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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 CANNABIS MADE AT ATLANTIC COAST AND  
MEXICAN GULF PORTS DURING JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH AND APRIL 1947

REPORT NO. 1155 COMMUNICATED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA ON 11 SEPTEMBER 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 TREASURY DEPARTMENT  
BUREAU OF NARCOTICS  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

No. 1155  
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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: See "Remarks" below.
9. OWNERS OR NATIONALITY OF SHIP: ...
10. KIND AND QUANTITY OF DRUGS SEIZED: 15 pounds, 11 ounces, 23.3 grains, (7 kg. 117.2 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; 3 ounces, 79 grains, (90.2 gr.) net of hashish, consisting of the compressed resin of the cannabis plant; 26 grains (1.7 grammes) of bhang, a preparation similar to marihuana; 3 grains, (0.20 gramme) net, of ganja, the pressed gummy, flowering tops of the cannabis plant; 13 ounces, 210 grains (382.2 gr.) net, of takrouri, the finely powdered tops and leaves of the cannabis plant; 1 ounce, 180 grains, net, (40 gr.) of chiras, similar to hashish and charas; 25.2 grains (1.6 grammes) morphine sulphate.
11. ORIGIN OF MANUFACTURE (MARKS, LABELS, ETC.): 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 and Mexican Gulf ports during the months of January, February, March, and April, 1947:

Place and date of seizure: New York City, January 21, 1947

Names of defendants: John M. BROWN, Jr. American Negro

Quantities of cannabis seized: 27 grains, net, of marihuana (1.7 grammes)

During a routine search of the American steamship CATAWBA VICTORY arrived from Ancona, Venice, Trieste, and Casablanca, a customs officer found a package of marihuana in the coat pocket of John M. BROWN, messman. Since the vessel touched at Casablanca, it is possible that the cannabis was kif or takrouri.

/Place and Date

"Remarks" - Continued:-

Place and date of seizure: New York City, February 20, 1947

Names of defendants: Unknown

Quantities of cannabis seized: 350 grains, net, of marihuana. (22.6 grammes)

When the American steamship SOUTH AFRICA VICTORY arrived from Durban, East London, Port Elizabeth, Capetown, Port of Spain, and Boston, a customs searcher found 175 grains (11.3 grammes) of marihuana on a ledge in the laundry. Another searcher found an equal quantity of marihuana behind a tub in the laundry.

Place and date of seizure: New York City, February 23, 1947

Names of defendants: Fausto DIAZ, American citizen of Puerto Rican extraction

Quantities of cannabis seized: 1 ounce, 303 grains, net, of marihuana. (48 grammes)

A customs officer searched Fausto DIAZ, messman on the American steamship MARINE FALCON, and found a package of marihuana in his pocket. The vessel arrived from Naples, via Vancouver, Yokohama, Hong Kong, and Shanghai.

Place and date of seizure: New York, February 24, 1947

Names of defendants: Unknown

Quantities of cannabis seized: 2 ounces, 110.5 grains, net, of hashish. (63.8 grammes)

Upon the arrival of the Egyptian steamship AL SUDAN from Alexandria, Haifa, Beirut, and Gibraltar, a customs searcher found five small packages of hashish on a ventilator in an alleyway, aft. Nearby in the same locality were found fifteen packages of hashish. The first seizure weighed 120 grains (7.8 grammes) and the second, 1 ounce, 428 grains. (56 grammes)

Place and date of seizure: New York City, February 25, 1947

Names of defendants: Unknown

Quantities of cannabis seized: 1 pound, 8 ounces, 175 grains, net (691.7 grammes) of marihuana.

When the American steamship CAPE ISABEL was in port from Barranquilla, a customs officer found a large package of marihuana between pipes and a ventilation blower outside of the dry storeroom.

Place and date of seizure: Brooklyn, New York, February 25, and March 5, 1947

Names of defendants: Iskender Ramer FLORES, American citizen of Puerto Rican extraction.

Quantities of cannabis seized: 2 pounds, 12 ounces, 147.5 grains, (1 kg. 256.9 gr.) net, of marihuana.

