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Jebeni francuzi said “We came in Peace”

Panic-castle

A lot of people use to say that since a long time (!) accumulating capital leads to capital crisis. Economic history is full of well known examples: 1914, 1929, 1939, 1973, 1993, 1998... In economic mechanisms, human being has been, and still is, reduced to a simple floating data. That's why this historical crisis will go through our own realities. Less money to exchange... means that's we'll become useful for economic strategies. We could almost enjoy this situation. But we are forced to admit that this will lead to more unemployment and less social-incomes, more pressure on workers and less possibilities to defend themselves, more misery and the possibility for all governments to get rid of public-services and the welfare-state... to save States in bankruptcy. French government took quite a strange way to take care of us: it gave billions of euro to banks and car-industries.

For us, no gold€n parachute\$ or billions of euro. For us, police repression and under-pressure-laws. Like this criminalizing law about downloading films and music on internet. Nevermind statistical economy. Social counters are hot, black and red. More and more immigrants are expelled, more and more people have problems with the police... In current France, people who resist – students, teachers, nurses, precarious-workers, unemployed, ... – are corrected by special anti-riot forces. France again, November 2008, police and medias arrived in a calm countryside village to arrest so-called « extremist-left-wing-terrorists ». Bouh !

Something or someone tries to frighten us. Easy to guess who and why: French government gave up its love-boat to enter in a panic-castle. It knows that the angers linked to the crisis are difficult to administer. As popular wisdom use to say: who sow misery, harvest anger. « It's hot everywhere in Europe. In Greece, in Spain, in Italy, even in France. » « We don't need a movement like in 1968 in the whole Europe. » « In France we have to take care of movements that are more or less revolutionary. I know that the french people love to see me and my wife (...) that reminds them of the french kings. But I also know that the french people have already cut a king's head. » This is what the french president says and thinks, as a newspaper revealed.

Sure, stupid left-wing political parties are not wise enough to understand the stake. They only think about the State... and taking power. A lot of little left-wing parties were born recently. None of them translate the economic crisis like a political possibility. But... a lot of people fight, resist and build their own struggles today, here and now. Workers keep their bosses locked in. Students and teachers are striking in universities. Citizens associations are fighting for the immigrants right to dignity. And so on... Government can't predict how it will explode. All official visits, of ministers or of the president, are highly protected. And everywhere they go, there are demonstrations to tell them they're not welcome. Clear symbol of a political class that's more and more disconnected from the people. Fearing riots and living in its top-security castle.

We are taking the pressure up side down. We are becoming what the power fears – and always feared – unpredictable, without any parties, ungovernable, always in the movements and self-initiatives. That's what frightens them... Let's get free ! No they can't, yes we can !

What happened in Gwada / Guadeloupe and the so-called french Caribbeans

After 44 days of striking in Guadeloupe: 200 euros more for low salaries, 6% increase for the other salaries under 2115 euro, 300 euro bonus for very low salaries, decreasing of prices of 100 products of first necessity, frost of bread prices, decreasing of bank-client-charges, decreasing of petrol prices, decreasing of water prices, decreasing of telecoms and internet prices, decreasing of public-buses charges, 40 000 low price plane tickets for poor families, 3 millions euro for handicapped people, rebuilding of an hospital, 200 euro more for students social-incomes, decreasing of school-restaurant charges, creation of a commission of teachers recruitment, professional formations for

young people, 3000 more housing-projects, freezing of rental charges, forbidding expulsions-by-force of people out of their house, 13 million euro for local agriculture, 40 000 euro to help young and local peasants to get grounds, 700 000 for fishermen, increasing of the % of creole-spoken school programs, and so on... Why shall we wait to be happy :-)

Fac off !

April 2009: A long and strong social-movement and multiple strikes took place in french universities since February 09. Teachers and students ask for the abolishment of law LRU. This law leads to a merchandisation of knowledge and university degrees. For the moment, the government refuse to accommodate. The only answer the students receive, because they are the most involved in this movement, is police repression. Struggling universities ask for a different kind of university: where equality should be respected, where charges shouldn't be prohibitionist, where corporations should not make the law, where the most important should be to learn and to teach, not to evaluate, where future workers should find time and place to think before being exploited, where immigrants should be able to get students cards also, where student-housing should be nice and easy to get, where studying should be a stimulating experience. On walls, alternative newspapers, web sites and tracts, you can read : « The university we have, is not the university we want. We have to defend a high-level-public-education-system... but we also want to rebuild and build it. »

