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Chinese in the United States Voice Their Disappointment

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Chinese students and intellectuals in the United States expressed varying degrees of fear, anger and disappointment yesterday after the Chinese Government, taking a tough line, moved troops toward the demonstrators in Beijing.

"I hope the students force the Government to change its mind," said Tian Xiao Chun, a Beijing University alumnus who now attends the New Jersey Institute of Technology in Newark.

Mr. Tian was interviewed at Baxter and Canal Streets in Manhattan's Chinatown, where protesters had hung out a Chinese banners reading, "Patriotic Overseas Chinese - Donate for your sons and daughters who are fighting for human rights and freedom in China." As he spoke, students were collecting donations from passersby.

Reached at his office in Woodside, Queens, Hu Ping, the chairman of an organization of mainland Chinese students in the United States, said, "I'm very angry because the Chinese Government puts severe pressure on the demonstration." Supports Demonstrators

Mr. Hu, 41 years old, comes from Beijing and arrived in the United States in 1987. He is the chief editor of China Spring, a New York-based magazine put out by the Chinese Alliance for Democracy, which supports the Beijing demonstrators and

has drawn criticism from the Chinese Government as being behind their protest. Speaking in English, he said the Government was moving against the demonstrators "because it wants to keep dictatorship" in China.

Reached in New Haven, Huang Zhengdong, the chairman of another organization of mainland Chinese students in the United States, said, "We are gravely disappointed because it seems the Government is going to crack down" on the demonstrators, who he said were "really patriotic."

A doctoral candidate in law at Yale who came from China four years ago, Mr. Huang said his national organization would hold protest demonstrations today in front of the Chinese Embassy in Washington and also in Chicago, San Francisco and Los Angeles. Notifies Chinese Embassy

Mr. Huang, who is from Wu Han, a city in Hubei Province, and other Chinese said 40,000 students from China were studying in the United States.

Reached at his apartment, Mr. Huang said he had notified the Chinese Embassy in Washington about the scheduled demonstrations by his organization, the United Association of Scholars and Students from the People's Republic of China in the United States of America.

Another Yale graduate student, Yang Zili, said in a telephone interview from his New Haven apartment, "I feel despair about my Government."

Mr. Yang, 32, an economics student who came to the United States a year and a half ago, said "I think the crackdown by the Army will further exaggerate the situation." Events Called 'Too Sad'

A graduate student at Columbia University, Li Dong, said the events in Beijing were "too sad."

Mr. Li, 33, in the United States for three years, said bleakly: "I think Government is too stubborn to listen to the people's will. Also I think they still have the military power to crack down on the student demonstration."

Another Columbia student, Ruan Danqing, said grimly that in moving against the demonstrators "The Government is wrong; they are putting themselves in a position opposite to the whole Chinese people."

But Ms. Ruan, who is 30, is from Beijing and is working toward a doctorate in sociology, said, "Everybody still wants peaceful reform. Nobody really wants a revolution, but it depends on the Chinese Government's attitude."

And Xie Wen, also a candidate for a Columbia doctorate in sociology, said: "I still believe the Chinese people and students will continue their fighting against the

dictatorship.

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