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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 1946UNITED STATES OF AMERICASEIZURES OF VARIOUS NARCOTICS AT POINTS ON OR NEAR THE MEXICAN
BORDER AND ON THE PACIFIC COAST DURING THE MONTHS OF JANUARY,
FEBRUARY AND MARCH 1946.Report No. 1130 communicated by the Government of the
United States of America, May 22, 1946Note 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 reports on the above-mentioned seizures to the Members of the United Nations and to the other parties to the Convention.

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

May 22, 1946

Date of seizure:	See dates given below
Place of seizure:	See places listed below
Name of person or firm implicated:	See defendants named below
Kind and quantity of drugs seized:	11 pounds, 8 ounces, 118.875 grains (5 kgs. 217 gr.) of raw opium; 34 pounds, 7 ounces, 386.205 grains (15 kgs. 705 gr.) of prepared opium; 7 ounces, 225.125 grains (212.86 gr.) of opium dress; 1 pound, 1 ounce, 336.875 grains (502.91 gr.) of opium solution; 1 ounce (28.35 gr.) of medicinal opium and digitalis; 29 grains (1.856 gr.) of morphine tartrate; 58.757 grains (3.76 gr.) of morphine sulphate; 2 ounces, 426.75 grains (84.04 gr.) of heroin; 35.75 grains (2.29 gr.) of marihuana. The marihuana consisted of the dried, flowering tops and leaves of the cannabis plant, in the form most frequently encountered in the United States.
Origin of manufacture (marks, labels, etc.):	The morphine tartrate solution bore the label of E.R. Squibb & Sons, New York. The other drugs bore no identifying marks or labels.

Where shipped or forwarded from: See "Remarks" below
Forwarding agents or consignor's: See "Remarks" below
Destination or address: United States

Remarks:

There appears below a summary of narcotic seizures effected at points on or near the Mexican border and on the Pacific Coast during the months of January, February, and March 1946, respectively.

Place and date of seizure: Laredo, Texas, January 1, 1946.
Names of defendants: William Lee NIESS, American citizen.
Quantities of drugs seized: 148 grains, net, (9.47 gr.) of heroin.

Having information that William Lee NIESS was coming to Laredo to obtain a supply of heroin from Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, customs patrolmen awaited his arrival, and when he entered a travel bureau, they took him into custody and found two packages of five paper "bindles" each of heroin in his hip pocket.

Place and date of seizure: San Ysidro, California, January 1, 1946.
Names of defendants: Henry Mejia ARVISO and Romeo Mason GALLEGOS, American citizens of Mexican origin.
Quantities of drugs seized: 6 ounces, 292.33 grains, net, (188.8 gr.) of prepared opium.

When these persons arrived from Tijuana, Mexico, in an automobile they were searched and a tin of prepared opium was found taped to ARVISO's left leg.

Place and date of seizure: Laredo, Texas, January 9, 1946.
Names of defendants: Ola THOMAS, American negress.
Quantities of drugs seized: 434 grains, net, (27.77 gr.) of heroin.

Customs patrol inspectors, having received information that this woman would obtain a quantity of heroin in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, followed her to a bus station when she returned from Nuevo Laredo, and found 28 paper "bindles" of heroin sewn in the lining of the sleeve of her fur jacket.

Place and date of seizure: El Paso, Texas, January 15, 1946.
Names of defendants: Juan HERNANDEZ, Mexican citizen.
Quantities of drugs seized: 2.5 grains, net, (0.16 gr.) of heroin.

When Juan HERNANDEZ arrived from Juarez, Mexico, he seemed to be very nervous, and as a consequence, was searched. Three paper "bindles" of heroin were found in his coat pocket wrapped in a dollar bill. HERNANDEZ is a drug addict.

Place and date of seizure: Laredo, Texas, January 16, 1946.
Names of defendants: Neoma MATHEWS, American negress.
Quantities of drugs seized: 378.7 grains, net, (24.2 gr.) of heroin.

When this woman returned to Laredo from Nuevo Laredo, she was searched, since customs patrol officers had received information that she would proceed to Mexico for the purpose of securing narcotic drugs. Twenty-six paper "bindles" of heroin were found concealed on her person.

Place and date of seizure: Colton, California, January 19, 1946.
Names of defendants: Ricardo MORENO, Mexican citizen.
Quantities of drugs seized: 6 ounces, 288.75 grains, net, (188.6 gr.)
of prepared opium.

