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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 STATES OF AMERICA

CANNABIS SEIZURES EFFECTED AT ATLANTIC COAST  
AND MEXICAN GULF PORTS DURING MARCH, APRIL AND MAY 1947.

Report Communicated by the  
Government of the United States of America on 26 August 1947

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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(s) to the Members of the United Nations  
and to the other parties to the Convention.

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/UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT

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Bureau of Narcotic  
Washington, D. C.

No. 1158

NARCOTIC SEIZURE REPORT

JUN 20 1947

1. Date of seizure: See dates given below.
2. Place of seizure: See places listed below.
3. Name of person or firm implicated: See defendants named below.
4. Name of ship: See "Remarks" below.
5. Coming from: See "Remarks" below.
6. Date of leaving first port: ...
7. Destination and date of arrival: See "Remarks" below.
8. Ports of call: See "Remarks" below.
9. Owners or nationality of ship: ...
10. Kind and quantity of drugs seized: 11 pounds, 3 ounces, 421.2 grains, (5 kg. 101.8 grs.) net, of marihuana consisting of the dried, pulverized flowering tops, leaves, seeds, and stems of the cannabis plant in the form most frequently encountered in the United States, Mexico, and other Latin American countries; 33 grains, (2.1 grammes) net, of charas, consisting of the steamed, pressed resin of the flowering tops of the cannabis plant in the form appearing in India and the Near East; 1 pound, 3 ounces, 422.5 grains, (566 grammes) net, of takrouri, consisting of the finely powdered tops and leaves of the cannabis plant.
11. Origin of manufacture (marks, labels, etc.): See "Remarks" below.
12. Where shipped or forwarded from: See "Remarks" below.
13. Forwarding agents or consignors: See "Remarks" below.
14. Destination or address: United States.
15. Remarks: There appears below a summary of cannabis seizures effected at Atlantic Coast and Mexican Gulf ports during the months of March, April, and May, 1947, respectively:

Place and date of seizure: Brooklyn, New York, March 21, 1947.

Names of defendants: Unknown.

Quantities of cannabis seized: 10 grains, net of marihuana (0.6 grammes).

When the American steamship WORRIOR arrived from Davao, P. I., via the Panama Canal, a customs searcher found one marihuana cigarette, weighing 5 grains, (0.3 grammes) on a ledge in front of the linen room in a working alleyway. On the same day one marihuana cigarette, weighing 5 grains, (0.3 grammes) was found on a ledge in a toilet, aft.

Place and date of seizure: New York City, March 22, 1947.

Names of defendants: Cesar A. MENDIETA, American citizen of Puerto Rican extraction.

/Quantities of

Quantities of cannabis seized: 245 grains, net, of marihuana  
(15.9 grammes)

Customs search of the American steamship WILLIAM LEAVITT resulted in the discovery of twenty-three marihuana cigarettes, weighing 245 grains, (15.9 grammes) in the locker of Cesar A. MENDIETA, oiler. MENDIETA stated that a peddler left the cigarettes on his bunk in the Canary Islands. The vessel arrived from Buenos Aires, Montevideo and Porto Allegre.

Place and date of seizure: New York City, March 23, 1947

Names of defendants: Avelina BILBAO, American citizen of Puerto Rican extraction.

Quantities of cannabis seized: 5 ounces, 200 grains, net, of marihuana  
(154.7 grammes)

Upon the arrival of the American steamship PANAMA from Colon, a customs officer searched Avelina BILBAO, waiter on the ship, and found a quantity of bulk marihuana tied around his waist under his clothing by a towel.

Place and date of seizure: New York City, March 25, 1947

Names of defendants: Unknown

Quantities of cannabis seized: 5 ounces, 267.5 grains, net, of marihuana (159.1 grammes)

Three marihuana seizures were made aboard the American steamship SANTA ROSA when it arrived from Laguaira, Curacao, Barranquilla, and Cartagena. A package of marihuana, weighing 13 grains, (0.8 gramme) was found in the base of a davit, portside, boat deck; two packages of marihuana, weighing 4 ounces, 420 grains, (140.6 grammes) behind a sink in a toilet, stewards' department, starboard side; and thirty-six marihuana cigarettes, weighing 272 grains, (17.6 grammes) in back of a sink in the crew toilet, aft, starboard side.

Place and date of seizure: Staten Island, New York, March 27, 1947

Names of defendants: Unknown

Quantities of cannabis seized: 1 pound, 2 ounces, 47 grains,  
(513.3 grammes) net, of takrouri

After the American steamship MARINE FALCON arrived from LeHavre, customs searchers made the following seizures aboard the vessel: 12 ounces, 168 grains, (351.1 grammes) of takrouri, in back of a slop sink in the slop locker, "B" deck, aft; 346 grains, (22.4 grammes) of takrouri, in passengers' quarters between two mattresses, "C" deck, 4 ounces, 408 grains, (139.8 grammes) of takrouri, behind pipe in the troop galley, amidships, starboard side.

