



have pulled to the curb to wait for who knows how many hours until there is some remote possibility of making it through the crowds.

I have run out of film. I need to battle my way up Nanjing Lu in hope of making it through to a photography shop three blocks away.

In the meantime an entire group of cadets in full uniform just marched down Nanjing Lu toward the Bund to wildly enthusiastic cheers from the crowds.

Another group of uniformed cadets. It's clear now that this represents a massive vote of no-confidence in the present government. They either have to give up some authority or face a revolution.

Always the weaker, high-pitched voice of a single female calling out the question to be answered by the booming response of the group.

Mission impossible: the three-block journey up Nanjing Lu is impossible. I'll try early in the morning, before the crowd level becomes too intense.

18:30

Light rain has drastically slowed the demonstration and buses are running again. China Daily just arrived. Headlines report that one million people marched yesterday to Tiananmen Square. "The demonstrators included journalists, factory workers, high school teachers, college professors, government workers, bank clerks as well as non-combatant officers of the People's Liberation Army.

The articles say that protestors shouted such slogans as "Rescue fasting students," "Protest the government's indifference to the plight of the students," and "Talk with students now!"

22:00

Pouring rain. Still the marching continues, cheering, chanting and applauding.

China Daily: "Sixty thousand turn out in Shanghai on May 18, 1989."

May 19, 1989, Shanghai, China

1:15 a.m.

Awakened from a deep sleep. Not sure if I'm replaying the day's protest or if, in spite of the rain, it could still be going on. I stumble to the window and there on the street below are waves of umbrellas clutched by marchers who are singing at the tops of their voices.

Perhaps the government and the students made some sort of breakthrough and their late night rally is in response. I know they had been talking because it was shown on TV for several hours before I went to bed last night.

May 20, 1989, enroute to Hong Kong

Sailing from Shanghai toward Hong Kong in the South China Sea. I left Shanghai aboard the "Jin Jiang" at 15:00. My cab was able to take advantage of a lull in the protest to make its way across the Soochow Creek Bridge to the International Ocean Passenger Terminal. But a passenger I spoke with was not so lucky. She had to abandon her taxi and hire a motorcycle to get her to the ship.

This morning and evening I spent listening to news reports on Voice of America and on BBC about the martial law that was imposed in parts of Beijing starting last night or early this morning. All foreign journalists were ordered off the streets and no photography was allowed. The television networks, including CNN, were ordered to cut their satellite connections. Helicopters hovered above Tiananmen Square as the demonstrators were ordered to disperse, but they gestured back in defiance. On the south side of Beijing, the report stated that twenty truckloads of soldiers with machine guns were standing by ready to move into Tiananmen Square. But they were being asked by thousands of demonstrators not to obey orders and not to use their guns. This could be interesting if the soldiers do indeed disobey orders.

Also one student died during the hunger strike and perhaps as many as three others may have died.

In Shanghai police have started to remove hunger strikers from in front of the Shanghai Municipal Communist Headquarters, which has been the center of activities there.

Obviously, with a news blackout it will be more difficult to follow the situation, but one thing is clear from my experience there — that the students and labor groups and those who support them will not willingly back down. That the students and supporters feel very confident that what they are doing is right and good and that they are doing this to make the system better, not to weaken it: that their motivation is one of patriotism.

22:00

Latest news report from P.R.C. as broadcast over Voice of America is that travelers with plans to visit China should reconsider and plan otherwise.

Two weeks after Jim Stoffer left China, on the night of June 3 and the next day, June 4, the People's Liberation Army was ordered to disperse the demonstrators at Tiananmen Square. Soldiers opened fire with automatic weapons and killed hundreds, perhaps thousands. Thousands more were wounded. Several thousand others were arrested, many of whom simply disappeared. The Chinese government cracked down on the underground Christian church, tightened regulations on study abroad and revived Maoism and its cult of adoration. Yet the movement toward democracy, though severely hurt, is not dead. Student groups have gone underground in Beijing with scores of still active members. Chinese citizens did not turn in their neighbors to the police and many of the movement's leaders have escaped China to work for liberation outside the country.

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