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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

CANADA

SEIZURE OF DEMEROL CODEINE SULPHATE AND MORPHINE SULPHATE
AT VANCOUVER, 3 JANUARY 1947

Report No. 34 Communicated by the Government of Canada on 26 August 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 to the Members of the United Nations and to
the other parties to the Convention.

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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND WELFARE

No. 34

1. Name of person or persons implicated:
 - (i) Vernon Charles GREEN (steelworker)
(Canadian-English: born 3 March 1921)
 - (ii) Jack MAIR (Salesman)
(Canadian-Irish: born 1 July 1914)
2. Date of Seizure: January 3, 1947
3. Place of Seizure: Vancouver, B. C.
4. Kind and quantity of drug seized:

DEMEROL: 4 Ampoules each containing - 100 Mgm.
CODEINE SULPHATE: 1 Tube containing $20\frac{1}{2}$ grain Tablets - 10 grains
(0.6 gramme)
MORPHINE SULPHATE: 1 Tube containing $19\frac{1}{4}$ grain Tablets - $4\text{-}3\frac{3}{4}$ grains
(0.3 gr)
1 Tube containing $13\frac{1}{4}$ grain Tablets - $3\frac{1}{4}$ grains
(0.2 gramme)
5. Act and Section under which charged:

Sec. 4 (d) O & N D Act, "Illegal possession of:

 - (i) Demerol
 - (ii) Codeine
 - (iii) Morphine
6. Result of prosecution:
 - (a) Date sentenced: February 13, 1947
 - (b) Where sentenced: Vancouver, B. C.
 - (c) Sentence: GREEN - 6 months; \$200 or 1 month on each of
3 charges: to run concurrently
MAIR - 12 months; \$200 or 1 month on each of
3 charges: to run concurrently
7. REMARKS:

Knowing that subjects were suspected of being engaged in the illicit narcotic traffic, Vancouver City Police Officers followed them when they were seen entering a taxi. On stopping for a red light, one Constable left Police Car and jumped in on right side of back seat of taxi. The Constable immediately searched around the seat and found behind Mair four ampoules which later proved to contain 100 mgm. of DEMEROL each. The taxi driver was ordered to proceed to Police Station where accused were searched. In Mair's shirt pocket were found 23 empty soluble capsules. A further search of taxi uncovered one tube containing Codeine Sulphate, and two /tubes of

tubes of Morphine; one containing $19\frac{1}{4}$ grs. (0.3 gramme) tablets, the other $13\frac{1}{4}$ gr. (0.2 gramme) Tablets. The accused were charged jointly with possession and duly warned. At trial Green pleaded guilty to the three charges and sentenced as stated. On two of the charges (Codeine and Morphine) Mair pleaded guilty. To the charge of possession of Demerol he pleaded Not Guilty. He was, however, found guilty and duly sentenced.

The tube of Codeine was sealed and bore the United States Internal Revenue Narcotic Seal. Printed in blue ink on the plain glass containing the ampoules of Demerol were the following words:

".....Sixe 100 M.G.

Demerol H.C.L. Sol.

(Isonipeccaine)

WARNING

May be habit forming"

In view of the fact that the narcotics appeared to be of U.S. origin and it was known that there had been a series of narcotic thefts in Seattle, Wash., the matter was reported to the late and much respected U.S. Narcotic Agent, J. H. Van Treel. As the result of investigations on the part of the U.S. authorities it was learned that the narcotics seized originally came from the U.S. Army Camp at Fort Lewis, near Seattle, Washington. The drugs apparently had been stolen and carried by U.S. personnel coming up to Canada on furlough. Identity of these persons unknown.

Green has not previously been charged under the Drug Act; in 1944 (January) he received suspended sentence for a year for "stealing from person" and in June of the same year he got 2 years for (1) Breaking, Entering and Stealing, and (2) Stealing auto. There is no record of Green being an addict.

Mair has a lengthy criminal record dating back to 1934 when at Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, he was convicted for Theft, etc. For a breach of the Drug Act at Toronto, Ontario, in 1945 he received twelve months. Mair is a drug addict.

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