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11. 1984: U.S. Institute of Peace created based on Matsunaga Commission findings and recommendations


7. 1943-1968: Eighty-eight bills for Dept. of Peace in House or Senate

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

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

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


2. 1920s: Carrie Chapman Catt, League of Women Voters founder, publicly suggests a cabinet-level Dept. of Peace

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