

Union. What would the world be today if this had happened in JFK's second term? What would have happened if the trillions spent on endless war had been used for peaceful purposes? What are the lessons for the peace movements for this missed opportunity?

The full speech is worth reading at this anniversary since it's by far the most profound and visionary statement from any president, by orders of magnitude beyond any other efforts.

In early October, we can observe the 50th anniversary of Kennedy's order to withdraw all troops and advisors from Vietnam.

The biggest secret of the removal of JFK from the presidency is not how many gunmen were firing but that the perpetrators knew the American public would largely acquiesce to the coup. There are some disturbing understandings about the nature of the U.S. empire from this recognition, which is why it is not a topic for polite conversation.

I hope the upcoming International Day of Peace will include a focus on these important events and paradigms to facilitate broad understanding. In particular, the anniversary of Kennedy's support of Sen. Wayne Morse's efforts to end the war in Vietnam is of special relevance for Eugene.

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