Anti-anti-terrorism

In Tarnac (Corrèze, France), a hundred of hooded policemen came with many journalists only to arrest grocers. This is a political and mediatic trick, not-so-funny, that it matters to denounce. Because of the anti-terrorism legal arsenal, these arrested people are placed in jail despite their unproven culpability. The Paris-support-committee writes: "As well as supporting the nine people arrested, the committee aim at preventing the anti-terrorist machine (which has started long before that day) against its crushing work. It goes through the attack of the political and media fabrication of a new inner-enemy: the "anarcho-autonomist movement". The committee maintains its support to the 6 persons, detained since January 2008 in the judicial agitation coming with this massive hoax. They were all arrested within the framework of anti-terrorism instructions: Ivan and Bruno for having transported handcrafted smoke grenades, Isa and Farid because they had chlorate and plans of a jail; Juan, Isa and Damien have also been suspected of an arson attempt of a police car. There are in jail since several months because of anti-terrorism law."

At the heart of this affair, a book called *L'Insurrection Qui Vient* (The Emerging Uprising) describes how violent the media and the police are. This manifest signed by an "Invisible Committee" suggests revolutionary subjects of thinking. This is definitely a thought-crime, which justifies this "anti-terrorist" proceedings that the Tarnac grocer (Julien Coupat, pointed as the "leader", who is still in prison) is subjected to. Those who understand French can find this book here: http://bellaciao.org/fr/IMG/pdf/pdf_Insurrection.pdf

Real-train-terrorists: trains companies

Catenaries (electric-trains-cables), acts of malevolence, ultra-left-wing-activists, terrorism! As the country was turning one's attention to the strong arrest in Corrèze (french countryside), a few percentage of the population was noticing that technical incidents were on the increase on the railway lines. Malevolence or bad maintenance ?

Remind us that since 1997, the French National Railways (SNCF) is no longer owner of the network rail. The controlling and the maintenance have been now given to the French Network Rail (RFF) in order to compete the railway. But through lack of money, the French National Rail can't do the maintenance. However some of the installations look quite old and deteriorate quickly, as a lot of reports pointed it out. The railway unions show that the workers have to manage more lines

than before. Indeed, in 2008, 1200 catenarier-jobs were suppressed. A new example of the ultra-right-wing struggle against the public services.

High School Musical

Different testimonies told us what happened recently in a French high-school. Afterwards, it was revealed that it was about a drug-prevention operation, and that this kind of stories took place in different schools. A teacher who witnessed what happened wrote:

« Hardcore police operation in the classrooms: while I was teaching suddenly, without warning, 5 policemen and a dog interrupted the class. No one knocks at the door, no one says hello, no one introduces himself. The dog is brought in the class. The students are very surprised. At this point, I ask the policemen why they're here and how such an operation is possible in a classroom. I get no answer, I insist and I'm finally answered that I should shut up. Students are choked, ambiance is heavy, frightening, I open a window. A policeman closes it directly without a word. The dog runs everywhere and bites a student's bag. The young man is asked to get outside with his bag. The dog salivates on a frightened student's legs, on caps, on clothes. The beast seems to find a suspect product on someone, and once again, the suspect is asked to get outside with his things. I want to intervene once again, but I'm asked to shut up for the second time. The bags are emptied in the corridor, wallets are checked, the bad-taste jokes the policemen make, make them laugh... These irruptions in ten classes will last more than one hour. More than thirty students are taken afterwards in a separated room to continue frisking them. Some of them are forced to take off shoes and socks... finally one is naked with only wearing his underwear. Among the students, there are minors... In one of the frisked class, a bag falls on the floor because of the dog, the student find that his computer is broken. Laughing, one of the policemen tells him that he can try to lodge a complaint. In an other class, students have to stand in line in front of the blackboard. And the dog-police-officer says: « If you move, the dog will bite an artery, and you'll go directly to the hospital ! »

In the school's corridors, everybody is agitated and confused, there's a police officer guarding each room where a control is taking place. Later, i'll learn that nothing special has justified such a police operation. Consternation and frightness has won over the students the following days. They were answered that they were dramatising. Once the frisk-operation over, they asked me about what they just had seen. I didn't know what to answer. I do not know what to answer. School direction hasn't given any explanation and stay very corroborative with the police. I understand now how people have been able to let fascist-terror happen. How some accepted to put others in trains, how some accepted to get in the trains... The surprise effect makes you speechless. The surprise effect cuts your legs. The surprise effect is efficient to make you accept and shut up. I was choked to see the indignation only on the face of some of my colleagues. Some have found the operation normal or even necessary.

