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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

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SEIZURES OF NARCOTICS EFFECTED AT POINTS ON OR NEAR THE MEXICAN BORDER
AND ON THE PACIFIC COAST DURING OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 1946

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.

/UNITED STATES

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

No. 1146

NARCOTIC SEIZURE REPORT

April 28, 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: 14 pounds, 0 ounces,
403.25 grains, (6 kg. 376.5 gr.) net, of prepared opium; 6 ounces,
113 grains, (177.4 grammes) net, of powdered opium; 2 ounces,
369.25 grains, (80.6 grammes), net, of heroin; 10 grains,
(0.6 grammes) net, of marihuana seed; 110 grains, (7.1 grammes)
net, of marihuana, consisting of the dried pulverized flowering
tops and leaves of the cannabis plant in the form most frequently
encountered in the United States.
11. Origin of manufacture (marks, labels, etc.): See "Remarks" below
12. Where shipped or forwarded from: Mexico in most instances. See
"Remarks" below
13. Forwarding agents or consignors: See "Remarks" below
14. Destination or address: United States
15. Remarks: There appears below a list of narcotic seizures effected
at points on or near the Mexican border and on the Pacific Coast
during the months of October, November, and December, 1946.
Place and date of seizure: El Centro, California, October 31
and November 2, 1946

/Names of

Names of defendants: Leonard Stanley STEVENS; and Virgil Franklin BURKLOW; American citizens

Quantities of drugs seized: 11 ounces, 38.5 grains, net, (314.3 grammes) of prepared opium; 339.75 grains, (22 grammes) net, of heroin.

Customs patrolmen followed STEVENS and BURKLOW from El Centro to Colton, California, having received information these men were transporting a quantity of opium. A search of their hotel room was without results, but under a boardwalk in front of their room were found two tins of prepared opium. On November 2 the officers obtained the services of a physician who succeeded in removing two rubber fingerstalls from the rectum of STEVENS:

Place and date of seizure: Portland, Oregon, October 18, 1946, and Calexico, California, October 23, 1946

Names of defendants: Don Merle MELIN; and Robert Hutton DAVIS, American citizens

Quantities of drugs seized: 6 ounces, 310 grains, (190.2 grammes) net, of prepared opium.

Narcotic and customs officers had intercepted in the mails a package containing two 5-tael tins of prepared opium, weighing 6 ounces, 300 grains, (159.5 grammes) which Don Merle MELIN had mailed to himself from Calexico to Portland. When MELIN and his companion DAVIS appeared in Calexico in an automobile a rubber fingerstall of prepared opium, weighing 10 grains, (0.6 grammes) was found concealed in the car.

Place and date of seizure: Calexico, California, November 10, 1946

Names of defendants: Harry Edward MONROE, American citizen

Quantities of drugs seized: 1 pound, 2 ounces, 156 grains, (520.4 grammes) net, of prepared opium.

/MONROE

MONROE was picked up by immigration officers after he entered Calexico illegally from Mexicali, Mexico. He was turned over to customs officers who elicited from him the information that his automobile was parked nearby. The car was searched and two 5-tael tins, empty, and an atomizer containing a white powder were found concealed therein. A further search was made at the point where he had entered the United States and three full 5-tael tins of prepared opium were found. MONROE stated he purchased the opium in Mexicali for \$250 per tin. The white powder proved to contain no narcotic drugs, but it is believed MONROE had believed that it was either morphine or heroin.

Place and date of seizure: Portland, Oregon, November 1, 1946

Names of defendants: Guy Gergueson BAYES, American citizen

Quantities of drugs seized: 6 ounces, net, (170.1 grammes) of prepared opium.

BAYES was arrested by narcotic agents who had received information that he had purchased a quantity of Mexican prepared opium in San Francisco. The opium was contained in a typical zinc home-made tin of Mexican manufacture.

Place and date of seizure: San Ysidro, California, November 13, 1946

Names of defendants: Robert T. MARTIN, American citizen

Quantities of drugs seized: 60 grains, (3.9 grammes) net, of heroin.

When MARTIN arrived from Tijuana, Mexico, a "bundle" of heroin was found concealed on his person.

Place and date of seizure: San Ysidro, California, November 13, 1946

Names of defendants: Frank Richard FACKLER, American citizen

Quantities of drugs seized: 13 grains, (0.8 grammes) net, of heroin.

A customs patrol inspector recognized FACKLER as a drug addict when he arrived from Tijuana and searched him, finding a paper "bundle" of heroin on his person. When FACKLER appeared in court he was given

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a suspended sentence of 5 years, provided he enter the United States Public Health Hospital at Lexington, Kentucky, for treatment of his drug addiction.

Place and date of seizure: San Francisco, California, November 16, 1946

Names of defendants: CHIN FOON, Chinese

Quantities of drugs seized: 6 ounces, 291 grains, (18.9 grammes) net, of prepared opium.

After the arrival of the American steamship MARINE LYNX from Hong Kong a customs searcher found a 5-tael tin of prepared opium in the quarters of CHIN FOON, bedroom steward. CHIN stated he purchased the tin in Hong Kong. The 5-tael tin was of the typical brass variety encountered frequently before the war in the United States. It was of the YICK KEE brand, bearing the embossed figure of a lion with its paw on a globe, and on the top the figure of a rooster in an oval, poorly embossed, while on the bottom of the tin red Chinese figures were painted. This type of opium tin formerly originated in the French Leased Territory of Kwangchow-wan.

