

## WITHOUT BORDERS



The paper that does not miss its target



The French police, as interpreted by Brice Hortefeux.

## **DICTIONARY OF PREJUDICE**

## Is immigration a burden?

You cannot begin to count the number of political statements dubbing immigration as a costly burden, "we cannot welcome the entire world's poverty" being one of the softer variants.

Being crazy about numbers and assessments, the government ordered a team of researchers at Lille University to study the issue. The result? Much as it will displease the politicians, immigration is key to the financial stability of the State.

Indeed, migrants cost the State and Social security  $\[ \]$ 47,9 billion (in various services and aids, and education spending), whilst they put in  $\[ \]$ 60,3 billion euros (in taxes, contributions and the state pension fund), which means a profit of  $\[ \]$ 124 billion.

The reason is simple. The population is younger than the French average, and so rely less on social benefits (healthcare, retirement). Though they have a stronger rate of unemployment, they are dynamic, and direct a large part of their income towards consumption (VAT).

The head of this research team, Xavier Chojnicki, explains: "It's a historical process linked to the structure of the immigrant population, who are mostly young. As they are little qualified, immigrants are very often unemployed. However, they contribute a lot financially and are very enterprising. The pensions we pay to the retired are more than compensated for by the consumption and social contributions paid for by the younger generation, who are often very dynamic people."

More info at:

http://www.courrierinternational.com/article/2010/12/02/les-tres-bons-comptes-de-l-immigration

#### Norrent-Fontes under state assault

On December 24th of 2010, appointed bureaucrat for Pas-de-Calais, Mr Pierre de Bousquet, urged Norrent-Fontes mayor, Mr Marc Boulnois, to dismantle a camp of about fifty people. In particular, Bousquet argues this camp is the source of several public order offences, such as violence from smugglers against truckers and other smugglers. Boulnois then courageously refused to follow his orders, stating that he will not join in the manhunt, and that the state should take responsibility for its own migration policies.

We are happy with this reply, but slightly disappointed that Boulnois didn't correct the prefect's mistake. Bousquet closes his eyes on the shutting down of France, as if it was a private property, and bureaucrats its owners. He is then surprised, as if he could not hold a thought from one moment to the next, to see violence erupt from the black market that follows from the aforementioned shutting down policy. It's only a phenomenon one witnesses in every other similar case. But Bousquet, do not let facts get in the way of your policies!

Crime thrives under the cover of darkness. Actual crimes are not the result of the *presence* of illegals, but of the illegal category. To not have access to the usual means of transport, to not have access to the state means of defence, means that migrants are mainly defenceless, and smugglers are de facto immunized. And this secrecy originates in border control. An illegitimate and illegal border control, as it was explained in the first issue, in "No one is illegal."

The only way to truly defend order, the true order born from full justice for all, consists firstly in restoring liberty for migrants, a liberty to which they have an inalienable right. This, contrary to bürokratik papers, is not of our invention, but is presented as an obvious truth under article 2 of the Universal Declaration, a document more than 200 years of age.

If crime thrives in secrecy, let us withdraw the interdiction or control of free movement, and the light that will shine on border crossing will put an end to the near totality of true aggressions which take place today. Which, in fact, can only take place to the extent the culprits are virtually assured not to pay the consequences. Either because their innocent victims cannot complain or call for help without delivering themselves to police forces. Or because the culprits themselves have ways to escape justice, being used to said secrecy.

The path is clear, but it is also clear that Mr Bousquet will not read this article, and the forces of disorder will charge that camp just as they have charged so many others before, with no regard for the rights of the individuals living in them.

# Eamus Cork Solutions, cops "are not immortal"

In the aftermath of the september 11<sup>th</sup> attacks, security reached a new level. It became more than a mere flying issue. States wanted to swiftly expand those measures to all transportation and reinforce security on the naval lines. The international code for the safety of ships and port facilities (ISPS in English) was signed a little over a year later (on the 12<sup>thd</sup> of december 2002) but would be in force only from july 2004. Port security then enjoyed a new boom and the coast saw new specialized companies grow in that business field.

