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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 NARCOTICS EFFECTED AT ATLANTIC COAST AND MEXICAN GULF PORTS AND  
IN HONOLULU, T.H., DURING SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 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 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. 1147

NARCOTIC SEIZURE REPORT

May 5, 1947

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:.....
9. Owners or nationality of ship:.....
10. Kind and quantity of drugs seized: 8 pounds, 12 ounces,  
188.295 grains, (3 kg. 981.1 gr.), net, of marihuana; 1 ounce,  
209 grains, (41.9 grammes), net, of kif; 6 pounds, 14 ounces,  
16.5 grains, (3 kg. 119.5 gr.), net of takrouri; 35 grains,  
(2.3 grammes), net, of chira (chiras); 28 pounds 10 ounces,  
223 grains, (12 kg. 998.5 gr.), net, of hashish; 363 grains,  
(23.5 grammes), net, of ganja. See "Remarks" below for further  
descriptions of these various types of cannabis.
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 of address: United States
15. Remarks:

There appears below a summary of cannabis seizures effected  
at Atlantic Coast and Mexican Gulf ports and in Honolulu, T.H.,  
during the months of September, October, November, and December 1946.

Place and date of seizure: Staten Island, New York,  
September 13, 1946

Names of Defendants: Sylveston JACKSON, American negro

/Quantities

Quantities of cannabis seized: 1 ounce, 100 grains, (34.8 grammes),  
net, of kif.

When the U. S. Army Transport HENRY T. GIBBONS arrived on  
September 13, a jar of kif was found in the quarters of Sylveston JACKSON,  
second cook. The vessel arrived from LeHavre where there appeared  
to be available quantities of prepared kif and takrouri. This particular  
seizure consisted of dried coarsely pulverized leaves, stems, flowering  
tops and seeds.

Place and date of seizure: Staten Island, New York, September 20, 1946

Name of defendants: Unknown

Quantities of cannabis seized: 75 grains (4.9 grammes), net, of  
marihuana.

After the arrival of the U. S. Army Transport THOMAS H. BARRY from  
Alexandria, a customs searcher found twenty-one marihuana cigarettes  
in a ventilator in the bedroom stewards' quarters, portside, aft. The  
cigarette paper bore a water-mark reading "Bambu". Six recent seizures  
of marihuana cigarettes on vessels coming from European, Near Eastern,  
and South American ports have revealed the water-mark "Bambu", and it is  
believed that this must be a brand of cigarette paper manufactured in  
the United States utilized by seamen to roll marihuana cigarettes  
obtained in their world travels.

Place and date of seizure: Hoboken, New Jersey, September 30, 1946

Names of defendants: Vernon L. THOMAS; and William MAX;

American citizens

Quantities of cannabis seized: 35 grains, (2.3 grammes), net, of  
chira (chiras).

A customs officer found in the effects of THOMAS, chief butcher  
of the American steamship JOHN ERICSSON, arrived from LeHavre, several  
small lumps of chira mixed with tobacco. THOMAS stated the chira  
belonged to William MAX, ship's joiner. MAX admitted ownership.

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Places and date of seizure: New York City and Brooklyn, New York,  
September 30, October 1, and October 29, 1946

Names of defendants: Angelo RIVERA; Manuel DUCHESNE; and  
Ramon Q. CHEVESTRE; American citizens of Puerto Rican extraction.

Quantities of cannabis seized: 6 pounds, 1 ounce, 247 grains,  
(2 kg. 765.9 gr.), net, of takrouri.

The American steamship ERNIE PYLE arrived at New York City from  
LeHavre on September 30, at which time customs searchers made the  
following takrouri seizures:

1 ounce, 305 grains, (48.1 grammes), found in the coat pocket of  
Angelo RIVERA, crew-member. RIVERA implicated Manuel DUCHESNE who  
admitted he asked RIVERA to hold the package of takrouri for him.

12 ounces, 376 grains, (364.6 grammes), on an overhead ledge  
outside of the main deck.

4 ounces, 220 grains, (127.7 grammes), in a ventilator in the  
crew messroom starboard side.

3 ounces, 70 grains, (89.6 grammes), on a ledge in the working  
alleyway on "B" deck, portside.

3 ounces, 182 grains, (96.8 grammes), on a ledge over a door  
outside of the seamen's quarters.