Place and date of seizure: Calexico, California, November 19, 1946

Names of defendants: Ira Lewis WALLS, American citizen

Quantities of drugs seized: 5.75 grains, (0.4 gramme) net, of prepared opium.

Customs patrolmen apprehended the defendant after he had entered the United States from Mexicali, Mexico, through a hole in the International fence. A paper "bundle" of prepared opium was found in the band of his hat.

Place and date of seizure: San Ysidro and San Francisco, California, November 20, and 21, 1946

Names of defendants: TOM KIM VOY; TOM MAY TENG, alias Charley Tong; and HUEY HONG HEN; Chinese

/Quantities

Quantities of drugs seized: 10 pounds, 9 ounces, 303.5 grains, (4 kg. 810.7 gr.) net, of prepared opium; 1 ounce, 310.5 grains, (48.5 grammes) net, of heroin.

As the result of an investigation instigated several months ago by a customs patrol inspector and participated in by other inspectors, customs agents, and narcotic agents, TOM KIM VOY was arrested at San Ysidro on November 20, and twenty-three 5-tael tins of prepared opium, weighing 8 pounds, 1 ounce, 303.5 grains, (3 kg. 676.7 gr.) and two packets of heroin, weighing 1 ounce, 310.5 grains, (48.5 grammes) were seized. Search of TOM's apartment in San Francisco resulted in the seizure of six 5-tael tins of prepared opium, weighing 2 pounds, 8 ounces, (1 kg. 134 gr.). Two other Chinese, TOM MAY TENG, alias Charles Dong, and HUEY HONG HEN were arrested in connection with these seizures. Each of the three Chinese held has been considered for some time among the more important smugglers of opium from Mexico.

Place and date of seizure: San Antonio, Texas, November 29, 1946

Names of defendants: Federico LOPEZ, Mexican citizen

Quantities of drugs seized: 6 ounces, 113 grains, (177.4 grammes) net, of powdered opium.

Customs patrol officers, acting on information that LOPEZ had obtained a quantity of narcotic drugs in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, which he would transport to San Antonio, apprehended him in the latter city and found a sack of powdered opium and 750 grains (48.6 grammes) of a white substance resembling morphine under his clothing. The powdered opium contained 7.4 percent anhydrous morphine, and it is not known whether it is medicinal opium, or some home-made preparation. The white powder contained no narcotic drugs, but probably the defendant thought it was morphine when he purchased it in Nuevo Laredo.

Place and date of seizure: Calexico, California, December 3, 1946

/Names of

Names of defendants: Manuel BLANCO, Mexican citizen

Quantities of drugs seized: 83.5 grains (5.7 grammes), net, of heroin.

Customs patrolmen apprehended BLANCO after he entered the United States from Mexicali, Mexico, through a hole in the International fence near a railroad gate. BLANCO attempted to throw away a package he was carrying, but the officers retrieved it and found it to contain heroin.

Place and date of seizure: San Diego, California, December 9, 1947

Names of defendants: Raymond Lester SCOTT, American Citizen

Quantities of drugs seized: 6 ounces, 4 grains, (170.4 grammes), net, of prepared opium.

SCOTT was apprehended by customs and narcotic officers when he was about to leave San Diego by airplane. A 5-tael tin of Mexican opium containing 8.7 percent anhydrous morphine was found in one of his pockets. A water solution of the opium produced a red colour and was adulterated to some extent, possibly by a juice obtained in Mexico from the bark of a tree called "Copalquin".

Place and date of seizure: Calexico, California, December 20, 1946

Names of defendants: Francisco ESPINOSA GARAY, Mexican citizen

Quantities of drugs seized: 39 grains, net, (2.5 gramme) net, of prepared opium.

Customs patrolmen surprised a group of men moving in the brush in a riverbottom and recovered a cigarette package containing six paper "bindles" of prepared opium which Espinosa attempted to throw away.

Place and date of seizure: Calexico, California, December 20, 1946

Names of defendants: Gorgonio CORRALES Castro, Mexican citizen.

Quantities of drugs seized: 5.5 grains, (0.4 grammes) net, of prepared opium.

While customs patrolmen were arresting ESPINOSA mentioned immediately above they saw CORRALES lurking in the brush and searched him, finding one "bundle" of prepared opium on his person.

Place and date of seizure: Calexico, California, December 21, 1946

Names of defendants: Leo Elwin GORDON, American citizen

Quantities of drugs seized: 15 grains, (1 gramme), net, of prepared opium; 110 grains, (7.1 grammes), net, of marihuana; 10 grains, (0.6 gramme), net, of marihuana seed.

The defendant was apprehended by customs patrolmen as he entered the United States from Mexico at the railroad gate in Calxico. He was found to be holding nine marihuana cigarettes in his hand. He took the arresting officers to his home and in his back yard dug up a paper bag containing two marihuana cigarettes, two hypodermic syringes and a small quantity of marihuana seed. Inside his house he produced a small amount of opium.

Place and date of seizure: San Ysidro, California, December 22, 1946

Names of defendants: Unknown

Quantities of drugs seized: 110 grains, (7.1 grammes), net, of prepared opium.

A "bindle" of prepared opium was found by a customs inspector concealed in a piece of cheese, the cheese being found in a sack of sugar which had been held since its importation from Mexico is prohibited. The sack of sugar was one of many which had been thrown into disposal cans, and when the customs inspector examined the sacks he felt something hard in one of them.

Copies of this report are being transmitted to the Mexican and British authorities, the attention of the latter Government being called to the seizure of prepared opium at San Francisco which came from Hong Kong.

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