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#### (c) Militarists in United Kingdom:

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Fear of Italian ambitions for dominating the Eastern Mediterranean and the road to India - not so strong now as three months ago, in view of British rearmament plans, etc.

#### (d) League supporters in France:

Who are chiefly hard bitten realists, supporting the League because the League, in their view, has always been valued as a means of guaranteeing the status quo for the victors, a protection particularly, if not solely, for France against Germany.

#### (e) League supporters in the United Kingdom:

The greater geographical detachment of Great Britain and temperamental differences have resulted in League sympathy in Britain being more idealistic and less consciously selfregarding; the airplane is lessening this detachment, but not its expression in idealist terminology; widespread feeling that the whole League experiment of collective security will fail if the present first major experiment in its application does not result in the defeat of the aggressor: only alternative will be rearmament and war-alliances.

### (f) Government and Service attitude in United Kingdom:

The apprehension of a mad dog act on the part of Mussolini which was a definite deterrent against action last fall, has now greatly lessened; the Foreign Secretary and Drummond at Kome late in January expressed agreement that with the conclusion of agreements for joint in and case armed action between Great Britain and France,

Greece, Turkey, Czecho-Slovakia and Rumania, in January, the risk of such an act should now be considered remote.

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