

THE CAUSES OF FAILURE

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“ Why, then, did it fail ? I concur most fully with the Report in saying that its failure was not due to any weakness in the terms of the Covenant. To my mind it is plain beyond the possibility of doubt that it failed solely because the Member States did not genuinely accept the obligation to use and support its provisions. That was due to several causes. Speaking of my own country, I must admit that the general current of official opinion was either neutral or hostile. I suspect that was also true in other countries.”