

Cheminade Gives France A Vision for the Future

by Our European Bureau

PARIS, March 27—Axiom-busting may be the best way to describe the underlying effect that Jacques Cheminade's Presidential campaign is having in France. Throughout the country, the candidate and his activists are challenging the mindset that led to the current, devastating breakdown of society, on all levels, and demanding a profound paradigm-shift to that of the sovereign nation-state dedicated to technological progress. And the Establishment, in particular, the 68ers, are howling.

Cheminade has already benefitted from about 15 hours of media coverage, leaving him another 120 hours in the coming 28 days.

Once Cheminade was officially admitted as a Presidential candidate on March 19 (one among ten qualifying), after significant straight media coverage of his program over the preceding weeks, the powers-that-be obviously decided that they could not allow such ideas to continue circulating widely for five long weeks without challenge. So they brought out the heavy artillery, and for the first week of the official campaign, a specific section of the media bombarded him with slanders.

Inquisition?

Cheminade's major campaign message centers on the need to revive Glass-Steagall and establish a public credit policy, in the context of reviving the Gaullist conception of the nation-state. But the major media are generally ignoring these life-or-

death matters. Rather, the main buzz in the media and on Internet last week came from an Inquisition-like interview on the Parliamentary TV channel (LCP) on March 21, which pitted four journalists against Cheminade. The candidate's comments during this verbal lynching, which immediately went viral, concerned his statement that a portion of Queen Elizabeth's fortune comes from drug trafficking; and his proposal to outlaw violent videogames.

Cheminade was asked about his support for U.S. statesman and economist Lyndon LaRouche, in particular whether he agreed with LaRouche's charges about the British Queen's profiting from the drug trade. "No, not all her fortune," he replied. "There are many other sources, but it's a series of trafficking operations within which, yes, there were drugs." He then referenced Her Majesty's work with City of London bankers, out of which the media spun the fabrication that he was attacking "Jewish bankers."

(Indeed, this line of question will now prove quite embarrassing, in light of the fine just imposed by the British Financial Service Authority on the Queen's bankers, Coutts, for money laundering.)

On the issue of video games, in an interview on Canal+ on March 20, Cheminade was asked why he was for prohibiting violent videogames. With a refer-



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Jacques Cheminade's ironclad commitment to ending the dictatorship of the British imperial financial system has produced a political tsunami in France. He is seen here being mobbed by reporters outside the Constitutional Court in Paris on March 8.

ence to the recent bloodbath in Toulouse, which had profoundly shocked the country, he said, “Very often such mass killings are associated with violent videogames that people have seen or heard. It’s not the cause, but it creates the climate.”

AFP immediately put out a communiqué with that quote, which was widely picked up by the media and went viral on the Internet, provoking freakouts. The release also quotes from Cheminade’s program, where he proposes to “prohibit violent videogames implying multiplication of crimes and sexual abuse.”

On the evening of March 22, AFP published a chronological profile of the young Toulouse killer, Mohamed Merah, which totally vindicated Cheminade’s statement, in its reports of Merah’s passion for videogames about war.

Resonating with the Population

While the media began by attempting to belittle Cheminade’s proposal to revive the space program (claiming that his thermonuclear corridor to Mars is far from the concerns of the population), the message is nonetheless getting across. For example, his comments that without space science, we never would have had artificial hearts, cell phones, or computers, or that such a project is the best guarantor of peace, were widely reported.

Far from the tight-knit world of the media, reactions on the ground are very different. Many people are delighted to hear that someone completely outside the system is running, and instinctively feel that anyone who created such panic in Paris must be good.

This was reflected in the logging of dozens of comments in support of Cheminade and against the media attack dogs after the LCP inquisition.

Teams of activists and supporters are now distributing 500,000 brochures with Cheminade’s program, and organizing local events and rallies. Mail is pouring in from associations and persons who want to know more about his program, or how they can help the campaign. Visits to the website (cheminade2012.fr) have shot up.

Reviving Science

Cheminade had a very successful, and pedagogical intervention at the site of the Aérotrain near Orleans, where he insisted that France must go back to the spirit of Jean Bertin, the space engineer who had developed this revolutionary concept similar to magnetic levitation, where the train travels on an air cushion. Such ex-

amples are key to getting people to understand the concept of physical economy and technological development.

