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SCHERMERHORN STATEMENT AROUSES DUTCH

"Resurgent Netherlands" radio, relayed by London, in Dutch to the Netherlands and the Empire: "After the speech of Prof Schermerhorn, in which he stated that "light cases" among the confined N.S.B. men would be released, a storm of protest went up immediately. The former underground who were persecuted to the death by members of the Landwacht protested and the Netherlands Forces of the Interior sent a telegram to the Government as an expression of their concern.

"The Communist Party distributed pamphlets yesterday urging large-scale resistance against the plan of the Government shortly to set at liberty tens of thousands who had been arrested for treason.

"In a speech at Rotterdam on present problems the Premier stated last night (Aug. 23) that the rumor that 60,000 prisoners would be released was completely unfounded. The Premier was confident that in this way part of the concern had been removed." ("Resurgent Netherlands", in Dutch to the Netherlands and Empire, Aug. 24, 1945, 7:00 a.m. EWT)