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EURO - MACEDONIAN DEFENCES READY

BELGRADE, AUG 31 (UPI)--THE COUNCIL OF NATIONAL DEFENSE OF MACEDONIA, ONE OF YUGOSLAVIA'S CONSTITUENT REPUBLICS BORDERING ON BULGARIA, AT AN EMERGENCY SESSION FRIDAY NOTED THE POPULATION OF THIS PROVINCE WAS READY TO DEFEND ITS INDEPENDENCE.

THE BELGRADE NEWSPAPER POLITIKA REPORTED FROM SKOPJE, THE CAPITAL OF MACEDONIA, THE NATIONAL DEFENSE COUNCIL CHAIRED BY MACEDONIAN PREMIER NIKOLA MINCEV CONSIDERED THE MILITARY AND POLITICAL SITUATION IN THE LIGHT OF THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS : IN EUROPE.

THE COUNCIL "ASSESSED POSITIVELY THE READINESS OF ALL SOCIAL FACTORS FOR DEFENSE AND PROTECTION. THE COUNCIL ALSO NOTED THAT THE "ACTIVITY IN PREPARATIONS FOR DEFENSE HAS REFLECTED POSITIVELY AMONG THE PEOPLE IN THEIR READINESS TO DEFEND THE INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY" OF THE YUGOSLAV PEOPLE.

A REPORT FROM SARAJEVO, SAID THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT FRIDAY DISCUSSED PREPARATIONS OF THE "CIVILIAN SECTOR" FOR DEFENSE.

THE GOVERNMENT SESSION URGED OFFICIALS TO FURTHER "MOBILIZE MORALLY AND POLITICALLY" THE PEOPLE OF THE PROVINCE IN CENTRAL YUGOSLAVIA WHICH HAS NO BORDER WITH OTHER COUNTRIES.

SPECIAL PREPARATIONS FOR DEFENSE WERE CARRIED OUT IN BIG TOWNS IN THE PROVINCE, POLITIKA SAID. N

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