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world's great cities with cold, ruthless state sanctioned determination. Our responses across this country run the gamut.

I would like to read a couple of quotes that were reported in today's newspaper. Today's Edmonton *Sun* stated that more than 200 emotional Chinese students and their supporters staged a rally at the University of Alberta. The article states at that rally: "Medical student John Zhag said his wife—a doctor in Beijing—spoke over the telephone yesterday about her experience in Tiananmen Square.

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"First they used clubs, then they used bayonets", said Zhag. "Some people stayed there, so the soldiers used machine guns."

The article continues:

As Zhag's wife took cover, a neighbour's 14-year-old daughter had her head shot off at the neck by what the wife believes was an explosive bullet—

And the Edmonton chapter of the Chinese Canadian National Council yesterday denounced the government of Deng Xiaoping and Premier Li Peng in telegrams to the United Nations, Ottawa, the Alberta government and the City of Edmonton, said chapter president Ken Kwan.

"We call upon three levels of Canadian government and the UN to take immediate action against the Chinese government," said Kwan.

The following is a quote from the *Edmonton Journal*:

Ken and Maylee Kwan quietly fastened banners to Edmonton's China Gate, then placed flowers at its base.

"Putting flowers here is our way of expressing our sorrow," explained Ken Kwan, a 34-year-old landed immigrant. "My heart ached, literally."

I received the following letter today. It is dated June 5. I received it this afternoon. It reads as follows:

Dear Ross:

I and my family are very worried about our friends in China. Over the past five years we have come to know well a number of Chinese students posted to the Alberta Research Council and to the University of Alberta. Because these men were not allowed to bring their families to Canada, they "adopted" my children as substitutes. In many ways they have become like uncles to my two little girls.

We fear that these men and their families, if they have not already been harmed, will become the victims of future purges. It would be a double tragedy if this were to happen. They have already lost a decade of their lives because of the "Cultural Revolution".

We want the Canadian government to do more to protest the slaughter of China's best and brightest. A simple statement of the Canadian Government's "shock" is not enough, in our opinion. At the very least we expect the Government of Canada to grant asylum to any Chinese students now in our country.

Yours sincerely,
Bob Brunelle, Becky, Robin, Elizabeth

Tonight in this Chamber and across the country, we join in pain, rage, resolution and hope. We hope fervently that the beleaguered Chinese people may find quickly an end to the violence and to the Government of these murderers who launched this violence. We hope for wisdom and justice on the part of the Canadian Government as it represents all of us in these dark hours and days.

We resolve to redouble our efforts in aid of those brave, terribly brave Chinese students and workers whose vision of a free, democratic socialist China still shines brightly through the darkness which seeks to envelop that unhappy land.

We will all progress. China will be free. However, why must the price be so painfully high?

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Sergio Marchi (York West): Mr. Speaker, it is with a sense of obligation on behalf of the constituents who I have the honour to represent in this Chamber that I rise to join my colleagues from all sides of the House in a fine moment in this parliamentary democratic tradition to condemn the Government of China for its brutal actions in the last number of days. Not to be moved by the footage which we have seen on our television screens would be almost impossible and bordering on the inhuman.

Just over one hour ago on CBC's *The National* it was particularly moving to witness the courage of the one individual who challenged a tank and who, in the end, overcame. The savagery and butchery that we have seen and the death of innocent defenceless students was indeed deeply and profoundly moving. When life is snuffed out in the manner that we have seen it, no one man or woman, no matter how powerful, how rich or how strong can condone that type of brutal action. Yet when it happens to young people, young students who are standing up for principles that they and we in this