MORENO was arrested by two customs agents. He stated that another Mexican known to him as "Chito" had brought a tin of opium to him in Calexico, California, from Mexicali, Mexico, and upon the payment of \$100, had delivered the tin to him.

Place and date of seizure: Long Beach, California, January 23 and 24,
Names of defendants: TAN MOOK HOEY; CHUM LAM; TANG CHWEE KWANG; AH
CHONG; and AH OH, Chinese.
Quantities of drugs seized: 7 ounces, 188.125 grains, net, (210.5 gr.)
of raw opium; 5 ounces, 126.875 grains,
net, (149.8 gr.) of opium dross; 14 ounces
161.875 grains, net, (407.2 gr.) of opium
solution.

When the British motor ship DAPHNELLA arrived from Iranian, Indian, and New Zealand ports, customs searchers found a bottle of opium solution, weighing 14 ounces, 161.875 grains (407.2 gr.) a cigar box of opium dross, weighing 4 ounces, 201.25 grains (126.5 gr.) and a piece of opium dross, weighing 363.125 grains (23.3 gr.) in the quarters of the above-named Chinese crew members. The raw opium, consisting of seven pieces, was found in a ventilator in the Chinese washroom, behind pipes outside of the drying room aft, and in a drum of the forward deck winch.

Place and date of seizure: San Ysidro, California, January 24, 1946.
Names of defendants: Kenneth DUNN, American citizen.
Quantities of drugs seized: 1 pound, 2 ounces, 242 grains, net,
(525.788 gr.) of prepared opium.

When DUNN arrived from Tijuana, the customs inspector noticed a bulge in DUNN's coat pocket and on examination found one tin of prepared opium. DUNN was conducted to the searching room and while there surrendered two additional tins of prepared opium.

Place of date of seizure: Calexico, California, January 26, 1946.
Names of defendants: Ira TAYLOR, American citizen.
Quantities of drugs seized: 7 ounces, 26 grains, net, (200.11 gr.)
of prepared opium.

The defendant returned to Calexico from Mexicali, Mexico, and when searched, a tin of prepared opium was found pinned to the back part of his undershirt in the center.

Place and date of seizure: Calexico, California, January 26, 1946.
Names of defendants: Celestino GARCIA and Salvador Granillo ORTIZ,
Mexican citizens.
Quantities of drugs seized: 6 ounces, 371.5 grains, net, (193.88 gr.)
of prepared opium; 35.75 grains, net,
(2.29 gr.) of marihuana.

The defendants were apprehended by customs patrolmen after they had entered the United States illegally from Mexico. Three marihuana cigarettes were found in the pocket of Garcia. On the following morning, the officers found a 5-tael tin of prepared opium at the scene of the arrest. The tin had been run over by an automobile.

Place and date of seizure: San Ysidro, California, January 26, 1946.
Names of defendants: Edward Jackson CAMMACK, American citizen.
Quantities of drugs seized: 6 ounces, 304 grains, net, (189.55 gr.) of prepared opium.

When CAMMACK arrived from Tijuana, a customs inspector found a 5-tael tin of prepared opium taped to the defendant's left leg.

Place and date of seizure: Douglas, Arizona, February 3 and 10, 1946.
Names of defendants: Pablo CRUZ, Mexican citizen.
Quantities of drugs seized: 2 pounds, net, (906 gr.) of raw opium;
23 pounds, 8 ounces, net, (16 kgs. 646 gr.) of prepared opium.

On February 1, a customs patrolman stationed at Douglas, Arizona, received information that one Pablo CRUZ, then in Agua Prieta, Mexico, had a quantity of opium in his possession that he wished to sell. Arrangements were made to have a narcotic agent come to Douglas to make contact with CRUZ. On February 3, CRUZ delivered to this agent a porcelain jar of prepared opium, weighing 2 pounds, 6 ounces (1 kg. 76 gr.) and received \$200, stating that the full price was \$400 and that the balance could be paid on February 10, at which time he would deliver a larger quantity of opium. On February 10, CRUZ was observed coming through the international fence carrying a large package. The patrol inspectors closed in on him and CRUZ started running and pulled a revolver from his pocket, but he was disarmed before he could use the revolver. The package contained nine lye cans and two glass jars of prepared opium, of a total weight of 21 pounds, 2 ounces (9 kgs. 570 gr.); and a lump of raw opium, weighing 2 pounds (906 gr.).

