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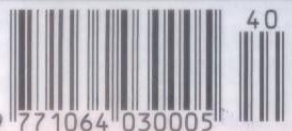
## The Next Leader Of Europe\*

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He Can  
Lead  
France

AN INTERVIEW  
WITH 39-YEAR-OLD  
PRESIDENT

**EMMANUEL  
MACRON**

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President Macron, shadowed by his Labrador retriever Nemo, welcomes a visitor to the Élysée Palace on Aug. 28

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