13 ounces, 252 grains, (384.9 grammes), on an overhead ledge in  
back of a ventilator in the stewards' washroom, starboard side, aft,  
on "B" deck.

42 grains, (2.7 grammes), in a porcelain pot in the pantry,  
starboard side, aft.

40 grains, (2.6 grammes), under laundry in a passageway, aft.

1 ounce, 330 grains, (49.7 grammes), behind a ventilator on the  
boat deck, starboard side.

1 pound, 332 grains, (475.1 grammes), in cigarette form found by  
the master and turned over to customs.

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1 pound, 5 ounces, 253 grains, (611.7 grammes), on an overhead ledge in a cross alleyway, main deck, portside, aft.

On October 1 the following seizures were effected:

125 grains, (8.1 grammes), under a sink in a toilet, aft, starboard side.

380 grains, (24.6 grammes), between mattresses on a rail in a working passage, "C" deck, forward.

6 ounces, 320 grains, (190.8 grammes), in a toilet, behind a mirror and inside of a water cooler used by crew members.

1 ounce, 5 grains, (28.7 grammes), on an overhead ledge in a working alleyway, starboard side, aft.

40 grains, (5.2 grammes), place of discovery not stated.

185 grains, (12 grammes), between mattresses in empty troop quarters, "B" deck, #1 hatch.

On October 29 after the vessel had removed to Brooklyn, a customs officer found a package of takrouri, weighing 8 ounces, 250 grains, (243 grammes), in the possession of Ramon Q. CHEVESTRE, assistant pantryman.

The takrouri consisted of the finely pulverized, screened flowering tops and leaves, with a very few stems and seeds.

Place and date of seizure: Hoboken, New Jersey, October 5, 1946.

Names of defendants: Jose Rose De OLIVEIRA, American citizen of Puerto Rican extraction

Quantities of cannabis seized: 7 ounces, 420 grains, (225.7 grammes), net, of marihuana.

This person, a visitor to the American steamship SHERIDAN, in port from South American ports, was searched when he came ashore, and two packages of bulk marihuana were found on his person. He claimed an unknown crew member of the ship had asked him to carry the packages ashore.

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Place and date of seizure: Hoboken, New Jersey, October 7, 1946

Names of defendants: Frank Leroy DAVIS, American citizen

Quantities of cannabis seized: 392 grains, (25.5 grammes), net,  
of takrouri.

DAVIS, utilityman on the American steamship WEST LINN VICTORY which arrived from Rotterdam and Antwerp, was searched upon coming ashore and two packages of typical takrouri were found in his left trouser pocket. He stated another American seaman in Rotterdam had asked him to deliver the "supposed tobacco" as a gift to his father in the United States.

Place and date of seizure: New York City, October 7, 1946

Names of defendants: Albert Thomas DiGERONOMO, American citizen

Quantities of cannabis seized: 15 grains, (1 gramme), net, of marihuana.

Upon the arrival of the American steamship COASTAL VIKING from Kingston, Jamaica, the defendant was searched by a customs officer who found a roll of marihuana resembling a cigar on his person. DiGERONOMO stated he purchased the marihuana in Jamaica for 1 shilling, sixpense. (US\$ 0.30).

Place and date of seizure: New Orleans, Louisiana, October 14, 1946

Names of defendants: Unknown

Quantities of cannabis seized: 259 grains, (16.8 grammes), net,  
of marihuana.

A customs officer searching the American steamship NANCY LYKES upon its arrival from Bremerhaven found in the locker of Ernest MOBLEY, crew-member, two packages of marihuana.

Place and date of seizure: Staten Island, New York, October 21, 1946

Names of defendants: James A. NICHOLAS, American citizen

Quantities of cannabis seized: 284 grains, (18.4 grammes), net,  
of takrouri.

On the U. S. Army Transport GEORGE W. GOETHALS which had just  
/arrived

arrived from Bremerhaven, a customs searcher found fifty-two and one-half takrouri cigarettes in the clothing of James A. NICHOLAS, pantryman.

The cannabis appeared to be typical of takrouri and the cigarette paper bore the watermark "Bambu" referred to above.

Place and date of seizure: Brooklyn, New York, October 23, 1946

Names of defendants: Rafael BACHILLER; and Marcelo CASTILLO;  
American citizens.

