

CN 19 ATTRIBUTION REQUIRED

CS - 1ST ADD MARTIAL LAW IN PRAGUE (CN 293) XXX INCIDENTS

A REUTER CORRESPONDENT IN PRAGUE SAID THAT WHETHER MARTIAL LAW WAS IN EFFECT COULD NOT BE CONFIRMED. BUT AT 2200 HOURS LOCAL, THE TIME ANNOUNCED BY THE RADIO STATION AS THE START OF MARTIAL LAW, WHEN HE WALKED OUT OF HIS HOTEL DOORS A MAN RUSHED UP TO HIM SHOUTING "DONT GO OUT, THEY WILL SHOOT."

THE STREET WAS DESERTED BUT FOR TWO SOVIET TANKS STANDING ABOUT 60 METRES FROM THE HOTEL. "IT IS THE CURFEW" THE MAN SAID, AS HE RETURNED TO THE CANDLE-LIT LOBBY OF THE HOTEL.

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