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## GOVERNMENT MAINTAINS FIRMNESS AND CALLS ON STRIKERS TO TRUCE FOR CHRISTMAS

### DESPITE FRANCE PARALYSED BY THE STRIKE

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### ARM WRESTLING MAINTAINED BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND TRADE UNIONS DESPITE THE BIG UNLIMITED STRIKE-----

Prime Minister Edouard Philippe, read, declares that "When we tackle such a subject, we meet with a certain number of oppositions,

recognized Mr. Philippe, Tuesday, during questions to the government in the Assembly national. But we have made it clear what our project is. And on the creation of a universal pension plan, my determination, that of the government, that of the majority as a whole, is total. On the creation of this universal regime and on the need to make the balance of the future system prevail and the restoration of the balance of the current system. »Source: Le Monde. The Secretary General of CFDT Union, Laurent Berger, who decided to join the strike since December 17, following this important financial point. The CFDT, asks the government to abandon the establishment of a pivotal age of 64 years and suggested that the "future joint governance" of the universal regime, between unions and employers, make "within a year proposals to return to short, medium and long term balance "[7]. The CFDT recalls its attachment to a systemic reform of social justice for a united and universal regime, the project presented by the Prime Minister is not acceptable as he stands. As for Philippe Martinez, General Secretary of the CGT, he asked not only "the withdrawal of the reform project but also an improvement in living conditions"

#### THE OPPOSITION IS STILL DEMANDING THE WITHDRAW OF PENSION REFORM PROJECT-----

On the opposition side, The leader of the extreme Right Marine Le Pen I do not want the French to be a victim of the government's maneuver, because almost all quarrymen will have a loss, and the absence has the value of retirement point and cost directories, with 43 annuities, which will give a retirement from 67 to 68 years and the autonomous and private plans will have their pension contributions stolen. She thinks it was a "false retreat" on the part of the government on this 14th day of strike. Political leaders Jean-Luc Mélenchon of the extreme left (LFI), socialist Olivier Faure (PS) and ecologist Julien Bayou (EELV) on Tuesday called on the government to withdraw its pension reform by pointing to its lack of support and political or its "moral" collapse after the resignation of Jean-Paul Delevoye. The three men called on the sidelines of the Paris demonstration for a gesture for the Christmas holidays, while several executive officials had previously urged the SNCF strikers to a break for the holiday season. (AFP source)

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