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Difficulties of confining
Dutch Nazis

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AMSTERDAM, August 28 (Aneta)--Holland does not have the manpower necessary to guard the 140,000 suspected Dutch Nazis and collaborationists who should be confined awaiting trial, well-informed sources reported today.

Adding new material to the current discussions over the handling of prisoners, these sources quoted military spokesmen as saying 30,000 men would be required to guard the total number of prisoners. These men, they added, are needed on more urgent tasks to speed the nation's recovery.

So far, they continued, between 80,000 and 90,000 prisoners have been confined in schools, barracks and other public buildings, taxing all available facilities. To find additional room, these sources said, would be a major problem--and the situation is complicated by the fact that many of the buildings now used as prisons soon must be turned back to their normal uses. This was said to be especially true in the case of schools. To build new camps is considered virtually impossible because of the lack of construction materials.

Present plans call for the separation of those internees who already have been sentenced from those who have not. The former will be deprived of such privileges as writing letters, but their rations will be the same as the others.