

A. Just a few more words.

Q. I think the witness should be allowed to finish his background. A. When it seemed there was not going to be the possibility of establishing an alliance between Great Britain and France and Soviet Russia there came out the German-Soviet non-aggression pact. Now, what was our attitude to it? I think you will be interested in this as well. First of all, we were convinced then on that point that that was not what Russia desired at all. We were also convinced then that that did not constitute any alliance between Russia and Germany, that it was at the most a time-saving device, and that eventually Russia will be on our side; but the pact was not as it had been suggested during that period, no alliance or no identity of interests; as a matter of fact, the interests were diametrically opposed.

BY MR. MacINNIS:

Q. But in referring to the pact, don't you think that the pact was the only one thing necessary in order to make the European war for Germany possible; that with the neutrality of Russia assured by the pact Germany would have an opportunity to drive on other countries? A. I would not think so, I think that the thing that made possible --

Q. I am not saying what made the pact possible. A. No, no, no; I think what finally made Germany take the step there was the conviction that they were able to divide the countries and eventually they would have it to face.

Q. But Germany did not do that until she had the neutrality pact with Russia? A. No, that is true.

Q. Well then, that was the last thing that Germany had to have in order to make a declaration of war on the rest of the world. A. I do not know what the Germans figured, but I know