

Change People's Lives

by Jacques Cheminade

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.

by 2006-07 to improve the youths’ chances to succeed in school. One hundred million euros will be extended to all social work associations present in those areas, which had been forced to close down due to the austerity cuts imposed in recent years. Finally, the proximity police, formerly deployed in those areas for security purposes, but also to help in solving difficult social problems in the communities, will be re-established. Their credits had been cut back by 40% by Sarkozy, who stated that he favored a “harder style” police force in those areas.

President Chirac, since the violence erupted on Oct. 27, has made only one public appearance, calling for the “re-establishment of security and order.” This President has preferred to let his close ally, Prime Minister de Villepin, take the field, earning him criticism that he is politically “absent” during the country’s time of need. When Chirac was elected in 1995, he promised to attack “financial AIDS” (lifted from Jacques Cheminade’s attack on the “financial cancer” during his own campaign for President) and to heal the social divide. After being re-elected in 2002, the promise was to provide security. Failing to give direction for so many years has taken

its toll on the society, and France has found out that globalization has made France, and the world, one big *banlieue*.

While the opposition Socialists remain divided internally, and have no alternative long-term program for France, they criticize, without offering a solution, leaving France leaderless, and caught up in the blame game.

A society whose young adults are desperate is a doomed society. Lyndon LaRouche has launched an international youth movement precisely because our generation, refusing the legacy of the 68ers, can be the catalyst for the creation of solidarity between generations, to build a bridge into the future. This is why there is a need for a new leadership of youth in France dedicated, as the French statesman Jean Jaurès said, that “every human individual has the right to complete development. He has therefore the right to demand of humanity all that can second his effort. He has the right to work, to produce, to create, without any category of men submitting his work to usury or under a yoke.” Around Jacques Cheminade, who is running for President in 2007, an emerging political force—the LaRouche Youth Movement—is acting to create such a paradigm shift.