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Still not a candidate, but already in the campaign. Emmanuel Macron took stock of his five-year term last night in a long television interview broadcast. The Head of State admitted some errors, including controversial comments about people “who are nothing”, and when he told a young man to "cross the street" to find a job. The President of the Republic also defended the pension reform, which he considers "indispensable". Regarding the health crisis, Macron spoke in favor of the vaccination of children from 5 to 11 years old, while recalling that it depended on the choice of parents.

Concerning vaccinations, Gabriel Attal has stated that the target of 20 million French people vaccinated with a booster dose by Christmas will be met. Attal spoke yesterday at the end of the Council of Ministers. Faced with the rapid spread of the Omicron variant, he indicated that new decisions could be taken by the end of the week. For this reason, a Health Defense Council will be held tomorrow afternoon.

No agreement has yet been reached between railway unions and the SNCF on a rise in wages. The strike movement is maintained for this first weekend of the Christmas holidays, and only 1 in 2 TGV trains will run tomorrow on the South-East axis. The forecasts for Saturday and Sunday will be known later on.

And finally, in the United States, Derek Chauvin, the police officer convicted of the murder of George Floyd in 2020, has admitted his wrongs for the first time. Rejudged in the framework of a new procedure, for "violation of constitutional rights", he pleaded guilty in order to avoid a new trial.