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THE SOVIET PACT WITH POLAND.

The flags of the Soviet Union and the Polish Republic waved side by side on Moscow airport ~~where the Premier awaited~~ ^{awaiting} the arrival of the Polish Prime Minister. General Sikorski ^{— where he was met by Mr. Molotov —} had flown to the Soviet capital [^] to discuss matters of common interest to the two neighbouring states --- including the question of the status of Polish Nationals in the Soviet Union.

Inspection and march past were the honours paid to the visiting Premier on this journey which cleared up many existing difficulties between the two countries.

The men of the Red Army have won the admiration of all the world --- even that of Axis countries whose admiration is tempered by rage and disappointment. We may gauge the measure of Soviet confidence in victory by the fact that these pictures were filmed in the Red Square at Moscow while the invading German Armies were little more than thirty miles away. The Soviet Air Force had the job of keeping the Luftwaffe out of the skies while the parade was on; ~~this~~ this is the proof of the efficiency with which they carried out that responsible task.

Climax of the visit of General Sikorski to Moscow was the meeting at the Kremlin with M. Stalin. ^a ~~The~~ pact was signed under which both parties agreed to continue the fight against Germany until the invading armies had been finally destroyed. The agreement also contained the basis of continued friendship after the war.

2 So the Polish Premier returned to Britain --- to be welcomed among others by Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands; his tour had included visits to Gibraltar and Malta, and the firing line at Tobruk while that fortress was still within enemy lines. General Sikorski summed up by saying that his Russian visit was the beginning of real policy for the good of all the world.

And in London the representatives of nine Allied Governments exiled by Nazi oppression, met at St. James's Palace to place on record the terrible calendar of German atrocities against the people of occupied Europe. They vowed that those responsible should be brought to justice after the war. ~~This is all to the good; as long as we don't lose sight of the fact that it is more urgent to make plans for winning the war than to decide what to do after it is won.~~