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We must continue to let our condemnation be known in the type of meetings and negotiations we have with the Government of China. I am pleased to know that at the present time we would not sanction any further high-level talks and negotiations with the Government of China. The people of Canada cannot forget what is happening in China at this time.

As I near the end of my allotted time, the question comes to my mind, where do we go from here? In my religious tradition, Mr. Speaker, there is a story of a man who was blinded on the road to Damascus. It is the story of a man who persecuted people, who caused people to die because of his causes and his issues, but at an instant of blindness he realized the evil of his ways and he converted. I pray to God that the Government of China can come to realize the evil and error of their ways and turn the sacrifice of the thousands of students into a base for a renewed and a different China, a China in which people can look forward to living in peace and hope and democracy.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. David Kilgour (Edmonton Southeast): Mr. Speaker, thank you once again for permitting tonight's emergency debate on the all-Party motion now passed to the effect that the House

unequivocally condemn the brutal use of force against the peaceful populace of Beijing and call upon the authorities of China to cease this senseless killing and immediately adopt a course of dialogue with the people of China.

Probably every Canadian with a radio, TV or newspaper has been transfixed by the events unfolding since Saturday in the People's Republic of China. For example, my daughter's Grade 5 class discussed the events today at length. They were all horrified, I am told, that the soldiers had turned their guns on unarmed civilians. Can there be a Canadian of any age anywhere who has not expressed his or her outrage in different ways over the past 72 hours to a spouse, neighbour or friend? Is there one person among us who did not marvel at the virtual absence of violence, the presence of love, which was just indicated, during the almost two months of civilian protest for democracy? With these non-violent beginnings, the bloodshed of the past 72 hours has been much more outrageous in the eyes of the world. With every student and civilian who protested in Tiananmen Square was the hope of greater freedom and a peaceful

transition toward democracy. These dreams and aspirations were shattered by the first machine-gun fire and the first casualty.

As other Members have said tonight, we MPs must make it perfectly clear that our protest and our indignation lies not with the People's Liberation Army but with the Chinese Government itself. There have been conflicting reports as to who ordered the troops to fire on the civilians. Some believe that it was senior Party leader Ding Xiaoping. Others believe it was President Yang Shangkun. One newspaper asserts that much of the shooting was done by the 28th Army, believed to be personally controlled by troops loyal to Yang. Whoever issued the initial order, I believe it is now incumbent upon the entire global community, particularly Canada, to condemn the Chinese Government itself for its earlier actions and aid the Chinese citizens.

A protester in Vancouver yesterday cried out "We want the whole world to condemn the brutal massacre by the Chinese Government". Mr. Speaker, we MPs are doing our part tonight from all sides of the House in the best tradition of Canadian representative democracy. Canadians must be willing to lead the way in forging new paths for the Government and the protesters to settle their disputes free of guns and free of molotov cocktails. Lest we believe that the worst is over, today's *Ottawa Citizen* reports that the military took the offensive in the streets and on the airwaves, warning that the capture of Tiananmen Square from pro-democracy protesters was "just an initial victory" predicting a long fight against the "dregs of society."

Again, Canadians from the Ville de St. Jean *jusqu'a* Nanaimo, *jusqu'a* Yellowknife must publicly insist that this is a government to government dispute and not one primarily between the Canadian Government and the People's Liberation Army. We are all here tonight to speak out against the massive human rights violations by the highest levels of the Chinese Government.

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I believe that it is important that we state some of the abuses witnessed by both demonstrators and reporters and to advise the House of the outrage now being expressed by much of the international community. French President François Mitterrand said yesterday: "A regime that is reduced to firing on its youth to survive,