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## French BOOK - MACRON OU LA CASSE SOCIALE (Macron or The Social Destruction)

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The First Immediate Reform will target the Labour Market. He would aim to Simplify Labour Laws and Further Decentralize Collective Bargaining at Sector and Company Level. Another Reforms include putting the Different Pension Regimes on a Level Playing Field, including in the Public Sector.... This would have the Potential to Further Increase the Integration of European Labour Markets and Pave the Ground for a Paneuropean Transitional Labour Market.... Emmanuel Macron's Presidency is a Challenging One.

The President also intends to reinvigorate the European Project, with a Budget for the Eurozone, an Economy and Finance Minister for the Eurozone and a Eurozone Parliament. He agrees that there is a Need to stimulate a Renewed Process of Convergence Across Europe. Emmanuel Macron is calculating that France is ready to break the Taboos that have weakened its Economy. The Centrist President will still have to proceed with Caution. Strikes are planned for two days out of every five until the End of June as Rail Workers aim to disrupt Services without losing all their Wages. French Law requires a Minimum Service during Strikes, but Guillaume Pépy, the Head of the State-Run Rail Company SNCF, warned that some Lines may have to be closed. RATP ( Parisian Tube) are on Strike also.

The Government is hoping that the Strikers' Support will dwindle as Commuters and Holidaymakers are forced to postpone Travel Plans. The Conflict over the Next Few Months will be as Decisive for the Unions' Future as for the Centrist President's Reforms. The Discontent echoes the Militancy of 1968, when Student Protests and Nationwide Strikes paralysed France's Conservative, Post-War Establishment and Left Liberal Thinking to dominate Social Policy and Education. Since then, French Presidents' attempts to take on the Powerful Unions have generally ended in Humiliating U-Turns.

The BOOK goes into details explaining how, according to the Author, the Actual President and its Government are planning on a Long Term to destroy Completely the Rights and Social Security gained after Decades of Fights. Léon Blum's Government implemented Various Social Reforms. The Workers' Movement welcomed this Electoral Victory by launching a General Strike in May-June 1936, resulting in the Negotiation of the Matignon Agreements, one of the Cornerstone of Social Rights in France. All Employees were assured a Two-Week Paid Vacation, and the Rights of Unions were Strengthened....

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