Quantities of cannabis seized: 1 pound, 15 ounces, 339 grains,  
(900.8 grammes), net, of marihuana.

Upon its arrival from Capetown and Lourenco Marques, the American steamship AFRICAN STAR was boarded by customs officers. In the locker of Rafael BACHILLER was found a package of North African marihuana weighing 1 pound, 1 ounce, 328 grains, (503.2 grammes), while under the bunk of Marcelo CASTILLO were found 5 straw "shoes" of marihuana. So-called "shoes" of cannabis consisting of the dried tops, leaves, stems, and seeds of the cannabis plant rolled into a funnel-shaped package and wrapped in palm leaves appear to be common to Lourenco Marques.

Place and date of seizure: Newport News, Virginia, October 24, 1946

Names of defendants: Luther WATTS; American citizen

Quantities of cannabis seized: 8 ounces, 433 grains, (254.9 grammes),  
net, of marihuana.

A search of the American steamship GEORGE VICKERS, arrived from Rouen, France, resulted in the discovery of three packages of loose marihuana in the possession of Luther WATTS, oiler on the ship.

Place and date of seizure: New Orleans, Louisiana, November 4, 1946

Names of defendants: Wardell LESTER; Nathaniel KELLY;  
Henry NORRIS; and Edward E. GREGG; American citizens

Quantities of cannabis seized: 12 ounces, 377.5 grains, (364.7 grammes),  
net, of marihuana.

Five seizures of marihuana were made on the American steamship

/GUSTAVUS VICTORY

GUSTAVUS VICTORY after it arrived from Cristobal, C. Z., to wit:

16 grains, (1 gramme) on the person of Wardell LESTER, crew member.

47 grains, (3 grammes), in the clothing of Nathaniel KELLY,  
member of crew.

1 ounce, 381 grains, (53.1 grammes), under the locker of  
Henry NORRIS, crew member.

6 ounces, 164 grains (180.7 grammes), under ropes on the aft  
deck. Also an empty morphine tartrate syrette, a hypodermic needle,  
a medicine dropper containing traces of morphine, and a red-colored  
liquid containing traces of codeine.

4 ounces, 102 grains, (120 grammes), in the seabag of  
Edward E. GREGG, member of crew.

35 marihuana cigarettes weighing 105 grains (7.8 grammes), under  
rope on the aft deck.

Place and date of seizure: Staten Island, New York, November 4, 1946

Names of defendants: Unknown

Quantities of cannabis seized: 1 pound, 5 ounces, 22.5 grains,  
(596.8 grammes), net, of marihuana.

After its arrival at Staten Island from Capetown, the American  
steamship MESSENGER was searched, with the result that the following  
seven seizures were made:

1 ounce, 205 grains, (41.6 grammes), behind electric wires in the  
main panel board in the engine room.

4 ounces, 252 grains, (129.7 grammes), in a punching bag  
platform, aft.

3 ounces, 47 grains, (88.1 grammes), on a pipe behind a wash tub  
in the laundry room, aft.

1 ounce, 315 grains, (48.8 grammes), in back of a flange in the  
steering engine room.

58 grains, (3.8 grammes), behind a pipe in the fireroom.

1 ounce, 32 grains, (30.4 grammes), on top of a ventilator  
in the engine room, portside.

/8 ounces,



8 ounces, 426 grains, (254.4 grammes), under lamps in the aft peak.  
Place and date of seizure: New Orleans, Louisiana, November 6, 1946  
Names of defendants: Ernesto FLORES, Honduran citizen  
Quantities of cannabis seized: 35 grains, (2.3 grammes), net, of marihuana.

A customs officer found a package of loose marihuana in the bunk drawer of Ernesto FLORES, crew member of the Honduran steamship ARGUAL, in port from Puerto Cortes.

Place and date of seizure: Grasselli, New Jersey, November 6, 1946  
Names of defendants: Lewis B. SUTTON, American citizen  
Quantities of cannabis seized: 2 ounces, 430 grains, (84.6 grammes), net, of marihuana.

The ostensible owner of the marihuana, Lewis B. SUTTON, was signed on the American Steamship COASTAL SCOUT at New York and brought his effects on board. He failed to join the vessel and his effects were searched when the ship reached Grasselli, the marihuana being found therein.

