

They talked to Stalin and they said, Here's Poland in between us. Why don't you take half of it, and we'll take half of it? They said, We'll attack Poland we will take half and let you take half. They said, We'll be rid of this separate country of Poland and we'll each profit by it! Stalin had faith in Hitler's word. He put his faith in Hitler's word.

Hitler sent his army in to conquer Poland, and fought hard. For 6 weeks. After 6 weeks they had completely taken control of the country. The Russians had come in from the East and taken over a ~~fair~~ fair part of it, but most of the fighting was done by the Germans. When Hitler's men came back they had dinner with him. One of them said, I so enjoyed having dinner up there with those Bolshiveks. He said, As they fought I felt just like our group of Nazis when we were making our plans to get control of Germany. They were just the same kind of people we are. And Hitler smiled and said nothing.

But he knew that Stalin was showing misplaced faith in thinking he could trust his word. But Stalin at that point was very trustful. So when suddenly Hitler ordered his troops and divided Poland and Russia had taken over complete control of about half of it, he ordered his troops to attack. Quickly they took over the rest of Poland and went into Russia, and were within a few miles of Moscow and Leningrad and it looked as if they would take over that country. Stalin put his faith in Hitler and his faith failed.

But the English and French having seen Hitler grab Czechoslovakia, decided they would not trust his promises any more and tried to plead with him not to attack Poland and when he did it, they both declared war. So the war began as a war to defend the freedom of Poland. And the English and French declared war against Russia--against Germany, and the U.S. supplied the weapons and materials. And after Hitler attacked Russia we supplied our great Russian ally with weapons and materials and eventually we supplied them with troops that brought success in the war. A war that had started ostensibly to protect the freedom of Poland.

Now in Poland when it was taken, there were a great many people who were not willing to be subject to the German control. Some of these escaped to England and founded a government in exile in England. The English sent people by parachute over and kept up connection with them. And a strong underground was established in Poland. They would attack small German forces and seize weapons from them and other weapons were dropped to them by parachute, and they kept them all carefully hidden. Because they knew that any uprising against the Germans could be put down very quickly. At least they thought so.

They saved these arms and practiced their use when they could, and they looked forward to the time when the Allies would be near enough to victory that they could make an uprising that would help them in regaining their freedom of Poland. The time came when the ~~BR~~ British and American forces had taken most of France. It was plain that Germany was doomed.