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EUROPEFrench Atomic ExplosionQUESTION:

What effect will the French atomic explosion have on a solution to the Algerian problem?

ANSWER:

The French atomic explosion and the Algerian rebellion are basically unrelated. I believe the explosion of the French atomic bomb will have little effect on the ultimate solution.

QUESTION:

Will the explosion of the French atomic bomb stiffen support for the Algerian rebels in neighboring countries?

ANSWER:

In my opinion, the explosion of the French atomic bomb will not make these neighboring countries any less anxious to see a speedy solution to the Algerian problem.



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