

Change People's Lives

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The following statement was issued on Nov. 8, 2005, by Jacques Cheminade, 1995 candidate for the Presidency of France, and head of Solidarity and Progress, the political party of the LaRouche movement in France. In his 1995 Presidential campaign, he called for development of the immigrant suburbs.

“Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.” These are the words which come to mind after the 11th night of violence in our suburbs. Today’s France is a country which creates or tolerates the conditions for this violence. It no longer insures equality of opportunity to each Frenchman and foreigner settled in its national territory, nor does it offer a culture of life and human dignity to all. Starting from there, all provocations become possible: A handful of provocateurs is sufficient to inflame the powder keg.

Let’s look back a bit: In 1995, candidate Chirac promised to reduce the social breach, and adopting a diagnosis formulated by Emmanuel Todd in a note to the Saint Simon Foundation, stated indignantly: “When too many youths see nothing ahead but unemployment and useless workshops at the end of uncertain studies, they end up by revolting.” What has happened since? Chirac and the left allowed

the Republican pact to be ripped apart, and Mr. Todd prefers to sit in an office rather than to become a hero.

Why this paralysis? Are Mr. Chirac and the left, so hypocritical and spineless? It has not been stated enough that Mr. Chirac’s destiny was sealed, in 1995, when he capitulated on another subject: Denouncing the “financial AIDS” at the Halifax Summit, he didn’t fight for a new, more just, economic monetary order, and permitted injustice to continue. On his side, Mr. Fabius served the European plan of Mr. Mitterrand, which with Maastricht, Amsterdam, the Stability Pact, the European Central Bank, and the euro, destroyed Europe as a project and a hope.

So? So, the only possibility of re-establishing justice for the humiliated and the offended, for the French and the foreigners who live in the suburbs, in front of the courts of justice, the prisons and the immigrant communities, is to eliminate social austerity worldwide. Four or five books have just been published, denouncing a financial capital which is destroying itself. Mr. Patrick Artus, chief economist of France’s public savings and loans bank, the CDC, gave a brilliant interview to Uncle Bernard in *Charlie Hebdo*, on this issue, but nobody is proposing anything. They are like doctors who would tell their patients: You have a cancer, but go back home and watch TV.

On the contrary, we will defend a program of creation of 6 million jobs with a New Bretton Woods, a Eurasian Land-Bridge, and a culture of life. It is the very foundation of our society which we must change, in order to pick up the fight where our predecessors left it.