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Sculptor Chen Weiming next to his sculpture "CCP Virus" in Yermo, Calif., on June 1, 2021. (Frederic J. Brown /AFP/Getty Images)

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# With Tiananmen Square 'Tank Man,' Chinese sculptor will keep democracy's flame alive in Mojave



Chen Weiming takes a break from sculpting a military tank replica as part of his life-size monument called "Tank Man" in remembrance of the 30th anniversary of the Tiananmen Square massacre in Newberry Springs, Calif. (Gina Ferazzi / Los Angeles Times)

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Reporting from Newberry Springs, Calif. — The 20-foot chrome head of Vladimir Lenin springs from the Mojave Desert.