

Peace Activists Decry NATO Chief's Meeting with President Bush

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When Jaap De Hoop Scheffer of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization visits the Bush Ranch in Crawford, Sunday, May 20, peace activists will be on hand to decry the Iraq war and NATO's role in the so called "war on terror."

A White House press release declared, "The President looks forward to discussing with the Secretary General NATO's crucial role in advancing freedom and security." They will discuss operations in Afghanistan and NATO's ongoing transformation to meet the security challenges of the 21st century.

According to Carl Rising-Moore of The Camp Casey Peace Institute, founded by Cindy Sheehan, "Violations of the Afghan code of honor by NATO forces during their search-and-destroy missions and the excessive use of force during military operations leading to loss of innocent lives have provoked widespread revulsion among Afghan people." Twenty-thousand NATO troops will be defeated just as the 100,000 man Soviet army left Afghanistan with their tails between their legs."

"NATO's self-proclaimed authority to manage international conflict is puzzling," said Hadi Jawad of the Crawford Texas Peace House. "Who empowered NATO to be the police of the world? Why is NATO more powerful than the United Nations? And whose interest does NATO serve? De Hoop Scheffer is perceived worldwide as a mere puppet of the US."

Kay Lucas, director of Crawford Texas Peace House, commenting on De Hoop Sheffer's visit said, "The security challenges of the 21st century can only be met through diplomatic measures of governments who truly represent their people's wishes for peace and justice. Armies, by design, invade, occupy and plunder resources of defenseless peoples. NATO is a tool of the imperial powers, providing them a 'protection racket' on a global scale."

"NATO's original role as a military alliance to counter the threat of communism has outlived its utility," according to Rising-Moore. "It should be disbanded or at least converted to a humanitarian aid organization."

Demonstration:

When: Sunday, May 20, 3 p.m.

Where: Crawford, Texas

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