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SARKOZY'S NEW LAWS ABOUT IMMIGRATION

STATE RACISM

In this fanzine we try to give news that the big medias seem to forget. French spring has been a long struggle season. Students, followed by many workers, built an important strike in all universities of the country. They were fighting against a law called "Loi sur l'Egalité des Chances" (Law on Equality of Chances) that had equality only its name. A part of this law was the "Contrat Première Embauche" (CPE - Contract First Job). This work contract was about to allow companies to fire an employee without any reason during two years after he had been employed... if this employee was under 26 years old. After two months of struggle, this part of the law is dead now. But all the rest of the LEC is still alive. The partial victory against it, made most of the people go back to work and stop struggling. Just after this episode, the French Interior sinister Sarkozy proposed a law the fight against immigration. Since he is a member of the government in 2001, Sarkozy try to get extreme right wing voters. In 2001 most of the French electorate voted for Chirac because he was opposed to Le Pen who is the leader of the extreme right and fascist party. Trap of the representative democracy !



Since this date, Chirac government and its party applied more then the half of Le Pen program. But the people is not behind him: struggles, strikes, riots... Before they loose the power, this government try to vote conservatives laws as much as possible. And as the French "left" wing is not better than the right one, we can be sure that the next government won't change anything. The new law of Sarkozy, who wants to be the next president, means real bad things for immigrants. Their situation wasn't good before...it's going to be worth. The French government reaches a step in repressive and conservative laws. It allowed police to catch "illegal" migrants anywhere, even to catch their children in school to get the parents and make things very difficult for migrants if they want to come in France. These methods remind when French government was collaborating with nazis during the second world war. Hard to say that France stills the human rights country. We are many to struggle against this discriminations but it's hard to make a lot people moving just after a big social movement. On this planet, people try to cross borders just to get better lives, they are welcomed by police force and security system. Money and products can go through borders really easily meanwhile men and women are hunted and die trying to settle somewhere else. Every one shall be simply free to move and settle. People are enclosed in walls and borders... just as in the past. But if history replays, power of money and states might be frightened cause all walls finally fell.



WHAT IS THE "CESEDA" ?

It is the Entry and Stay Code for foreigners and asylum seekers: it represents all the laws that decide on the conditions requested to enter and stay in France legally as well as all the existing processes that can get you kicked off France. If Sarkozy proposes a reform of CESEDA, it simply means that he has just written a new law about immigration. And here is what this law promises:

disappearance of the regularization possibility after 10 years of presence in France, offence against the right to live with one's family (restrictive measures on mixed marriage and family reunification), decisions that are taken more and more arbitrarily, an increased selection of foreign students getting the right to study in France. It is also the adjustment of the length of stay to the length of the work contract in France, meaning that if a foreigner, who is employed, get sacked, he will have to leave immediately the country (the employer would even pay a part of the flying ticket instead of redundancy payment !). Among all the people who live in a precarious situation, foreigners are those who have the more fragile rights and thanks to this reform, it is going to get worse. We must simply claim the free movement of people, against the course of "chosen immigration". At a time when money goes freely, people are more and more locked up. This law bill is up to be voted, according to an emergency procedure. We have to protest vehemently and put up a fierce resistance with our antiracist forces. You can get more information on: <http://www.contreimmigrationjetable.org>

"RÉSEAU EDUCATION SANS FRONTIÈRE"

RESF (Education without Borders Network) was created in order to rebel against the expulsion of teachers, of staff from National Education, of student's parents, of collective noun, of trade-union, of organisation attached to the defence of human rights and who are worried about the situation of undocumented student people. This initiative allows the prevention of many expulsions of children and parents of children provided with schooling. If you want to join them, get in touch with them in your areas, schools, universities: <http://www.educationsansfrontieres.org>



JOKE LIVE HERE AND THERE

- 27/07 Festival Musiqueyras, Aiguilles (05) - 29/08 Ajdovscina with RED FIVE POINT STAR (Slovenia) - 30/07 Izbruth, Kranj with RED FIVE POINT STAR (Slovenia) - 31/07 Metelkova, Ljubjana (Slovenia) - 03/08 Treči Svijet, Kastel Novi (Croatia) - 04/08 UNS Geto, Split (Croatia) - 05/08 Orlando, Dubrovnik with ANTENAT (Croatia) - 08/08 Zadar with ANTENAT (Croatia) - 09/08 OKC Abrasevic, Mostar (Bosnia) - 10/08 Bock, Sarajevo (Bosnia) - 12/08 Banja Luka with DBAU (Bosnia) - 28/09 Le Biplan à Lille (59) - 29/09 Amsterdam (Pays-Bas) - 30/09 Le Prisme, Brain l'alleud (Belgique) - 18/10 Le Sirius, Lyon (69)



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THEY GO FOR VICHY LET'S GO RASCAL !

The leading article of this fanzine talks about roundups and deportation such as the time when the French government admired fascism and gave a hand to Nazis. To those who refuse to look at history right in the eyes, this argument is unacceptable. Therefore, the similarity is as plain as the nose on your face.

Government put the undocumented immigrants in detention centers, before getting them kicked off. Wouldn't they locked in Jews, homosexuals, political dissidents, mentally ill persons in camps before having them sent to concentration camps? They round up (some districts are under tight control of the police, with a lot of roadblocks, in order to catch those who are undocumented and take them in detention), wouldn't they roundup like that at the time of Vichy ??? They are Vichy, let's be rascals !!!

AFTER THE CPE: OPEN HUNTING SEASON AGAINST ACTIVISTS

One's again, the social movement repression is harsh: there were more than 4350 people arrested, followed by 1985 police custodies and 637 legal procedures (among which 271 immediate trials) that implied 71 prison sentences, 167 deferred sentences, community work or probations, 188 alternate measures. Such as the time when students were struggling against the "Fillon Law" and the revolts in November 2005 in popular areas the "Justice" tries to intimidate those who refuse the established order and the social regression.



While Chirac grants an amnesty for his friend Guy Dru for "services rendered to the nation", activists of the social movement are being thrashed soundly by the justice of classes. A few anti repression collective nouns are born, here are some contacts for more informations: Angers: car49@no-log.org - Hauts de Seine : collectifantirepression92@wanadoo.fr - Lille : soutienauxinculpeslille@no-log.org - Lyon : soutien-inculpes@no-log.org - Paris : assistancejuridiquecpe@hotmail.fr & defense-collective-des-anti-cpe@googlegroups.com - Toulouse : antirepression.mirail@laposte.net - Tours : antirepression37@ras.eu.org

JOKE BACK FROM ALGERIA

At the end of April 2006, Joke had the pleasure to go on a tour in Aleria from Tizi-Ouzou to Alger. We had a great time! An special number of the fanzine is in the pipeline, to give us an attempt to report what we lived over there and in which people we met there will talk about their country which is full of life but is also embarked on a course that is overburdened by police and religion. While waiting, you'll find pics of the trip in our website: www.joke-joke.net. We invite you as well to look at the website of the association the "Souk" which received us in Alger: www.lesouk.org