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This survey is based on seizure reports submitted by parties signatory to the Convention of 1931 for Limiting the Manufacture and Regulating the Distribution of Narcotic Drugs, and from Annual Reports and such other data as has become available during the period under review. It can not be considered complete because of the lack of material on hand for study.

1949 - TO PRESENT

There will appear below comments concerning the illicit traffic in raw opium, prepared opium, morphine, heroin, cocaine, and cannabis, for the year 1949 and the first nine months of 1950.

RAW OPIUM

According to incomplete information available, there were in 1949 67 seizures of Chinese opium in Burma and 22 seizures of Indian opium in India, while 5 seizures of Indian opium were made in Burma. In Burma, there were 29 seizures of Shan raw opium. The total quantity of Indian raw opium seized in India was 1,896 pounds, 9 ounces, 157.5 grains (860 kilograms, 275.6 grams); and the quantity of Indian raw opium seized in Burma was 27 pounds, 7 ounces, 351.4 grains (12 kilograms, 468.5 grams).

In the United States, there were in 1949, 2 seizures of Indian raw opium, weighing 12 pounds, 3 ounces, 136.5 grains (5 kilograms, 537 grams).

In the United States in 1949, there were 7 seizures of Iranian raw opium, weighing 51 pounds, 12 ounces, 275.625 grains (23 kilograms, 492 grams), and 7 seizures of Turkish raw opium, weighing 9 pounds, 10 ounces, 417.75 grains (4 kilograms, 393 grams).

There were 3 seizures of Mexican raw opium in the United States in 1949, totaling 6 pounds, 1 ounce, 218.75 grains (2 kilograms, 764 grams).

No doubt the Mexican delegate will furnish figures of seizures of raw opium in that country.

/Statistics

Statistics relative to countries of origin of raw opium throughout the world are not immediately available, but figures giving the total quantities seized will be given below whenever possible.

#### THAILAND

According to reports appearing in the Bangkok English language press in 1949 and 1950, there were innumerable seizures of raw opium effected in Thailand. Based on statistics available, the total quantity of raw opium seized in Thailand in 1949 and 1950 totaled several hundred tons. Some of this opium was smuggled from Yunnan and Burma. However, much opium was grown locally and there was evidence of the smuggling of opium from Thailand to Singapore and other territories. The Thailand Government has not submitted seizure reports covering seizures made in 1949 and 1950, but it is apparent that a great many seizures were made frequently in ton lots. The authenticity of some of these reports is doubtful and it is believed that there has been some repetition; also that some of the so-called "opium" seized was not, in fact, opium, but mud or clay. However, it appears that a tremendous illicit narcotic traffic is flourishing.

#### HONG KONG

The annual report of the Government of the British Crown Colony of Hong Kong for the year 1949 states that the total quantity of raw opium seized during that year was 1,150 kilograms (2,535 pounds, 5 ounces, 4 grains).

During 1950, to date, there have been 28 seizures of raw opium in Hong Kong, totaling approximately 1,177 pounds (533 kilograms, 891 grams).

#### BURMA

It appears from reports from the Burmese Excise authorities that in 1949 there were 67 seizures of Chinese raw opium, weighing 1,036 pounds, 1 ounce, 262.5 grains (462 kilograms, 967 grams); 29 seizures of Shan raw opium, totaling 677 pounds, 6 ounces, 175 grains (307 kilograms, 263 grams); and 5 seizures of Indian raw opium, totaling 21 pounds, 3 ounces, 66.5 grains (9 kilograms, 615 grams). The total quantity of raw opium of all classes seized in Burma in 1949 was 1,739 pounds, 3 ounces, 66.5 grains (788 kilograms, 886 grams). There was one seizure of Chinese raw opium, weighing 85 pounds, 14 ounces, 435 grains (3,342 tolas), and one of 56 pounds, 5 ounces, 12.5 grains ((2,190 tolas).

(2,190 tolas). The total quantity of raw opium seized in 1950, to date, exceeds 16,000 tolas (411 pounds, 6 ounces, 375 grains).

#### EGYPT

Reports received from Egypt indicate that the total quantity of raw opium seized in 1949 was 7,716 pounds, 2 ounces, 315 grains (3,500 kilograms). It is believed that most of this opium was of Turkish origin. Of the total quantity of drugs seized during 1949, 15,000 kilograms (33,069 pounds, 4 ounces, 350 grains) in all, it has been estimated that this represented only 20 per cent of the drugs actually smuggled into Egypt. About 70 per cent of the narcotics brought into Egypt are believed to enter via Asia-Africa through the Suez Canal Zone.

For the first 8 months of 1950, 974 kilograms (2,147 pounds, 4 ounces, 349 grains) of raw opium have been seized. One seizure of raw opium weighed 20 kilograms (44 pounds, 1 ounce, 209 grains). In another case, four Bedouins arrested attempted to swallow 9 small cylinders of opium. Large doses of purge recovered the cylinders. One man had swallowed three cylinders.

One seizure was made of 43 kilograms (94 pounds, 12 ounces, 341 grains) of stick opium. Could this be of Iranian origin?

#### INDIA

Information received from the Indian authorities and from other sources reflects that there were 22 seizures of raw opium, weighing 1,896 pounds, 9 ounces, 157.5 grains (860 kilograms, 275.6 grams). Part of the opium was produced in India and part was from China. In one seizure of Chinese opium the containers bore labels similar to those seized in pre-war days.

Reports received indicate that in the first part of 1950 Indian authorities have made 6 seizures of raw opium, weighing 47 pounds, 8 ounces, 90 grains (21 kilograms, 551.5 grams).

#### PAKISTAN

From information received there were 2 seizures of Afghan raw opium made in Pakistan in 1949, totaling 79.5 tolas (2 pounds, 310 grains - 927 grams).

In 1950, approximately 60 pounds (27 kilograms, 216 grams) of raw opium have been seized to date. There was 1 seizure of 76 tolas (1 pounds, 15 ounces, /117 grains

117 grains - 886 grams) and another of 55 tolas (1 pound, 6 ounces, 275 grains - 641.52 grams). The opium traffic from Afghanistan appears to be increasingly heavy.

#### GREAT BRITAIN

It appears from reports received that there were 16 seizures of raw opium in Great Britain in 1949, weighing 105 pounds, 7 ounces, 305 grains (47 kilograms, 846.5 grams).

In 1950, according to information received, there have been 2 seizures of raw opium, totaling 6 kilograms, 123.5 grams (13 pounds, 7 ounces, 439 grains).

In Singapore and the Federated Malay States during 1949, there were 98 seizures of raw opium, weighing 753 kilograms, 429 grams, (1,661 pounds, 171 grains). In 1950, approximately 2,259 pounds, (1,024 kilograms) of raw opium have been seized to date.

