

the police force. Everything is suddenly quiet; no shooting, no nothing. Graham finds a can of coke and an Aero - mint - in his bag, and in no time flat that, too, is history. Although I have been dialling the office constantly for over an hour I have had no luck, and we finally give up. There are still people coming in to the square from the south east, some of them piled in buses. (Graham said that later one busload got badly shot up, although I don't remember it) some on bikes, including one sizeable bike demo. The lights came back on and the square seemed to heave in relief. ~~Just as~~ ^{steel}

Just as the sky was turning to ~~steel~~, at around five o'clock, Hou Dejian came on the broadcast. He said he and the other 3 hunger strikers had negotiated with the commander of the troops, and they had agreed to allow everyone to leave safely, provided the square was clear by 7 am. HDJ said time was short, there had been enough ~~demonstration~~ bloodshed [the broadcast earlier reported several deaths in the west], the demonstration had been a success. He recommended that they leave, but took a voice vote on it (Graham said later he thought the 'don't go' voice won, but HDJ declared they had voted to leave) The students started to leave from the east side of the monument, going out the south east of the square. ~~There~~ ~~were~~ The sound of gunfire crackled around the monument, but Graham said it must be firecrackers in celebration. Hah!