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Two features were outstanding in Wednesday's important meeting of the Commons--even apart from the House's united and inflexible determination to resist the aggressor to the end. In the first place, the Prime Minister, whose survey of the progress of the war was the *pièce de résistance* of the day, was extremely anxious that Members should know all that could be told about what was going on. In the second, the Opposition, while fully appreciating Mr. Chamberlain's position, were not disposed to abate in the slightest their constitutional duty to help to win the war by harrying the Government in the weakest places of its policy. Mr. Greenwood was deadly effective: as Leader of the Opposition it was his duty to put his fingers on the weak spots, and he found them at the Ministries of Information and Supply. His strong words about the stupid imbroglio of Monday night, when news about British troops in France was jockeyed about between the Ministry of Information and the War Office, given to the Press, withdrawn and then put out again, drew no riposte from the Government benches, where the ill-working of official publicity so far was of necessity admitted. They were echoed by Sir Archibald Sinclair and accepted by Sir Samuel Hoare. Democratic processes were working at their best on Wednesday; and it is not the least sign of the truly representative character of the Commons that there emerged from that day's discussion the general view that what is most immediately wanted by the nation is more information, better information and information more skilfully handled and expressed. This is what every man and woman in the street has been saying ever since the war began.

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