



The News

May 23rd, 8am ©

by Emma Phillips

Emmanuel Macron is in New Caledonia today amid tension over voting rights. The president landed yesterday evening, Paris time and as he left the plane, he pledged that over the course of today, decisions would be made and announcements would be forthcoming. Macron has said that he will seek “appeasement” but that there would be “no going back” on the decision to extend the electorate. Despite the rioting that has been ongoing since last week, Macron said that he did not believe that the state of emergency should be extended.

In Guadeloupe, the curfew for minors has been extended by a month. Since the curfew was introduced at the end of April in Pointe-à-Pitre, the prefecture has noted a “decrease in minors involved in delinquency”. Extending the measure has been deemed the effective thing to do, to “consolidate the effect”.

Gabriel Attal is due to make a series of announcements on Sunday related to the reform of unemployment insurance. The reform has set out to make 3.6 billion euros in savings and create 90,000 jobs but is deeply unpopular with unions. These objectives have also been presented to social partners.

Anne Hidalgo will be donning her swimming cap in exactly a month’s time for a dip in the Seine. The mayor of Paris will be getting into the Seine during the Journée Olympique on June 23rd to show that the river is safe to swim in, as there have been doubts concerning the cleanliness of the water. The Paris Police Prefect and the prefect for the region will also be present. We do not yet know if Emanuel Macron will be joining Ms Hidalgo for a swim.

And finally, to Cannes, where the team behind “Un p’tit truc en plus” climbed the steps amidst applause yesterday. The film, whose cast has mental disabilities, has already proved a hit with audiences, as it has garnered more than 3 million cinema admissions.