I think that after a 50 years of life, including 20 as a teacher, I have never seen such a thing. Things are getting worse and worse nowadays, the territories that were protected are now attacked by a hard and heavy ideology. What choked me, beyond the legal or illegal aspect of this operation, is the police's behavior. Vulgar, impolite, frightening, ironical, aggressive, condescending, getting out of a class-room saying « Bye girls ! »... in an only-boys class of course. Congratulating students for having well-hidden « their junky-shit and having abused the dog ! » Real hustlers, real ruff guys would have said the same...It is in France, in a school, in 2008, I say to myself. That these people, police, should take care of the people and support them. That they should be conscientious and clever. But so sure of their power, full of this power and arrogance, they break in, just like cow-boys. Terrorizing young people. »

A lot of other testimonies do exist. Some were written by students themselves. This didn't take place in one and unique school. As it's usually said, and becoming more and more true in France nowadays: police everywhere... justice nowhere.

UNDERGROUNDNEWSREAL

Hunting illegal-migrants - Sad example in Grenoble, cops accompanying a father seeking his children after school for an "administration appointment". On the same day, the family is placed in detention facilities and deported the next day. At Roissy Airport, three teachers in philosophy going to attend a conference on migration in Kinshasa, questioned themselves about the presence of handcuffed people on the plane. A teacher is landed, the two others taken into custody upon their return. In detention centers, the competition between associations is challenged: the Ministry of national identity is maintaining his tender, probably fearing the criticism of the Cimade, the only one now to intervene in these special prisons.

Police on my back - Historical record of the French Ministry of Interior : in 2008, 1% of the population has made a stay in police custody. Crime of contempt, incitement to riot, petty crimes... More and more people have trouble with the police. At the same time, we learn that police-retired receive a letter asking them to participate in an internship: "Management of disturbing public order in times of crisis"... At the same time, school personnel received a bulletin entitled "Opinion Monitoring", aims at identifying the dangerous political deviants... Good vibes ?

Medecine - It has been proved by doctors and kingz-zulu around the world that listening to the KIN CHINO Mixtape enhance your sexual performances. Just try it and become a super-heroine of modern times : myspace.com/kinchino

Unemployment - Late December in Toulouse, 200 people, workers, non-workers, students, were blocking the Virgin Megastore Shop for several hours. Mobilized to give flyers, talk, sing and shout the refusal to be considered as adjustment variables by unemployment-services and by the government. Why Virgin Megastore? Because it is a symbol of the mass distribution. Because Geoffroy Roux de Bézieux isn't shy to combine some functions which are somewhat incompatible: dynamic boss of Virgin Mobile and Breizh Mobile, a member of the Attali commission (which promotes savage-economic-increase), head-manager of PSA Peugeot-and... President of unemployment-state-service ! About the law concerning show-business-technicians, he said "but what is it that annex where we compensate bricklayers ?" We are all involved in the negotiations on unemployment allocations, which are set every 3 years by employers and unions. Employers have a hobby: reducing allocations and especially for unemployed people. We know today that the bosses-union (Merdef) has reached its goal after a marathon meeting last 23th of December. While the economic crisis creates more unemployment, the fact that Merdef is breaking social protections will clearly be more felt. What will be the new situations of misery caused by the introduction of the new agreement ? The only things we can be sure of are the worries we're gonna have in our choices (a shit-job or another shit-job) which justifies that the struggles must go on and that people must be informed. In order to do that, all means are good, including blocking a Virgin Megastore...

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Shout your name

Your name is invoked, has been invoked,
By your enemies
And by all the uprisers.
Your name inspired
Songs and proverbs.
It's on all lips
During revolutions.

You inspired ways of life,
Sometimes written in laws
But when laws write you
They are against you.
That's why some said
That you're not to be given
You're to be taken.
You're killed, you're rejected,
Or you are protected.
So some said: « No »
To their slavery life
And fought to live with you
Without chains.
So some said
That in a profitable economy
You never really exist
Just invoked and reduced.

You're not to be given...
You're to be taken !

Some shout your name,
Some write your name.
On jail-roofs
And in liberation movements.
Your name become empty
when it's written at the top
Of the buildings of institutions
Of control and repression.
Fundamental right
But always denied,
In incarcerating-world,
You're supervised and controlled.
Some shout your name,
Some write your name.
On jails' roofs
And in liberation movements.

You're not to be given...
You're to be taken !

I shout you're name...
As circulation.
I shout your name
As expression and publication.
You're name, beloved, always and action.
I shout you're name
And move for your realization !

You're not to be given...
You're to be taken !

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