

The Daily Sketch

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German-Soviet Non-Aggression pact: The beginning of another war?



Yesterday morning, 24th
of August, the worst of our
fears became a reality. The
USSR signed a pact with
Germany, the Nazi-Soviet

pact. Its terms are that they agreed not to attack each other. We, the British people and our government, shall stand up against Adolf Hitler, who wanted to conquer, yet again, the Polish Corridor. Poland stand reassured: we will defend in case of invasion. But now things have changed, we have lost an ally and gained an enemy.

The Soviet leader, Joseph Stalin has always been worried about the German threat to the Soviet Union ever since Hitler came to power in 1933. This is so because Hitler was interested in conquering Russian land. So Stalin joined the League of Nations hoping that, being a member, he would gain more protection and security against Germany. In 1935, Stalin signed a

treaty with France that said that France would help the USSR if Germany invaded the Soviet Union. Our leader, Chamberlain was reluctant to make an alliance with USSR and France an alliance against Hitler, something which is still considered to be the right policy, here, in Britain.

Unfortunately, the Nazi foreign minister Ribbentrop and Molotov signed a treaty of non-aggression with Stalin in Moscow. Stalin was aware that an invasion from Germany to the USSR was inevitable. Most British believe, as Prime minister Chamberlain, that this treaty signed between Germany and the USSR, could trigger another war in not a very distant future.

However this pact of peace between the Nazis and the communist is due to end in a bigger fight between them, because they both have different final objectives. As seen in the cartoon above, they will finally backstab each other in order to achieve their objectives.

