

## China

### As massacre continues, U.S. needs clearer stance

The massacre continues in China. As the death toll rises to more than 3,000, the United States government cannot help but to take some type of action against the Chinese government.

President George Bush finally took that action Monday. Late though it was, it was definitely needed.

He took several major actions. The most significant of these was to suspend more than \$600 million in military related contracts with the China. Another major action was to suspend all scheduled talks between U.S. and Chinese military leaders. His reasoning was that he wanted to push for a return to "restraint" on the part of the Chinese government. Bush added that there was evidence of this "restraint" within the Chinese military ranks that have become more split.

These measures did send the message, and it seemed for a while that the Chinese military began to use some restraint. Now, Chinese experts are saying that China is bound for an all out civil war.

Bush must start redirecting foreign policy in the event of a civil war. He must make a definite stand for the democratic movement.

China has plunged into a spiral of events that cannot be turned back. The people have had a taste of what it means to be free and to speak out against oppression. Hundreds of U.S. Chinese students who have called home and talked to relatives have said to the U.S. press that the massacre has created a hatred for the Chinese government.

This hatred might cause a greater push for the ousting of hard liners President Yang Shangkum and Premier Li Peng.

The U.S. government should prepare for this event by not straddling the fence. Bush should push for Yang Shangkum and Li Peng to step down and more openly support the pro-democracy movement.

His steps not to withdraw the U.S. ambassador was a very smart move. The U.S. needs to maintain some influence in events and should not abandon the students who look to us as a model for freedom.

The U.S., however, must not move unilaterally. The government must call on the United Nations to condemn the Chinese government. What ever actions the U.S. takes should be in concert with the other nations.

But, the action must be a real stance for reform and democracy in China. The U.S. must support the student-lead movement for freedom.

