

Inland Seas and Foreign Fleets

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There is a lot of talk about the maintenance of world peace, preventing wars and saving the peoples from their scourge. If there is any truth to such talk, if it is not mere hypocrisy or the well-known electioneering propaganda, certain practical steps need to be agreed upon and implemented by the whole world. Foremost among those is the complete elimination of weapons of mass destruction; not the partial or gradual elimination but the complete one. This matter may be addressed in more detail in a future essay. However, seas are the topic of this essay. If we are serious about the maintenance of world peace, we must have the courage to take the following, simple step. Namely, to ensure that no military fleets are present in the inland seas and gulfs except those that belong to the littoral states. By that I mean the Mediterranean Sea, the Black Sea, the Baltic Sea, the Red Sea and the Arab-Persian Gulf.

If we are serious about building peace, if we take a genuine interest in peace, we must take this step. Peace is important for the world peoples. Peoples who are the cannon fodder and who die by the millions in wars yearn for peace. Tyrants, dictators and leaders like Hitler may not share that burning desire for peace.

The UN must adopt this proposal. Certain arrogant powers threaten the peace of the world, are inimical to the welfare of peoples and show no interest in their safety and security. All the entities that represent the conscience of the world and care for the safety of humanity are called upon to impose this proposal on those powers. They must take all the necessary measures to ban the presence of foreign fleets in inland seas until this becomes a general policy.

If this proposal is not formally adopted, peace-loving forces may find themselves compelled to close the straits of Gibraltar, Dardanelles, Bab El-Mandab Hormuz as well as the Baltic Sea to the foreign military fleets. Only the fleets of the littoral states and the civilian fleets should be allowed to navigate those waters.