Moreover, a number of economic, military, and social/health-care associations have printed in full Cheminade’s replies to questionnaires on various issues. One example: the High Council for Strategic Education and Research published his military platform calling for an end to all out-of-zone deployments, and for joining the Strategic Defense of Earth initiative proposed by Russia. Overall, these circles express great interest in hearing a novel approach to solving the nation’s problems. The campaign is busting axioms, and defeating pessimism.

With nearly four more weeks to go before the April 22 election, the campaign will reach a breakout point, in spite of the dirty tricks.

Jacques Cheminade

My Campaign Faced with Collective Anaesthesia

This leaflet, issued by the Presidential campaign of Jacques Cheminade, began circulating in 250,000 throughout France on March 7.

The financial and monetary system is disintegrating. Europe is coming apart. Throughout the world, human labor is reduced to mere merchandise, and more than one Frenchman in four is reduced to job insecurity. As history shows us repeatedly, when such conditions converge, the oligarchy in power, sensing the loss of control, resorts to saber-rattling. That’s where we are now. The West and its client-states are up against the Pacific countries: With our help, the United States and Great Britain have deployed an armada in the Persian Gulf region with a destructive power far greater than would be needed to attack Iran. There is thus an immediate risk of escalation to a nuclear conflict.

On March 5, the *Washington Post* published a full-page paid advertisement signed by top-level American leaders, warning of the infernal machine that any attack

on Iran would set into motion. In Israel, former heads of the Mossad, such as Meir Dagan, are repeatedly warning of Netanyahu's military adventurism and that of his Defense Minister Barak. Even them, but not us.

None of these issues which jeopardize our very future is taken up by the "major" candidates in our Presidential election. We relish our debates on Halal meat, without even saying that if things continue the way they are, there will be no more meat, Halal or not, to feed humanity. "Let them feed on biofuels," our 21st-Century Marie-Antoinettes say. We relish statistics which are meaningless, because they are based on data taken from a sick economic body. The common denominator of François Bayrou, Nicolas Sarkozy, and François Hollande is that they all call for a balanced budget, the first in 2015, the second in 2016, and the third in 2017, as they fail to understand that the economy is a physical dynamic and not the garrote of equilibrium. That means austerity imposed on the victims, and bailouts given to the guilty parties, the big banks which are nothing more than casinos, fed by the Europe Central Bank of Mario Draghi, formerly of Goldman Sachs.

My campaign goes against this pervasive anaesthetizing. Because I speak of what the others don't want to, of reality: Greece is only the first domino; the war will come when the others fall.

If I am elected—and I want to create the conditions that would require anyone else who is elected to do what I would—I would first prevent the current predatory financial system from causing harm by completely separating deposit and credit banks from investment banks. The banks themselves must be separated, because if only their business activities are separate, but they remain under the same roof, as François Hollande proposes, the confusion will continue. Roosevelt did it in the United States in 1933, and we French did it at the Libération [after World War II]. Investment banks will no longer be bailed out, they will have to pay their own gambling debts and be put into bankruptcy if they can't. By so doing, I will set an example for other world leaders.

I will immediately go to Brussels, Washington, Moscow, and Beijing, bearing three basic commitments.

The first is to urgently convoke a worldwide consultation to lay the basis for peace and social justice through mutual development, by ending monetary speculation through a fixed-exchange-rate system.

The second is to create, in the major countries of the world, beginning with our own, a system of productive state credit, which will be the basis for peace and development. We have to transform Europe, Eurasia, and the world into a vast construction site which creates jobs....

The third is to launch a platform of great projects on a worldwide scale. The highest density power sources and technologies must form the basis for that, which means using all the resources of nuclear physics, not repeating time and again the same technologies but constantly integrating new ones, which will open the gates to development of Africa and for space exploration. If we don't look far ahead, we become short-sighted, and if we remain in the cradle, we cannot grow.

Those are the actual issues a Presidential campaign must address, not, "How much does that cost?" but how we can together build the world of tomorrow of which France must be the catalyst? How we can get out of the oligarchy's quagmire to see with the eyes of the future?

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