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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Violent Protests]

NORAH O'DONNELL: French President Macron orders strict curfews in an attempt to stamp out violent protests.

AIDAN STRETCH: Curfews in districts across the country, including right here in central Paris.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: French Curfews Help Ease Violent Protests]

O'DONNELL: The State Department has urged — has issued an urgent warning to Americans in France, telling them to stay away from areas hit by riots. Curfews are now in place following three nights — days and nights of disturbances. Violent protesters took over streets during the weekend and caught police off guard. Aidan Stretch has more from Paris.

STRETCH: Overnight, French authorities imposed curfews in Paris and other cities, in an effort to regain control after rioters looted thousands of stores and torched cars and buildings during student and worker protests this weekend. This game store owner was forced to defend his shop against the looters. The U.S. State Department issued an alert on Monday, warning Americans to avoid demonstrations in French cities. Edgar and Denise, traveling from Iowa to Paris this week emailed their hotel out of concern, but were told it was safe to come.

AMERICAN TOURIST "EDGAR": They were very generous and assured us that it wasn't as big as we would see on the news or on the internet, so we felt safe to come. I mean, this is a dream come true to be here, for us.

STRETCH: President Trump blamed the violence on President Emmanuel Macron's immigration policy.

PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP: I told him the first time I met him, which was years ago in my first term, close up your borders. You're going to have nothing but trouble.

STRETCH: Macron's government faces pressure from a ballooning government deficit, as both the far right and far left surge in polls ahead of Presidential elections this spring. In an address on Sunday, he blamed the violence on radical far-left groups and pledged to hold the rioters accountable. Sybille, the owner of a boutique clothing shop, which she says suffered \$30,000

during the looting, is not sure she will be.

SYBILLE ROGER-VASSELIN: It's very sad to see our country falling into that chaos, and I hope, you know, the government is going to have the right answer to that.

STRETCH: President Macron did blame that violence on radical far-left groups, but didn't offer specifics on how he plans to hold them accountable. There are more demonstrations planned for next weekend, Gayle.

GAYLE KING: All right, Aidan, we thank you, reporting from Paris.