

the reality is somewhere in the middle. Globalization can bring tremendous benefits in terms of economic prosperity... but it can also mean disastrous side effects."

But Singh calls the G-20 a "PR exercise to make the G-7 look good, to make it look like the G-7 wants to hear from less developed countries."

He also described some of the anti-globalization community has in store. Besides demonstrations, Singh says activists can look forward to a "Ms. G-20 Pageant, teach-ins, and workshops, all with a focus on education."

Inside the summit meanwhile, Paul Martin will play host to the likes of US Treasury Secretary Larry Summers and US Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan. Finance ministers from China, Brazil, and Thailand are also expected. Concordia

University will also host Paul Martin in a speaking event in the days leading up to the summit.

Phil Ilijevski, chair of the Canadian Federation of Students' Quebec chapter says has plans to take part in next month's protests of the G-20.

He says buzz over last year's Seattle protests has helped attract a number of people to regional anti-globalization movements, including Montreal's.

"After Seattle, people said, 'wow, we can stop the WTO from getting together and making oppressive laws.' Now there's all kinds of affinity groups coming together to combat the G-20's arrival in Montreal. It's really amazing to see."

Ilijevski added that even more effort is being put into mobilizing against next April's meeting to discuss the Free Trade

Agreement of the Americas [FTAA] in Quebec City.

And although representatives of both the RCMP and Montreal police denied knowledge of next month's event, Reid says the government has come to expect demonstrations whenever foreign dignitaries visit Canada for events like these.

"I'd be shocked if there weren't demonstrations," he said. "In fact, I hope we have strong gatherings and strong opinions expressed. What I don't want is mindless, senseless violence." He added that the summit's location has not yet been announced for security reasons.

Singh says that the plan is for a fun and creative demonstration.

"Our job is to demonstrate effectively and, if possible, to disrupt the event."



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