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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

SWEDEN

SEIZURES OF 407 GRAMES COCAINE IN STOCKHOLM IN JULY 1945

Report communicated by the Government of Sweden
19 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 seizures to the Members of the United Nations and to the other parties to the Convention.

ROYAL BOARD OF HEALTH

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF STOCKHOLM,
THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
STOCKHOLM.

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To the Royal Board of Health

Stockholm

In accordance with the regulations I hereby beg to bring the following matter to the attention of the Royal Board of Health.

On Wednesday 18 July 1945, Rudolf Salli, Finnish citizen, a mechanical technician, born on 6 March 1901, was arrested in an apartment on the fourth floor of the house No. 20 Midsommarvagen, Midsommarkransen, in this city, the apartment being leased by Karl Erik Rooth, a business-man. Both the latter and his wife, Mrs. Olga Ingeborg Rooth, were taken care of and sent to hospital at the same time, as they exhibited symptoms of poisoning from some narcotic (cocaine). Salli, who was at that time unknown, and who refused to give any particulars about himself, was taken to the criminal division police station. Rooth was admitted to Langbro hospital for treatment and is still there.

In the course of the investigation undertaken by the criminal division of the police in the matter, which is not yet concluded, altogether 407 grammes of cocaine have been found in the possession of various persons.

In the course of cross-examination, Salli stated that he entered the country illegally on about 12 June 1945, and had since then resided here without the permission of the Swedish authorities. Upon his arrival in this city, he brought with him a medicine bottle containing probably 500 grammes of cocaine. The bottle bore a label, the appearance and character of which are evident from the photograph accompanying this letter. Salli said the container and the cocaine therein had been brought into this country by an Esthonian whose name was unknown to him and who came here at the same time. Upon cross-examination Salli wished to assert that the bottle containing the poison was at that time provided with the original seal which he himself had broken. Since his arrival in Sweden, Salli, the Rooths and another woman had consumed part of it. It has not been possible to ascertain the quantity of cocaine consumed by them.

Salli and other persons involved in the case emphatically deny that any of the cocaine has been sold, but the truth of this statement is highly questionable.

In the investigation conducted so far it has transpired that Salli had told various persons that he brought other narcotics (6-7 kilogrammes of opium) into Sweden but he now denies that. Certain circumstances indicate, however, that such may be the case. Salli is also supposed to have given other persons to understand that the cocaine brought into this country comprises only a part of a large stock which is supposed to be in Finland and has been stolen from some German army stores there.

The cocaine found has been seized and for the present is being kept at the criminal division police station.

Stockholm City Prosecutor's Office
31 July 1945
(sgd) Carl Gustav Wijk
Acting City Prosecutor

Officially confirmed by W. Lofgren (sgd).

Translation of label description:

KNOLL, A.G. 500 g Chem. Fabriken

Cocain.hydrochloric.puriss.crist. "Knoll" D.A.B.6, Ph.Argent II, Austr. VIII., Belg. IV, Brit. 1932, Dan. VIII, Helv. V., Hung.IV., Japon V., Norv. IV., Ross. VI., Suec. X.,
Cod. franc. 1908, F,U.IV u. U.S.P.X.

LUDWIGSHAFEN Knoll AM HEIN
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Actual size: 8.5 cm in length
Marked on back: 4796 A-3008
Officially confirmed by W. Lofgren

Translation of text on accompanying photograph of bottle:
29 cm in length, marked 1500 E on bottom.