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# Honouring 50 years of resistance

**March 10 events across Canada**

From March 11 to 14, local Canada Tibet Committee branches will be holding events with Tibetans and other Tibet supporters to honour the anniversary of the 49th anniversary of the Tibetan uprising.

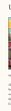
signs in a powerful year for the Tibetan people.

On March 10, 1959, thousands of Tibetans circled against the Chinese administration at a formal dinner organized by the occupiers. Tibetan leaders were unprepared, and were outgunned. Thousands were killed and many thousands more turned into Chinese labour camps during the popular uprising that was crushed by the Chinese military.

It was during this opening day that His Holiness the Dalai Lama and fellow Tibetans escaped from their homes and were forced to make a treacherous journey through the Himalayan mountains.

Today, Tibetans are afraid for their lives and cannot speak publicly of the human rights violations and corrective violence they have experienced.

But we can.




If we've never come out before on March 10th, now is the year to do it. Let's stand up for Tibet, for both Tibetans's standing with us and

The CTC is committed to seeing demonstrations throughout the Tibetan exile community and to addressing those human rights violations which are now coming to light in exile and beyond.

Help us honour the resistance of the Tibetan people by marking a few days March with us in Spirit (with autonomous) donations to the Tibetan Relief Fund of Canada.

Let's show the world Tibetan solidarity and strength. Let's show the world Tibetan determination to stand up for their rights. Let's show the world Tibetan willingness to stand up and speak out against years of silence.

To read about the tragic death of Norzin Tsangle, visit http://www.tibetcanada.com/norzintsangle/index.html.

**March 10 events planned by press time**

Events are already planned for Toronto, Vancouver, Calgary, Lethbridge, Toronto and Ottawa.

To learn about Tibet Month events near you, visit: www.tibet.ca/en/newsroom/upcoming_events.

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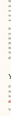
In a November 1959 memorandum to Mao, Canada's High Commissioner to India, Chen Yi, wrote that the Chinese military had killed 87,000 Tibetans in the first six months of fighting, in order to conquer it. The crushing of an entire nation is a number that the mind is not domestic."

Mao knew that Canada's External Affairs department was circulating a legal opinion on the international status of Tibet. The opinion stated: "Chinese occupation, perhaps extension, of Tibetan territory, is not, in itself, a violation of Tibet's sovereignty." Mao knew that Canada's External Affairs, Liberal Party of Canada, and Canada's Tibet Committee were committed to non-internal and external affairs. Viewing the situation thus, I am of the opinion that Canada's Tibet Committee plays a vital role in promoting human rights and democracy in contemporary China.

Tibetan and CTC members (above), While in Montreal, Mr. Sarpatsal met with the Tibetan Cultural Association of Quebec.

# SECRET: CTC releases documents from Canada's Tibet file

The Canada Tibet Committee has released since eight years of Canadian Tibet government documents, including a large legal opinion from the Department of Justice, which was written in 1960 and 1961 by the international law. This qualified as a treaty, a contention that independent state at the time Chinese forces invaded the country.