Upon the arrival of the American steamship SAPULPA VICTORY from Paranagua, via Belem, Cabedello, San Luis, Natal, Pernambuco, and Bahia, customs searchers made the following marihuana seizures:

February 25, 1947

1 ounce, 330 grains, (49.7 grammes) behind hose above tanks in the engine room amidships

2 ounces, (56.7 grammes) in a ventilator, portside, aft

2 ounces, 185 grains, (68.7 grammes) behind hose above tanks in engine room, amidships

250 grains, (16.2 grammes) on a ledge in a toilet, portside

270 grains, (17.5 grammes) under ropes in an empty ammunition locker, forward

10 grains, (0.6 gramme) on a ledge in the stewards' toilet

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3 ounces, 375 grains (109.4 grammes) on a ledge in the pantry, portside, amidships  
 1 ounce, 433 grains, (56.4 grammes) under boxes of asbestos covering in engineroom, aft  
 1 ounce, 335 grains (50.1 grammes) under a wash basin in the toilet, aft  
 210 grains, (13.6 grammes) in a closet between metal napkin holders in crew's mess room  
 152 grains, (9.8 grammes) behind napkin containers in crew mess, starboard side, amidships  
 3 ounces, 305 grains, (104.8 grammes) under sawdust bags in the engineers' storeroom  
 3 ounces, 275 grains, (102.9 grammes) in the laundry behind a wash basin

March 5, 1947

1 pound, 5 ounces, 80 grains (600.5 grammes) found on the person of Iskender Ramer FLORES, seaman. The marihuana was wrapped in a bag bearing Portuguese lettering advertising foodstuffs, and the name and address: Leon Kerro, Travessa de Sao Pedro, Recife, Pernambuco.

Place and date of seizure: Brooklyn, New York, February 26, 1947

Names of defendants: Unknown

Quantities of cannabis seized: 6 ounces, 172 grains, (181.2 grammes) net, of marihuana.

Customs searchers aboard the American steamship MARINE RUNNER, arrived from Durban, found a package of marihuana under floor plates.

Place and date of seizure: Staten Island, New York, March 3, 1947

Names of defendants: Ernest ROBERTS; and Anthony MONTERO, American citizens

Quantities of cannabis seized: 98 grains, net, of marihuana. (6.3 grammes)

When the United States Army Transport GENERAL HERSHEY arrived from the Azores, a customs officer found 82 grains (5.3 grammes) of marihuana on the person of Ernest ROBERTS, waiter. In the possession of Anthony MONTERO, waiter, were found two marihuana cigarettes, weighing 16 grains. (1 gramme)

Place and date of seizure: Brooklyn, New York, March 4, 1947

Names of defendants: Jose Miguel MONTEIRO, Brazilian citizen

Quantities of cannabis seized: 6 ounces, 205.5 grains, net, (183.4 grammes) of marihuana.

A search of the person of this seaman on the Brazilian steamship CANTUARIA, arrived from Paranagua, Santos, Rio de Janeiro, Bahia, Recife, and Trinidad, resulted in the discovery of two packages of marihuana, one in each of his socks.

Place and date of seizure: New York City, March 6, 1947

Names of defendants: Daniel L. LOVE, American citizen

Quantities of cannabis seized: 406 grains, net, (26.3 grammes) of hashish.

After the American steamship MARINE CARP came into port from Beirut, Haifa, Piraeus, and Gibraltar, a customs officer found two pieces of hashish in the pockets of Daniel L. LOVE, second pantryman.

Place and date of seizure: New York City, March 8, 1947

Names of defendants: F. VALEZ, American citizen of Puerto Rican extraction

Quantities of cannabis seized: 1.8 grains, net, of marihuana. (0.1 gramme)

A marihuana cigarette was found in the pocket of a jacket belonging to F. VALEZ, oiler on the American steamship SANTA ROSA. VALEZ had been

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discharged and had disappeared. The vessel arrived from Curacao.

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

Names of defendants: James P. BROWN, Jr. American citizen

Quantities of cannabis seized: 2 ounces, 371 grains, net, (80.7 grammes) of marihuana.

When the American steamship AFRICAN RAINBOW came to port from Mombassa, Lourenco Marques, Durban, East London, Port Elizabeth, Capetown, and Port of Spain, customs searchers found 2 ounces, 235 grains, (71.9 grammes) of marihuana in the locker of James P. BROWN, Jr. wiper. Between pipes, overhead, in the petty officers' toilet, they found 64 grains (4.7 grammes) of marihuana. One marihuana cigarette, weighing 7 grains, (0.5 gramme) was found on a ledge in a fan room, amidships, while 65 grains (4.2 grammes) of marihuana was discovered over pipes in the petty officers' shower room.

Place and date of seizure: Boston, Massachusetts, March 12, 1947

Names of defendants: Ramon E. ZENC, American citizen

Quantities of cannabis seized: 48 grains, net, of marihuana. (3.1 grammes)

The master of the American steamship AFRICAN DAWN informed customs officers he had found a quantity of marihuana in the possession of Ramon E. ZENO, crewmember while the vessel was on the high seas. Customs officers searched ZENO and found six marihuana cigarettes in his coat pocket. The vessel arrived from Port Elizabeth.

