

***Instantané Tour De France, 20 Juli 2019***

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Marking world's premier bike race's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
of awarding *maillot jaune*  
to twenty-three-day-torture end-of-each-stage's overall  
leader thru Pyrenees/Alps  
before finishing in front of cheering crowds on Paris's  
renowned Champs-Élysées

*peleton* in full cry against vagaries of the open road  
becomes sudden single-lane  
stenosis with horned ox hip-checking anything moves  
including one hog-slaughter  
protestor whom our gendarmes tear gas to clear a path.  
Not a typical stadium sport

chaos is their office where competitors must work with  
subordinate *domestiques*  
in service to team's #1 prospect to deliver bacon painted  
golden -- farmers raise  
signs for TV coverage against reintroducing bears/wolves  
who devour livestock.