#### Eamus Cork, the opportunist

ECS is a "port security" corporation belonging to the Eamus Cork group. This group was created in 2004 by Patrick Guerbette, a former parisian EG, who then became head of security on the French site of Eurotunnel. ECS is set in the north of France and gathers four other corporations:

- Eamus Cork Security (security trades)
- Cogan consulting (training of professional, domestic and natural risks prevention)
  - Fiona Consulting (management and coaching inside corporations)
- Manannan Communications (communication and edition; they published, among other things: "The gods are not immortal, or the legend of Eamus Cork," by Patrick Guerbette)

The lines of business covered by those companies brought us to try and understand the intentions of Patrick Guerbette by inspecting the security activities of its main company ECS.

As a shrewd businessman, the former police officer creates his port security corporation 6 months before the enactment of this code in january 2004. A great sportsman, he rides the tide of all-around security along with many others. And it works: 4 million euros for 115 workers in 2009. Guerbette earns his crust expelling "illegals" from lorries. Thus, his brand new company gets thrilling contracts.

The first one from the Norfolkline society. This transportation company of passengers and vehicles between Dunkerk and Dover is satisfied with the activities of its partner. The contract has been renewed for 6 years now.

ECS set in a bit deeper on the port of Dunkerk by signing a site surveillance contract with NFTI, a port handling French company.

#### Deploymnent along the coast

But that isn't enough for Patrick Guerbette. He takes it as a duty to prove his humanism, and defends other ports on the Opal Coast against the sans-papiers undesirables.

With the media stunts of the minister of the interior of the time (N. Sarkozy), such as the closure of Sangatte in 2002, the migration situation in Calais has been for some time more and more catastrophic (and mediacovered). Guerbette decides to ride the tide once more, however this time his strategy changes.

In order to dominate French-British security relationships, the boss decides to get in touch with English immigration services. He gets a wonderful contract with the UKBA, the United Kingdom Border Agency (the administrative service in charge of migration control).

Guerbette reaches new heights when he signs a contract in 2009 with the commerce chamber of Boulogne sur Mer. Eamus Cork Solution then sets up on the three commercial ports of the region. The company handles port security: access control, CCTV, cynotechnic¹ patrols, safety searches on vehicles and infamous person detection. Sadly the CCI of Boulogne sur Mer that

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### Police poison

"Our society must not miss its target: it is delinquents and criminals we must put behind bars," Interior Minister Brice Hortefeux commented, after the conviction of police officers for aggravated violence and falsification of public documents.

Nothing more surprising than to see the State strike at its own. Hortefeux may well have later received a slap on the fingers by some of his colleagues from the UMP party, the legislation on the proper attitude towards police is clear: they must be given flawless respect and obedience, for they are in possession of the "public authority," or act "in the exercise of their function," etc.

Recently, American journalist Glenn Greenwald, noting the growing abuses of the American state, which "go too far," wrote that in the first place, the state is justified in "putting people in cages," but that people had no such power. That imbalance is "normal," but it must be monitored and must not develop to become tyrannical.

This original police poison, which spreads little by little, which wants to make us believe the state is specially authorized to engage in certain actions, is at the root of such sentiments as expressed above. Police should, by some unexplained magic, be immune from the consequences of its actions, including when caught red-handed.

But good intentions, nobility, ethical codes and other inventions of the state are nowhere near sufficient. Justice must be done. Only that simple principle authorizes the state, and any person or association of people, to judge human affairs.

The state cannot pretend to have sole authority, but only to have better organized procedures which allow a best approximation of the correct judgement of affairs by fallible human beings. Those procedures can be copied, improved, amended, etc. by independent tribunals which recognize the right to liberty before the commands of the bürokratie.

So it's not the sole fact of wearing a uniform. The police officer has a duty to the justice of human rights, before he has obligations towards his superiors. Each is bound by this fundamental justice, superiors and