In Hong Kong, there were 47 seizures of raw opium totaling 2,535 pounds, 5 ounces, 4 grains (1,150 kilograms) in 1949.

In the British territory of Kenya, customs officers at Mombassa seized in 1949 6 pounds (2 kilograms, 722 grams) of raw opium from three Chinese crew members of the British-India Liner KHANDALLA.

A report has been received that 35 grams (1 ounce, 103 grains) of raw opium were seized in Zanzibar in 1949.

#### CHINA

Press reports received reflect that in July 1949 a charter flight airplane brought 4,000 pounds (1,814 kilograms, 368 grams) of raw opium from Chaotung, Yunnan, to Canton.

#### TURKEY

Although no formal seizure reports were submitted by the Turkish authorities, information received from reliable sources indicates that there were seized in Turkey during 1949, 2,482 pounds, 6 ounces, 190 grains (1,126 kilograms) of raw opium. A seizure of 10 kilograms (22 pounds) was made late in December 1949.

## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The total quantity of raw opium seized in the United States during 1949 was 115 pounds, 12 ounces, 130 grains (52 kilograms, 512 grams). The heaviest seizures were made at Atlantic Coast ports.

The largest individual seizure was one of 39 pounds, 15 ounces, 302.5 grains (18 kilograms, 135 grams). The second largest raw opium seizure amounted to 12 pounds, 3 ounces, 158 grains (5 kilograms, 539 grams).

Statistics concerning Iranian, Turkish, Indian and Mexican raw opium seizures in 1949 are given above.

To date, in 1950, there have been 12 seizures of raw opium made in the United States totaling approximately 30 pounds, 5 ounces, 108 grains (13 kilograms, 757 grams). Three seizures were of Turkish origin, one of Iranian origin and one of Indian origin. One seizure of 7 pounds, 14 ounces, 332 grains (3 kilograms, 594 grams) was effected at Houston, Texas, on the Turkish steamship CORUH, arrived from Istanbul. The opium was of Turkish origin. A seizure of over 5 pounds of Turkish opium was made at Baltimore, Maryland, late in October 1950 on a Turkish vessel.

## THE NETHERLANDS

The Netherlands Government submitted reports for 1949 indicating that there were 12 seizures of raw opium, totaling 61 pounds, 14 ounces, 82 grains (28 kilograms, 72 grams). One seizure of 25.3 pounds (11 kilograms, 5 grams) was of Iranian origin.

For the year 1950 reports to date reflect that there have been 5 seizures of raw opium in the Netherlands totaling approximately 2 kilograms, 792.8 grams (6 pounds, 2 ounces, 224 grains).

## AUSTRALIA

The Government of Australia reports that in 1949 there were 15 seizures of raw opium, weighing 57 pounds, 14 ounces, 360 grains (26 kilograms, 275.2 grams). In one seizure the opium was found floating ashore in a hollowed-out space in a piece of timber which was picked up by a fisherman and turned over to police. Similar smuggling devices have been encountered in the United States.

In 1950, to date, in Australia, it appears that there have been 8 seizures of raw opium, of a total weight of 8 pounds, 9 ounces, 322 grains (3 kilograms, 904.8 grams).

/AUSTRALIA

#### AUSTRIA

According to information available, there is a record of a seizure of raw opium in Austria in 1950, of 1 kilogram, 373 grams (3 pounds, 188 grains).

#### VENEZUELA

In 1949 there were 2 seizures of raw opium, totaling 2 kilograms, 410 grams (5 pounds, 5 ounces, 4 grains).

#### ANGLO-EGYPTIAN SOUDAN

Information has been received that there is a small traffic in raw opium in the Anglo-Egyptian Soudan. In 1949, 18 cases of such traffic were reported, and the total quantity seized was 783 grams (1 pound, 11 ounces, 271 grains).

#### IRAQ

In 1949 raw opium seized in Iraq totaled 31 kilograms, 172 grams (68 pounds, 11 ounces, 244 grains), while in 1950, it appears that there have been 14 seizures of raw opium, weighing 3 pounds, 5 ounces, 254 grains (1 kilogram, 519 grams).

#### INDONESIA

From seizure reports and other information received, it would appear that during the year 1949 seizures of raw opium totaled 115 kilograms, 870 grams (255 pounds, 7 ounces, 82 grains).

#### BRITISH ZONE OF GERMANY

The British Military authorities report that they made in 1949 11 seizures of raw opium, weighing 3 kilograms, 114.8 grams (6 pounds, 13 ounces, 381 grains).

#### FRENCH ZONE OF GERMANY

According to information received, there was 1 seizure of raw opium in this Zone, weighing 7 pounds, 11 ounces, 200.8 grains (3 kilograms, 500 grams). This seizure was effected in 1949.

#### UNITED STATES ZONE OF GERMANY

From the latest information available, it is indicated that authorities in this Zone seized 2 kilograms, 775 grams of raw opium in 1949.

Up to date in 1950, there have been 2 seizures of raw opium in the United States Zone of Germany, weighing 81 pounds, 59 grains (36 kilograms, 915 grams).

#### THE PHILIPPINES

One seizure of 950 grams (2 pounds, 1 ounce, 223 grains of raw opium has been reported effected in the Philippines in 1950.

#### ITALY

The Italian authorities have reported one seizure of raw opium, weighing 1 ounce, 179.78 grains (40 grams) in 1949. The situation regarding the illicit traffic in narcotic drugs in Italy will be discussed below under "Analysis of the Traffic".

#### FRANCE (Tunisia)

French Colonial authorities reported that during 1949 there was 1 seizure of raw opium, weighing 4 kilograms, 260 grams (9 pounds, 6 ounces, 110.9 grains).



### PREPARED OPIUM

Few seizure reports covering prepared opium seized in 1949 have been received. Hence, it is impossible intelligently to discuss the world trends in the illicit traffic in this drug. This is considered unfortunate, inasmuch as unquestionably there must have been a heavy traffic in prepared opium in Far Eastern countries in 1949.

#### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The total quantity of prepared opium seized in the United States during 1949 was 95 pounds, 12 ounces, 54 grains (43 kilograms, 436 grams).

The largest and most frequent seizures of prepared opium were made at points on or near the Mexican Border and the Pacific Coast. The largest individual seizure was one of 11 pounds, 6 ounces, 182 grains (5 kilograms, 172 grams). On November 15, 1949, customs agents at Los Angeles, California, seized twenty-five 5-tael tins of prepared opium, weighing 10 pounds, 2 ounces, 218.75 grains (4 kilograms, 607 grams).

Seizure of prepared opium at Atlantic Coast ports were small individually.