Place and date of seizure: Locust Point, Baltimore, Maryland, November 6, 1946  
Names of defendants: Edward MORRIS, Jr., American citizen  
Quantities of drugs seized: 3 ounces, 292.125 grains, (104.3 grammes), net, of marihuana.

After the American steamship ANDREW JACKSON arrived from Kobe a package of marihuana was found in the locker of Edward MORRIS, Jr., A. B. seaman.

Place and date of seizure: Port Covington, Baltimore, Maryland November 7, 1946  
Names of defendants: Ralph LYONS, American citizen  
Quantities of cannabis seized: 41.1 grains, (2.7 grammes), net, of marihuana.

A small quantity of marihuana was found in the locker of

/Ralph LYONS,

Ralph LYONS, fireman on the American steamship WALTHAM VICTORY after it had arrived from Durban.

Place and date of seizure: Boston, Massachusetts,  
November 11 and 12, 1946

Names of defendants: Unknown

Quantities of cannabis seized: 28 pounds, 10 ounces, 61 grains,  
(12 kg. 988 gr.), net of hashish.

When the American steamship EXAMINER was enroute to Piraeus from Beirut the master of the vessel found a 5 gallon oil tin holding forty-two slabs of hashish. This matter was reported to United States Customs through the United States Coast Guard and customs officers at Boston were alerted. When the ship arrived at Boston the hashish was turned over to customs by the master. Although several crew members are suspected, it was not possible to ascertain definitely the true owner of the hashish. The hashish cakes were enclosed in stout linen sacks, fitting snugly and stamped with the likeness of a flower. They were the typical "Turbahs" of Turkish origin.

Place and date of seizure: Boston, Massachusetts, November 15, 1946

Names of defendants: Unknown

Quantities of cannabis seized: 162 grains, (10.5 grammes), net, of hashish; 109 grains (7.1 grammes) net of kif.

When the American steamship ALBION VICTORY arrived from Near Eastern ports customs searchers found several broken sticks of hashish, weighing 162 grains (10.5 grammes), in a box of excelsior in the shaft alley. A small package of African kif was found on top of a locker in a passageway, portside, amidships.

Place and date of seizure: Staten Island, New York, November 26, 1946

Names of defendants: O. L. FELBY, American citizen

Quantities of cannabis seized: 4 grains, (0.3 grammes), net of marihuana.

A customs officer found a small quantity of marihuana in the

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personal effects of O. L. FELBY, negro seaman, on the American steamship LEWISTON VICTORY in port from Southampton. FELBY stated the marihuana had been given to him about 2 years ago by a seaman from the Virgin Islands who had served with him on another vessel.

Place and date of seizure: New York City, November 27, 1946

Names of defendants: Unknown

Quantities of cannabis seized: 5 ounces, 178.5 grains, (153.3 grammes) net, of marihuana.

Three seizures of marihuana were made on the American steamship SANTA LEONOR, in port from Barranquilla and other Latin-American ports. Over an electric conduit in the engine room was found a package containing 299 grains (19.4 grammes) of marihuana; in a compartment under a locker in the petty officers' messroom, 2 ounces, 128 grains, (65 grammes) of marihuana; and under a table in the same room, 2 ounces, 189 grains, (68.9 grammes) of marihuana.

Place and date of seizure: Hoboken, New Jersey, November 27, 1946.

Names of defendants: Louis RODOCK, American citizen

Quantities of cannabis seized: 40 grains, (2.6 grammes) net, of marihuana.

When a customs officer found a package of marihuana in the possession of Louis RODOCK, messman on the American steamship CZECHOSLOVAKIA VICTORY which arrived from Antwerp, RODOCK stated he found the marihuana on the ship and he believed it to be tea and used it as such when he was sick during the voyage.

Place and date of seizure: New York City, November 27 and December 2, 1946

Names of defendants: Juan LOPEZ, American citizen of Puerto Rican extraction.

Quantities of cannabis seized: 80 grains (5.2 grammes) net, of marihuana.

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Upon the arrival of the American steamship WASHINGTON from LeHavre, a customs officer found 73 grains (4.7 grammes) of loose marihuana in the clothing of Juan LOPEZ, messman. On a ledge in Frame 80, forward in the stewards' toilet were found 7 grains (0.5 grammes) of marihuana.

