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**MEMBERS OF CONGRESS CALL FOR MODERATION
IN YUGOSLAVIA**

WASHINGTON--Four Members of Congress with ethnic roots in Yugoslavia today called upon both sides of the civil unrest in Yugoslavia to exercise moderation and seek a peaceful settlement to the conflict.

Representatives James L. Oberstar (D-Minn.), Dennis Eckart (D-Ohio), Joe Kolter (D-Pa.), and Helen Delich Bentley (R-Md.) issued the following statement:

We Members of the United States Congress applaud the formal announcement of a cease-fire in the Republic of Slovenia. We call upon the federal government of Yugoslavia and its armed forces to ensure that a cease fire will in fact take effect by enforcing an end to military activity. The use of force we have witnessed in the last three days, if allowed to continue, will become more and more difficult to contain with each passing day.

We urge both sides to observe the cease-fire, lay down their weapons and seek a peaceful resolution to Yugoslavia's complex problems.

Both sides must recognize that the Yugoslavia of the last 45 years cannot be the Yugoslavia of the next 45 years. A new form of association -- one that may include confederation and one which recognizes the country's unique ethnic and economic complexity -- must be considered. The new Yugoslavia must allow the legitimate aspirations of its diverse populations to be expressed and must work to foster the economic viability of the nation's parts as well as its whole.

We firmly hope that both sides, having confronted the awesome spectre of armed conflict, will recall Yugoslavia's literal and painful decimation during World War II, and step back from the brink of internal war to work out their real and substantial differences in an atmosphere devoid of violence or the threat of armed repression.

We Members of Congress stand ready to help achieve a peaceful resolution to Yugoslavia's political and economic challenges and we give our sincere assurances that the people of the United States carry in their hearts a tremendous reservoir of good will toward the peoples of Yugoslavia.

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