Place and date of seizure: Fort Worth, Texas, February 6, 1946.
Names of defendants: Robert Branch, American citizen.
Quantities of drugs seized: 16.5 grains, net, (1.06 gr.) of heroin.

Robert BRANCH, drug addict, mailed a package containing eight capsules of heroin contained in a rubber glove finger from Laredo, Texas, to his wife in Fort Worth. The package was opened and seized in Fort Worth. BRANCH purchased the heroin in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico.

Place and date of seizure: Near Blythe, California, February 9, 1946
Names of defendants: Jay MARGULIES, American citizen.
Quantities of drugs seized: 6 ounces, 284.375 grains, net, (188.3 gr.) of prepared opium.

As a result of a severe motor car accident near Blythe, this opium was found on the person of Jay MARGULIES who was injured. MARGULIES claimed that he was carrying the package for his brother-in-law, an Army officer who was killed in the accident.

Place and date of seizure: Tucson, Arizona, February 12, 1946.
Names of defendants: Alejandro MOROYOQUI and Encarnacion MOROYOQUI, Mexican citizens.
Quantities of drugs seized: 4 pounds, 10 ounces, 393.75 grains, net, (1 kg. 120 gr.) of raw opium.

Upon receipt of information from local police that a Mexican had a quantity of opium for sale, customs patrolmen made arrangements for a narcotic agent to come to Tucson to make the purchase. When the delivery was being made in a paper bag, the two defendants were arrested.

Place and date of seizure: Long Beach, California, February 15, 1946.
Names of defendants: Isom SAULBERRY, American citizen.
Quantities of drugs seized: 23 grains, net, (1.47 gr.) of morphine tartrate solution.

When the American steamship LOT WHITCOMB arrived from Neumea, New Caledonia, a customs officer found two morphine tartrate syrettes in the pocket of a vest hanging in the locker of Isom SAULBERRY, crew member. SAULBERRY claimed he found the syrettes under his locker and placed them in his vest pocket.

Place and date of seizure: El Paso, Texas, February 16, 1946.
Names of defendants: Willie STEVENS, American negro.
Quantities of drugs seized: 58.757 grains, net, (3.76 gr.) of morphine sulphate.

Information was received by city detectives that Willie STEVENS was trying to dispose of 500 morphine tablets. They observed him digging up some packages from the yard of a home. The packages contained 476 morphine sulphate tablets of 8 mgm. each, and bore the label of Parke, Davis & Company, Chicago, Illinois. One of the labels was furnished the firm of Parke, Davis in order that the serial numbers might be checked. That firm reported that the serial number represented 50,000 vials of 20 tablets each on a Government order to the Medical Supply Department of the United States Army, and the manufacturing and finishing of the tablets was done on or about July 1918.

Place and date of seizure: San Pedro, California, February 8, 1946.
Names of defendants: Harold Francis BRIGGS, American citizen.
Quantities of drugs seized: 1 ounce, 65 grains, net, (32.5 gr.) of prepared opium; 1 ounce, 376.25 grains, net, (52.43 gr.) of opium dross; 1 ounce, 393.75 grains, net, (53.55 gr.) of opium solution.

Following the arrival of the American steamship KAVIER VICTORY from Shanghai, special attention was given Harold Francis BRIGGS because of his reputation and the receipt of information that he had been seen in Shanghai smoking opium with a Chinese woman. Search of his quarters revealed one opium lamp, other opium smoking paraphernalia, and a small piece of prepared opium. On the same day the opium dross and opium solution were found in a pile of lumber in the forepeak of the vessel. BRIGGS has a lengthy criminal record and has been investigated by narcotic and customs officers a number of times.

Place and date of seizure: Laredo, Texas, February 27, 1946.
Names of defendants: Henry MOORE, American citizen.
Quantities of drugs seized: 162.25 grains, net, (10.38 gr.) of heroin.

Having information that Henry MOORE was in Laredo for the purpose of obtaining narcotics, customs patrolmen stopped, questioned, and searched him when he was about to board a bus for San Antonio, Texas. The heroin in 11 packets and a hypodermic needle were found in his left trouser pocket and in his coat sleeve.

Place and date of seizure: San Pedro, California, March 12, 1946.
Names of defendants: Unknown.
Quantities of drugs seized: 111 grains, net, (7.1 gr.) of opium dross; 13.25 grains, net, (0.85 gr.) of prepared opium.

