

FADE IN:

SUPER: "BASED ON A TRUE STORY."

EXT. KOSICE - DAWN

An establishing shot of the large industrial city, located at the base of the Slovak Ore Mountains.

SUPER: "KOSICE, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, SEPTEMBER 1938."

MONTAGE - KOSICE AT DAWN

-- A golden sun rises over the Cathedral of St. Elizabeth, the centerpiece of Kosice's medieval main square.

-- Men untie their fishing boats on the Hornad River, ready to set sail for the day.

-- Cafe owners brew fresh pots of coffee and throw open their doors for business.

-- Various adults walk, ride bicycles, or drive tiny cars down narrow streets, heading for work at nearby universities and factories.

END MONTAGE

INT. ORAVEC APARTMENT - MAMMA ORAVEC'S BEDROOM - DAWN

MAMMA ORAVEC, a refined woman in her early forties, stands before a mirror in her small, but tastefully decorated, bedroom. Wearing a smart suit, she listens to the RADIO as she applies a finishing touch of lipstick.

LOCAL NEWS BROADCASTER (V.O.)

...And British Prime Minister Chamberlain will be making a second visit to Germany this week in an effort to solve the Sudeten German crisis. The ethnic group has intensified its demand for greater rights within Czechoslovakia. Sources inside the Czechoslovak government believe that Reich Chancellor Hitler supports the disturbances....

Mamma Oravec TURNS OFF the radio and exits her bedroom. A small crucifix hangs above the doorframe.