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#### In Brief

- The destruction of Africa House, trumpeted last December, then postponed, still hasn't taken place (at the time of writing, on the 28th of January). The premises are reportedly on the market from February 2nd. Until worse comes to pass, police raids are multiplying to discourage the use of abandoned buildings as makeshift homes.
- The defamation and tag trials have been reported to the 31<sup>st</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of March, respectively. And contrary to what Nord Littoral indicates in the January 14<sup>th</sup> issue, never missing an opportunity, and managing to invert the dates and get the month wrong. Probably hatred overwhelmed their senses.
- LOPPSI 2 passed through the Senate, and comes back to the National Assembly soon to adjust each of the voted versions containing different texts. Resistance to oppression is being organized, see http://abasloppsi.flext.net
- Last January 7th, Wazgen Azryan, a 6 year old boy, was picked up by gendarmes whilst he was at school. He was then placed under arrest with his father, presumably for a deportation, before being released more than 10 days later, after a strong mobilization of the inhabitants of this small village in the south of France. The mother, who was also detained, was released on the 25th.
- Greece announced plans to build a 100 mile wall along its border with Turkey. A measure supported by Brice Hortefeux. This government, a torture and bloody repression enthusiast, shows the probable barbaric end of the current gliding pseudo-democracies.

## **Poor liberty**

"Between the poor and the weak, between the rich and the poor, between the Master and the servant, it is liberty that oppresses, and the law that sets free."

– Jean-Baptiste Lacordaire

In the book that was released during the debate on national identity (more evidence that it was all arranged), 'For the Nation,' Eric Besson argues that if borders were abolished, such a flow of workers would invade us that our social system could not hold for long. He then uses the above quote to back up his stance, a quote which, if it is wrong, has the merit to put the prevailing thinking in a concise form.

In general, as it was explained in the first issue, it is unlikely a flow of migrants would follow the end of borders. We can also suspect that, since the border

had invested a lot in a ferry terminal and its security. The CCI awaited a second ship of the LD Lines corporation, and was quite upset when that naval transport corporation decided to end its route in August 2010.<sup>2</sup> The terminal, despite the current situation, must welcome a second unloading foot-spring in the coming months. It became a giant parking lot full of gulls. ECS was therefore forced to fire nine security employees and did not renew the contracts of seven others. There remains to this day some ten ECS security agents to monitor the crossings of numerous gulls, cormorants, and other seagulls passing through that site!

#### Repression et exploitation

Guerbette, with the assistance of a council made up of former senior officers of French and British police, states that it has "a contingent of tested people that allows the group to face sick or annual leaves." He does not hesitate to portray his security agents as "anonymous heroes."

In September 2010 Eamus Cork receives the prize for best management and training service during the 5th edition of security trophies, as part of a project related to stress at work...

Ungrateful, several employees had filed a claim against Guerbette at the Prud'hommes tribunal for theft of overtime pay. Others took the liberty to testify, in a report on France Inter radio show "Là-bas si j'y suis," about their bad working conditions: locker-room without water access, rats, broken windows, no way to do first aid for the flushed out migrants. All this while Guerbette loudly claims the humanism of his services and demands a first aid training of all his agents.

Those testimonies will lead to calls to denunciations at the company, to discover who had dared speak out. Three employees were fired as a result of their testimonies, and are currently appealing to the Prud'hommes for abusive discharge.

The States strengthen security measures against the undocumented, but the trend lies with subcontracting to private companies. As a result, responsibilities are dissolved in the maze of service delegation contracts.

In October of this year, Jimmy Mugenba, a 46 year old man from Angola, is escorted by three security agents of the G4S company, with which the British ministry of interior subcontracts most of the dirty work of coerced repatriating of illegals. He died under the eyes of the other passengers of this commercial flight, strangled by his torturers at the back of a Boeing 777 on the London airport.

The G4S company boasts that it is the first private security company in the world, present in more than 110 countries -- among which Iraq and Afghanistan, but also Angola. On its website, it boasts of its integrity: "You can always trust us to do things properly."

A few British representatives demand an independent investigation on the circumstances of that death. But the will of our governments to subcontract the hunting down of migrants to the private sector is not challenged.

To finish with Eamus Cork, its boss, always in quest of respectability, has launched on the 26th of October a great national illustration contest based on the characters of his novel. He announced a comic strip and a film on the so very beautiful story that reflects his corporate philosophy.

- 1 Related to the use of dogs.
- 2 LD-Lines retreated to Saint-Nazaire, benefiting on that occasion from public subsidies in the context of the launching of the "Sea motorways."
- 3 The Prud'hommes are an appeals' tribunal for workers.

