• Edvard Beneš (Leader of Czechoslovakia) **horrified by Anschluss.** Realised Czechoslovakia would be next country on Hitler’s list to takeover
• Britain/France **not prepared to stand up to Hitler.** Beneš sought guarantees that Britain/France would honour commitment to defend Czechoslovakia
• French bound by Treaty. And, British felt bound to support French
• Leader of Nazis in the Sudetenland (Henlein) stirred up trouble btw. Sudetenland Germans + they demanded to be part of Germany
• May 1938- **Hitler made clear that he intended to fight Czechoslovakia** if necessary
• Britain, France + USSR all promised to support Czechoslovakia if it came to war.
• In last ditch effort to avoid war, **Chamberlain flew to meet Hitler on the 15th September**- Hitler moderated demands saying he was only interested in parts of Sudetenland
• 19th September- **French/British put to the Czechs their plans to give Hitler parts of the Sudetenland that he wanted**- three days later at a 2nd meeting Hitler increased demands (he wanted ALL the Sudetenland)

**The Munich Agreement:**

- 29th September- With Mussolini’s help- final meeting held in Munich. **Decided to give Hitler what he wanted.**
  - Announced that Czechoslovakia was to lose Sudetenland. Did **not consult Czechs, or the USSR.**
  - Known as the **MUNICH AGREEMENT**
  - The prize of the Sudetenland had been given to him without a shot being fired: “an undreamt-of triumph, so great that you can scarcely imagine it”: Hitler
  - 1st October- **German troops marched into Sudetenland**- At same time, Hungary/Poland helped **themselves to Czech territory where Hungarians/Poles** were living
  - Czechs had been betrayed. **Beneš resigned.**

**The end of Appeasement:**

**Czechoslovakia, 1939:**