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Emmanuel Macron defends a "fair and responsible" pension reform. The statement was made by the Head of State, this afternoon, from Barcelona. He assures that the text will be carried out with determination. Regarding the protests against the reform, Emmanuel Macron recognizes that it "is good and legitimate that all opinions be expressed". He recalled that this is the very principle of democracy. The Head of State wishes, however, that the demonstrations take place "without violence".

There have been some incidents, however, in Paris where 20 people were arrested. The police intervened to prevent the deterioration of a building of an insurance company. In Rennes, a few incidents punctuated the demonstration, with some damage to stores.

Beyond these degradations, it is a real massive mobilization which marks this first act of protest against the text. Throughout France, many people took to the streets. In Marseilles, 26,000 people gathered according to the police, 140,000 according to demonstrators. And they were between 36,000 and 50,000 in Toulouse.

At the SNCF, more than 1 out of 2 railway workers was on strike, causing major disruptions for travellers. In Education, according to the ministry, 34% of teachers were on strike in secondary education, but they were 65% for unions. It should be noted that nearly three out of ten civil servants were on strike in the State civil service.

The Socialist Party elects its first secretary this evening. The outgoing secretary, Olivier Faure, is opposed to the mayor of Rouen Nicolas Mayer-Rossignol. It is up to the activists to decide; they will be able to vote until 10 p.m. During the first round it was Olivier Faure was ahead with more than 49% of votes. The results are expected overnight, or maybe even tomorrow morning.

The group Go Sport is placed under receivership by the Grenoble commercial court. Two administrators and two legal representatives have been appointed for an initial six-month observation period. As a reminder, the sporting brand employs more than 2 000 people.