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Secret additional protocol to German-Russian nonaggression pact, signed in Moscow by Ribbentrop and Molotoff, August 23, 1939

In the event of a territorial and political rearrangement in the areas belonging to the Baltic States (Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania), the northern boundary of Lithuania shall represent the boundary of the spheres of influence of Germany and the U.S.S.R. . . . (In Poland) the spheres of influence of Germany and the U.S.S.R. shall be bounded approximately by the line of the rivers Narew, Vistula, and San. The question of whether the interests of both parties make desirable the maintenanc of an independent Polish state and how such a state should be bounded can only be definitely determined in the course of further political developments With regard to Southeaster Europe attention is called by the Soviet side to its interest in Besserabia (the northeastern province of Rumania).

The Headlines, September 1, 1939: War! Nazis Invade Poland. Two Days Later, Britain and France Declare War on Germany.

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