

Early one morning in May a powerful four-engined Soviet Bomber came in to land at a Northern aerodrome. Few people knew of its arrival. Out of it stepped the Soviet Peoples Commissar for Foreign affairs, M. Molotov, clad in heavy furlined flying kit. He had just flown from Russia and close secrecy surrounded his arrival. Nearby a Guard of Honour presented arms in salute to the important Diplomat. It was the start of what was to prove an epoch making visit.

The crew of the aircraft which included a famous Soviet Airman, were soon at home with their comrades in the R.A.F.

At the local station a special train was waiting to bring M. Molotov to London. As it drew out, he and the high officials who travelled with him, settled down to an English breakfast, and to enjoy the scenery. M. Molotov's ~~presence~~ presence here was one of the best kept secrets of the war.

At a station outside London, Mr. Eden was there to welcome his Russian collaborator and with M. Maisky (who had joined the train earlier) left to confer with Mr. Churchill.

Number Ten Down <sup>ing</sup> Street. Long before the story was to be made public, these pictures were taken, to present the historic events leading to the great Anglo-Soviet treaty. The conclusion of a twenty year Treaty of Alliance, with full partnership in war and Peace.

That victory is brought nearer by this wise and far seeing instrument of mutual assistance.

At the Foreign Office, the Grand Alliance was entered into, as signatures were appended to the document by the representatives of the High Contracting Parties. Full understanding was also reached with regard to the creating this year of a second front in Europe.

In his reply, M. Molotov speaking in Russian, affirmed his country's determination to rid Europe of Nazi tyranny. Hitler and his accomplices in their blood-stained robbery (he said) will now feel more than ever that the United forces of their adversaries have been rallied and strengthened.

Once again the great plans set forth, this time carrying M. Molotov to the United States, whose willing participation in the Great Alliance completed the invincible trilogy of Nations. The New Treaty has had an electrifying effect all over the world. It is the power-switch that will set in motion the machiner to grind the last vestige of tyranny out of Europe.

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