Key DATES -- WWII in Nordic-Baltic Region

1939:
August 23  Soviet-German Non-Aggression Pact signed (with secret protocol)
Sept. 1    Nazi-Germany invades and occupies Poland: BLITZKRIEG
Sept. 3    Britain and France (the Allies) declare War on Germany
Sept. 17   Soviet troops invade eastern Poland
Nov. 30    Soviet Russia invades Finland, initiating the WINTER WAR

1940:
March 12   Russia and Finland sign peace treaty
           Finland forced to cede territories to USSR)
April 9    Nazi-Germany invades Denmark and Norway
           (Denmark capitulates immediately)
June 7     Norway’s battle against Germany ceases
           (King, government, evacuated to Britain)
July       Soviets annex and occupy the Baltic states:
           Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania

Summer of 1940 leaves Denmark and Norway occupied by Germany, Sweden neutral,
Finland hostile to Soviet Union, Baltic states occupied by Soviet Union.