A town hall discussion with Hans von Sponeck, Aug. 13 @ University Temple (1415 NE 43rd St.)

**7:30 pm TUESDAY AUGUST 13, 2002 at University Temple United Methodist Church (1415 NE 43rd St., just steps east of University Way)**

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**Hans von Sponeck** served the United Nations for over 30 years in cultural, humanitarian and economic programs around the globe.

When the Coordinator of the Oil For Food Program in Iraq, Denis Halliday, resigned to protest its inadequacy, Hans von Sponeck agreed to take on the challenge. His hope was to work within the program to alleviate the human misery imposed by the sanctions. It soon became apparent to him that not only was the program NOT intended to improve the dire conditions for civilians, but the arbitrary holds and obstructions placed by the US and UK on relief supplies were further eroding the program’s effectiveness. Mr. von Sponeck could no longer accept the irony of a UN agency administering a controlled starvation program.

Since his resignation in protest in February 2000, Hans von Sponeck has worked tirelessly to increase public awareness of the hidden effects of sanctions on the children and civil society of Iraq. He has just returned from a visit to Iraq where he was accorded unfettered access to facilities which are likely to be on the target list in any intensification of American bombing of Iraq.

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