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AS AMENDED BY THE PROTOCOL OF 11 DECEMBER 1946

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SEIZURE OF MORPHINE HYDROCHLORIDE AT FAMAGUSTA HARBOUR, 14 OCTOBER 1946

Report Communicated by the Government of the United Kingdom,
29 May 1947.

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.

/1. Place:

1. Place:- Famagusta Harbour
2. Date:- 14.10.46
3. Nature and quantity of Drug:-
67 x 1 c.c. Ampoules Morphine Hydrochloride.
4. From whom seized:-
 1. Ioizis Antoni, Labourer, Ay. Serghis
 - (full name and address) 2. Xenis Farkona, Labourer, Paralimni.
 - (a) Nationality:- British subjects. (b) Occupation:- Labourers
 - (c) Description:-

Height:-	1. 1.63	2. 1.75	Build:-	1. Strong	2. Strong
Eyes:-	1. Chestnut	2. Chestnut	Hair:-	1. Brown	2. Fair
Age:-	1. 35	2. 32	Colour:-	1. Dark	2. Fair
5. Circumstances of seizure:- On the 14.10.46 while Vassilis Mannashi, Customs Porter, was employed on the quay, near S/S "Bactria" which was unloading Military goods and general cargo, he observed Ioizis Antoni, a labourer from Ay. Serghis village, who was also employed on the quay, take off his hat and throw it on the deck of the vessel. He watched the movements of the labourers as they appeared suspicious. After 5-6 minutes he saw somebody on the deck of the vessel throw some object on to the quay near Ioizis Antoni. Ioizis Antoni ran to the spot and gathered up some ampoules which had come loose from the cloth which was thrown on the quay. Customs Porter found that the object was the hat which Ioizis Antoni had a few minutes before thrown on the deck of the vessel. On examination, the contents were found to be ampoules Morphine Hydrochloride. (67 x 1 c.c.). At about 1 p.m. Eyup Hussein Guard and Boatman went on board the vessel with the Customs Porter, and after enquiries among the labourers found that the persons who threw the hat on the quay was Xenis Farkona, Labourer of Paralimni. Ioizis Antoni denied the charge stating that he threw something from the vessel which he thought was a dirty piece of cloth but he alleged that it was not a hat, and that there was nothing in it.
6. Result of seizure:- Court Case 6299/46. Both accused guilty.
1st accused: £10 (U.S. \$40.30) fine or 2 months imprisonment. 2nd accused: £25 (U.S. \$100.77) fine or 4 months imprisonment.
7. Disposal of drug:- Taken over by the Medical Department.
8. Officers effecting seizure:- Vassilis Mannashi, Customs Porter
Eyup Hussein, Guard & Boatman
9. Remarks:- These ampoules were stolen from a case shipped to the Medical Department on the above-mentioned ship. This was corroborated by the numbers and brand of the ampoules in question. The wire bands and seal of the case appeared to be intact. In spite of this fact it appears that it was possible for the contents of the case to be removed without damaging the seal presumably as follows:-

The curved nails fastening the wire bands were first removed and thus the bands were rendered loose. Then the nails fastening the board were removed from both sides and the board was pushed off like a drawer under the wire bands which were rendered loose.

(Signed)

Ag. Director of Medical & Health Services.
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