

## *Was Dutchman A Traitor?*

**L**ONDON, February 20.—The Dutchman who was held in the Tower of London charged with betraying the secret of the Arnhem paratroop landing, was a member of the staff of Prince Bernhard, husband of the Crown Princess of Holland, holding a position of considerable trust and responsibility. He has been moved from the Tower and is lodged in a secret prison.

He is 47 years of age and weighs 21-stone. After his arrest at a cocktail party he was flown to England in chains. There is little doubt that despite the Dutch Government's seemingly comprehensive denial of the

story, as originally published, it is substantially true.

I first heard of it in Brussels, where the man concerned was a well-known member of Prince Bernhard's Army Headquarters (says the correspondent). What puzzled senior officers of the 21st Army Group about the Arnhem operation was the rapidity with which the Germans moved reinforcements and overpowering forces into the area. It is believed this man could give the explanation.

It is alleged that he knew the time and the operational details of the Arnhem action, and that his job was to go to Holland and pass on the information to the Dutch underground leaders. When inquiry was held into the failure of the operation the leaders of the Dutch resistance movement said they had received no information and no orders, and had not been contacted by this man.

The charge now standing against the man is that he failed to pass on information and, instead, gave it to the Germans. Before he accepted for this supremely confidential task he was asked to go through the enemy lines and kill a number of important German officials as a test of his trustworthiness. All reports received through secret channels satisfied the Allied authorities that he had successfully killed these people.