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Provisional national parliament adopted the law on criminal acts against the people and the state by a vote of 334 to 8 on August 25. Section one of Article Two of law as reported in BORBA today provides that "every act aimed to overthrow or to threaten the existing form of government in Yugoslavia, or to threaten its foreign security or basic, democratic, political, national and economic achievements of the war of liberation - the federatives form of Government, the equality and brotherhood of the Yugoslav peoples, and the national government - will be considered as a criminal act against the people."

On August 26 Information Minister Kosanovich proposed to Parliament that following statement, as carried in today's BORBA and PLITIKA, be directed to conference of Foreign Ministers in London: "the provisional national parliament

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parliament of democratic federative Yugoslavia requests the government express the single desire of all the peoples of Yugoslavia and devote all its efforts at the forthcoming conference of Foreign Ministers in London to obtain recognition for Yugoslavia's rights to those regions which were incorporated into Italy on the bases of peace treaties following the last world war contrary to the principle of self determination of all peoples - regimes which are component parts of Yugoslavia ethnically, geographically and economically. These regions include the Slovene Littoral, Venezia Giulia, Trieste, Istra, Fiume and the island of Lagosta and Pelagoza.

After the great military efforts and enormous sacrifices through which Yugoslavia contributed so much to the victory of the United Nations, she rightfully expects that she will meet with full understanding on the part of her great Allies."

BORBA reports adjournments of national provisional parliament on August 26.

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