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C/S - 1ST ADD - SHOOTING (CN 112)

THREE BIG TANKS, PARKED TREAD TO TREAD, BARRED THE ENTRANCE TO THE CETEKA NEWSAGENCY, A BLOCK OFF WENCESLAUS SQUARE. SOVIET FORCES INVADED THE AGENCY WEDNESDAY AND SILENCED ITS FLOW OF NEWS.

RUSSIAN TROOPS STOOD SHOULDER TO SHOULDER BY THE TANKS.

ACROSS THE SQUARE, EIGHT SOVIET TANKS WERE ARRANGED IN A SEMI-CIRCLE OUTSIDE THE STATE NATIONAL BANK, THEIR CANNON COVERING THE ENTIRE SQUARE FROM THE DOMED NATIONAL MUSEUM AT THE TOP TO THE BUSY SHOPPING AREA AT THE BOTTOM.

SOME 5,000 CZECHOSLOVAKS MILLED AROUND THE SQUARE, SOME ARGUING WITH THE GLUM-LOOKING SOVIETS.

A TRUCKLOAD OF TEENAGERS RACED THROUGH THE SQUARE, THE OCCUPANTS SHOUTING "LONG LIVE FREEDOM." THE RUSSIANS IGNORED THEM.

FOOD STORES ALONG THE SQUARE WERE BARE AFTER A RUN OF PANIC BUYING WEDNESDAY.

THE FACADE OVER THE NATIONAL BANK THIS MORNING SHOWED SIGNS OF GUNFIRE DURING THE NIGHT--IT WAS POCK MARKED WITH MACHINE GUN BULLETS.

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