It would be a U-turn but a welcome one

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of the many. I think that attacks on fizzy drink would focus the industry's mind very much on this whole issue. It should be obvious was not this sugary drinks. It does prove that taking it seriously. There is growing public support for a new tact and evidence it can have a positive effect especially among children. In Mexico if you buy a drink at this you pay a 10% levy. Analysis shows that that led to a cut in sales. A similar tax in other countries had led to a drop in sales. The evidence is compelling. But not compelling enough for the industry. What the evidence suggests is that that by promoting the low-calorie products and providing

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alternative the soft drinks industry can play his part in reducing calorie intake. But for you is it not just about profit? Absolutely right the soft drink industry does have a vested interest. We do not think that the evidence justifies tax. The government will look at the beastie strategy when the report is published. But now it is looking more likely that attacks will form part of that strategy. Being boss of Marks and Being boss of Marks and Spencer may be about the most high profile job in British retail, but it has often been something of a poisoned chalice. Clothes sales are down again and today we learned the store's latest boss Marc Bollard is out. His replacement is a man who first worked for M&S as a fifteen year old Saturday boy. But what kind of future does the store really have? Food sales are good but clothing

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sales are not good enough. Marks & Spencer's Christmas story is one we have heard before. The twist in the town is that the chief executive decided to resign. Marc Bolland Is there anything in April. Mark will get the credit for making a courageous decision to invest in the business. They set up the food business. It is the best in the country. The building blocks of great distribution and great design. Look at your performance over Christmas. Some people will think that he had been put. I can say 100% that is not true. Marks & Spencer's was the biggest retailer in the

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