

ARNHEM FAILURE

SUSPECTED TRAITOR DETAINED.

ALLEGEDLY WARNED GERMANS.

LONDON, Feb. 17 (A.A.P.).—The man who is believed to have been principally responsible for the failure of the Arnhem parachute offensive to attain its full objective is at present imprisoned in the Tower of London, says the Associated Press correspondent in Paris. The name and nationality of the prisoner, who was formerly a member of the Dutch resistance movement, are at present being withheld.

He is accused of warning the Germans of the forthcoming Arnhem attack. The prisoner last August was offered by the Dutch Government to be a message bearer to Holland. He was well known and trusted by Dutch resistance officers for three years because of his supposed underground work. As a check on his reliability, he was commissioned to kill several named Germans. He carried out his

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rested when he tried to depart. The Dutch Government Information Bureau, in a statement, said that the prisoner, who, according to Press reports, was being held in the Tower of London, had at no time access to important military information and was not in the confidence of the Allied military authorities regarding the Arnhem operations. His arrest was due to the alertness of the Dutch security service on the Continent. Furthermore, the prisoner had been incorrectly described as a Dutch officer, when he was neither an officer nor a soldier in the Dutch forces. The man posed as an underground worker.

GERMAN CREDITS

BLOCKED BY SWISS.

LONDON, Feb. 18 (A.A.P.).—The British United Press correspondent in Berne says that the Federal Council has decided to block German credits in Switzerland in order to investigate reports that there has been a flight of German capital to Switzerland. The owners of such credits living in Switzerland will be able, during the investigation, to obtain only the necessary funds for living expenses.

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SUSPICION AROUSED.

He was not suspected immediately after the failure of the landing, but later suspicions were aroused and traps were laid. Sufficient evidence piled up and a warrant was issued for his arrest. This presented a problem, as the prisoner always carried a revolver and was a fine marksman. A ruse was carried out in which he was invited to a cocktail party and was arrested when he tried to depart.