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Obituary

Ambassador Dr. Jonathan Dean (1924-2014)



Ambassador Dr. Jonathan Dean has peacefully passed away on 14 January 2014 at the age of 89, just 5 months before his 90th birthday. Amb. Jonathan Dean was a distinguished American diplomat and a concerned U.S. citizen who after his retirement from the State Department in 1981 joined the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in 1982 as resident associate for arms control and European security issues, since 1984 he was global security adviser of the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS) and he was associated with many other organizations in the United States (as president of the United Nations Association of the Washington; president, Institute for Defense and Disarmament Studies (IDDS); Research Advisory Board, Project on Defense Alternatives; Advisory Board, Global Security Institute; Director, NGO Committee on Disarmament, Peace

and Security; Steering Committee Member, Global Action to Prevent War; National Advisory Board, Council for a Livable World) and in Europe (Council Member, British American Security Information Council) working for détente, arms control and disarmament. Since 1991 he was chairman and since 2007 co-chair of the scientific advisory council or Peace Research and European Security Studies (AFES-PRESS), a Germany-based international non-profit scientific society.

Jonathan Dean was born on 15 June 1924 in New York City. He joined the Canadian forces at the age of 17 to help liberate Europe from the Nazi regime, he served as an American infantry officer from the Normandy to the Elbe. After World War II he studied at Harvard and Columbia University and received a PhD in political science from George Washington University. He began his Foreign Service career in 1950 in Bonn as liaison officer between the US High Commission and the Federal German government where he helped to establish the new Federal German armed forces and helped with German entry into NATO.

Later he served as desk officer for East Germany in the Department of State and as first secretary at the American Embassy in Prague. In the early 1960s, he was principal officer in Elisabethville, Katanga, during the Tshombe secession and the subsequent UN peacekeeping intervention, and deputy director of the Office of United Nations Political Affairs, Department of State, where he worked on peacekeeping and economic sanctions. In 1968 he returned to the American embassy in Bonn as deputy US negotiator for the 1971 quadripartite agreement on Berlin. Since 1973 he was deputy US Representative and from 1978 to 1981 US Representative to the force reduction negotiations in Vienna (MBFR talks).

He authored several books: *Watershed in Europe* (1987), *Meeting Gorbachev's Challenge* (1989), and *Ending Europe's Wars* (1994) and co-authored *The Nuclear Turning Point* (Brookings, 1999). Dean's views were published in the *New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Boston Globe*, *Christian Science Monitor*, *Washington Post* and *Baltimore Sun*, as well as in journals such as *Foreign Policy*, *International Security* and *Foreign Affairs*.

As a diplomat Jonathan Dean was actively involved in integrating Germany into the West and gradually overcoming the Cold War, as the Deputy US negotiator of the Berlin Agreement (1971) and as deputy and US representative at the MBFR talks. After his retirement he contributed conceptually to the development of policies that aimed at détente in Europe, arms control and global disarmament prior and after the global turn. He was a great, engaged spirit who has significantly helped to change the face of Europe and the world.

Dr. Jonathan Dean participated as a keynote speaker at several international conferences organized by AFES-PRESS in December 1989 and in 1992 in Mosbach (Germany) and he also contributed to the following books:

- Hans Günter Brauch (Ed.): *Vertrauensbildende Maßnahmen and Europäische Abrüstungskonferenz - Analysen, Dokumente and Vorschläge*, Militärpolitik and Rüstungsbegrenzung, Vol. 9 (Gerlingen: Bleicher-Verlag, 1986).
- Horst Afheldt, Malcolm Chalmers, Jonathan Dean, Hans Günter Brauch: *German Unity and the Future European Order of Peace and Security*, AFES-PRESS Report No. 38 (Mosbach: AFES-PRESS, 1990).
- Hans Günter Brauch, H. van der Graaf, John Grin and Wim Smit (Eds.): *Controlling the Development and Spread of Military Technology* (Amsterdam: VU University Press, 1992).
- Hans Günter Brauch, Robert Kennedy (Eds.): *Force Posture Alternatives for Europe After the Cold War* (with forewords by Carl Friedrich von Weizsäcker and Paul C. Warnke) (Washington - Philadelphia - London: Crane Russak: Taylor & Francis Group, 1993).
- Jonathan Dean: "Rethinking Security in the New Century – Return to the Grotean Pattern", in: Hans Günter Brauch, Robert Ursula Oswald Spring, Czeslaw Mesjasz, John Grin, Pal Dunay, Navnita Chadha Behera, Béchir Chourou, Patricia Kameri-Mbote, P.H. Liotta (Eds.): *Globalization and Environmental Challenges: Reconceptualizing Security in the 21st Century* (Berlin – Heidelberg – New York: Springer-Verlag, 2008).
- Jonathan Dean: "Rethinking Security in the New Century – Return to the Grotean Pattern", will be published in 2014 in Chinese in: Hans Günter Brauch, Úrsula Oswald Spring, Czeslaw Mesjasz, John Grin, Liu Cheng (Eds.): *Globalization and Environmental Challenges: Reconceptualizing Security in the 21st Century* (Nanjing: Nanjing Press Company, 2014).

Amb. Jonathan Dean's lifelong achievement as a diplomat and conceptual thinker will be posthumously honoured on the occasion of his 90th birthday in a volume to be coedited by Teri Grimwood and Hans Günter Brauch (Eds.): *Jonathan Dean: A Pioneer in Détente in Europe, in Global Cooperative Security and Disarmament* (Cham Heidelberg New York Dordrecht London, 2014). The members of the board of AFES-PRESS will remember the many conceptual discussions with Amb. Dean and his intellectual contributions that were ahead of official policies. He will be remembered as a nice colleague and as a fatherly friend.

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