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PLEDGING ANGLO-SOVIET SOLIDARITY.

Two big Anglo-Soviet demonstrations in Britain were among <sup>many</sup> ~~these~~ which celebrated the wonderful fight of the Soviet Union on the anniversary of its invasion by Germany. A saddle to be sent to Marshal Timoshenko symbolized the admiration we all feel for the Red Army: the chief speaker here was Sir Stafford Cripps.

And now in Birmingham another great rally at which the chief speaker was Lord Beaverbrook: by the Statue of Queen Victoria, ~~in whose reign the greatness of the British Empire was largely built up,~~ the people of the ~~city~~ city re-affirmed their determination for victory. The ~~chief~~ speaker was introduced by the Lord Mayor <sup>who spoke with a degree of vigor & urgency seldom discovered in mayoral addresses</sup> ~~who spoke with a degree of vigor and urgency seldom discovered in mayoral addresses.~~

And Lord Beaverbrook declared his creed with characteristic punch.