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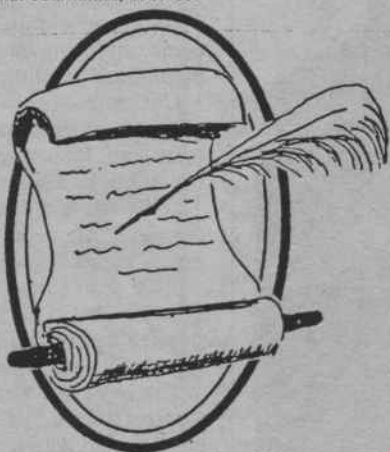
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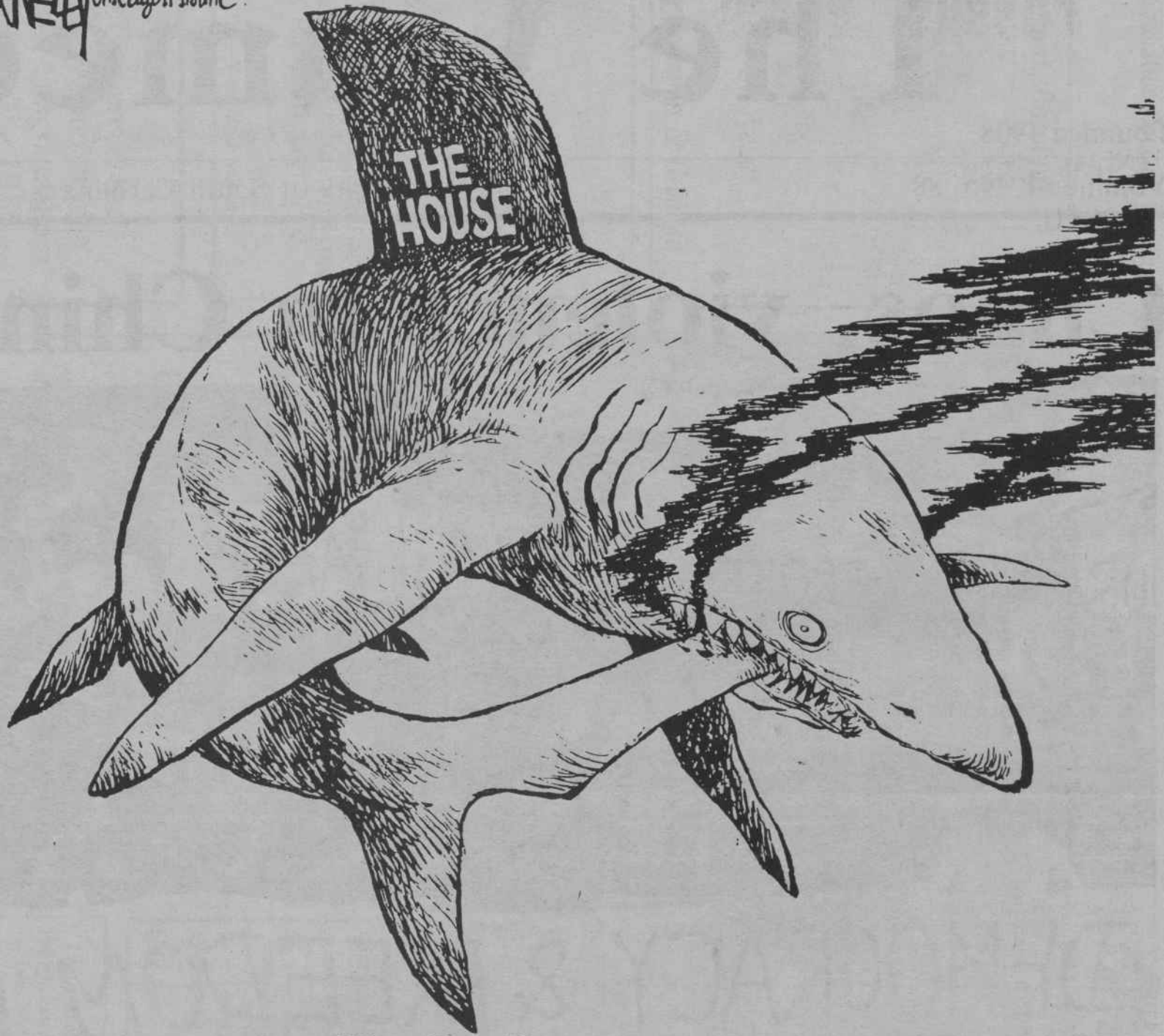
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Blood in the Water.

## Students who gave lives did not die in vain

By JAY CAI and WEIZHI XIE

Since the early 1980s, the people of China have been demanding political reforms. They want to be treated as decent human beings. They want to be free to speak out, and they want to have a voice in the running of their country.

The students have been at the forefront of such effort. They poured into the streets again and again in protest and were suppressed again and again.

April 1989, the students in Beijing went to the streets again, more determined and better organized than ever before. They demanded the Chinese government to have a dialogue with them so that political reforms could start. The government refused. The students began a sit-in at Tiananmen Square at the heart of Beijing and vowed not to leave until their demands were met.

The government answered the peaceful protest with martial law. Army units were ordered into Beijing but were blocked by hundreds of thousands of Beijing residents who saw their fate linked with the effort by the students. A stand-off continued into early June.

We, the Chinese students at USC held a rally to denounce the martial law and to support the students. And we contributed \$1,500 to the students in Beijing. We hoped that the government would come to its senses, but we were wrong.

On June 3, the Saturday night massacre began.

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Fresh units of soldiers came, shooting at the crowds with live ammunition while advancing. A 7-year-old child on a sidewalk was shot and killed. A man who happened to look out from the window was shot and killed.

Tanks rolled over all barriers, including the Chinese people, some of whom were already dead and others whom were still alive. When crowds went for cover, bullets followed them. A young woman went up to the soldiers to say that they were the "People's Army" and must not hurt the people. The soldiers shot and bayoneted her.

When ambulances came to save the wounded, they were fired on. Soldiers entered hospitals to prevent treatment of the wounded. Soldiers collected and cremated bodies in order to hide the evidence of their brutality.

