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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 NARCOTICS MADE AT ATLANTIC COAST AND MEXICAN GULF PORTS AND
AT HONOLULU, T.H., DURING JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH AND APRIL, 1947

REPORT NO. 1157 COMMUNICATED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ON 11 SEPTEMBER 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 seizures
to the Members of the United Nations and to the other parties to the
Convention.

/UNITED STATES TREASURY

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

No. 1157

NARCOTIC SEIZURE REPORT

June 18, 1947

1. DATE OF SEIZURE: See dates given below
2. PLACE OF SEIZURE: See places listed below
3. NAME OF PERSON OR FIRM INPLICATED: 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: See "Remarks" below
8. PORTS OF CALL: See "Remarks" below
9. OWNERS OR NATIONALITY OF SHIP: ...
10. KIND AND QUANTITY OF DRUGS SEIZED: 37 pounds, 13 ounces, 293 grains, net, (17 Kg. 170.5 gr.) of raw opium; 1 ounce, 186 grains, net, (40.4 grammes) of prepared opium; 248.52 grains, (16.1 grammes) net, of opium dross; 8 ounces, 218.75 grains (24.1 grammes) of opium solution; 1 ounce, 349.6 grains, (51 grammes) net, of morphine tartrate solution; 2 ounces, 168 grains, (67.6 grammes) net, of morphine sulphate; 10 grains, (0.6 grammes) net, of codeine; 3 pounds, 15 ounces, 218.75 grains, (1 Kg. 800.2 gr.) net, of paregoric; 115 grains, net, (7.4 grammes) of cocaine hydrochloride; 3 grains, net, (0.2 grammes) of bang; the latter consisting of the dried, crushed tops, leaves, seeds, and stems of the cannabis plant in the form in which bang appears in India, and quite similar to the marihuana of Mexico and the United States.
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 narcotic seizures effected at Atlantic Coast and Mexican Gulf ports and at Honolulu, T. H., during the months of January, February, March and April 1947, respectively.

PLACE AND DATE OF SEIZURE: New York City, January 4, 1947

NAMES OF DEFENDANTS: Floyd OWENS; and B. R. FOUTS; American citizens

QUANTITIES OF DRUGS SEIZED: 92.6 grains, net, (6 grammes) of morphine tartrate

When the American steamship GEORGE UHLER arrived from Genoa, via Bermuda, Baltimore, and Philadelphia, a customs officer searched Floyd OWENS, messman, and found a box of morphine syrettes in his breast pocket. He stated the syrettes had been given to him by B. R. FOUTS, seaman. Both men were arrested.

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PLACE AND DATE OF SEIZURE: Honolulu, T. H., January 6, 1947
NAMES OF DEFENDANTS: LAU CHING FOO; and KWANG HING HANG; Chinese
QUANTITIES OF DRUGS SEIZED: 18.52 grains, net, (1.2 gramme) of opium dross; undetermined amount of prepared opium.

Customs officers while searching the British motor vessel TANCRED, arrived from Hong Kong, found a tin of opium dross in the locker of LAU CHING FOO, fireman. A piece of prepared opium so small that its weight could not be determined was found in the locker of KWANG HING HANG, quartermaster. An opium pipe, a glass lamp and opium smoking paraphernalia were found in various parts of the vessel.

PLACE AND DATE OF SEIZURE: Hoboken, New Jersey, and New York City, January 11 and 23, 1947
NAMES OF DEFENDANTS: Hasson MAHOMED, Indian citizen; and KUAN KUEN CHUAN, Chinese
QUANTITIES OF DRUGS SEIZED: 2 pounds, 15 ounces, 104 grains, net, (1 Kg. 339.2 gr.) of raw opium.

