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ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

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 651.45 GRAMES OF PREPARED OPIUM AT SOUTH SHIELDS  
ON 17 OCTOBER 1946

Report No. 74 communicated by the Government of the United Kingdom  
30 November 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  
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.

30.11.46.

Date of seizure: 17.10.46.

Place of seizure: South Shields

Name of person etc. implicated: CHIN, Ferg Soo

Name of ship: S.S. "Empire Cyprus"

Coming from: Bombay

Destination and date of arrival: See 1 and 2 above

Ports of call: Bahrein, Singapore, River Plate, Rotterdam

Owners or nationality of ship: George Mann & Co. Newcastle-on-Tyne,  
British

Kind and quantity of drug seized: Prepared opium: 1 lb. 7 ozs. .  
(651.45 grammes)

Origin of drugs; (Marks, labels, etc.) The accused stated that he  
received the opium from his  
brother (name and address not  
stated) in Rotterdam

Remarks: The opium was concealed in specially constructed boards  
in the base of the accused's tool chest

Legal proceedings penalties: CHIN pleaded "Guilty" and was fined  
£25 with £1.1.0. interpreter's fee.