



The News

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It was 80 years ago to the day. Missak Manouchian was shot by the Nazis at the fort of Mont-Valérien. In his last letter addressed to his wife Mélinée, he expressed the wish that France honor his memory and that of all Freedom fighters. Both will enter the Pantheon this evening. Of Armenian origin, Missak Manouchian is the first foreign resistance fighter to receive this honor. A strong symbol of the conception of French nationality according to Renaud Large, expert at the Fondation Jean Jaurès.

The ceremony chaired by Emmanuel Macron began at 6:30 p.m. and Patrick Bruel will read Missak Manouchian's last letter.

The other big headline in the news this evening is the speech of Gabriel Attal. Three days before the *Salon de l'Agriculture*, the Prime Minister held a press conference devoted to the agricultural crisis. A new Egalim bill aimed at guaranteeing a minimum income for farmers, will be presented by this summer. Gabriel Attal also announced the exemption from employer contributions for almost all seasonal agricultural jobs, to deal with tensions in recruitment.

Russian courts will examine a complaint from Alexeï Navalny's mother at the beginning of March. The opponent of Vladimir Putin died last week. His mother is demanding the remains of her son but the Russian authorities refuse. The circumstances of the death of Alexeï Navalny remain obscure.

And then 21 departments will be placed under orange weather alert tomorrow: 19 for strong gusts of wind and it is the northern half of the country that is concerned, from Pas-de-Calais to the English Channel via Aisne. Furthermore, Vendée and Deux-Sèvres will be under orange weather alert for rain and flooding from midnight.