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shannon airport, irish republic, dec 11, reuter-

a 22-year-old hungarian refugee girl gave birth to a son in the airport hospital here early today after going into labour in a fog-bound american airliner.

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dr. william flynn, the airport's medical officer, delivered the baby twenty minutes after the skymaster had landed in a break in the fog.

he told lajos raics, the husband, that his wife elizabeth had given birth to a fine little fellow.

earlier, dr. flynn had radioed midwifery instructions to two air hostesses in the airliner, owned by u.s. overseas, a company specialising in immigrant flights from europe to the united states.

mrs. raics, one of 75 immigrants flying from belgrade to new york, went into labour when the airliner had been airborne three hours.

captain ted clarke, the pilot was forced to circle shannon for an hour in the fog.

he asked dr. flynn for advice and passed it on to his hostesses, one of whom was a 20-year-old german girl lilian steigerwald, of hamburg.

then captain clarke found a gap in the fog and brought the planedown. dr. flynn rushed to the airliner with an ambulance and took mrs. raics to the hospital.

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