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2. **1984**: U.S. Institute of Peace created based on Matsunaga Commission findings and recommendations


4. **1970s**: Nationwide grassroots campaign for national peace academy; morphed into National Peace Foundation in 1985


6. **1943-1968**: Eighty-eight bills for Dept. of Peace in House or Senate

7. **1950s**: President Dwight Eisenhower appoints Harold Stassen to act as Sectary for Peace


8. **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

9. **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


11. **1920s**: Carrie Chapman Catt, League of Women Voters founder, publicly suggests a cabinet-level Dept. of Peace

12. **1790s**: Benjamin Banneker & Benjamin Rush call for Office of Peace, with peace education in all schools and George Washington calls for Academy of Peace

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