U.S. Military Outposts Still

Dot France

President Johnson's personal envoy to Europe, U.S. Ambassador to France, Henry Cabot Lodge, in a recent interview, expressed the hope that the U.S. military outposts in France will not be decreased during the current cutbacks in American military bases.

Lodge stated that the purpose of the outposts is to maintain a close relationship between the United States and France, and to facilitate communication between the two countries. He added that the outposts are not meant to be a threat to France, but rather a means of strengthening the alliance between the two nations.

Despite the removal of some American military personnel, Lodge said that the outposts will continue to serve their purpose. He also expressed hope that the American military will continue to work closely with the French military to ensure the safety and security of both countries.

The current cutbacks in American military bases are a result of the decreasing threat posed by the Soviet Union. The United States has been reducing its military presence around the world in order to focus on other areas of national security.

Lodge emphasized that the outposts in France are not a part of a larger strategy to withdraw American forces from Europe. He said that the American military will continue to work closely with the French military to ensure the safety and security of both countries.
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Venezuelan
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NEW POLICY TO BE OUTLINED

BELGIUM, (B.N.), Mar.18—(AP).—Speaking at the official launching ceremony of the Royal Dutch Shipyard, here today, Belgium’s Prime Minister, Mr. L. De Man, announced a new foreign policy which will be outlined at a press conference at noon tomorrow.

De Man said that Belgium would take the first steps towards its new policy by taking custody of the Venezuelan vessel "San Juan" which was seized by the Danish authorities last week.

De Man said that the new policy would be based on the principle of international cooperation and that Belgium would work towards the establishment of a "European Community" to which all European countries would contribute.

De Man added that Belgium would continue to support the United Nations and that it would cooperate with all other countries in the struggle for peace and prosperity.

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