

INVASION OF POLAND

GERMAN ATTACK ACROSS ALL FRONTIERS

WARSAW AND OTHER CITIES BOMBED

PRIME MINISTER'S STATEMENT

BRITISH OBLIGATIONS WILL BE FULFILLED

Before 6 o'clock yesterday morning Germany invaded Poland and soon afterwards German aeroplanes were bombing Polish cities, including Warsaw. The British and French Governments promptly decided on a general mobilization.

Parliament met at 6 o'clock last evening, and the Prime Minister told a crowded House of Commons that the British and French Ambassadors in Berlin had been instructed to tell the German Government that unless their forces were promptly withdrawn from Polish territory Britain and France would fulfil their obligations to Poland. In reply Herr von Ribbentrop said that he must refer the message to Herr Hitler.

An emergency grant of £500,000,000 was unanimously voted by Parliament, and Mr. Chamberlain announced an extension of compulsory military service, making the age limit 18 and 41.

The Nazi attack on Poland was launched without even a pretence of submitting to the Polish Government the 16-point "offer" broadcast on Thursday night and without any declaration of war.

Herr Forster, Gauleiter of Danzig, has signed a "constitutional law" reuniting Danzig to the Reich.

The Italian Council of Ministers announces that Italy will "take no initiative" in military operations.

MANY TOWNS BOMBED

WAR WITHOUT A DECLARATION

From Our Correspondent

WARSAW, Sept. 1.—At 5.30 this morning a German-Polish frontier with a heavy and apparently unannounced bombardment of Katowice from the air. The city was also shelled that heavy fighting had started through the length of the East Prussian border. A last communiqué stated that the Polish administration of West Prussia had repelled the attack from Danzig.

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OFFICIALS AMAZED

The news of the German invasion amazed the officials of the Polish Foreign Office who had been up all night studying the latest developments. At 5.30 yesterday, when Herr Hitler's ultimatum demands were published by the official German news agency, it was thought that the exchange between Berlin and Berlin would be satisfactorily settled. It was agreed that the Polish Ambassador should be summoned to Berlin to receive his credentials. It was agreed that he would be valid for two days to allow him time to get to Berlin. When Sir Nevile Henderson told Herr von Ribbentrop, the German Foreign Minister, in a rage, that Herr Hitler's demands were impossible for him to meet, he said that he had been valid for two days for Poland's interests. It was agreed that when Sir Nevile Henderson told Herr von Ribbentrop, the German Foreign Minister, in a rage, that Herr Hitler's demands were impossible for him to meet, he said that he had been valid for two days for Poland's interests. It was agreed that he would be valid for two days to allow him time to get to Berlin to receive his credentials. It was agreed that he would be valid for two days to allow him time to get to Berlin to receive his credentials.

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BRITISH PURPOSE MADE PLAIN

DEMARCHE TO GERMANY

ACTIVITY IN LONDON

From Our Diplomatic Correspondent
Throughout yesterday—quiet and calm in London—Cabinet Ministers were in continual conference. The morning news had made it plain that within a matter of hours this country would be at war. The Government's and the country's purpose had been plain for some weeks—and now—when the country which we were pledged to defend had been suddenly and ruthlessly invaded—all that remained after giving the last warning to our aggressor was to make sure that our planes would get there as early as possible in conjunction with the French. That, in brief, was the purpose of all the day's meetings, which were:

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