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Posted by The Keeper - 2008/03/22 04:21

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Re:France to cut nukes

Posted by MTM - 2008/03/22 14:22

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Posted by unaffiliated_person - 2008/03/24 08:37

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First you complain about the "globalist" wanting to control everything. Now you want to be a "globalist" and control everything. :S

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Re:France to cut nukes

Posted by Wren - 2008/03/24 11:42

Now there is a thought!!! The entire Middle East could only be used as a parking lot once the conflict ceased. That would of course take fifty to one hundred years or so before anyone could start painting the parking stripes.

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What are we protecting them from in Europe? Maybe during the Cold War, but the bases were meant to stop the Soviets in Europe, before they even had a chance at our mainland. The French military is engaged in the Balkans:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Military_of_France#Recent_Operations

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Military_of_France#International_stance

They do a lot of work in Haiti, Ivory Coast, Afghanistan, and Lebanon.

As for the US doing good in Africa, this was revealing:

<http://209.85.173.104/search?q=cache:9XHBjZuoMJwJ:www.csbsju.edu/clemens/images/Clemens2005.pdf+foreign+aid+to+africa+by+country&hl=en&ct=clnk&cd=5&gl=us>

Seems most money we put there goes towards the few.

Also, France has 1/6 of their entire force deployed right now around the world.

http://findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_qa3723/is_200309/ai_n9252398

http://www.cfr.org/publication/12578/french_military_in_africa.html

I am not French, nor do I have French heritage. I simply do not understand why so many jokes about the French surrendering. However, France was overrun during both World Wars. England was protected by the Channel, and us by the ocean. They were unfortunately right in the path of the Germans. I find the modern French military is one of the most capable and experienced of the world. I figure they probably learned to really defend themselves after the world wars...

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