

The world was startled by the news of the Nazi-Soviet Pact, ~~which was announced in Moscow on August 23rd 1939.~~ Mr Chamberlain returned early from his holiday in Scotland and took a walk with Mrs Chamberlain before the Cabinet Meeting. Figuring conspicuously during the day were M. Maisky the Soviet Ambassador, and Dr Kordt, German Charge d'Affaires., who called at the Foreign Office. And then Ministers began to arrive at No. 10 and the Press got on its toes. Lord Halifax, Foreign Secretary, came with Sir Alexander Cadogan, ~~Permanent~~ Permanent Head of the Foreign Office. Here is Lord Chatfield, Defence Minister. And Lord Stanhope, First Lord of the Admiralty with Sir John Anderson. Mr Hore Belisha, the War Minister had a good welcome and a cheery smile when he was ~~xxx~~ seen with Sir Reginald Dorman-Smith, ~~Ambassador~~. Then Sir Kingsley Wood, the Air Minister. Sir Samuel Hoare, the Home Secretary, inscrutable as ever. A caller not of the Cabinet was Australian Commissioner Bruce --- and another --- Sir Robert Vansittart, Chief Diplomatic Adviser to the Government. And on the same day we received from America a striking speech made in New York by ^{Britain's} ~~the~~ former Prime Minister, Earl Baldwin --- ~~which~~ ~~was the first public announcement of the Pact between~~ ~~Germany and the Soviet Union.~~

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