At New York City a seizure was made of over 6 pounds (2 kilograms, 722 grams) of unlabeled prepared opium in tins appearing to be of Chinese origin. A 1-tael tin was seized in California bearing the familiar "Rooster & Elephant" likeness of a fowl and the words "Lo Fook" which formerly appeared in Chinese characters on "Lo Fook Kee" tins of Kwangchow-wan origin. In this case the opium was of inferior quality and probably originated in Mexico.

A number of tins of prepared opium were seized at Boston, the containers being the product of the Siamese Government Opium Monopoly.

Prepared opium seized in most instances was made from Mexican, Iranian, Indian, Turkish and Chinese raw opium in the order named as regards quantity.

Prices of prepared opium in 1949 on the Mexican Border were a little lower than in previous years. A so-called 5-tael tin which actually was a tobacco tin and contained about 5 ounces of opium could be purchased in Mexico for about \$200, provided that the purchaser would transport it himself to the United States. If the seller agreed to undertake the transportation, approximately \$50 would be added to the cost of the tin. If the tin eventually reached the Atlantic Seaboard, the price would go up another \$50 or more.

/To date in 1950,

To date in 1950, there have been 19 seizures of prepared opium, totaling 32 pounds, 3 ounces, 376 grains (14 kilograms, 625 grams) made in the United States. One seizure of 6 pounds, 4 ounces (2 kilograms, 835 grams) was of Mexican origin; two seizures are believed to have been of Indian origin; three appeared to be of Chinese origin. These seizures bore Chinese characters and were packed in round 1-tael tins. One bore the label "Lam Kee" in Chinese characters, and the likeness of an eagle - also the English words "Made in India". They were not genuine "Lam Kee" labels and appeared to have been improvised. There was a seizure of prepared opium in round 1-tael tins marked "Elephant Brand", another imitation of the former well-known "Rooster and Elephant - (Lam Kee) brand". A third seizure was in round 1-tael tins bearing Chinese characters which did not indicate that the tins contained opium. All of these round 1-tael tins were machine made and expertly crimped and appeared to have been factory made. However, their identity and origin have not yet been ascertained. It is believed that the old sources of supply, such as Macao and Kwangchow-wan, have ceased to exist.

#### GREAT BRITAIN

Information is available as to but one seizure of prepared opium in Great Britain in 1949, weighing .3 litre (10 ounces, 254.6 grains - 300 grams).

In the British Crown Colony of Hong Kong in 1949 there were several seizures of prepared opium reported which totaled 74 pounds, 15 ounces, 137 grains (34 kilograms). In 1950, 2 seizures, weighing 642.6 grams (1 pound, 292 grains) were made.

In the Federated Malay States in 1949 there were 24 seizures of prepared opium reported, totaling 277 pounds, 2 ounces, 201 grains (125 kilograms, 715 grams).

In 1950, in the Federated Malay States, there have been 45 seizures of prepared opium, totaling 200 kilograms, 656.1 grams (442 pounds, 5 ounces, 405 grains). The largest individual seizure was one of 22 kilograms, 922 grams (50 pounds, 8 ounces, 240 grains). There has been a heavy flow of prepared opium into Malaya from China and India.

#### THE NETHERLANDS

The Netherlands authorities have reported 9 seizures of prepared opium made  
/in 1949,

in 1949, weighing 1 kilogram, 369 grams (3 pounds, 127 grains). In 1950, 1 seizure of 100 grams (3 ounces, 231 grains) has been reported.

#### INDONESIA

The Government of Indonesia reports that in 1949 there was 1 seizure of prepared opium, weighing 1 kilogram (2 pounds, 3 ounces, 120 grains); 1 weighing 369 grams (13 ounces, 7 grains); 1 equaling 8 kilograms (17 pounds, 10 ounces, 83 grains); and 1 weighing 275 grams (9 ounces, 306 grains).

#### BURMA

It is difficult to determine from reports received from Burmese authorities the actual quantities of prepared opium seized in 1949, since seizures were given in terms difficult for one not understanding Burmese to understand. It is known, however, that there were 5 seizures of prepared opium, totaling 7 kilograms, 346.9 grams (16 pounds, 67 grains). Probably there were other and larger seizures of prepared opium made.

#### CANADA

The Canadian authorities reported seizures in 1949 of prepared opium, weighing 20 grams (309 grains).

#### AUSTRALIA

In 1950, 5 seizures of prepared opium have been reported from Australia. The opium weighed 3 pounds, 9 ounces, 104 grains (1 kilogram, 622.7 grams).

#### MAURITIUS

British authorities in Mauritius have reported 1 seizure of 124 grams (4 ounces, 164 grains) made in 1949.

## MORPHINE

According to the Bangkok English language press, there was 1 seizure of 4 kilograms (8 pounds, 13 ounces, 42 grains) of morphine made from an ex-policeman in 1949. This morphine had been converted from raw opium locally, and there is evidence that the conversion of opium into morphine has reached such proportions that the illicit traffic in opium has turned to the more profitable morphine traffic.

## BRITISH ZONE OF GERMANY

There were many seizures of morphine and opium derivatives in this Zone in 1949, but the quantities individually were quite small, being in gram lots. Some seizures were reported in the form of "tablets", "ampoules" and "vials". The total quantity of morphine seized was 4 kilograms, 687.7 grams (10 pounds, 5 ounces, 154 grains).

In 1950, to date, 23.49 grams (370 grains) of morphine have been seized.

## UNITED STATES ZONE OF GERMANY

One seizure of 983 grams (2 pounds, 2 ounces, 295 grains) of morphine has been made early in 1950 in the United States Zone of Germany. Later in the year, United States Army agents, working together with German agents, arrested 11 Germans and seized a total of 11 pounds of pure morphine. The morphine seized was contained in resealed tins, syringes, vials, and ampoules. It is believed that an important narcotic smuggling has been smashed.

## INDONESIA

The Indonesian authorities reported seizures of morphine in 1949, weighing 806 grams (1 pound, 12 ounces, 188 grains).

## GREAT BRITAIN (Hong Kong)

In 1950, to date, there have been 3 seizures of morphine in Hong Kong, weighing 6.67 grams (103 grains). A clandestine morphine laboratory was raided.

## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Morphine seizures were smaller than those made in 1948. Customs seizures of morphine totaled only a little over 6 ounces (170 grams). The total quantity of morphine seized was 3 pounds, 14 ounces, 206 grains (1 kilogram, 771 grams). Morphine seizures were confined mostly to morphine sulfate and tartrate, stolen or diverted from licit channels. Morphine hydrochloride of a dirty brown color was seized occasionally on the Mexican Border, having been smuggled from clandestine laboratories in Mexico.

To date, in 1950, 10 ounces, 96.125 grains (290 grams) of morphine have been seized in the United States.

## THE NETHERLANDS

The Netherlands authorities reported 21 morphine seizures in 1949, weighing 374.316 grams (13 ounces, 89 grains). One seizure was reported as 32 tablets and another 80 tablets, the weight not being given, while there were several seizures of "ampoules", the weight of which was not stated.

