



SELF-DEFENSE AGAINST MACRON, RETAILLEAU, DARMANIN — AND THEIR FASCIST ALLIES!

All around the world, fascist and far-right parties are gaining ground: AfD, Reform UK, RN... Trump is leading the charge against migrants and supports ethnic cleansing. While fascism hasn't fully taken power yet, mainstream bourgeois parties are growing increasingly reactionary under pressure from openly fascist forces. Inter-imperialist rivalries are fueling nationalism, xenophobia, religious bigotry, racism, homophobia, transphobia, hatred of minorities, and conspiracy theories. As always, it's the minorities and the working class who are targeted—especially the most oppressed sections: migrant, undocumented, and rightless youth and workers, scapegoated and made to pay the price.

In France, Retailleau is making it harder to regularize undocumented migrants. In 2023, only 34,724 were regularized out of an estimated 450,000. For Retailleau, even that is “too much.” He calls for “order” and targets so-called “uncontrolled immigration.” On February 6th, a new law restricted birthright citizenship in Mayotte—part of a broader goal to eliminate it entirely, as was done under Pétain in 1940.

The PS, PCF, and LFI trap workers and youth in pacifism, parliamentary illusions, and reliance on the bourgeois state. They call for more police. Union leaders accept police unions but refused to let striking students attend the FSU congress. The March 22 demonstration was a one-off “day of action” with no follow-up. Centrists (RP, LO, NPA-R, NPA-AC) oppose fascist groups with “ideas.” RP thinks it can beat UNI and La Cocarde at the ballot box, LO supports “rank-and-file cops,” and NPA-R has no real proposals to counter the attacks. Meanwhile, isolated antifascist actions by certain groups put activists in danger.

Yet fascist violence is escalating. Students have been attacked in Albi, Nanterre, Nancy. The Solidaires Étudiant-e-s office was attacked in Montpellier. A student comrade in Reims is facing threats, and under pressure from an RN MEP, his university has banned antifascist gatherings.

For the bourgeois state, it is out of the question to let the working class and youth organize their own self-defense against fascist and police violence. On October 22, 2024, RN MP Julien Odoul submitted a written question to the government demanding the dissolution of Urgence Palestine and La Jeune Garde Antifasciste, accusing them of threatening “republican order” and spreading “hatred against French citizens of Jewish faith.” On April 29, in response to a request by RN MP Chenu, Retailleau announced in the National Assembly that he was initiating dissolution proceedings against the antifascist organization La Jeune Garde.

So what must be done to organize the antifascist struggle? Should we rely on the bourgeois state or university boards? Absolutely not! The fascist thugs don't wait for authorization to act—they organize physically, strike without warning, and are backed by state police and the RN's own security forces. The bourgeois state wants to dissolve La Jeune Garde—and behind it, all antifascist groups, along with pro-Palestinian organizations like Urgence Palestine!

We must not wait or collaborate with the bourgeoisie and its agents! We need to urgently build a united front of workers and youth for self-defense! That means setting up self-defense groups and security teams now, bringing together all workers', trade union, and antifascist organizations to defend our comrades, resist police repression, and stop fascist groups like La Cocarde, UNI, and GUD from occupying our streets and campuses.

Workers' united front for the unconditional defense of La Jeune Garde and Urgence Palestine! All workers' parties and unions must unite to demand the immediate withdrawal of dissolution procedures! Central demonstration in Paris in front of the Ministry of the Interior to make it happen! Long live La Jeune Garde! Long live Urgence Palestine!

Rotting capitalism is the root cause of rising reaction and fascism. We must prepare for international revolution! Fight the imperialist war, xenophobia, racism, nationalism, protectionism, and our own bourgeoisie! Let's raise the banner of proletarian internationalism: full freedom of movement and settlement for all students and workers! Abolish borders and build world socialism! This is the fight of internationalist communist youth!

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