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**CONVENTION FOR LIMITING THE MANUFACTURE AND  
REGULATING THE DISTRIBUTION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS OF 13 JULY 1931  
AS AMENDED BY THE PROTOCOL OF 11 DECEMBER 1946**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**SEIZURES OF CANNABIS AT ATLANTIC COAST PORTS DURING  
JANUARY - FEBRUARY  
AND MARCH 1947**

**Report No. 1154 Communicated by the Government of the  
United States of America on 17 July 1947**

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**Note by the Secretary-General**

In accordance with Article 23 of the Convention for limiting the Manufacture and regulating the Distribution of Narcotic Drugs of 13 July 1931, as amended by the Protocol of 11 December 1946, the Secretary-General has the honour to communicate the following report on the above mentioned seizures to the Members of the United Nations and to the other parties to the Convention.

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**/UNITED STATES**

No. 1154

UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT  
BUREAU OF NARCOTICS  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

NARCOTIC SEIZURE REPORT

JUN 9 1947

1. Date of seizure See dates given below 2. Place of seizure See places listed below
3. Name of person or firm implicated See defendants named below
4. Name of ship See "Remarks" below 5. Coming from See "Remarks" below
6. Date of leaving first port ...
7. Destination and date of arrival ...
8. Ports of call ...
9. Owners or nationality of ship ...
10. Kind and quantity of drugs seized: 4 pounds, 7 ounces, 391 grains, (2 kg. 038.1 gr.) net, of marihuana, consisting of the dried, pulverized flowering tops, leaves, seeds and stems of the cannabis plant in the form most frequently encountered in the United States; 346 grains, net, (22.4 grammes) of takrouri, or Tunisian cannabis, being more refined than marihuana; 20 grains, (1.3 gr.) net, of hashish, or the compressed resin of the cannabis plant; 61 grains, (3.9 grammes) net, (1.3 grammes) of ganja, consisting of the compressed gummy flowering tops and leaves of the female cannabis plant.
11. Origin of manufacture (marks, labels, etc.): No identifying marks or labels. See "Remarks" below.
12. Where shipped or forwarded from See "Remarks" below
13. Forwarding agents or consignors See "Remarks" below
14. Destination or address United States
15. Remarks: There appears below a summary of cannabis seizures effected at Atlantic Coast ports during the months of January, February, and March 1947:  
Place and date of seizure: New York City, January 31, 1947  
Name of defendants: Unknown  
Quantities of cannabis seized: 1 ounce, 361.5 grains, net, (51.7 grammes) of marihuana.  
  
When the American steamship MARINE TIGER arrived from San Juan, Puerto Rico, customs searchers found the following caches of marihuana aboard the vessel:  
  
300 grains, (19.4 grammes) behind gear in the gunners' toilet; 84 grains, (5.4 grammes) over a vent in the gunners' toilet; 328 grains, (21.3 grammes) under ropes in the gunners' berthing space; 87 grains, (5.6 grammes) in a tin of cleaning powder in the gunners' locker.  
  
Since the vessel arrived from Puerto Rico, it is believed that the cannabis seized was typical American marihuana.

/"Remarks"

"Remarks" - Continued:

Place and date of seizure: Brooklyn, New York, February 3, 1947

Names of defendants: Unknown

Quantities of cannabis seized: 1 pound, 2 ounces, 25 grains,  
(511.9 grammes) net, of Marihuana.

Five seizures of marihuana were made by customs searchers on the American steamship ANN McKIM when that vessel arrived from Mombassa, Dar-Es-Salaam, Lourenco Marques, Durban, and Port of Spain. Seizures:

A cloth bag containing 3 ounces, 200 grains (98 grammes) on a ledge in the deck toilet, starboard side

A cloth bag containing 5 ounces, 320 grains, (162.5 grammes) on a ledge in the slop sink locker, starboard side

A paper package, weighing 50 grains, (3.2 grammes) in a vent beside a blower near the dry stores, starboard side

A cloth bag containing 8 ounces, 230 grains, (241.7 grammes) on top of a ventilator, starboard side working alleyway

Two paper packages containing a total of 100 grains, (6.5 grammes) on a ledge in the stewards' toilet, portside, amidship

In view of the itinerary of the vessel, it is doubtful if the cannabis seized was typical American marihuana, but probably was some African preparation, such as dagga.

Place and date of seizure: New York City, February 3, 1947

Name of defendants: David JONES, American negro

Quantities of cannabis seized: 11 grains, net, of marihuana. (0.7 grammes)

David JONES, bedroom steward on the American steamship PIONEER WAVE, was searched by a customs officer who found a small quantity of marihuana on his person. JONES claimed he purchased the marihuana in Baltimore at which port he joined the vessel, and that he has used marihuana for years to help alleviate an asthmatic condition.

Place and date of seizure: New York City, February 4, 1947

Names of defendants: Unknown

Quantities of cannabis seized: 340 grains, net, of marihuana. (22 grammes)

Upon the arrival of the American steamship JOHN ERICSSON from Southampton and LeHavre, customs officers found 300 grains (19.4 grammes) of marihuana on a ledge over a ventilator outside of the oilers' quarters, forward. On a ledge near this spot they found 40 grains of marihuana (2.6 grammes). Since the vessel touched at LeHavre, it is possible that the cannabis seized was either kif or takrouri which form of cannabis appears to be readily available at that port.