More information in the book Fortunes de Mer, Acratie Editions. lamouette.enragee@wanadoo.fr

## Wrap-up of the crimes necessary to borders

Every month we will present a summary of the crimes committed by police and town workers to make life unbearable for migrants and activists, who only ask to make use of their right to liberty, bürokratik commands notwithstanding.

The number of recorded "arrests" will be given. Almost all of the time, the arrested persons are released. That is due to procedural protections stopping the authorities from immediately cramming anyone they like in planes. We aren't there yet, but that will become easier with LOPPSI 2. The arrests, because they are not justified by valid laws, constitute arbitrary kidnappings and confinements by law. They are multiplied every day to harass migrants.

Also mentioned, destruction and damage of personal belongings and materials, thefts, abusive searches by members of the opposite gender, physical assaults, verbal threats and assaults, and tear gas spraying.

The police know they cannot immediately make the migrants go away, so they use base harassment tactics. In the past, that has consisted in the CRS putting tear gas on the water point next to the former pashtun jungle. Today, French border police PAF drives at high speeds in the courtyard of Africa House and wakes everyone up with their lights, without making arrests.

Those crimes are known, but their authors rarely taken to court. The rare times they were, the cases were dismissed, or the prosecutors did not move, until such a time as by procedural rules, "the lawsuit died out." We must also remind everyone that those are the crimes we have been able to notice, the irrefutable evidence is rarely present, and their authors are thus assured to face no consequences.

Counted between December 17th and January 21st

At least 148 cases of kidnapping and confinement, 6 cases of destruction of private belongings, 10 cases of theft of private belongings, 7 cases of physical assault, 1 case of abusive search, 2 cases of verbal assault, 5 cases of tear gas spraying, 9 cases of harassment, and 3 cases of wrongful arrest.

All in all, more than 191 crimes have been committed with impunity by police forces in Calais, in a little over a month's time, pursuant to bürokratik orders. The details of the events can be found on the Calais Migrant Solidarity website.

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subalterns, before any other law or decree that human beings may have written or passed.

If any "public authority" must be acknowledged, an authority to which everyone owes obedience and respect, it is certainly that of true justice. Three CRS beating up a refugee are just as much criminals, and must just as much be stopped and arrested at once, as three skinheads doing the same.



Calais Migrant Solidarity is a transnational group of activists bringing daily support to migrants, through police monitoring, patrols and watches around squats, jungles and camps, clothes donations, english and french lessons, and other acts of solidarity. There is a great need of Calaisians! Make contact by sending an email to calaisolidarity@gmail.com

Keep informed by visiting the blog:

http://calaismigrantsolidarity.wordpress.com

itself is not natural and is only an imaginary line on a map, if there must be a flow, we're seeing it now. France, in the end, is a chunk of the Earth like any other, more porous than a colander.

Nevertheless the deeper idea persists, that the State protects us from the oppression of the stronger ones. The reality is different. Oppression does not automatically come from a difference in living conditions, although it does have a role. It especially comes from the powerlessness of the weak, organized and maintained by the same "law" which pretends to defend them.

Before being the slaves of the capitalists, the workers are stopped from organizing their own independence. The Paris commune ended with the massacre of 80.000 people. The economist Franz Oppenheimer, in his book "The State," explains that the area of available land is so great that it is impossible to understand why anyone would not simply live from it, instead of impoverishing him or herself to the benefit of another.

That is, it's impossible to understand, were we living under a real liberty, and not that infamous "liberty" to sell yourself to the employing class, a "liberty" preset by enforced conditions of poverty for most people.

It is under those circumstances that the oppression of the poor by the rich must be understood: the poor have no other choice, by law, but to sell themselves to the highest bidder. Law does not set free, it slams doors shut. And then, provides an army of slaves to a certain artificially enriched class, through plunder and murder, through conquest and colonization, and in France, through outright slavery.

The path to take is clear: total liberty yes, including liberty to migrate, including liberty to practice all forms of labor you wish, on the land or not, individually or collectively, with or without the agreement of the authorities, with such a solidarity that the employing class will appear like the vampirical and parasitic class it truly is; useless and criminal.

Liberty, equality, fraternity, that motto sadly remains to be applied. Poor liberty, cornered with faults that are not yours, but those of the false capitalist authority!