On January 11, 1947, Hasson MAHOMED, deck sailor of the British steamship KOHISTAN, was searched by a customs officer at Hoboken who found a small piece of Iranian raw opium, weighing 34 grains, (2.2 grammes) on his person. When the vessel was in port at New York City on January 23, 1947, a customs officer found 2 pounds, 15 ounces, 70 grains, (1 Kg. 336.9 gr.) of Iranian raw opium sticks tied to the legs underneath the clothing of KUAN KUEN CHUAN, ship's carpenter, KUAN stated he purchased the opium in Bombay for two hundred rupees. (USA \$60.32)

PLACE AND DATE OF SEIZURE: Norfolk, Virginia, January 30, 1947
NAMES OF DEFENDANTS: LEUNG YUEN; CHUNG KIN; DONG SHAW YEE; and YICK KWONG CHIN; Chinese.
QUANTITIES OF DRUGS SEIZED: 10 pounds, 8 ounces, 118 grains, net, (4 Kg. 770.3 gr.) of raw opium; 100 grains, net, (6.5 grammes) of prepared opium; 175 grains net, (11.3 grammes) of opium dross; 218.75 grains, net, (14.2 grammes) of opium solution.

LEUNG YUEN, second cook on the American steamship VILLANOVA VICTORY, arrived from Hamburg offered a sum of money to a fireman watertender on the vessel to carry ashore a quantity of opium. The fireman pretended to comply with the request, but notified police who informed customs. By arrangement, the fireman delivered the opium to a Chinese laundry in Norfolk. At this place LEUNG YUEN, CHUNG KIN, DONG SHAW YEE AND YICK KWONG CHIN were arrested. Quantities of prepared opium, opium dross and opium solution were found on the premises. LEUNG stated he purchased the opium in Hamburg. The opium was of Turkish origin. LEUNG had on his person a piece of paper addressed to CHOY LOY FAT, New York. See remarks in the seizure at Baltimore on February 12 from Willie ENG, below.

PLACE AND DATE OF SEIZURE: Brooklyn, New York, and Staten Island, New York, January 31 and February 1, 1947
NAMES OF DEFENDANTS: Unknown.
QUANTITIES OF DRUGS SEIZED: 1 pound, 11 ounces, 197.5 grains, net, (778.2 grammes) of raw opium.

While the American Tanker VACPORT was in port at Brooklyn, customs searchers found two packages of Iranian raw opium sticks, weighing 1 pound, 3 ounces, 155 grains, (548.7 grammes) under a running light, starboard side. On the same day they found 7 ounces, 310 grains, (218.5 grammes) of Iranian raw opium sticks under a running light portside.

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On February 1, while the vessel was at Staten Island, customs officers found a package of Iranian raw opium sticks, weighing 170 grains, (11 grammes) on a pipe flange in the dry store hatch. The vessel arrived from Abadan, via Port Said, Belfast, and Bermuda.

PLACE AND DATE OF SEIZURE: Brooklyn, New York, February 5, 1947
NAMES OF DEFENDANTS: Juan HERNANDEZ, American citizen of Puerto Rican extraction.

QUANTITIES OF DRUGS SEIZED: 19 grains, net, (1.2 gramme) of cocaine hydrochloride.

When Juan HERNANDEZ, chief pantryman on the United States Army Transport STEVENS VICTORY, came ashore at Brooklyn, he was searched by a customs officer who found a bottle of cocaine in one of his pockets. The cocaine bore the label of Mallinckrodt Chemical Works, St. Louis, Missouri, and evidently had been stolen from licit sources. An effort is being made to trace the original consignee of this cocaine through its serial number. HERNANDEZ was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment. The vessel arrived at Brooklyn from Leghorn, Italy.

PLACE AND DATE OF SEIZURE: Jersey City, New Jersey, February 8, 1947
NAMES OF DEFENDANTS: SHOM FOOK, Chinese
QUANTITIES OF DRUGS SEIZED: 6 ounces, 115 grains, net, (177.5 grammes) of raw opium.

After the American steamship EXCHESTER arrived from Alexandria, Haifa, Beirut, Pireaus, Istanbul, Izmir, Marseille, Genoa, Naples and Boston, a customs officer found concealed on the person of SHOM FOOK, pantryman, four cellophane-wrapped lumps of raw opium. The opium contained 14.6% anhydrous morphine and was of Turkish origin.

PLACE AND DATE OF SEIZURE: Jersey City, New Jersey, February 8 and 9, 1947
NAMES OF DEFENDANTS: Sukru KOCUKOU; and Mesut EREZ; Turkish citizens
QUANTITIES OF DRUGS SEIZED: 12 pounds, 5 ounces, 176.5 grains, net, (5 Kg. 596.3 gr.) of raw opium.

