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"Human beings were growing numb under economic pressure. It is high time life was restored to them."

"To sweep away the old: that is the exciting adventure our beautiful today inaugurates," declared the author of *The Revolution of Everyday Life*, published a few months before May '68 and translated into over a dozen languages. Vaneigem uncompromisingly denounced the reduction of human beings to economic objects. He countered this with the experiment of living together, the pleasures of creativity, the restoration of nourishing farmland. He advocated for people's assemblies.

"We are at once base and summit, the low surpassing the high. Nations have nothing but the idiotic weight of collapsing power. We have the lightness of life being reborn. Everything is at stake--right here, right now."