

criticisms of what we have not done but ought to have done. As regards the positive criticisms, so far as I remember, the main subject related to the responsibility thrown upon the League of Nations by our duties as guardians of the Government in the Valley of the Saar. Undoubtedly we have responsibilities there; equally undoubtedly those responsibilities are not ~~any~~ easy of execution, But ~~I would utter~~ I would utter just a word of caution, to my friends and colleagues in this Hall, ~~and ask them to~~ remember that the main difficulties which arose under the Saar situation are due to the fact that, quite naturally, and let me add, quite inevitably, there is the most active and vehement propaganda going on in that area with a view to seeing that when they arrive at the year 1935 or 1936 (I forget which), when the year comes in which the plebescite is to be taken, the plebescite shall follow the lead given it by these untiring propagandists.

Now I have never known a very vehement and intensive propagandist movement carried on in which things were done which had better not have been done, ~~and~~ in which things were left undone which ought to have been done, ~~and~~ in which things were said which had better not have been said, and in which procedure has been taken which had better have been left on one side, and I most sincerely believe that that is the case at the present moment in the Saar Valley. I know quite well that there has been an active movement carried on here among us all on this subject, and I would just ask my colleagues to remember this.

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