

ANETA OFFICIAL NETHERLANDS AND NETHERLANDS INDIES NEWS AGENCY

THE HAGUE, AUG. 28-/ANETA/-THE NEWS AND EDITORIAL COLUMNS OF HOLLANDS PAPERS TODAY INDICATE THAT A RAIN OF PROTESTS AGAINST THE PROPOSED RELEASE OF NETHERLANDS NAZIS FROM THEIR DETENTION CAMPS AND PRISONS HAS BURST ABOUT THE HEADS OF PREMIER WILLEM SCHEREMERHORN AND THE MEMBERS OF HIS CABINET.

THE COMMUNIST DAILY DE WAARHEID PRODUCES A HORROR PHOTO OF VICTIMS OF THE DACHAU CONCENTRATION CAMP WITH THIS CAPTION "THUS DIED OUR BROTHERS AT DACHAU. THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT NOW WANTS TO RELEASE THOSE WHO WERE A PARTY TO THESE CRIMES."

THE NEWS STORY WHICH FOLLOWS CITES VERBATIM FROM TELEGRAMS AND LETTERS OF PROTEST WHICH HAVE BEEN SENT TO PREMIER SCHERMERHORN.

IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE PAPER, MAJ. LEOPOLD, DISTRICT COMMANDER OF THE NETHERLANDS FORCES OF THE INTERIOR IN SOUTH HOLLAND, DECLARED THAT MEMBERS OF THE NETHERLANDS NAZI PARTY, WHATEVER THEIR MOTIVES, WERE PARTIES TO THE CRIMES COMMITTED BY THEIR LEADERS.

H. BISCHOF, DIRECTOR OF THE HOUSE OF DETENTION FOR POLITICAL PRISONERS AT SCHEVENINGEN TOLD A REPORTER FOR DE WAARHEID, "IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO SEPARATE AND SIFT OUT THE MINOR OFFENDERS IN ORDER TO MAKE ROOM AT THE CAMPS. A TRIBUNAL MUST SETTLE THESE CASES AND QUICKLY."

THE EDITORIAL IN HET NIEUWS TITLED "DONT RELEASE THEM" SAYS THAT SCHERMERHORNS DENIAL IS NOT REASSURING. IT DOESNT MEAN THAT THE RELEASE QUESTION HAS BEEN DROPPED. THERE IS UNEASINESS, EVEN UNREST AMONG THE PEOPLE OF HOLLAND BECAUSE OF THE GOVERNMENTS ATTITUDE, CONTINUED THE PAPER.

THE EDITORIAL EMPHASIZED THAT THE NUMBER TO BE RELEASED WAS NOT THE REASON FOR THE DISCONTENT. IT WAS THE FACT THAT ANY WERE TO BE RELEASED AT ALL.

"THE NETHERLANDS PEOPLE DONT WISH THESE PEOPLE-WHO HAVE SUPPORTED THE ENEMY DURING THE OCCUPATION-BACK IN THE COMMUNITY BEFORE THEY HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE PRISON SENTENCES THEY DESERVE OR BEEN ACQUITTED," CONTINUED HET NIEUWS.

THE PAPER POINTED TO THE RECENT FLOOD OF TELEGRAMS TO SCHERMERHORN AND THE REPORTED AMSTERDAM STREET FIGHTING AS EXPRESSIONS OF THE TRUE WILL OF HOLLANDS PEOPLE. THE PAPER ADMITTED THAT THE GOVERNMENT FACED A PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT TASK IN HANDLING SO LARGE A NUMBER OF INTERNEES, A NUMBER CONSTANTLY GROWING WHICH "MUST GIVE FOREIGNERS AN UNFAVORABLE IMPRESSION CONCERNING THE ATTITUDE OF THE NETHERLANDS PEOPLE DURING THE OCCUPATION."

UNDOUBTEDLY MISTAKES HAVE BEEN MADE ADDED THE PAPER. BREAD AND BUTTER NAZIS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED WHILE COLLABORATORS AND BLACK MARKETEERS REMAINED FREE. SOME EVEN MANAGED TO JOIN THE INTERIOR FORCES UNTIL DISCOVERED AND THROWN OUT. THIS UNHEALTHY SITUATION IT ATTRIBUTED IN PART TO THE NEGLECT OF THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT WHEN IN LONDON WHICH DID NOT PROVIDE A CLEAR CUT POLICY OF GUIDANCE AND PERMITTED SITUATIONS TO ARISE WHICH COMPLICATED AFFAIRS.

HET NIEUWS FEARED THAT THE REAL CRIMINALS MAY BE TRIED ALONG WITH THE SMALL FRY AND FORM A NEW FIFTH COLUMN.

"NAZIS CANNOT BE REFORMED," IT CONCLUDED. "IF NO SPACE CAN BE FOUND IN CAMPS, IT MUST BE MADE. A SOLUTION MUST BE FOUND IF THE GOVERNMENT WISHES TO AVOID SERIOUS TROUBLE."

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