Mr. Speaker, I recently

met with a German doctor, Dr. Norbert

Vollertson, and talked to him about his

experiences during his 18 months living

in North Korea.

The stories of suffering and the

photos of starving children and adults

were deeply moving. Dr. Vollertson

made a strong statement that should

spur the international community to

action.

When comparing the North Korean

prison camps to Nazi concentration

camps, Dr. Vollertson said, ‘‘No journalist,

nobody wanted to believe that

Hitler is so cruel, that the German government

is so cruel. I think it is my

duty as a German to learn from history

,

to not make the same mistake

twice.’’

He said what is happening in North

Korea in the concentration camps, in

his opinion, is as bad as what happened

during the Second World War. It is the

duty of the international community

not to make the same mistake again,

to ignore the plight of thousands of

people in North Korea who are starving

and in terrible prison situations where

they are beaten and tortured and executed

in horrific ways.

Mr. Speaker, I call on this body and

the administration to act on behalf of

the people of North Korea, to act to ensure

that the regime in North Korea is

no longer allowed to continue destroying

its people.