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**YUGOSLAVIA: Ethnic Tensions Remain High**

Trying to forestall a general strike set for next week in Kosovo, Serbian militia this week arrested ethnic Albanian opposition union leaders and yesterday used force to disperse Albanians greeting a US Congressional delegation. In Croatia, press reports that Jovan Raskovic, leader of an ethnic Serbian nationalist party, was dismissed from a hospital staff position and that Croatian bankers are foreclosing on Serbian businesses are keeping tensions high between Serbs and Croats [redacted]

[redacted] The arrests in Kosovo are likely to further radicalize the Albanian community and risk provoking a violent confrontation between Serbian police and Albanians. An explosion in Kosovo could have broad repercussions, prompting Slovenes and Croats to withhold conscripts from federal military service and scuttling a recent compromise between Belgrade and the Slovenes. The reported economic pressure on local Serbs in Croatia could heighten the prospect for civil conflict there. [redacted]

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