

Light on

NATIONAL EDUCATION

Pay attention to the nuance:

Is Education National?

Not at all! It's Go-vern-men-tal.

That's a huge difference!

Hence our School-PRISON,

And its cultural POISON...

Such a State for the country,

Inaugurates Tyranny.

The Poison: Jules FERRY (at the chamber of deputies on 26th June 1879):

“No, indeed, the State is no doctor of mathematics, doctor of literature or in chemistry. (...) If it suits it to remunerate teachers it is not to create nor spread scientific truths; it is not the reason why it deals with education: it deals with it in order to hold a certain form of State morality, a certain form of State doctrine, essential for its preservation.”

The Antidote: Karl MARX (May 1871, “Civil War in France”, 2nd try of wording):

“Once the standing army and police abolished, the Paris Commune set itself the task of breaking the spiritual tool of oppression: the Liberation of all educational establishments under control of the Government's tyranny”.