

After the Victory, Let Us Create the Future

by Jacques Cheminade

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We have knocked out the CPE.¹ The sovereign people have moved forward. It is the victory of legitimacy, of the spirit of the Preamble of our Constitution, and of our labor laws, instead of adapting to a destructive global financial structure. It's the victory of natural law over an outrageous bill.

The question now is: What do we do with this victory?

The worst would be that it degenerate into a mutiny with no long-term goals. Because *riots are always the enemy of revolutions*. The anarchistic leftists and destructive people,

with no other objective than that of destroying established order or private property, are always the best involuntary allies of those in power. No pretexts should be given to the Pétain-style right wing—repressive or regressive—for a Sarkozy-style “reform.” 79%, 72%, and 70%, respectively, of the French people are convinced that they are poorly represented by a labor union, a political leader, or a party (according to a TNS Sofres opinion poll of March 8-9). Despite that, almost half of the young people between 18 and 24 years of age would be ready to vote for [right-wing National Front leader Jean-Marie] Le Pen or [ultra-monetarist Interior Minister Nicolas] Sarkozy (Sofres poll of Feb. 8-9). We have been, above all, plunged into the terminal crisis of the existing financial and monetary system, which offers the perspective of either unprecedented social austerity—of which the CPE was a symptom—and of military adventures (Bush and Cheney are preparing attacks with mini-nuclear bombs against Iran), or, on the other hand, a more just new world economic and monetary order, based on the mutual development of the world's peoples, and the return to a conception of money that serves the purpose of man.

That demonstrates how big our responsibility is, *which is to redefine a hope, at the level of France, of Europe, and of the world*. Looking at things from above, at the level where the enemies of humanity define their strategy, and not at the lower level, where they manipulate their victims by playing on their instincts and fears.

We must take power back from the political, financial, and media networks—which extol free competition while remaining ensconced in their privileged positions—and give it back to the citizens. *That's what is called creating a republic.*

1. *At the international level, eliminate the ability of the Cheney-Bush Administration and its financial-oligarchical promoters, to cause, or do, harm.* Lead this fight on the world scale, because if this is not done, we would be trying to heal an arm or leg, while leaving the head sick. Our allies are in the United States, with the forces of the youth movement of Lyndon LaRouche; in Ibero-America, with leaders such as [Argentine President Néstor] Kirchner, [Chilean President Michelle] Bachelet, and [Venezuelan President Hugo] Chávez, and on the road to mutual development from the Atlantic to the China Sea, with Russia, India, and China.

2. *Unite the peoples of the world for this combat with a mobilizing project, bringing together living forces, the humiliated and the offended.* That presupposes that here, we no longer allow ourselves to be carved up by the euro, a currency of financial predators, which functions to their benefit. And that presupposes, *on the political front, a return to the nation-state*, with three principal missions for the common good:

- *To reject the European Central Bank, the euro, and all the financial logic of Maastricht, in order to regain control of the emission of currency, which, today, has been kidnapped*

1. The First Employment Contract legislation was withdrawn by President Chirac after massive protests. See accompanying article by Samuel Dixon—ed.



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Jacques Cheminade (in white coat) campaigns at a Paris demonstration against the anti-youth labor law, the CPE, which was repealed due to a mass popular upsurge. Now the organizers of the demonstrations are disoriented, and Cheminade is the only national figure offering effective leadership.

by banks and insurance companies. This could only be achieved with a national bank, inspired and controlled by the citizenry, and based on a polytechnic franc.²

- *To issue with this instrument*, instead of taxes and loans, which have dried up, or are insufficient, *productive and public long-term credits for schools, hospitals, laboratories, and large-scale basic infrastructure to equip the nation, and for the development of Eurasia and the Third World*; doing this by allying with all the other governments and interests that want to, from the Atlantic to the China Sea. In this way, an anti-usurious system will be created, which will allow especially French-speaking African countries to escape the strangulation of the CFA franc, which has become an auxiliary of the euro.

- *To return to a society of producers*, no longer thinking of immediate gain, but of the well-being of future generations. This means *keeping in the public sector suppliers of natural gas, electricity, rail transport, the postal and telecommunications services, and to return the control of water supply to public communities*. That would mean a return to scientific progress and technology, to create the resources of the future, because there is no exit from the crisis which takes us back

2. A new currency proposed by Cheminade, which would generate real wealth by fostering investment in a multitude of new technologies capable of increasing relative potential population density, as opposed to the euro free-market dictatorship.

to the past. We therefore rapidly need self-regulated and dependable fourth-generation nuclear reactors, thermonuclear fusion in all its forms, and a hydrogen economy, created by man to replace the economy of petroleum which is wrested from nature.

We should never let anyone else take control of this nation-state. *This republic will be us*. It is our responsibility to seriously respond to the demands of social justice of those who demonstrated against the government of [Alain] Juppé in the Autumn of 1995, then in May 2005 against the European Constitutional Treaty, and finally, today. It is our responsibility with respect to a *France which can only be universal*.

It is only from this more advanced viewpoint that we will be able to advance: *Force the withdrawal of the CNE*,³ as was done with the CPE; stop the measures aiming to block family benefits to parents of children tagged as susceptible to becoming delinquent; prevent Sarkozy

or others from establishing notebooks to log children's behavior beginning at age three; end harassment and suffering at work; take real economic measures in favor of the PME [small and medium-sized businesses] and the working classes; and especially *give a dignified place in society to the 58,000 youth who will leave school, and to the 89,000 baccalaureate holders who have abandoned higher education without a diploma*.

Because if we do not change the underlying assumptions of the system, it will continue to produce inequalities. The financial oligarchy which holds these levers of control, consciously wants these inequalities, and has no qualms about justifying them.

The withdrawal of the CPE opens the way to a 21st Century in which social justice and real economic growth will reappear, not the falsified growth of a Gross Domestic Product expressed in monetary profit. This growth is in the development of the creative faculties of mankind, in the real equality of opportunities, without preconceptions or false promises, accessible to all.

From the two sides of the Atlantic, patriots and citizens of the world, *we will fight for the youth of today, and the generations to be born*.

3. Legislation creating the CNE (National Evaluation Committee) was passed last year, and applies similar provisions as the CPE to workers of all ages, in workplaces with fewer than 20 employees.