Place and date of seizure: Brooklyn, New York, March 12 and 16, 1947

Names of defendants: Joe Florentina VALDEZ, American citizen of Puerto Rican extraction.

Quantities of cannabis seized: 7 pounds, 8 ounces, 235.5 grains, net, of marihuana. (3 kg. 417.2 gr.)

When the American steamship SELMA VICTORY arrived from Capetown, customs searchers made the following seizures:

3 pounds, 3 ounces, 418 grains, (1 kg. 472.9 gr.) in the locker of Joe Florentina VALDEZ, utilityman

3 ounces, 151 grains, (94.8 grammes) behind a ventilator on "A" deck

5 ounces, 337 grains, (163.6 grammes) on a ledge under a deck winch, in aft No. 4 hatch

3 ounces, 75 grains, (89.9 grammes) beneath a sawdust bag in the forepeak

2 ounces, 315 grains, (72.2 grammes) under canvas in a deck locker, aft

3 pounds, 5 ounces, 252 grains, (1 kg. 518.8 gr.) in a portable radio carried ashore by Joe Florentina VALDEZ. Apparently VALDEZ had been released on bond in connection with the first offense. He was arrested a second time.

Place and date of seizure: Hoboken, New Jersey, March 20, 1947

Names of defendants: E.S. BRAITHWAITE, American citizen

Quantities of cannabis seized: 255 grains, net, of marihuana. (16.5 grammes)

A customs officer found a package of marihuana on the person of this seaman on the American steamship ISAAC MAYER WISE, arrived from Casablanca. It is possible that the cannabis seized was kif or takrouri.

Place and date of seizure: Brooklyn, New York, March 21, 1947

Names of defendants: Arthur L. CUNNINGHAM, American citizen

Quantities of cannabis seized: 8 grains, net, of marihuana. (0.5 gramme)

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During a routine search of the American steamship WARRIOR, arrived from the Panama Canal Zone, a customs officer found one marihuana cigarette in the possession of A. L. CUNNINGHAM, utility man.

Place and date of seizure: Boston, Massachusetts, March 25, 1947  
Names of defendants: Eddie WILLIAMS, American Negro  
Quantities of cannabis seized: 26 grains, net, of bhang. (1.7 grammes)

When the American steamship SHARON VICTORY arrived from Calcutta, a customs searcher found a quantity of bhang in the locker of Eddie WILLIAMS, crewmember.

Place and date of seizure: New Orleans, Louisiana, April 7, 1947  
Names of defendants: Unknown  
Quantities of cannabis and other drugs seized: 3 grains, net (0.2 grammes) of ganja; and 25.2 grains, net; (1.6 grammes) of morphine sulphate.

After the arrival at New Orleans, Louisiana, on April 7, 1947, of the American steamship TOMAS GUARDIA, customs searchers found a fragment of gummy ganja under a drawer of the cabin occupied by the cook, and three vials of 20 tablets each of morphine sulphate on a beam in the lower forepeak. The cook denied ownership of the ganja. The vessel arrived from Bombay, via Genoa.

Place and date of seizure: Brammel's Point, New Jersey, April 10, 1947  
Names of defendants: Clement HALLOWAY, American citizen  
Quantities of cannabis seized: 2 pounds, 10 ounces, 207 grains, net, of marihuana. (1 kg. 204.1 gr.)

A customs officer was given three sacks of marihuana by the master of the American tanker CARLETON ELLIS which had sailed from Santiago. The marihuana had been found in the quarters of Clement HALLOWAY, radio operator.

Place and date of seizure: Norfolk, Virginia, April 11, 1947  
Names of defendants: Raymond RIVERA, American citizen of Puerto Rican extraction.  
Quantities of cannabis seized: 13 ounces, 210 grains, net, (382.2 grammes) of takrouri; 1 ounce, 180 grains, net, (40 grammes) of chiras.

The master of the American steamship WOODSTOCK VICTORY found a quantity of takrouri and chiras in locker of Raymond RIVERA, seaman, after the vessel left Cherbourg and has not yet returned to the United States. When he does return he will be arrested and held for removal to Norfolk.

Place and date of seizure: Norfolk, Virginia, April 11, 1947  
Names of defendants: Jules SARVER, American Negro  
Quantities of cannabis seized: 44 grains, net, of marihuana. (2.8 grammes)

Upon the arrival of the American steamship WILLIAM STURGIS from Rouen, a customs officer found a quantity of loose marihuana in the possession aboard the ship, of Jules SARVER, crewmember. SARVER stated he purchased the marihuana in Rouen for 150 francs. (USA \$1.26)

Copies of this report are being transmitted to the British, French, Indian, Egyptian, and Brazilian authorities.

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