

Nobel Peace Prize Watch

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NPPW continues to hope that the Norwegian awarders, in charge of a unique and potent tool for global peace will see both the wisdom and the need to promote Alfred Nobel's idea. We have spent 14 years to research the vision behind the prize, to break the vicious circle the nations of the world are caught in. In the book «Medaljens bakside» we have both laid out a legal interpretation of Nobel's intention and found the committee's archives in the years 1901-1970 a treasure trove of peace thinking. I think my book clearly demonstrates the philosophies and measures that could create world peace and how alternative ideas could offer security and prosperity to humankind. The citizens of the world look to Norway for leadership for peace and it was a terrible disappointment that the committee again, by its 2021 prize, failed not only Nobel's visionary idea, but once again ignored its legal obligations..

Ten years have passed since the Swedish Foundations Authority finished its investigation of Nobel's «prize for the champions of peace». In a decision of March 21, 2012, it requested a number of measures to ensure compliance with the description of purpose («ändamålsbeskrivning») of the testament. I regret to have to note that the awarders have shown an active disinterest in information about Nobel's intention and also that no measures have been taken to comply with the law, the testament, and the directions received from a public authority, the Länsstyrelsen i Stockholm.

The interpretation published in «Medaljens bakside» adds a new aspect to the understanding of Nobel's testament: that the task of the committee is not just to «pick a person», but to promote a political idea. It is no small surprise to see the committee secretary and chair in articles in a leading paper, *Aftenposten* (25.11, 30.11), claim that the testament is not for promoting disarmament. Their speculative articles are - as explained multiple times since 2009 - dishonest and irrelevant. It is what Nobel had concluded writing his testament that count in an interpretation, not his shifting ideas at various points in his life. Moreover, the two fail to consider the precise words on «reduction or abolition» of military forces in Nobel's will.

It is a personal responsibility for each committee member to obey the law and serve Nobel and the antimilitarist peace movement he wished to succeed.

I recommend our enclosed shortlist for 2022 to members who wish to take their legal obligations and the mandate from Alfred Nobel seriously.

Sincerely yours,
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