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YUGOSLAVIA: Pondering a Crackdown

Yugoslav President Jovic yesterday convened an emergency session of the collective presidency and senior commanders of the armed forces at the request of Defense Secretary Kadijevic; the presidency will consider the military's security recommendations tomorrow. Serbian President Milosevic's government yesterday responded to protesters' demands by firing the directors of government-controlled television and releasing opposition leaders arrested on Saturday. Police supported by federal units remain poised to break up the demonstrations.

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[REDACTED] Yesterday's concessions were mostly cosmetic; Milosevic already has appointed another crony to be one of the directors of Belgrade TV. Military hardliners almost certainly are demanding federal action to head off more protests. They and Jovic also may see the current disturbances as a chance to press for a nationwide crackdown. Federal armored and mechanized units probably are ready to deploy to most key cities and installations [REDACTED]

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