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Consolidated in power by threats, fear and an iron fist against any opposition, Adolf Hitler began his rampage through Europe, showing his lust for power and territory. First, he declared Austria a province of Germany, and then swallowed a German-speaking part of Czechoslovakia, the Sudetenland, with the shameful acquiescence of other European governments which aimed to avoid war through appeasement. The whole of Czechoslovakia came next, and finally, what proved to be too much, he threatened Poland, claiming the city of Danzig and the corridor that separated East Prussia from the rest of Germany.

France and Britain saw, too late, that Hitler had to be stopped. And when the German dictator ignored an ultimatum after attacking Poland, the British and

French parliaments declared war. Britain did so at 11:15 on the morning on Sunday September 3, France, six hours later.

As King George the VI said in his address to the nation "it is unthinkable that we should refuse to meet the challenge".

This is how the Daily Herald reported the words of the British Monarch:

"We have been forced into a conflict. For we are called with our Allies to meet the challenge of a principle which, if it were to prevail, would be fatal to any civilised order in the world. It is the principle which permits a State, in the selfish pursuit of power, to disregard its treaties and its solemn pledges; which sanctions the sovereignty and independence of other states".

Europe, for the second time that century, was again at war.

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**WAR DECLARED BY
BRITAIN AND FRANCE**

The Fleet Moves
Into Position

GREAT BRITAIN DECLARED WAR ON GERMANY AT 11 O'CLOCK YESTERDAY MORNING.

Six hours later, at 5 p.m., France declared war.

Britain's resolution to defend Poland against Nazi aggression was described by the newly-formed Ministry of Information in one of its first announcements, as follows:—

"At 11.15 this morning (Sunday) Mr. B. Dugdale, head of the Foreign Department of the Foreign Office, went to the German Embassy, where he was received by Dr. Kauff, the Charge d'Affaires.

"Dr. Dugdale handed to Dr. Kauff a notification of the state of war entered between Great Britain and Germany at 11.15 o'clock, B.P.T. this morning. This notification contained the formal declaration of war."

Navy Fully Mobilised

POLES SMASH WAY INTO E. PRUSSIA

OFFICIALS in Warsaw stated last night that the Polish army has succeeded in way across the Northern border into East Prussia, after driving the Germans from several Polish towns in bitter fighting.

On the Northern Front the Poles are reported to have defeated the German forces in two or three battles across the upper part of the Gdansk. The Germans still hold behind their frontiers.

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—THE KING

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London Hears Its First Raid Warning

LONDON was under yesterday when it heard its first air raid warning.

This is the first time that the city has been warned of an air raid since the outbreak of the war.

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