/Place

Place and date of seizure: New York City, February 4, 1947

Names of defendants: Unknown

Quantities of cannabis seized: 275 grains, net of marihuana (17.8 grammes);  
20 grains (1.3 grammes), net, of hashish.

A customs searcher found a tobacco tin containing a quantity of marihuana and a small piece of hashish on a ledge over the engine room of the American steamship ALBION VICTORY, arrived from Genoa, Leghorn, Catania, Messina, and Palermo. Inasmuch as the hashish seized was of Near Eastern origin, it is likely also that so-called marihuana was kif, takrouri, or Turkish kabak.

Place and date of seizure: Brooklyn, New York, February 5, 1947

Names of defendants: Weston James DUHART, American citizen

Quantities of cannabis seized: 50 grains, net, of marihuana (3.2 grammes)

A customs officer searched Weston James DUHART, second cook on the American steamship CAPE HENRY, arrived from Coos Bay, Oregon, at which time DUHART removed a tin containing marihuana from his pocket, threw it on the ground, and attempted to escape, but was apprehended.

Place and date of seizure: Hoboken, New Jersey, February 10, 1947

Names of defendants: Unknown

Quantities of cannabis seized: 3 ounces, 190 grains, net (97.4 grammes) of marihuana.

Two packages of marihuana were found beneath a locker in the customs office on a pier. Previously, four crewmembers of the American steamship COASTAL VIKING had been examined in this office and it is likely that one of them had thrown the marihuana under the locker.

Place and date of seizure: Brooklyn, New York, February 10, 1947

Names of defendants: Unknown

Quantities of cannabis seized: 40 grains, net, of marihuana (2.6 grammes)

When customs searchers boarded the American steamship AFRICAN SUN, in port from Lourenco Marques, Beira, Durban, Capetown, and Port of Spain, they found a package of marihuana between overhead pipes in the crew toilet, amidship. As to the origin and type of the cannabis seized, the same remarks as applied to the seizure of February 3, 1947, on the steamship ANN McKIM are appropriate.

Place and date of seizure: Staten Island, New York, February 11, 1947

Names of defendants: Unknown

Quantities of cannabis seized: 2 pounds, 14 ounces, 411 grains, net, of marihuana. (1 kg. 330.7 grs)

Thirteen separate marihuana seizures were made on the American steamship MANDARIN which arrived from Mombassa, Dar-Es-Salaam, Beira, and Durban, as follows:

/A glass jar

- A glass jar containing 1 ounce, 9 grains, (28.9 grammes) in a spaghetti box in the dry storeroom
- A package containing 265 grains, (17.2 grammes) on a ledge in the thwartship alleyway, crew deck
- A matchbox holding 87 grains (5.6 grammes) of coarse marihuana, and a tin containing 1 ounce, 86 grains, (33.9 grammes) of ground marihuana and a few seeds, on the officers' deck on a ledge in the thwartship alleyway
- A bag containing 3 ounces, 360 grains, (108.4 grammes) behind a ventilator in the fidleys, topside
- A bag containing 2 ounces, 257 grains, (73.3 grammes) in a bag of beans in the storeroom
- Five packages holding 12 ounces, 220 grains, (354.4 grammes) on top of a linen locker second deck
- A tin containing 3 ounces, 167 grains, (95.9 grammes) on a ledge in the working alleyway, portside
- A package holding 135 grains, (8.7 grammes) in pipes on the second deck, amidship
- A bag containing 1 ounce, 103 grains, ( 35 grammes) behind a pipe line and overhead ventilator, outside of an electrical storeroom, portside
- A rice bag holding 13 ounces, 22 grains, (369.9 grammes) on a ledge, starboard side, aft
- A package containing 4 ounces, 120 grains, (121.1 grammes) in laundry in back of a sink
- A sugar bag holding 2 ounces, 120 grains, (64.5 grammes) on the second deck behind icebox control valves
- A package containing 210 grains, (13.6 grammes) on overhead pipes outside of the engineers' storeroom.

As to origin, see remarks above in connection with the African Sun seizure.

Place and date of seizure: New York City, February 16, 1947

Names of defendants: Unknown

Quantities of cannabis seized: 105 grains, net, of takrouri. (6.8 grammes)

Customs search of the American steamship ASBURY VICTORY, arrived from Tunis, Tangiers, and Casablanca, resulted in the discovery of 15 grains (1 gramme) of takrouri on a ledge, starboard side, and 90 grains (5.8 grammes) of takrouri behind a tin on an overhead ventilator in the crew toilet, starboard side.

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Place and date of seizure: Boston, Massachusetts, March 4, 1947

Names of defendants: Howard Vernon TAYLOR, American citizen

Quantities of cannabis seized: 61 grains, net, (3.9 grammes) of flat ganja.

Upon the arrival of the American steamship ESCANABA VICTORY from Karachi, a customs officer found a package of flat ganja in the possession of Howard Vernon TAYLOR, member of the crew. TAYLOR at first claimed the cannabis was indian tobacco, but later admitted he knew what it was and that he purchased it in Karachi.

Place and date of seizure: Boston, Massachusetts, March 11, 1947

Names of defendants: Unknown

Quantities of cannabis seized: 241 grains, net, (15.6 grammes) of takrouri.

When the American steamship SAMUEL JOHNSON arrived from Algiers, a customs searcher found a package of takrouri in the stewards' washroom, amidship, portside.

Copies of this report are being transmitted to the French and Indian authorities.

/signed/ H. J. Anslinger  
H. J. ANSLINGER  
Commissioner of Narcotics

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