## AUSTRIA

During February 1949 authorities in Vienna seized 3 kilograms, 500 grams (7 pounds, 200 grains) of morphine. In 1950, 1 seizure has been made of 1 kilogram, 500 grams (3 pounds, 4 ounces, 390 grains) of morphine, and one of 422 ampoules (weight not given).

## CANADA

There were several seizures of morphine in Canada during 1949, according to reports received. The total quantity seized was 2 ounces, 344 grains (79 grams). One report gave an undetermined quantity of morphine seized.

## COLOMBIA

The Colombian authorities report 1 seizure of morphine in 1949, weighing 13.95 grams (215 grains).

## FRENCH ZONE OF GERMANY

From the French Zone of Germany comes a report covering a seizure of 10 ampoules of morphine (weight not given) made in 1949.

/HERJIN

## HEROIN

## ITALY

According to reports submitted by the Italian authorities, there were 9 seizures of heroin, totaling 4 pounds, 14 ounces, 51 grains (2 kilograms, 214.6 grams). There was 1 seizure of heroin of 1 kilogram (2 pounds, 3 ounces, 120 grains).

This information does not reflect the true picture in Italy. Investigations in Trieste late in 1950 have disclosed that there is a steady flow of heroin from Italy into Trieste and the United States from diverted stocks. This will be discussed more fully under "Analysis of the Traffic", below. One seizure has been made in Trieste of 5 kilograms (11 pounds, 162 grains) of heroin.

## EGYPT

According to authentic sources within Egypt, the Egyptian Coast Guard during the period from January 1 to November 30, 1949, seized a total of 53 kilograms (116 pounds, 13 ounces, 209 grains) of heroin. Four additional seizures totaling 33.3 grams (1 ounce, 76 grains) were reported later.

## TURKEY

On April 23, 1949, Turkish customs seized 4 large tins of heroin at Istanbul and arrested the master and crew of the vessel. The heroin weighed 1 kilogram, 620 grams (3 pounds, 9 ounces, 63 grains). In November 1949 Istanbul police raided a clandestine heroin factory and seized 30 kilograms (66 pounds, 2 ounces, 85 grains) of pure heroin. During the last 3 months of 1949, 14 heroin seizures were made in Istanbul. One seizure weighed 27 kilograms, 400 grams (60 pounds, 6 ounces, 221 grains) and another found in a clandestine laboratory weighed 10 kilograms (22 pounds, 323 grains). In this factory were seized also 5 liters (4 kilograms, 793 grams - 10 pounds, 9 ounces, 31 grains) of semi-processed liquid heroin.

In 1950, to date, seizures of 13 kilograms, 478 grams (29 pounds, 11 ounces, 148 grains) have been reported. Five cases were made. Further remarks regarding heroin production and the illicit traffic in that drug will appear under "Analysis of the Traffic".

#### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Total heroin seizures amounted to 66 pounds, 6 ounces, 239 grains (30 kilograms, 123 grams), an increase over 1948.

The largest individual seizure of heroin consisted of 6 pounds, 5 ounces (2 kilograms, 863 grams), and was made at New York City by narcotic agents on February 17, 1949, from Joseph BASILE, important narcotic trafficker. Also seized were 1 pound, 8 ounces (680 grams) of cocaine and packaging material.

Customs agents at New York City on December 7, 1949, after conducting an investigation, arrested Jean DeVITO, Jo (Giuseppe) CONTRONEO and Antonio LoBOCCIARO and seized 1 pound, 3 ounces, 103 grains (545 grams) of heroin. The heroin had been smuggled from the steamship ATLANTIC and had originally been purchased in Genoa.

To date, in 1950, there have been 24 seizures of heroin, totaling 4 pounds, 9 ounces, 399.1 grains (2 kilograms, 95 grams). The largest seizure was one of 2 pounds, 3 ounces, 63 grains (999 grams) made on the Atlantic Coast.

Further discussion of the heroin situation in the United States will be made under "Analysis of the Traffic", below.

#### CANADA

There were a number of seizures of heroin, totaling 3 kilograms, 374.4 grams (7 pounds, 7 ounces, 12 grains), reported by the Canadian Government during 1949.

In 1950, there have been 6 seizures of heroin, totaling 77.1 grams (2 ounces, 315 grains), in Canada.

#### UNITED STATES ZONE OF GERMANY

United States Zone authorities reported a seizure in 1949 of 500 grams (1 pound, 1 ounce, 279 grains), of heroin. There is some indication that this was genuine heroin.

In 1950, to date, there has been 1 seizure of heroin, weighing 1 gram (15.4 grains).

#### HONG KONG

Authorities in the British Crown Colony of Hong Kong reported numerous seizures of heroin, totaling 35 kilograms (77 pounds, 2 ounces, 257 grains).

/Up to this date,

Up to this date, in 1950, there have been 2 seizures of red heroin pills, totaling 35 kilograms, 265.8 grams (77 pounds, 11 ounces, 421 grains). This compared with 96,082 red heroin pills seized in 1949.

#### CODEINE

##### UNITED STATES ZONE OF GERMANY

In the United States Zone of Germany in 1950, there was 1 seizure of 6 kilograms, 682 grams (14 pounds, 11 ounces, 306 grains), of codeine.

##### THE NETHERLANDS

In the Netherlands in 1950, there has been 1 seizure of codeine, weighing 85 grams, 3 ounces.



## COCAINE

## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The total quantity of cocaine seized during 1949 was 30 pounds, 359 grains (13 kilograms, 631 grams), compared with 13 pounds, 1 ounce, 431 grains (5 kilograms, 954 grams), seized during 1948. This increase was as significant as that which occurred in 1948 and was due largely to increased efforts of seamen to smuggle cocaine into the United States from Peru.

In 1950, there have been 4 seizures of Peruvian cocaine, totaling 9 ounces, 315.6 grains (276 grams).

On February 26, 1950, customs and narcotics agents, acting upon information received, searched the hotel room in New York City of Pio Morales SUTERAS and found therein traces of a white powder in a false bottom of a suitcase. SUTERAS was permitted to return to his native Cuba when it could not be determined that the powder was a narcotic drug. Subsequently, further investigation resulted in the discovery of a second suitcase containing 9 ounces of Peruvian cocaine. There was no doubt that the cocaine was the property of SUTERAS, and that he had been smuggling cocaine into the United States from Cuba for many years.

Further discussion will be made of the cocaine situation in the United States under "Analysis of the Traffic".

## TURKEY

The Turkish press on April 25, 1949, reported that 4 large vials (weight not given), valued at 100,000 Turkish pounds, had been seized.

