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Chirac and the government eat their words!

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The First Employment Contract (CPE) will be replaced by yet another measure for youth, but it is disappearing. It is an initial retreat for the government. It must be followed up by others. This is the first time since Chirac's election in 2002 that those in power have given in under the pressure of mobilisation of youth and workers. Struggle pays off. All the demands made by this movement must now be met: withdrawal of the CNE and abrogation of the law on equality of opportunity. The repression affecting hundreds of young people must be halted immediately. This struggle once again confirms the rejection of neoliberal policies making precarious work the norm for youth and the world of work. After two months of gesticulations and provocations, Chirac, de Villepin and Sarkozy have disavowed their own stance after discrediting themselves. Their power represents a minority in the country. They must no longer continue to take action against the majority of the population. They must go!