Search of the Netherlands motor vessel SUNETTA, Arrived from Brisbane, Australia, resulted in the discovery of quantities of prepared opium and opium dross and opium smoking paraphernalia on top of a locker in the Chinese crew quarters.

Place and date of seizure: San Ysidro, California, March 16, 1946.
Names of defendants: Alfonso Cruz MORENO, Mexican citizen.
Quantities of drugs seized: 77 grains, net, (4.93 grammes) of prepared opium; 48.5 grains, net, (3.1 grammes of opium dross.

When MORENO arrived from Tijuana, Mexico, he was given a special search since he was recognized as a suspect. Three paper "bindles" of prepared opium were found in the front of his trousers, and one "bindle" of opium dross in his sock.

Place and date of seizure: San Francisco, California, March 16, 1946.
Names of defendants: CHOW SHEW DUCK, Chinese.
Quantities of drugs seized: 3 pounds, 7 ounces, net, (1 kg. 557 grammes) of prepared opium.

CHOW SHEW DUCK was arrested by narcotic agents in possession of eight 5-tael galvanized iron tins of prepared opium. It is believed that the opium tins were smuggled into the United States from Mexico.

Place and date of seizure: Laredo, Texas, March 18, 1946.
Names of defendants: William Noble, American citizen.
Quantities of drugs seized: 159.5 grains, net, (10.21 grammes) of heroin.

William NOBLE was observed by customs patrolmen as he was about to board an automobile en route to Dallas, Texas. As information had been received that he was transporting narcotics smuggled from Mexico, he was searched, and 11 paper "bindles" of heroin were found in his socks.

Place and date of seizure: El Paso, Texas, March 21, 1946.
Names of defendants: Vincent RODRIGUEZ, Mexican citizen.
Quantities of drugs seized: 4 pounds, 5 ounces, 412 grains, net, (1 kg. 980 grammes) of raw opium.

Customs patrolmen, acting on information that RODRIGUEZ would deliver a quantity of opium to someone at an intersection of El Paso, posted themselves at a place of vantage. He was observed taking a package from a parked automobile and was arrested. The occupant of the automobile escaped in the darkness. However, his name is known.

Place and date of seizure: San Ysidro, California, March 22, 1946.
Names of defendants: Italo VATTUONE and Lalla Rubridge BROWNING, American citizens.
Quantities of drugs seized: 6 grains, net, (0.384 gramma) of morphine tartrate solution.

Italo VATTUONE and Mrs. Lalla Rubridge BROWNING arrived from Tijuana in an automobile. Two 1/5-gallon (0.9 ltr.) bottles of cordial were found in the fender wells, and in the glove compartment two boxes of 1/2-grain (0.032 grammes) morphine tartrate syrettes marked "E.R. Squibb & Sons, New York." The defendants stated they found the syrettes at the Naval Air Station.

Place and date of seizure: Calexico, California, March 23, 1946.
Names of defendants: Keith Erwin KRAGNESS, American citizen.
Quantities of drugs seized: 1 ounce, net, (28.35 grammes) of a solution of digitalis and medicinal opium.

When KRAGNESS was searched upon his arrival from Mexicali, Mexico, the opium solution was found in his right hip pocket, and in the cuff of his trousers were found 10 nembutal tablets.

Place and date of seizure: Seattle, Washington, March 23 and 25, 1946.
Names of defendants: Lucian A. VASQUEZ, Mexican citizen.

Quantities of drugs seized: 3 pounds, 12 ounces, 172 grains, net, (1 kg. 708 grammes) of prepared opium; 218.75 grains, net, (32.35 grammes) of opium solution.

VASQUEZ was arrested by local police on March 23 who found a bottle of opium solution in the glove compartment of his automobile. In the trunk of the automobile was found a jar of prepared opium. On March 25, fourteen bottles of prepared opium were found in a secret compartment in the automobile. The opium was of Mexican origin.

Place and date of seizure: El Paso, Texas, March 28, 1946.

Names of defendants: Benjamin Alonzo RAYMER, American citizen.

Quantities of drugs seized: $\frac{1}{2}$ grain, net, (0.032 grammes) of heroin.

Search of the person of the defendant when he arrived on foot from Juarez resulted in the discovery of a paper "bundle" of heroin in one of his socks.

(signed) H.J. Anslinger
Commissioner of Narcotics