## UNITED STATES ZONE OF GERMANY

United States military authorities, in 1950, have announced that a seizure of 2 kilograms, 138 grams (4 pounds, 11 ounces, 182 grains), was made in the United States Zone of Germany.

## BRITISH ZONE OF GERMANY

According to British Zone authorities, there were several seizures of cocaine in 1949, weighing 4 ounces, 31 grains (115.4 grams). The weight was not given in several seizures.

EGYPT

Egyptian authorities reported a seizure of cocaine in 1949, weighing 1 gram (15.4 grains).

AUSTRIA

According to what information is available, there was 1 seizure in Austria in 1949 of 364 grams (15 ounces, 317 grains).

THE NETHERLANDS

Information furnished by the Netherlands authorities reflects that in 1949 there was 1 seizure of 70 ampoules of cocaine, weighing 77 grams (2 ounces, 313 grains).

In 1950, in the Netherlands, there has been 1 seizure of 73 grams (2 ounces, 252 grains) of cocaine.

BURMA

The Burmese authorities reported 3 seizures of cocaine, totaling 1 pound, 1 ounce, 148 grains (492 grams), in 1949.

PAKISTAN

In 1949 there was a total of 416 grains (27 grams) of cocaine seized.

MEXICO

One report from Mexico mentioned a seizure of 358 grams (12 ounces, 275 grains), of cocaine was made in 1949.

## CANNABIS

## EGYPT

From information received in seizure reports and the Egyptian press during 1949, there were 50 seizures of hashish, totaling 34,171 pounds, 9 ounces, 245 grains (15,500 kilograms).

In 1950, to date, there has been 1 seizure of hashish on March 27, 1950, from a notorious trafficker known as the "King of the Desert". The hashish was said to be valued at LE20,000, but its weight was not given. Another seizure of 10 kilograms (22 pounds, 323 grains) was made early in 1950. On August 14, 1950, Egyptian Coast Guard officers seized 2,000 kilograms (4,409 pounds, 3 ounces, 368 grains) of hashish, following a fierce gun battle. This was the largest hashish seizure ever made in Egypt in 1 day.

The flow of Syrian and Lebanese hashish into Egypt will be discussed under "Analysis of the Traffic".

## BURMA

The Burmese authorities have reported 17 seizures of ganja in 1949, totaling 12,655 tolas (327 pounds, 14 ounces, 3 grains - 148 kilograms, 722 grams). Part of the ganja was smuggled from the Shan States and part grown in Burma.

In 1950, Burmese authorities have seized 16,115 tolas of hashish (414 pounds, 6 ounces, 75 grains - 187 kilograms, 965 grams).

## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

During 1949, there was seized in the United States a total of 3,625 pounds, 4 ounces, 4 grains (1,644 kilograms, 388 grams) of cannabis. The increases in marihuana seizures in 1948 and 1949 are significant, since the great bulk seized was smuggled from Mexico.

Cannabis seizures at Atlantic Coast and Mexican Gulf ports amounted to approximately 74 pounds (33 kilograms, 484 grams). Included in the total were 65 pounds (29 kilograms, 484 grams) of marihuana; 2 pounds, 12 ounces (1 kilogram, 484 grams) of takrouri; 2 pounds, 7 ounces (1 kilogram, 106 grams) of bhang; 1 pound, 13 ounces (822 grams) of dagga; and 2 pounds, 362 grains (930 grams) of hashish.

/In the United States,

In the United States, in 1950, to date, there have been 18 seizures of marihuana at Atlantic Coast and Mexican Gulf ports, totaling 74 pounds, 4 ounces, 105.4 grains (33 kilograms, 687 grams). The largest individual seizure was one of 56 pounds, 288 grains (25 kilograms, 419 grams), and was made at New York City by narcotic agents.

On the Mexican Border and Pacific Coast in 1950 there have been 33 seizures of marihuana, weighing 459 pounds, 2 ounces, 336 grains (208 kilograms, 282 grams). The largest individual seizure was one of 254 pounds (115 kilograms, 212 grams). There have been further extremely large seizures of marihuana on the Mexican Border which have not yet been tabulated. It is known, however, that marihuana continued to be seized in this area in 100-pound lots. Takrouri, ganja, dagga, and hashish are being seized on the Atlantic Coast and Mexican Gulf constantly, but up-to-the-minute figures are not available.

#### UNITED STATES ZONE OF GERMANY

According to reports received, there were made, in 1950, in this zone, 4 seizures of cannabis, of a total weight of 905 grams (1 pound, 15 ounces, 403 grains). Some of the cannabis was in "wafer" form.

#### COLOMBIA

In November and December 1949, 6 persons were arrested for trafficking in marihuana. The report stated that marihuana smoking is common in Colombia in houses of prostitution, theaters, and cantinas. Marihuana cigarettes sell in these places at 50 centavos each.

#### MEXICO

According to the Mexican authorities, there were 3 seizures of marihuana in 1949, totaling 386 pounds, 10 ounces, 163 grains (175 kilograms, 384.8 grams).

#### TUNISIA

Figures for the year 1949 are not available, but it has been reported that during 1948, 373 kilograms, 885 grams (824 pounds, 4 ounces, 43 grains), of takrouri were seized, and 166 kilograms, 170 grams (366 pounds, 5 ounces, 148 grains) of other types of cannabis were seized.

#### TRANSJORDAN

In Transjordan, in 1950, 1 seizure of 7 kilograms, 8 grams (15 pounds, 7 ounces, 87 grains) of hashish has been reported.

#### IRAQ

In 1950, there have been 24 seizures of cannabis effected in Iraq. Practically all of the seizures were of hashish, although small quantities of shira and sukhta were made. The total quantity of the hashish seized was 21 kilograms, 397 grams (47 pounds, 2 ounces, 331 grains).

#### MAURITIUS

It was reported, in 1949, that 124 kilograms, 421 grams (274 pounds, 4 ounces, 357 grains) of ganja and 3,364 cannabis plants were seized in Mauritius.

#### SWAZILAND

From January through December 1949, a total of 10,114 pounds, 12 ounces (4,590 kilograms, 751.6 grams) of cannabis was seized.

#### BASUTOLAND

It appears that authorities in this territory during 1949 seized 412 kilograms, 767 grams (909 pounds, 15 ounces, 398 grains) of cannabis.

#### ANGLO-EGYPTIAN SUDAN

A report received in 1949 stated that 111 kilograms, 934 grams (246 pounds, 12 ounces, 153 grains) of cannabis were seized in 419 cases.

#### PAKISTAN

According to the Pakistan Excise Department, during 1949, over 207 pounds (93 kilograms, 896 grams) of Afghan charas were seized. In 1950, to date, there have been 13 seizures of Afghan charas, totaling 33 seers, 560 tolas (82 pounds, 4 ounces, 240 grains - 37 kilograms, 324 grams). Apparently, there was a heavy traffic in charas into Pakistan from neighbouring states.

