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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 KINGDOM

SEIZURE OF 453.6 GRAMMES OF PREPARED OPIUM AT LIVERPOOL ON  
5 AUGUST 1946

Report No. 72 communicated by the Government of the United Kingdom  
on 18 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.

18.10.46.

Date of seizure: 5.8.1946

Place of seizure: Liverpool (on shore)

Name of person etc. implicated: PING LIN CHENG alias LING CHIN PING  
alias MAI TING AH, and LEE LAY LONG (Chinese)

Name of ship: S.S. "RIVER CREST"

Coming from: )

Date of leaving first port: ) Absent from the United Kingdom for  
two years.

Destination and date of arrival: See 1 and 2 above

Ports of call: ADEN, PORT SAID, PONDICHERRI, BOMBAY, CALCUTTA,  
MADRAS, RANGOON, SINGAPORE, PORT DICKSON, PORT  
PIRRIE.

Owners or nationality of ship: Messrs. Alfred Holt & Co,

Kind and quantity of drug seized: 1 lb, prepared opium(453.6 grammes)  
in two packets

Origin of drug: (marks, labels, etc.) No information

Where shipped or forwarded from: Not known

Remarks: The accused were stopped by the police as they were about to leave the docks in a taxi, and 27 sticks of prepared opium in two packages were found concealed beneath the rear seat of the taxi. Both the accused denied being in possession of the opium and suggested that it had been placed in the taxi by a third Chinaman who had returned to the ship, whom they were unable to identify.

PING LING CHENG was further convicted on 12.9.46. of being in possession of prepared opium and opium smoking utensils; was fined £15.0.0.

Legal proceedings penalties: The accused were each sentenced to pay a fine of £10. and £3.5.6. costs and recommended for deportation.