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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 KINGDOM

SEIZURE OF 396.9 GRAMMES OF OPIUM MADE AT LIVERPOOL, 16 JULY 1946

Report No.86 Communicated by the Government of the United Kingdom

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 seizure(s) to the Members of the United Nations
and to the other parties to the Convention.

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HOME OFFICE (DRUGS BRANCH)

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1. Date of seizure: 16th July 1946.
2. Place of seizure: Liverpool.
3. Name of Person etc. implicated: HART, George Joseph, aged 22, British.
4. Name of ship: S.S. "Benedict".
5. Coming from: Pernambuco.
6. Date of leaving first port: No information.
7. Destination and date of arrival: Liverpool 16th July 1946.
8. Ports of call: Leixnes, Lisbon, Pernambuco, Maceio, Natal, Ceara, Camocim, Tutaya, Maranhem, Para, Madeira, Lisbon, Leixnes, Liverpool.
9. Owners or nationality of ship: The Booth Steamship Coy.Ltd.
10. Kind and quantity of drug seized: Opium; 14 ozs. (396.9 grammes)
56 pieces concealed in a pair of rubber bathing trunks, which the accused was wearing next to his skin.
11. Origin of drug: (marks, labels, etc.) Stated to have been purchased in Recife, Pernambuco for £10.
12. Where shipped or forwarded from: -
13. Forwarding Agents or consignor: -
14. Destination or address: -
15. Remarks: When arrested he made the following statement:

"About three years ago, when I was living with my mother over Garnett's Office in Duke Street, we had a Chinaman named Ah Moh living with us. One day he showed me something which he said was opium and asked me if I could get him some when I went to sea as he would be glad of it. We left that address some time afterwards and my mother is now living at 135 Duke Street. The Chinaman has not lodged with her for a few years and I don't know what his address is. I made a number of trips to sea since the Chinaman spoke to me about the opium and I thought I would like to get some for him when I could as he was very good to my mother and me, helping us out with food and coal and money when he lodged with us. It was only on my last trip that I managed to get any opium and what I got I paid £10 (U.S. \$40.33) for. I got it from a Brazilian in Pernambuco and intended to make a present of it to the Chinaman although he had not mentioned the matter to me for three years. I do not know where I could

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have found him and was just trusting to luck to pick him up somewhere round Chinatown. I intended to give him the stuff as a present."

Further questioned as to how he acquired the opium, he stated that he was in the Royal Bar at Recife when he met a prostitute called "Susie", who took him to a brothel in a street, the name of which he did not know, but gave the following directions to it. He stated that the Royal Bar was on the corner of a street which leads down to the docks, and when he and the prostitute came out they turned to the right, crossed over to the other side to a house, the number of which was "277", this being only about sixty yards from the Royal Bar. In this house he met a man (a Brazilian) whom he believed was the caretaker, and during the course of conversation that ensued, Hart asked the man if he had any marihuana, believing this was what the Chinaman in Liverpool required, but when marihuana was produced by the caretaker, he realised it was not the commodity he required, and then asked for opium. The man then handed him the opium found in his possession and for which Hart paid £10. 0. Od. (U.S. \$40.33)

He was also attempting to smuggle silk stockings and mechanical lighters.

Enquiries to trace AH MOH show that he was born 13.10.1906 at Foochow; Registration Certificate No. 1146351 serial No.27851/7. He is at present serving in the M/V OVULA owned by the Anglo Saxon Petroleum Co., and appears to be identical with AH MOH LING (See U.S.A. Seizure Report 1092 dated 1st March 1945.)

Further information has been received to the effect that the accused was arrested in Havana on the 17th April 1947, whilst on shore leave under the influence of liquor and being unable to pay a taxi fare. When searched he was found to be in possession of two or three pounds of opium in bars. Hart admitted ownership and stated that he had bought the opium in COLON whilst the vessel was there outwards on 27/28th December 1946.

16. Legal proceedings penalties. The accused was fined £20 (U.S. \$80.68) at Liverpool on 22nd July 1946.
