

C/S -- FRATERNAL MIDWIVES

MOSCOW, SEPT. 6, REUTER - A CZECHOSLOVAK WOMAN GAVE BIRTH TO A BABY IN A SOVIET TANK WHICH WAS TAKING HER TO HOSPITAL DURING THE EARLY DAYS OF THE SOVIET OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, PRAVDA SAID TODAY.

THE COMMUNIST PARTY NEWSPAPER SAID THE WOMANS HUSBAND, ANTONIN MATUSHEK, ASKED THE RUSSIANS FOR HELP IN GETTING HIS WIFE TO HOSPITAL AT NIGHT BUT THE TANKMEN COULD NOT FIND ~~THE~~ WAY BECAUSE ROAD SIGNS HAD BEEN TAKEN DOWN OR POINTED IN THE WRONG DIRECTION.

SUDDENLY MRS.MATUSHEK WENT INTO LABOUR AND THE BABY WAS BORN IN THE TANK ALONGSIDE THE RESERVE SHELLS WITH A SOVIET ARMY SERGEANT ACTING AS MIDWIFE,PRAVDA ADDED.

THE NEWSPAPER SAID THE MOTHER PROMISED SHE WOULD NAME THE CHILD IVAN AFTER THE SERGEANT.

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