A customs officer aboard the Turkish steamship BAKIR, arrived from Istanbul, via Iskenderun and Gibraltar, apprehended Sukru KOCHUKCU, fireman on the ship, when he saw this seaman carrying packages through an alleyway and throwing some of them overboard out of a porthole in a washroom. The packages contained 108 ounces, 216 grains, (3 Kg. 75.8 gr.) of Turkish raw opium. Later that day a customs officer searched Mesur EREZ, fireman, as he came ashore and found two bricks of Turkish raw opium, weighing 55 ounces, 165 grains, (1 Kg. 569.9 gr.) under his clothing. On February 9 a customs searcher found a brick of Turkish raw opium, weighing 33 ounces, 233 grains, (950.6 grammes) in a coal pile near the vessel. Probably it was one of the bricks of raw opium thrown from the porthole. The opium contained 12% anhydrous morphine.

PLACE AND DATE OF SEIZURE: Baltimore, Maryland, February 12, 1947
NAMES OF DEFENDANTS: Willie ENG, Chinese
QUANTITIES OF DRUGS SEIZED: 7 pounds, 14 ounces, 350 grains, net, (3 Kg. 594.7 gr.) of raw opium.

Upon the arrival of the American steamship THOMAS B. KING from Hamburg, a customs searcher examined a bag carried by Willie ENG, crewmember, and found it contained a tin box of Turkish raw opium. ENG stated he was taking the opium to New York for sale. ENG had in his possession a letter from CHOY WAN KOW, Hamburg, addressed to CHOY LOT FAT, New York, quoting a price of 13 or 14 British pounds (USA \$52.35 or \$56.38)

/for a pound of

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for a pound of "Black Stuff" (opium). CHOY LOY FAT is a notorious opium smuggler who has served a prison term in Hamburg for narcotic trafficking. See LEUNG Yuen seizure, above, on January 30.

PLACE AND DATE OF SEIZURE: Staten Island, New York, February 14, 1947
NAMES OF DEFENDANTS: Unknown
QUANTITIES OF DRUGS SEIZED: 4 grains, net, (0.2 gramme) of raw opium.

A customs searcher aboard the American steamship MARINE ANGEL, arrived from Bremerhaven, found a match box containing a small piece of raw opium in a vent in a toilet adjacent to the stewards' department quarters, forward. The piece of opium was too small for assay, but it is believed that it is of Turkish origin.

PLACE AND DATE OF SEIZURE: Brooklyn, New York, February 16, 1947
NAMES OF DEFENDANTS: Ramino GIMAREY, American citizen of Puerto Rican extraction.
QUANTITIES OF DRUGS SEIZED: 96 grains, net, (6.2 grammes) of cocaine hydrochloride.

When the American steamship NIRA LUCKENBACH arrived from Trieste, a customs officer found a $\frac{1}{4}$ -ounce (7.1 grammes) bottle of cocaine bearing the label of Merck & Company, Rahway, New Jersey, on the person of Ramino GIMAREY, fireman. GIMAREY claimed he found the bottle of cocaine in the washroom of the vessel, but it is believed that he stole it from the ship's medical supplies.

PLACE AND DATE OF SEIZURE: Staten Island, New York, February 16, 1947
NAMES OF DEFENDANTS: George A. LORLY, American Negro
QUANTITIES OF DRUGS SEIZED: 178 grains, net, (11.5 grammes) of raw opium.

This seaman on the American steamship KATHLEEN S. HOLMES was searched by a customs officer who found a piece of raw opium on his person. A second piece of raw opium was found in his locker aboard the vessel. The opium was of Iranian origin and contained 7.85% anhydrous morphine. The vessel arrived from Alexandria, Port Said, Jeddah, Port Sudan, Massawa, Aden, Bahrein, Ras Tanura, Kuwait, Basrah, Singapore, and Penang.

PLACE AND DATE OF SEIZURE: Brooklyn, New York, February 20, 1947
NAMES OF DEFENDANTS: Juan PEREZ, American citizen of Puerto Rican extraction.
QUANTITIES OF DRUGS SEIZED: 3.5 grains, (0.2 grammes) net, of raw opium.

Juan PEREZ, fireman on the United States Army Transport DEL ARGENTINA, arrived from Germany, was intercepted when he left the vessel and a piece of opium was found in his purse. The opium contained 10% anhydrous morphine and is believed to be of Iranian origin.

