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The national industry committee, the Conseil national de l'industrie, will be convening at the ministry of finance at Bercy on Tuesday to address how to address US tariffs on imports. The sweeping tariffs from the Trump administration will impact multiple sectors of France's industry. The minister for industry is calling for consultations with representatives from industry, employer organisations and unions, as well as with elected officials.

Meanwhile, in the US, Donald Trump has called for the Federal Reserve Chair to cut interest rates, accusing him of "playing politics". Earlier today, Jerome Powell said that the new tariffs introduced by the US president were "larger than expected" and that as a result the outlook was "uncertain" with "elevated risks of both higher unemployment and higher inflation".

The railway union SUD-Rail is urging controllers for TGV trains to strike between May 9th and 11th in a move that would threaten major travel disruptions over the May 8th public holiday long weekend. The union has flagged worsening working conditions, in particular constant last-minute schedule changes.

On the Ile de la Réunion, the emergency White Plan is being rolled out due to the pressure on hospitals caused by the outbreak of the chikungunya virus. More than twenty thousand cases have been recorded on the island since August. The emergency White Plan will enable healthcare facilities to mobilise the resources and staff needed. A vaccination campaign will get underway on Monday.

To football now and match day 28 of the Ligue 1 gets underway this evening as Nice play at home to Nantes at 8.45pm. And finally, to rugby and the start of the Champions Cup Round of 16, Clermont play away to Northampton at 9pm.