Place and date of seizure: Boston, Massachusetts, November 27, 1946.

Names of defendants: Ralph TIMS, American Citizen

Quantities of cannabis seized: 136 grains (8.8 grammes) net, of takrouri.

During a search of the American steamship NOTRE DAME VICTORY a package of takrouri was found in the effects of Ralph TIMS, crewmember. TIMS stated the takrouri had been given him at a dance in Finland.

The package was labeled "Takrouri La Botte de 5 Gr".

Place and date of seizure: New Orleans, Louisiana, November 27, 1946

Names of defendants: Unknown

Quantities of cannabis seized: 15 grains, (1 gramme), net of marihuana.

A customs search of the American steamship MAYA which arrived from the Canal Zone resulted in the discovery of two marihuana cigarettes in the drawer of a locker.

Place and date of seizure: New York City, November 30, 1946

Names of defendants: Clifford DONALD, British subject; and Alfred Ruppert COOK, American citizen

Quantities of cannabis seized: 10 ounces, 270 grains, (301 grammes), net of takrouri.

Clifford DONALD, fireman on the American steamship AMERICA, was searched when he came ashore and three packages of takrouri, weighing 200 grains (13 grammes) were found in the legs of his underwear. He claimed he was carrying the marihuana for a pantryman on the ship. The pantryman, Alfred Ruppert COOK, was searched and a sack containing

/10 ounces

10 ounces, 70 grains, (288 grammes) of takrouri, was found in the small of his back. The men stated they had bought the takrouri from an Arab at LeHavre. COOK was to deliver it to one "Fats" DRUMGOLD who is now serving a prison term for engaging in the narcotic traffic.

Place and date of seizure: Honolulu, T. H., December 3, 1946

Names of defendants: Angel Louis LOPEZ; Enrique MONOZ; and Raymond SOLER; American citizens of Puerto Rican extraction.

Quantities of cannabis seized: 1 pound, 2 ounces, 99.57 grains (517.7 grammes) net of marihuana.

After the United States Army Transport GENERAL BLATCHFORD arrived from the Panama Canal Zone a sack containing 11 ounces, 109.375 grains (319.2 grammes) of marihuana, a cardboard box holding 6 ounces, 109.375 grains, (177.4 grammes) of marihuana, one marihuana cigarette, weighing 20.06 grains, (1.3 grammes) and sixty-seven marihuana cigarettes, weighing 298.26 grains, (19.5 grammes) were found in the quarters of crew members Angel Louis LOPEZ, Enrique MUNOZ, and Raymond SOLER.

Place and date of seizure: Boston, Massachusetts, December 17, 1946.

Names of defendants: Unknown

Quantities of cannabis seized: 293 grains, (19 grammes) net of ganja.

A customs officer searching the American steamship EXHIBITOR, just arrived from Madras, found behind a wash bowl in the crew washroom a package of compressed cannabis known as "flat ganja", consisting of the leaves and flowering tops of the cannabis plant pressed into a hard cake.

Place and date of seizure: Boston, Massachusetts, December 19, 1946

Names of defendants: Abdul KHOYAR, Indian citizen

Quantities of cannabis seized: 70 grains, (4.5 grammes) net of ganja.

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A package of ganja was found by a customs officer aboard the British steamship MAIDAN in the locker of Abdul KHOYAR, crewmember. The defendant stated he ground the ganja tops and mixed them with brown sugar, consuming the mixture as a medicine.

Place and date of seizure: Boston, Massachusetts, December 22, 1946

Names of defendants: Unknown

Quantities of cannabis seized: 1 pound, 10 ounces, 94.5 grains, (742.2 grammes) net of marihuana.

The marihuana in this case was found on the American steamship NASHUA VICTORY which came from African ports. One lot of marihuana weighed 9 ounces, 416 grains, (282.1 grammes) and was found in the forepeak. The other lot weighed 1 pound, 116 grains, (461.1 grammes) and was concealed in the washroom. The marihuana consisted of tops, leaves, and seeds, and contained few stems. It was contained in straw bags.

Copies of this report are being transmitted to the French Netherlands, British, Honduran, Turkish, Colombian, Finnish, and Indian authorities.

(signed)

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Commissioner of Narcotics

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