In the early hours on Sunday, the final assault on the students in Tiananmen Square came. Beating and shooting went wild. Hundreds of the students are now reported missing, and the full extent of the savagery may never be known. The Statute of Democracy and Freedom was destroyed. Tanks

rolled over the tents where the students stayed and crushed the students who were still inside the tents.

The death toll is believed to be in the thousands. But the people have not given up. Outraged and determined, the students and residents of Beijing are still showing their defiance in every way, and the number of casualties is still mounting.

On last Sunday, we the Chinese students at USC gathered to mourn the deaths our brothers and sisters who were the best of the youth of China. We vowed to do everything we can so that our brothers and sisters would not have died in vain and so that one day China will be freed.

China has hope. The hope lies in the spirit and courage shown by the Chinese students, facing the massacre launched by the Chinese government. The hope lies in their deep love for their own country and in their unyielding struggle for freedom and democracy in the country of oriental despotism.

June 3 is another tragic date that will be added to the calendar of Chinese struggle for the control of their own fate, and the souls of hundreds of Chinese young students will rest in peace because we Chinese students promise that the noble course they have opened up with their precious lives will be firmly followed by us and millions of Chinese people.

## Chinese student speaks out against massacre

By BIN LIN

Editors' note: Because today's guest columnists feared repercussions for their families in China, they did not want their mug shots used with their columns.

On the early morning of June 3 in Beijing's Tiananmen Square, the heart of the "People's" Republic of China people were caught up in a most incredible cold-blooded massacre by the "People's Liberation Army."

The killing started so suddenly that the government statement, "the People's army will never hurt its own people," had hardly dried out in the previous day's state-run newspaper, again called the "People's Daily."

Now can it be possible that people get slaughtered in a country where most big things are named with this seemingly sacred word, "people?"

Indeed, it is the most absurd joke that the few senior Communist leaders have played not only upon its people, but also upon the human morality in general.

### Guest Column

But, the sheer absurdity and cruelty of this big joke simply has left any sane people totally speechless!

A few years ago on the Beijing University Campus back in China, I happened to see an American student reading George Orwell's novel 1984, which is a satire on Communism. I asked her what she thought of the book. She said that the story was probably a bit exaggerated.

I did not blame her, though I thought otherwise. After all how could she, so accustomed to the freedom in her land, possibly imagine that people in certain parts of the world have been unable to speak out their own thoughts whenever they want to?

They must do exactly what the party wants them to do and think in the same way the party tells them to. If they venture to behave differently and

displease the party, then they are "thought criminals" or "counterrevolutionaries," cases unique to a Communist regime like ours.

So far those young people slain on June 3 are simply labeled as counterrevolutionaries because they had demanded something more than the government could give them—freedom of speech.

Maybe Communism, as its literal meaning implies, is not so bad after all. Maybe it has nothing to do with the June 3 Beijing Massacre ordered by those few Chinese old men who have always employed the title, "the loyal Communist fighters," to glorify themselves when they die of their old age.

At any rate, since a Communist society seems still pretty remote up to now, and Communism seems a pretty abstract idea to me, I really do not know much about it. However, I do know something about fascism.

Now what the Chinese government has done to its own people, has puzzled me. What kind of sins are they practicing? Communism or fascism?

## Letters to the editor

### Chinese group ask for support

To the editor:  
On behalf of the people of China, we thank you wholeheartedly for your support of democratic reform. As the brutal government retaliation to the peaceful, unarmed young people continues, moral and financial support is needed.

Your support is primarily needed to continue emergency medical care for the defenseless students in Beijing who are victims of tremendous viola-

tions of human rights. The killings of the wounded on their way to hospital and the indiscriminate shooting of women and children are some of the many atrocities the world is fighting to suppress.

Once again, we thank you for your much needed support. The Chinese people will never forget your kindness.

Please send your donations to: The Committee in Solidarity with Student Protestors in Beijing. (Make checks payable to CSSPB).

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