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reform within the country. To do less might very well mean that in 10 or 15 years we would look back and see that an opportunity had been missed.

The upheaval that is currently taking place in the communist world is truly remarkable. Events are happening these weeks and months that two years ago people would have thought quite impossible. Certainly in the example from China, in contrast to the example in eastern Europe, we are seeing that economic reform must be accompanied by political reform.

For these reasons I join with other elected representatives of the Canadian people to stand in the House of Commons of Canada tonight and express, as all others have, support for our resolution which unequivocally condemns this brutal use of force against the peaceful populace of China, to issue our call to the authorities in China to cease the senseless killing, and to adopt immediately a course of dialogue with the Chinese people.

Mr. J. W. Bud Bird (Fredericton): Mr. Speaker, it would be impossible for me to improve upon the moving words that have been spoken by so many of my colleagues from all corners of the House tonight about the tragic massacre which has occurred in China over the past few days.

However, I want to take this opportunity to add my voice on behalf of my constituents in full support of this unanimous motion of condemnation against the senseless and vulgar decisions taken by the Chinese Government to slaughter its own citizens. Surely such actions demonstrate the total vacuum of leadership which exists in China at this time, and surely all the world deplors any system of government that must resort to violence as the final measure of its incompetence and its inhumanity.

Yesterday in Fredericton, New Brunswick, a peaceful and orderly demonstration was conducted by Chinese citizens to express their shock, anguish, and anger over the events that had just taken place in Beijing. They were joined by students, both foreign and Canadian, and by local citizens of several cultures and languages, in a community expression of sympathy for those who suffered and of outrage that this world is capable of such atrocities.

That demonstration in Fredericton cannot help but cause us to realize how truly fortunate we are in New Brunswick and in all of Canada to enjoy a system of democracy that is so stable, so secure, and truly so peaceful. It surely cannot help but cause us to reflect upon the values, the challenges, and the opportunities which we are privileged in this country to pursue in the future building of our own great nation.

After watching the horrors of China this weekend, surely we shall realize how blessed we are to have the chance to join with the many people of Canada, with the several world cultures that make up our population and the official languages of our population, in one magnificent, unified nation.

I am moved by the accord that exists in this House tonight condemning this unspeakable scene from a country so far away. I cannot help but be brought back close to home and express the wishes others have expressed here tonight, that such accord as we feel on this subject will move us on to other subjects closer to home, that we shall remember this evening and be moved to make this House more an instrument of progress and resolution, reconciliation and peace in building our own great nation.

It is a privilege, as the Member of Parliament for my constituency, to rise in the House and be able to express the sadness, the dismay, the anguish, and the anger of the citizens whom I represent over the atrocities that we have seen this past weekend and to express the wish that the unfolding of these events will in due course move us to greater goals and pursuit of the unification and strengthening of our own country.

Mrs. Beryl Gaffney (Nepean): Mr. Speaker, as I rise in my place tonight to join in this emergency debate on the situation in China, I am aghast when I think of the terrible atrocity that has taken place.

Television and mass media bring these events much closer to us than ever before possible. Yet the horror we have seen on our TV sets is in reality magnified one hundred times for those who find themselves in the middle of it. I simply cannot understand why this has happened.

Television has brought catastrophes into our living rooms before: mass genocide in Jonestown, airline disasters, Bhopal, Ethiopia, but this one is different. Over the last month we have watched student calls for reform blossom into a full-fledged movement for democracy.