## INDIA

Only 1 seizure of cannabis was reported in 1949, consisting of 6 kilograms, 545.9 grams (14 pounds, 6 ounces, 393 grains). It was not stated whether the cannabis was bhang, ganja, or charas. In 1950, 3 kilograms, 229 grams (7 pounds, 1 ounce, 393 grains) of charas were seized.

## MALAY STATES

In 1949, there have been 4 seizures of cannabis, totaling 16 kilograms, 988.6 grams (37 pounds, 7 ounces, 111 grains). In 1950, it is reported that 13 kilograms, 305.6 grams (29 pounds, 5 ounces, 149 grains) of ganja have been seized.

## AUSTRALIA

Three seizure reports from the Australian Government in 1949, totaled 1 kilogram, 587.6 grams (3 pounds, 8 ounces). In 1950, 1 seizure of 113.4 grams (4 ounces) of cannabis was made.

## ZANZIBAR

Information has been received that, in 1950, authorities in Zanzibar seized 1 kilogram, 270 grams (2 pounds, 12 ounces, 349 grains) of cannabis.

## AUSTRIA

A report has been received that several persons were arrested in Austria in 1950 for trafficking in cannabis, but no drugs were seized.

## GREAT BRITAIN

In 1950, to date, according to such records as are available, 2 seizures of cannabis have been made in Great Britain, 1 of 396.9 grams (13 ounces, 437 grains) and the other of 907.2 grams (31 ounces, 437 grains).

## THE PHILIPPINES

A report received in 1950, from Manila, stated that in this year an arrest was made in connection with a seizure of a package of marihuana cigarettes. The weight of the marihuana was not given.

## CANADA

No up-to-the-minute statistics are available at the time, but it appears that, in 1949, authorities in Canada made a marihuana seizure on 1 occasion. The total quantity seized was 228 grams (2 ounces, 18 grains). No doubt, later figures have been furnished, but they are not available at the writing of this review. In 1950, 1 seizure of 12 marihuana cigarettes was made.

## CUBA

In 1949, information was received that 5 pounds (2 kilograms, 268 grams) of marihuana and 125 marihuana plants were seized in Cuba.

### NON-NARCOTIC SUBSTANCES FALSELY LABELED AS NARCOTIC DRUGS

Narcotic peddlers in Chicago, Illinois, are passing off a mixture of epsom salts and novocaine as cocaine. This is probably due to the fact that supplies of cocaine on the street have reduced somewhat. One negro confidence man attempted to interest narcotic undercover agents in a large quantity of purported cocaine valued at \$20,000. It was discovered that the so-called cocaine was, in fact, epsom salts.

The Bureau of Narcotics in the United States conducted, during the year 1949, a major investigation of the sale of non-narcotic substances falsely labeled as narcotic drugs and bearing false labels. A number of arrests have been made. Customs officers on several occasions have seized purported cocaine which turned out to be either novocaine or procain. There is, it appears, a brisk market in novocaine alleged to be cocaine in Italy. The sellers claim that it is German synthetic cocaine.

### THEFTS

#### CUBA

On June 6, 1949, 2,688 grams (5 pounds, 14 ounces, 356 grains), of chlorate of morphine, 1,600 grams (3 pounds, 8 ounces, 191 grains), of pure codeine and 100 grams (3 ounces, 231 grains) of ethyl morphine were stolen from a case which arrived in Havana on the Netherlands steamship AXEROYK consigned to Laboratorios Vieta Plasencia, Havana. Fear was expressed that these drugs would be smuggled into the United States.

#### EGYPT

On January 26, 1949, quantities of hashish, laudanum; eucodol, eucodol powder, pantopon, cocaine, heroin and morphine were stolen from a pharmacy in Cairo.

#### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

In 1949 there were 1,227 thefts of narcotic drugs, compared to 1,361 thefts of such drugs in 1948.



### ANALYSIS OF THE TRAFFIC

Study of the illicit traffic reflects that the principal sources of supply are Italy, Turkey, Iran, India, Mexico, France, China, and Hong Kong. They were joined by Thailand whose soft metal tubes of Monopoly opium were seized on several occasions.

It is reported on excellent authority that large quantities of heroin are being smuggled out of Italy and Trieste to the United States. This heroin is said to be diverted from licit channels. Recently military authorities in Trieste seized 5 kilograms (11 pounds, 162 grains) of heroin diverted from a pharmacy and arrested several persons. An American seaman was arrested in Trieste a very short while ago in possession of narcotic administration equipment. His source of supply, one Leo RUSSELLO had purchased in the black market, during April and May 1950, 100 ampoules of morphine and heroin. As a result of the seizure made in Trieste, investigations in Italy by Italian authorities brought about the additional seizure of 5 kilograms of heroin. The heroin seized in Trieste and in Italy bore the labels of the SCHIAPPARELLI pharmaceutical firm. Although it has not been indicated yet that this firm is violating the local narcotic laws, it is evident that it is dispensing heroin rather indiscriminately. The label of the SCHIAPPARELLI firm has appeared in a seizure of heroin in the United States on 28 June 1948, on the American steamship MARINE PERCH.

It is considered now that Italy is the major source of supply of heroin which is smuggled into the United States.

#### TURKEY

Heroin is being smuggled into the United States in increasing quantities and is causing a spread of heroin addiction. According to best-informed sources, a large part of this heroin originates in Istanbul. The seizure by Turkish police of several clandestine heroin laboratories confirms this information. It is reported that Turkish heroin is not smuggled in large quantities direct to the United States by seamen, but that it is carried across the Turkish-Syrian border to Beirut, Lebanon, and shipped to this country from that point.

In 1949, Turkish authorities seized 73 kilograms, 813 grams (162 pounds, 11 ounces, 286 grains) of heroin and in the first 4 months of 1950, have seized already 13 kilograms, 478 grams (29 pounds, 11 ounces, 148 grains).

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## THAILAND

Although no seizure reports have been submitted by the Thailand Government, the Bangkok English language press has reported heavy seizures of raw opium. These clippings presented a most alarming situation in regard to the opium situation in Thailand. The traffic was not confined to smuggling of raw opium into the country, but there was evidence that much opium was grown in the country and quite a bit smuggled out to Singapore. There were 6 seizures in ton lots, totaling 29 tons (63,933 pounds, 15 ounces, 298 grains), and 3 seizures in kilogram lots, totaling 475 kilograms (1,047 pounds, 2 ounces, 325 grains). One seizure consisted of 410 kilograms (903 pounds, 13 ounces, 433 grains). It was reported that 200 armed Yunnanese smuggled 8 tons (17,636 pounds, 9 ounces, 63 grains), of raw opium into Thailand. When a consignment of raw opium arrived in Bangkok, it was found to be short 10 tons (22,046 pounds). Opium was generally smuggled in large oil tins. Four hundred of these tins were seized on one occasion, and 200 on another. A seizure was made of 40 kerosene tins of purported raw opium which turned out to be black mud. It was believed that this maneuver was made by the smugglers to test the alertness of customs. On 17 September 1949, the Opium Monopoly was re-established and additional inspectors added to the force. About 10,000 of the existing 40,000 addicts have registered. Under the new law, opium dens are allowed about 20 per cent less opium. Thailand should be urged to submit seizure reports to the Secretary-General of the United Nations. It would appear that the opium situation there is completely out of hand.

