

I wish to congratulate Fredrik S. Heffermehl on his new book

The Nobel Peace Prize What Nobel Really Wanted

I have read it, so I know. Fredriks' solid documentation presented in the book leaves no doubt that Nobel intended his peace prize to promote demilitarization, instead, the prize no longer dares to challenge military ideas of security.

If Norway's parliament and the Nobel committee would both start to respect Nobel's intention, and obey the law, because what is written in a will of a person can't be changed, our cause would be stimulated and gain very much - both in money (US\$ 1,8 billion/year) and in worldwide attention on peace ideas.

The Nobel committee stonewalled Heffermehl's first book in Norwegian, and the new book gives a grim picture of democracy Norwegian style and undignified ways to avoid the peace debate. The committee is right that today peace work must be broad and take many forms, we all know that, but Nobel went to the core of the problem of war and his peace prize is more radical and modern than most of today's politicians are able to fathom

This a very important discovery; buy Fredrik's book, read it, nominate peace candidates (see the "How to" directions in the book), write a review or comment for movement or general media, ask them to cover it, make study circles, organize a debate, send a protest asking the Nobel committee to stop ignoring active peace work and show respect for the cause that Nobel wished to support.

A golden opportunity to strengthen the peace movement.

There is huge interest for the Nobel prize in the media and using the prize as leverage can give great momentum. I will recommend the IPB community to make the most of this book!

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Tomas Magnusson, IPB President

P.S. For those who don't know him: Fredrik Heffermehl has been a restless peace activist for so many years, in the Norwegian and international scene, also a former vice president of IPB

The book costs \$34,95 plus postage.
Thanks also to Fredrik for his offer to give the IPB a cut on orders (send to: fredpax@online.no) he receives from the IPB community.

