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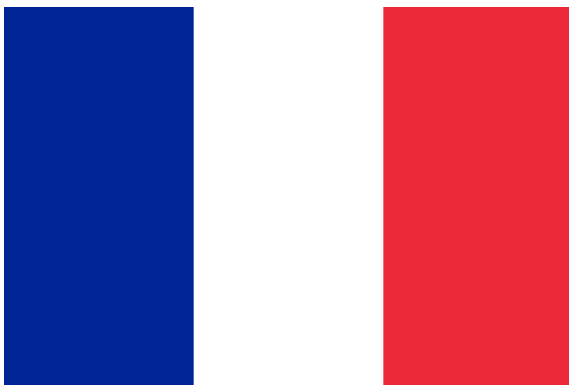
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Chapter 2 Global wave – The end of colonial era and the emerging two super powers

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In France, on the contrary, in 1789 the Bourbon dynasty was overthrown by French Revolution. French people established the republic state waving the three-color flag, so-called Tricolor. France had a long history as republic state. Three colors are symbolizing the freedom, equality and humanity respectively. It was the reason why they allowed Syria and Lebanon as republic states. However, France did not want to lose substantial control for two countries. Therefore, in Syria, France put Alawi factions of Shiite minority tribes in power. It is a conventional means of the colonial control to leave the power for minorities as nominal rulers under colonial control. France manipulated the minority who needed external assistance behind the scenes and created superiority power structure by repressing or breaking the majority.

France had double face to advocate freedom, equality and humanity in the front, and to manipulate the colony at will in the back. This was a contradiction of French diplomacy. The Soviet Union has criticized the French contradiction. As the only one socialistic country the Soviet Union deployed class struggle in the Middle East after the World War II. Socialist movement spread accompanying Arab nationalism. The Syrian republic had pierced recklessly against French intention.

France was obstructed by its own ideology and could not take strong action. Historically speaking, France opts to escape when everything was in confusion. In the end France asked the United States to take care of the waste. It was totally the same story when France was defeated by Viet Cong (Communist Party of Vietnam) in the Viet Nam war. France left Vietnam and the United States fitted into the mud. It is a fact of history that France could not count on the war. In the Middle East, France

has not been able to become a leader to solve problems. The situation does not change even now.

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