



Moscow's prewar diplomatic record helped inspire the mistrust that *Mission to Moscow* set out to correct. Most disconcerting was the Nazi-Soviet Pact of August 1939. As this cartoon shows, many thought that the mutual nonaggression treaty exemplified a cynical, totalitarian alliance between Joseph Stalin and Adolf Hitler. How, some Americans asked, could the United States safely ally itself with a country that had such a duplicitous track record?

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