

Chamberlain made the first flight of his life to meet Hitler at

He took no interpreter and he spoke no German and
Hitler spoke no English!

Hitler demanded an instant solution to the Sudeten problem.
Chamberlain agreed to break up Czechoslovakia.....
without consulting the Czechs.

Chamberlain says "In principal I have nothing to say
against the separation of the Sudetenland from the rest
of Czechoslovakia, provided that
the practical difficulties could be overcome"

Chamberlain had to persuade the Cabinet, the French and the
Czechs to support the plans
The French were persuaded
The Czechs suffered intense bullying but eventually
realised that without allies it would be impossible to
stand alone against Germany.

Chamberlain wanted more to give the British people and so he
got Hitler to sign the following.

"We regard the agreement signed last night and
the Anglo-German naval agreement as a
symbolic desire of our two peoples never to go to war again.
We are resolved that the method of consultation shall be the
method adopted to deal with any other questions that may
concern our two countries, and we are
determined to continue our efforts to remove possible sources
of difference and thus to contribute to assure the peace of Europe."



1st meeting Berchtesgaden
on the 15th September

2nd meeting Godesberg
22nd September

"The Czech problem is the last territorial demand
I have to make in Europe"

Hitler said the Sudeten Germans were being persecuted
the Czechs and he must send in the German army at once
He demanded the Sudetenland be handed over,
with no compensation by 28th September at the latest.
Poland and Hungary were concerned too.

Chamberlain's three
meetings with Hitler
1938

Reaction

Chamberlain realises Hitler's ambitions.

Hitler has second thoughts

Mussolini steps in

Chamberlain's piece of paper

3rd meeting Munich
29th September

Mussolini sets up a meeting of
Britain, France,
Germany and Italy
but not Czechoslovakia or Russia.



9 hours of discussion
The Czech spokesman sat outside on the steps
Terms were that Czechoslovakia was given
12 hours to accept the Godesberg proposals and
10 days to implement them
The Czechs were told they had to agree to the terms.
There was no appeal