

SOVIET INVASION OF EUROPE - 1945

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The Second World War is generally accepted to have begun on 1 March 1945, when the Soviet Union launched its attack into Europe. Though Stalin's foreign policy had been 'Socialism in One Country', opting for defending and holding what they had rather than aggressively spreading communism, the quick defeat of Germany, the creation of the European Entente and the deployment of Franco-British forces into eastern Europe caused many in the Soviet government, including Stalin himself, to believe the western capitalists were surrounding the Soviet Union like vultures, preparing for an attack. Therefore, Soviet leadership quickly put together plans for a preemptive attack into Europe. The coming war was never meant to be the long, destructive war it became, instead it was simply meant to quickly overrun the eastern European nations and negotiate with the west from a position of, securing buffer regions in central Europe against the westerners. WW2, as it would come to be called, would become the ultimate war of ideologies, and the most destructive war in history.

