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Teachers in vocational high schools are on strike today. They are demanding the withdrawal of reform plans put forward by Emmanuel Macron. The reform sets out to increase the amount of time students spend on internships by at least 50% which would reduce the hours of general education. Demonstrations are organised all over France. In Paris, the march will set off from the Place de la Sorbonne at 2 p.m.

The reform of unemployment benefits is due to be adopted in parliament today. The bill opens the way to changes in benefits according to the economic situation at the time. What this could mean is a tightening of certain rules when too many jobs are unfilled.

A hunter and a hunt director are on trial from today for causing the death of a man in the Lot. Two years ago, 25-year-old Morgan Kean was shot dead while he was chopping wood in front of his home. He was killed by a hunter who had been assigned to land where hunting was not authorised. Investigators say the hunt was completely disorganised and the shooter had not received the right instructions.

In the United States, the results of the midterms are final. The Republicans have taken control of the House of Representatives. The party will have the power to block Joe Biden's policy until 2024. Although this is a defeat for the Democrats, the presidential party kept the majority in the Senate.

The European Union has pledged more than one billion euros to help Africa adapt to climate change. France will be participating. The money will go towards some new programs and others that already exist.

And finally, NASA has released the latest photo from the James Webb Space Telescope and it's been described as a celestial hourglass. The image shows swathes of orange and blue clouds against the darkness, as a fledgling star, or protostar is formed. NASA says this view can give us an idea of what the Sun and our solar system looked like in their early days. One of the main goals of the James Webb telescope is to study the life cycle of stars.