## EGYPT

The tremendous flow of Turkish opium and Syrian hashish into Egypt, via Lebanon and Trans-Jordan, is of grave concern. It was stated above that in Egypt from 1 January through 30 November 1949, 3,500 kilograms (7,716 pounds, 2 ounces, 315 grains), of raw opium and 15,500 kilograms (34,171 pounds, 9 ounces, 245 grains), of hashish were seized. On 29 October 1949, 600 kilograms (1,322 pounds, 11 ounces, 388 grains), of hashish valued at \$230,441 were seized. The covers bore labels such as "Hashish om Kelsoum," "Hitler," "Mussolini," and "Atomic Bomb." The Port Said coast guard had to use force to apprehend two women drug smugglers who resisted arrest. When a British film company went on location in Egypt using camels to participate in a drug smuggling scene, one of the camels and its conductor disappeared. Later coast guard

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apprehended the driver and found several kilograms of hashish under the camel's mounting. The coast guard said they arrested him because he was playing his part too well.

#### BURMA

The continued flow of raw opium and ganja into Burma from China, the Shan States, and India is disturbing. It is reported also that certain unadministered States are capable of producing about 58 tons (127,867 pounds, 15 ounces, 159 grains), of opium annually. Burma is not considered to export legally any opium. However, it is believed that a considerable quantity of opium from China and India passes illegally through Burma to other markets.

#### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Raw opium seizures decreased in quantity from 2,388 ounces (66 kilograms, 289 grams), in 1948 to 1,852 ounces (52 kilograms, 512 grams), in 1949.

Prepared opium seizures amounted to 1,532 ounces (43 kilograms, 436 grams), in 1949, compared with 1,211 ounces (34 kilograms, 336 grams), in 1948.

Morphine seizures amounted to 62 ounces (1 kilogram, 771 grams), in 1949, compared to 74 ounces (2 kilograms, 94 grams), in 1948.

Heroin seizures were 1,063 ounces (30 kilograms, 123 grams), in 1949, compared with 994 ounces (28 kilograms, 194 grams), in 1948.

Cocaine seizures were 481 ounces (13 kilograms, 631 grams), in 1949, compared to 209 ounces, 431 grains (5 kilograms, 954 grams), in 1948.

Marihuana seizures were 54,665 ounces (1,549 kilograms, 772 grams), in 1949, in comparison with 50,998 ounces (1,445 kilograms, 810 grams), in 1948.

Customs seizures of heroin in 1949 amounted to 248 ounces (7 kilograms, 18 grams). However, there appeared to be a plentiful supply of heroin available throughout the country. The most disturbing aspect of this situation is the fact that the highly adulterated heroin is disappearing, and some heroin seized during the year was in a practically "pure" state. The strength of the heroin seized in the internal traffic generally was found to be about 76 per cent.

Customs seizures of cocaine in 1949 were 28 ounces (789 grams), out of the 481 ounces (13 kilograms, 631 grams), throughout the country. The heaviest flow of cocaine was from Peru during the first half of the year. Toward the end of the year cocaine became somewhat scarcer and more expensive. However, it is believed that Peruvian cocaine is being smuggled into the United States from both Peru and Chile.

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From the above figures, it is evident that a considerable quantity of smuggled raw opium has escaped into the illicit internal traffic.

Cannabis seizures were a little higher than in 1948, and the quantity seized during these 2 years was amazing. Practically all of it had its origin in Mexico.

#### CHINA

In September 1949 it was reported from Shanghai that Chinese communists, in desperate need of money, were reviving Jehol and other Manchurian opium production for possible reopening of the Tientsin dens. Such a scheme would, if true, be a potential source of smuggling from Tientsin to the United States.

It is reported also that Chinese authorities are marketing large quantities of raw opium abroad. The ringleaders are attempting to remain out of the picture. From the account given of raw opium seizures in Burma, it is quite evident that very large quantities of raw opium are smuggled into that country from China.

#### THE PHILIPPINES

Reports received indicate that there is a considerably successful traffic in smuggling opium and other drugs into the Philippines. Since the Philippine Government has not submitted seizure reports for 1949 and 1950, this cannot be verified. In 1948 the Philippine authorities reported that only 4.026 kilograms (8 pounds, 14 ounces, 4 grains), of prepared opium and quite small quantities of other drugs had been seized, in comparison with 468 kilograms (1,031 pounds, 11 ounces, 364 grains), of prepared opium seized in 1938. Pre-war seizures in the Philippines were very heavy. Seizures of opium have been made in 1950, but the quantity has not been given.

#### IRAN

The Iranian Government has failed to carry out its decree to prohibit the cultivation of opium in 1949. In fact, opium was planted in that year and it was estimated the crop would yield from 1,500 to 2,000 metric tons, an all-time record high. It was believed that the 1950 harvest may exceed 1,000 metric tons. Regarding the illicit traffic, the rumor that opium is being smuggled into the U.S.S.R. appears unfounded. The real truth seems to be that a well-organized ring is smuggling opium into Afghanistan, and that some opium is smuggled into Iran from

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Afghanistan. It was reported that the Iranian Government collected 200 metric tons of opium juice from the 1949 harvest, leaving about 800 metric tons to be consumed domestically or diverted into illicit channels. A later report states that from March 1949 to 1950, 196 tons of opium juice were collected, a decline due to agricultural pests.

Although hemp is a crop of very little importance in Iran, there are several concoctions made from the leaves of the plant known as "Chers" and "Bang" (probably taken from the Indian Charas and Bhang), which are smoked in pipes mixed with tobacco. Hashish is often mixed with opium and smoked, which results in a powerful intoxicant called "Spirit of the Devil."

#### KOREA

Opium smoking has long been a habit in Korea and recently many Koreans have acquired the morphine habit. It is roughly estimated that there are about 60,000 addicts in South Korea alone. Large numbers of opium and morphine addicts are among the refugees from North Korea, Manchuria, and China. On 24 June 1947, the South Korean Interim Government established a narcotics control section in the national Public Health Department. Its operation is becoming more and more effective and the narcotic traffic has been cut down tremendously. Opium is smuggled into South Korea from China and there is some clandestine cultivation of the opium poppy.

