

# JOKE A DIT !!!

News from alternative movements in France - [www.joke-joke.net](http://www.joke-joke.net)

The French government has been rejected during the last elections. Right and left wing organisations asked the people to vote "Yes" to the European Constitution. But this constitution was more an economic treaty than a social progress. The people voted "No" against political-class, media propaganda and ultra-capitalist system. After the vote, prime minister resigned and another one, from the same right-wing organisation, arrived. He began by presenting a reform of the working code (laws about work). Thanks to many struggles in the past, the French working code gives some rights to the employees to protect themselves from their employer. They want to get rid of it.

People doesn't want to have less rights than before, they even want to increase these right to have better life. They don't want to have powerful employers who can fire them as they want. During the European vote, a lot of people rejected the economic point of view and asked for less precarious jobs, and also better rights for workers in the whole Europe. Protestation grows. Workers of State companies defend a public

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conception of companies which is a guarantee for a bit of equality between different social-classes. Students protests against elitists reforms of the public education system. Organisations protests against expulsions of clandestine immigrants.

The only answers we get is police intervention. This little newspaper gives some examples: trade-unions militants hunted, demonstrations persecuted, struggles take place in schools and at work. French police seems to be free to beat people has they want. The police minister Sarkozy pleads for even strong methods. People are angry, fight for their rights and police persecute them; it looks like firemen trying to extinguish a fire with petrol.

We hope that this few articles will inform you about social actuality in France. A wealthy country whose government tries to give morality lessons around the world. These news doesn't look like the international medias speeches. Lyrics of the songs of the band JOKE are about these issues. We regret you can't understand it directly. Please find a part of our anger and our hopes in this newspaper.

## BE YOUNG AND SHUT UP



## HIGH-SCHOOLS STRUGGLES

After four months of struggle against a reform on Education system, pupils are now in the courts of justice. The government stayed deaf to claims, voted a law inconspicuously, send police on pupils during demonstrations. It still persists. The verdict against Samuel, pupil and member of the Pupils Coordination, is heavy: he must pay 500 euros and is threaten by five months in jail. During the audience the Public Prosecutor ask for a 500 euros fine, 200 hours of public works, for facts which were difficult to

plead for. Jail sentences, and several thousands euro fines have already been passed against pupils who were arrested during schools occupancies and demonstrations. Others law-suits are foregone. But yet, justice work goes wrong. During a law-suit against two pupils and a student in Paris, a public audience was closed. Public has been through out of the court. Even three lawyers have been expelled by military soldiers.

## Postal Repression

« La Poste » is the French postal company. In Bordeaux (south-west), it announced the suppression of 48 jobs. A demonstration was happening when special police force (GIPN) violently interfered. Trade-unions militants and four employees who took part to the demonstration were arrested and placed in police-station. Five postmen and three trade-unions have been placed in front of courts of justice. The judge rejected the charge. Although the post company held up 14 employees and threaten to fire them.

The government seems to help the French post-company to get rid of trade-unions... to simply its future transformation in a private company. Many general meeting happened in the whole country post-office. Some of them voted for strike in Agen, Bègles, Marseille, Albi, Issy les Moulineaux, Toulouse and of course Bordeaux where a postman exclaimed: "We need a national, general and unlimited strike. That's the only way to counter the liberal offensive..."

## CONCERTS ON THE ROAD CORBEAUX "CROWS" NEW CD

Bands from France, Joke, Duberman, les Skalopes, les Bouches Confesses and Ficzus!? Are on the road this summer. A lot of concerts are provided thanks to the association "Alors, on le fait... !?"

- 2-3-4 August : Marseille - Le lounge & L'intermédiaire
- 6 August : Milan (It) - assoc AL TRONDE
- 8 August : Castelfranco (It) - Buenaventura
- 9 August : Ljubljana (Slv) - Metelkova/GROMKA CLUB
- 10 August : Brezice (slv) - Centre Culturel (à confirmer)
- 12 August : Banja Luka (BiH) - UNS "GETO"
- 13 August : Mostar (BiH) - Centre Culturel OKC Abrasevic
- 14 August : Dubrovnick (Hr) - Club Orlando
- 16-17-18 August : Peja - PEJ'ALTERNATIV FESTIVAL

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Joke presents its new CD. It is named "Corbeaux" which means "Crows". This CD has no fixed price. Anyone can buy it to the price he wants. That is what we call "free price".

This CD contains 4 songs to struggle and dance: "Le monde bouge" (World is moving) is based on lyrics from a political song of the 1970, "Grillage" (Wire netting) is about clandestine immigration, "Taf Taf" (Job job) is about precarious work and "Procès Verbal" (Report) is about social justice.