PLACE AND DATE OF SEIZURE: Boston, Massachusetts, March 4, 1947
NAMES OF DEFENDANTS: Ernest WILSON, American citizen.
QUANTITIES OF DRUGS SEIZED: 9 grains, net, (0.6 gramme) of raw opium; 3 grains, (0.2 gramme) net, of bang.

When the American steamship ESCANABA VICTORY was in port from Karachi, a customs officer found on the person of Ernest WILSON, crewmember, a small piece of raw opium and a paper package of bang. The opium and bang were purchased in India.

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PLACE AND DATE OF SEIZURE: Honolulu, T. H., March 7, 1947
NAMES OF DEFENDANTS: George ABE, American citizen
QUANTITIES OF DRUGS SEIZED: 3 pounds, 15 ounces, 218.75 grains, net,
(1 Kg. 800.2 gr.) of paregoric.

Narcotic agents at Honolulu seized a gallon bottle of paregoric from the defendant.

PLACE AND DATE OF SEIZURE: Staten Island, New York, March 16, 1947
NAMES OF DEFENDANTS: Clemente Corro QUIN, American citizen of Puerto Rican extraction.
QUANTITIES OF DRUGS SEIZED: 10 grains, net, (0.6 gramme) of codeine.

QUIN, second cook on the American steamship CAPE JUNCTION, arrived from Calcutta, was searched when he came ashore and the customs officer found four papers of codeine powder on his person.

PLACE AND DATE OF SEIZURE: New York City, March 24 and 25, 1947
NAMES OF DEFENDANTS: Joe WOO, Chinese
QUANTITIES OF DRUGS SEIZED: 7 ounces, 350 grains, net, (221.1 grammes) of raw opium; 1 ounce, 50 grains, net, (31.6 grammes) of prepared opium; 55 grains, net, (3.5 grammes) of opium dross.

On March 24 a customs searcher aboard the American steamship SANTA ROSA found a package of prepared opium and a package of opium dross in the socks of Joe WOO, second butcher. An opium pipe containing traces of opium dross was found beneath a firehose outside of ice boxes, "C" deck, aft, starboard side. On March 25, a customs officer found twelve sticks of Iranian raw opium in the crew alleyway. It is believed this opium belonged to Joe WOO. The raw opium contained 9.27% anhydrous morphine.

PLACE AND DATE OF SEIZURE: Washington, D. C., March 27, 1947
NAME OF DEFENDANTS: WONG DOK HONG; and LIN YIP; Chinese
QUANTITIES OF DRUGS SEIZED: 1 pound, 8 ounces, net, (680.4 grammes) of raw opium; 8 ounces, net, (226.8 grammes) of opium solution; 36 grains, net, (2.3 grammes) of prepared opium.

Narcotic agents arrested these two Chinese at their residence and found the above-described narcotics therein, together with four opium pipe stems, 2 opium pipe bowls, and miscellaneous opium smoking paraphernalia. It is believed the drugs were brought to Washington from New York City.

PLACE AND DATE OF SEIZURE: New Orleans, Louisiana, April 15, 1947
NAMES OF DEFENDANTS: L. H. GRAFF, American citizen.
QUANTITIES OF DRUGS SEIZED: 2 ounces, 168 grains, net, (67.6 grammes) of morphine sulphate.

When the American steamship STEPHEN A. DOUGLAS arrived from Brazil, via Trinidad, a customs officer found a bottle of morphine sulphate tablets in the cabin of L. H. GRAFF, third mate.

PLACE AND DATE OF SEIZURE: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, April 27, 1947
NAMES OF DEFENDANTS: Unknown.
QUANTITIES OF DRUGS SEIZED: 1 ounce, 257 grains, net, (45 grammes) of morphine tartrate solution.

/A customs searcher

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A customs searcher aboard the American steamship POINT SAN PABLO, arrived from Guantanamo, Cuba, found six packages of five morphine tartrate syrettes each in abandon-ship kits which had broken seals. The syrettes bore the label of E. R. Squibb & Sons, New York.

Copies of this report are being transmitted to the British, Turkish, Iranian and Indian authorities.

(Signed) H. J. Anslinger

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