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FOREIGN MINISTER ERKINS STATEMENT HE PLANNING BRING
CYPRUS ISSUE BEFORE NATO COUNCIL FEATURED. ERKIN SAID
TURKEY HAD HOPED GREEK CYPRIOTS WOULD BE PREVENTED BY
UNFICYP FROM USING FORCE BUT AS FORCE STILL BEING USED
BY GREEKS, TURKEY AWAITS NATO MEETING DECISIONS. ERKIN
SAID TURKEY WANTS FEDERATION. U.S. CONCERNED OVER
POSSIBILITY GREEK-TURKEY QTR. U. S. URGED TURKEY AND
GREECE HELP PRESERVE ALLIANCE'S UNITY. ERKIN MET
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COLUMNIST IN ISTANBUL'S POLITICALLY INDEPENDENT CUMHURIYET
WROTE: "ACCORDING TO ATHENS, UN IS ALREADY WORKING ON
CYPRUS SOLUTION, AND CYPRUS IS NOT MEMBER NATO. THEREFORE,
NATO CANNOT DEAL WITH CYPRUS PROBLEM. ON THE OTHER HAND,
ACCORDING TO ANKARA, CYPRUS HAS BECOME PROBLEM BETWEEN
TURKEY AND GREECE BECAUSE ATHENS AND MAKARIOS TOOK SIDES
AGAINST TURKEY. PANPANDREU, HIMSELF, SAID ACCORDING TO
INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS, AN ATTACK BY TURKEY ON CYPRUS
WILL BE COUNTED AS AN ATTACK ON GREECE. THEREFORE,
CYPRUS PROBLEM CREATED SERIOUS THREAT TO TURKISH AND
GREEK RELATIONS. THIS DANGEROUS SITUATION BETWEEN TWO
MEMBERS NATO CERTAINLY EFFECTS NATO AND NATO CANNOT JUST

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SIT AND WAIT IN A SITUATION THAT THREATEN ITS INTERGRITY."

ISTANBUL INDEPENDENT MILLIYET EDITORIAL: "DIRECT INTERVENTION OR FINAL FORMULA MAY NOT BE EXPECTED AT THE HAGUE BECAUSE THE AUTHORITY FOR SUCH SOLUTION LIES IN HANDS OF UN. ALL NATO CONFERENCE CAN DO IS PRESSURE MORALLY THOSE COUNTRIES INVOLVED AND THIS WILL BE TO ADVANTAGE TURKEY, FOR TURKEY HAS EXPECTED UNDERSTANDING FROM GREECE FROM THE VERY BEGINNING."

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