

**EnglishWaves.fr**

The French radio station that speaks English!

## The News

**January 26<sup>th</sup> 1pm©**

by Noele Bouazouni-Prier



The mobilization against the pension reform is not weakening. Two days of action are organized in the energy sector at the call of the CGT. In the TotalEnergies refineries the union identified this morning 100% of strikers in the North, 80% in Normandy and 30% in Seine-et-Marne. Fuel shipments are blocked, and production cuts are to be expected in nuclear power plants.

"I am aware of having obtained a clear but narrow victory". These are the words of Olivier Faure in a letter sent to the activists of the Socialist Party. The re-elected First Secretary of the PS recognizes "difficult moments", while his rival Nicolas Mayer-Rossignol questions his re-election and points out irregularities. Olivier Faure calls for a rally. The party's national congress begins tomorrow in Marseille.

The doctors of Dijon lend a hand to their colleagues in Nevers. An airlift between the two cities has been in place since this morning between the Côte d'Or and Nièvre. The hospital of Nevers lacks twenty doctors and ten nurses. The help from Dijon makes it possible to offer patients better care. This morning 8 caregivers made the 35-minute trip.

Unanswered phone calls. According to *60 million de consommateurs*, up to 7 out of 10 calls to public services are unsuccessful. Users looking for information therefore find themselves without assistance. This is very problematic, especially for those who are not comfortable using the internet. According to *60 million de consommateurs*, the worst service is provided by France's health insurance.

Russia denounces the "direct involvement" of the West in the conflict in Ukraine; the day after the announcement by the United States and several European countries of the dispatch of heavy tanks. In retaliation, this morning, around thirty Russian missiles targeted Ukrainian territory. In addition, two essential energy sites in the Odessa region were damaged.

And then Anne Hidalgo says she is in favour of the participation of Russian athletes in the Paris Olympics, but under a neutral banner. This is the response from the mayor of the capital following the statement of Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky who asked for their exclusion.