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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

INDIA

SEIZURE OF 25 KGS.113 GRAMMES OF OPIUM AT BOMBAY ON 7 JUNE 1946

Report communicated by the Government of the United Kingdom  
5 October 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 seizure to the Members of the United Nations and to the other parties to the Convention.

Date of seizure:	7th. June 1946
Port of seizure and the department making the seizure:	Preventive Department, New Custom House, Bombay.
Number and description of packages, tins, wrappers, labels, etc., seized, including the marks, if any, thereon:	Twenty-eight packets.
Place of seizure:	Cabin of accused on s.s. Howra
Nature of contents, quantity:	Indian opium 55 lbs.7-1/16 ozs. (25 Kgs.113 grammes) at Rps.2/- per tola.
Name of manufacturer and place of origin:	Indian
Name of the vessel, its agents, the port from which it started and its ports of call:	s.s. Howra (British India Steam Navigation Co.Ltd.) from Rangoon and Calcutta.
From whom, how, where, and at what price drugs were obtained, if any:	Not known.

Personal particulars of accused, if any (name, nationality, occupation and other details):

- a) Name: A.H. Woo
- b) Age: 45 years
- c) Nationality: Chinese
- d) Occupation: Carpenter on board s.s. Howra
- e) Build: Thin
- f) Height: 5'6"
- g) Marks: Mole below right lip
- h) Residence: c/o Gin Chin Hu

1) Statement:

The accused stated that he had saved his war-time earnings and had purchased the drug to sell it on arrival and help his family.

Name and address of consignor:

Not known

Destination (country and place, and consignee):

Not known

No. of labels (or copies of labels), wrappers and tins or other containers sent with the report:

Not known

Any other particulars throwing light on the method employed in the illicit traffic in drugs:

The accused had the opium hidden in the cavity between the panels and plates of the ship covered over by a chest of drawers.

Judicial decision regarding the seizure:

The accused on pleading guilty, was convicted by the Chief Presidency Magistrate, Bombay to undergo one year's rigorous imprisonment and to pay a fine of Rps.1000/-; in default one month's further rigorous imprisonment.