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A study of the reports of the Permanent Mandates Commission in connection with the Mandated Territory of South-West Africa shows that ever since its inception assumption of this "sacred trust of civilization" the Union Government has failed to live up to its responsibilities. To the trenchant criticisms of the Mandates Commission regarding its errors of omission and commission in its dealings with the local African population the stock reply of the Union Government has always been that it would be unfair to burden the European population with taxation for the benefit of the African population and that it would be unwise to accelerate unduly the development of the African population - stock arguments used within the Union itself against appropriations for the benefit of the African population. This attitude seems to indicate that the Union Government undertook to administer this territory without a full appreciation of the ^{implications} of the "sacred trust of civilization" she seems to have been more interested in the fact that South-West Africa was a C-Mandate to be administered "as an integral portion" of the territory of the mandating Power - she looked upon the mandate as a veiled form of annexation from which the veil has lately been removed as indicated by her application for permission to incorporate the territory into the Union.

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