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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 20 KG. 411.7 GR. OF PREPARED OPIUM MADE AT
BIRKENHEAD, ON 28 JUNE 1947

Report No. 94 Communicated by the Government of the United Kingdom

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.

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HOME OFFICE (DRUGS BRANCH).

LONDON, S. W. 1. - Date 22nd July, 1947

S E I Z U R E R E P O R T.

1. Date of seizure: 28th June, 1947.
2. Place of seizure: Birkenhead
3. Name of Person etc. implicated: Sam Seen Poon, Chinese subject in the employ of Messrs. Alfred Holt & Co. Ltd. as Assistant Steward at the time of committing this offence.
4. Name of ship: S.S. "Empire Brutus"
5. Coming from: Melilla, Spanish Morocco.
6. Date of leaving first port: No information.
7. Destination and date of arrival: Birkenhead - 25th June, 1947.
8. Ports of call: Alexandria, Port Said, Newport News, Australian Ports, Hong Kong, Singapore, Cochin, Bombay, Lourenco Marques, Aden, Durban, Melilla and from thence to Birkenhead.
9. Owners or nationality of ship: Hadden S.S. Co. Ltd., Cree Church Lane, London, E.C.4.
10. Kind and quantity of drug seized: 45 lbs. of prepared opium.
(20 kg. 411.7 gr.)
11. Origin of drug: (marks, labels, etc.) Origin unknown - no identifying marks or labels - (but see 15).
12. Where shipped or forwarded from: -
13. Forwarding Agents or consignor: -
14. Destination or address: -
15. Remarks: Poon, acting as a carrier, collected a suitcase from the Chinese quarters in S.S. "Empire Brutus". He engaged a Taxicab which was stopped leaving the Dock Area by a Police Constable. The suitcase contained 42 slabs of the drug wrapped in Indian newsprint, one of which was the "Times of India" dated 27th November, 1946 (The log shows the vessel as being at Bombay from 27.11.46. until 12.12.46.) It is considered that the Chinese in S.S. "Empire Brutus" were implicated but there was insufficient evidence to warrant proceedings against them.
16. Legal proceedings penalties. Poon was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment on the Police charges under the Dangerous Drugs Acts and was fined £135 (U.S.\$551.70) with £3.3s.0d. (U.S.\$12.68) costs on H.M. Customs charge with an alternative of three months' imprisonment if the fine is not paid within nine months. Latter sentence to run consecutively to the term rewarded on the Police charge.
