

# DEPARTMENT OF PEACEBUILDING: PART OF AMERICA'S DNA SINCE DAY 1

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1. **1790s:** Benjamin Banneker & Benjamin Rush call for an **Office of Peace**, with peace education in all schools and George Washington calls for an **Academy of Peace**
  2. **1920s:** Carrie Chapman Catt, League of Women Voters founder, publicly **suggests a cabinet-level Dept. of Peace**
  3. **1935, 1937, 1939:** Sen. Matthew Neely of WVA introduces **bills for Dept. of Peace**
  4. **1936:** Dr. Frederick Kettner publishes **essay** "The Need for a Secretary of Peace" including a peace academy and list of **practical duties** of a cabinet-level Secretary of Peace and presents **Secretary of Peace Plan** at the First Inter-American Peace conference in Buenos Aires, with endorsement petition signed by 41,000 Americans
  5. **1939:** The Biosophical Institute sponsored a **peace film shown at the New York World's Fair** and featuring Dr. Kettner with several Nobel Prize winners
  6. **1955-58:** Dr. Kettner:
    - Gives **3 lectures** on the *Need for Peace Education* at The Fellowship of Reconciliation, San Francisco, 1955
    - **Article** "A Secretary of Peace in the Government," in The Berkeley Daily Gazette, July 12, 1955
    - **Article** "Establishing the First Peace University in America," in the Denver Post, Dec. 21, 1955
    - **Article** "The Need for a Peace University" in The Biosophical Review Peace Issue, 1956-57
    - **Correspondence with State Department** re: establishment of the First Peace University in America, 1958
  7. **1943-1968:** **Eighty-eight bills for Dept. of Peace** in House or Senate
  8. **1969:** Sen. Vance Hartke of IN and Rep. Seymour Halpern of NY introduce **bills for Dept. of Peace, with a Peace Academy**
  9. **1970s:** Nationwide grassroots campaign for national peace academy; morphed into **National Peace Foundation** in 1985
  10. **1978-1979:** Sen. Spark Matsunaga of HI introduces bill for "national academy of peace" and is named chair of Commission on Proposals for **National Academy of Peace and Conflict Resolution**
  11. **1984:** **U.S. Institute of Peace** created based on Matsunaga Commission findings and recommendations
  12. **2001, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2011:** Rep. Dennis Kucinich (OH) & in 2005 Sen. Mark Dayton (MN) introduce **bills for Department of Peace**, with a Peace Academy & **2013, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2021:** Rep. Barbara Lee (CA) introduces **Department of Peacebuilding**, with a Peace Academy