#### ETHIOPIA

Some cannabis is grown in the Province of Harar to supply hashish to which many of the natives are addicts.

#### CEYLON

The Ceylon Government since independence has exercised control of the importation and sale of opium to addicts. The present annual requirements run to 200 (90 kilograms, 721 grams), or 250 pounds (113 kilograms, 401 grams). However, the addicts, most of whom are old men and women, consider this inadequate and are desperate. Naturally this encourages smuggling from India.

#### LIBERIA

It is reported that "Kruboys" out of Liberia obtain dagga at West African ports and sell it in Monrovia to Liberians and seamen calling there. A

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considerable quantity of dagga is seized in the United States on vessels coming from Liberian, West African, and South African ports.

#### INDIA

The All-India Opium and Excise Conference was concluded in August 1949. It decided that except for strictly medical and scientific purposes, consumption of opium should be stopped throughout the country in the shortest possible time, this period not to exceed 10 years. It was decided also that each Indian Province should bring the per capita consumption of opium down to the limit prescribed by the League of Nations.

On April 6, 1950, the governor of Bombay announced the total prohibition of alcohol and narcotic drugs.

#### PAKISTAN

According to reports, the narcotic traffic in Pakistan moves from the Northwest Frontier Provinces and Afghanistan through the Punjab toward the Calcutta area. Prior to partition, the traffic was in the hands of large, well-organized syndicates which broke down, and the traffic fell into the hands of individuals. However, there are now signs the smugglers are becoming better organized. There is no indication that drugs are moving from the Northwest to Karachi, and it is believed that narcotics reach Karachi from Calcutta. Most of the opium, charas and morphine appear to arrive from Afghanistan and the Tribal areas, rather than Sinkiang.

An old cocaine ring appears to have been broken up.

The Pathan smugglers are tough and suppression of the illicit traffic is dangerous.

During July 1950 it has been reported that thousands of tolas of charas and opium of Afghan origin have been seized. It is reported that women are now smoking charas. An estimate is that 90 out of every 100 persons crossing into Pakistan from Afghanistan smuggle opium or charas.

#### GREECE

A small quantity of hashish was produced in Greece before the last war, although its cultivation was prohibited. However, the main supply of hashish was smuggled into Greece from Yugoslavia and Turkey. During the war, this smuggled supply practically ceased. After the war, in bandit territory, production has

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increased up to between 70 and 100 okas. Hashish is cultivated only in Northern Greece and Western Macedonia on a large scale. Salonika is the main center for hashish distribution.

It is alleged that 6 smugglers were arrested in Salonika very recently and accused of smuggling 3.5 okas of hashish into the United States.

Most of the hashish users in Greece are Greeks born in Turkey. They smoke the hashish in cigarette form, but a few hashish pipes have been seized.

It is believed that with the return of normal times, traffic in hashish in Greece will be stamped out.

In Greece cannabis is ground and then pulverized, and then placed between layers of wet paper. It is then pressed with a hot iron. The package, about 1 inch thick, is next pressed down by foot until the package is cooled. The process is repeated until the desired hard slab is achieved. When the operation is completed, the so-called hashish is about  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch thick. The resulting cannabis slab would not appear to be true hashish, but a compressed cannabis somewhat similar to "flat ganja."

#### ISRAEL

There is a heavy flow of hashish from Syria and Lebanon into Israel enroute to Egypt. Israeli authorities recently seized 66 kilograms (145 pounds, 8 ounces, 34 grains) of hashish. The climates of Transjordan and Israel are not considered suitable for the planting of hashish.

#### SYRIA

In 1950 authorities destroyed 130,000 square meters of growing hashish.

#### LEBANON

Three million, five hundred thousand square meters of hashish were destroyed in Lebanon in 1950.

#### SOUTH AFRICA

Dagga smoking is most prevalent among the younger poor element in Natal. Seventy-five per cent of the youthful inmates of the local jail are dagga smokers and would prefer dagga to food. These addicts are natives in most instances.

#### HONG KONG

The Hong Kong press reported in October 1950 that 100 cases of raw opium had  
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been shipped from Kuming to Canton for sale in Hong Kong and Macao; further, that 16 tons of opium had been flown into Hong Kong in December 1949 in 4-ton lots. Several brands of opium are being offered in Hong Kong, such as "Camel," "Golden Chicken," and "Bee."

#### MEXICO

Max COSSMAN, with aliases, notorious American narcotic trafficker, who was serving a 6-year sentence for narcotic trafficking and carrying concealed weapons, has escaped from jail and is at present the subject of search by several countries.

#### BOLIVIA

It is alleged that a narcotic syndicate in Bolivia is operating a clandestine and camouflaged cocaine factory producing \$60,000 worth of cocaine daily.

#### JAPAN

Former licit channels continue to be the main source of supply of the traffic in Japan. The habit of smoking heroin cigarettes has spread.

#### PERU

As of June 15, 1949, information was received that there was a huge narcotic ring operating between Peru and Panama. A number of persons were involved. It is reported also that there is considerable narcotic traffic between Peru, Ecuador, and Chile. Cuban authorities report that Peruvian cocaine is smuggled into Havana. The Peruvian authorities in a campaign to stamp out the cocaine traffic to the United States, arrested a number of prominent persons and closed several factories.

#### SUMMARY

It would appear that the principal sources of illicit raw opium are Iran, Thailand, Turkey, China, Mexico, and India, and the principal victim countries are the United States, Egypt, Burma, and Ceylon. Italy and Turkey have become the principal sources of illicit heroin for many parts of the world, the United States being the principal victim country.

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Apparently, the Egyptian authorities have done a wonderful job in making such large seizures of opium and hashish from Turkey and Syria, but the fact remains that an enormous quantity escapes the vigilance of coast guard and reaches the illicit traffic in Egypt. Also there are indications of clandestine planting of opium poppies and cannabis in Egypt.

Syria is not only a transit route of raw opium from Turkey to Egypt, but is also a major producer of hashish, most of which is smuggled from Syria to Egypt, either by the land route in Lebanon, or by sea to Trans-Jordan and from that country by land to Egypt.

The situation in Thailand, outlined above, is of the gravest importance and should be examined carefully.

The Mexican Government is to be congratulated again for its all-out opium poppy destruction campaigns. However, the marihuana situation in that country has not improved. Enforcement officers along the Mexican Border report rumors that during 1950 a tremendous crop of opium poppies and marihuana will be planted.

The situation in the United States is concerned chiefly with smuggling of prepared opium from Mexico, cocaine from Peru, heroin from Italy and Turkey and the Mediterranean countries, and raw opium from Turkey, Iran, India, and Mexico. With the limited forces available in the interior and at seaports and borders, it is difficult to combat this large-scale smuggling and distribution.

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