

## POLAND AND THE SOVIET UNION DURING THE MUNICH CRISIS (MARCH–OCTOBER 1938)

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During a time of openly anti-Czechoslovak politics on the part of Poland which – adumbrating an awaited German action – amounted to a Polish share in the destruction of the First Republic and would remove the Soviet Union's only ally in Central Europe, Poland and the Soviet Union co-existed more or less without connection. Even the Soviet threat of 23 September 1938 to terminate the Polish-Soviet Non-Aggression Pact in the event of Polish aggression against the First Republic was only half-hearted and came only after Czechoslovak pressure. Soviet policy was concerned with not dramatizing unnecessarily Polish-Soviet relations. After the Munich Agreement, they shared interests, for example, the Carpatho-Ukrainian question. Moreover, on the Soviet side there were endeavors to win Poland for a joint Polish-Soviet policy in East Central Europe. Poland, however, was solely interested in establishing a formally correct relationship.