/Place and date

Place and date of seizure: New York City, March 31, 1947

Names of defendants: Unknown

Quantities of cannabis seized: 3 ounces, 50 grains, net, of marihuana  
(88.3 grammes)

A customs officer while searching the American steamship CAPE ISABEL, arrived from Cartagena, Barranquilla, Cristobal, and Almeronte, found a package of marihuana, weighing 3 ounces, 50 grains, (88.3 grammes) in the stewards' dry storeroom on the ship.

Place and date of seizure: Nashville, Tennessee, April 2, 1947

Names of defendants: Louis Peter CALOMERIS: and William James FRASER;  
American citizens

Quantities of cannabis seized: 8 pounds, 14 ounces, net, of marihuana  
(4 kg. 25.6 gr.)

Narcotic agents arrested these men after they found two sacks of marihuana in their automobile. The defendants, residents of Washington, D. C., had proceeded to Juarez, Mexico, by automobile, obtained a quantity of bulk marihuana in Juarez, smuggled it into El Paso, Texas, and transported it to Nashville in the automobile.

Place and date of seizure: Miami, Florida, April 5, 1947

Names of defendants: Justo APONTE, Cuban citizen

Quantities of cannabis seized: 154.7 grains, net, of marihuana  
(10 grammes)

Justo APONTE arrived at Miami by airplane from Havana, and customs officers, having received information he would attempt to smuggle marihuana into Miami, searched his person and found three packages of marihuana concealed there. APONTE stated he obtained the marihuana from "La Gallega," a prostitute on Isidro Street, Havana, for the price of \$7.

Place and date of seizure: New York City, April 8, 1947

Names of defendants: Unknown

Quantities of cannabis seized: 83 grains, net, of takrouri (5.4 grammes)

A customs officer found a package of takrouri behind a mirror in the stewards' toilet, starboard side, of the American steamship CHARLES N. COLE, arrived in port from Rouen.

Place and date of seizure: New York City, April 10, 1947

Names of defendants: Unknown

Quantities of cannabis seized: 200 grains, net, of marihuana  
(12.9 grammes)

Upon the arrival of the American steamship COASTAL DELEGATE from Havana, a customs searcher found a package of marihuana outside of the engineer's storeroom, amidships, on top of a ventilator.

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Place and date of seizure: New York City, April 14, 1947

Names of defendants: Unknown

Quantities of cannabis seized: 1 pound, 4 ounces, 263 grains, net,  
of marihuana seed (584 grammes)

A can of marihuana seed mixed with 30% other seed was found by a customs officer on the American steamship SANTA MARGARITA under a bunk in the stewards' utility-men's quarters. The vessel arrived from Mollendo and other South American and Canal Zone ports.

Place and date of seizure: Staten Island, New York, April 15, 1947

Names of defendants: Unknown

Quantities of cannabis seized: 145 grains, net, of takrouri (9.4 grammes)

After the American steamship JAMES B. RICHARDSON appeared in port from Ceuta, Spanish Morocco, a customs officer found a package of takrouri on a ledge of the deck winch.

Place and date of seizure: Billingsport, New Jersey, April 16, 1947

Names of defendants: Unknown

Quantities of cannabis seized: 340 grains, net, of takrouri (22 grammes)

Following the arrival of the American steamship JAMES GUNN from Rouen, a customs officer found forty-six cigarettes of takrouri in a passageway, port side, on top of overhead piping near the galley.

Place and date of seizure: New Orleans, Louisiana, April 18, 1947

Names of defendants: Unknown

Quantities of cannabis seized: 1 ounce, 311.5 grains, net, of  
marihuana (43.5 grammes)

Five envelopes of marihuana were found by the customs searching squad on the American steamship FRA BERLANGA, arrived from Panama. The marihuana was concealed on top of a ventilator in the stewards' washroom, starboard side.

Place and date of seizure: Boston, Massachusetts, April 22, 1947

Names of defendants: Francis FRIEDRICH; and Francis I. COMPTON:  
American citizens

Quantities of cannabis seized: 33 grains, net, of charas (2.1 grammes)

When the American steamship SKAGWAY VICTORY arrived from Indian ports, customs officers found a small flat piece of charas, weighing 11 grains, in the shirt pocket of Francis FRIEDRICH, crewmember. An envelope containing 22 grains of charas was found in a locker in the quarters of Francis I. COMPTON.

Place and date of seizure: Norfolk, Virginia, April 29, 1947

Names of defendants: Henry Otto MEYERS, American citizen

Quantities of cannabis seized: 245 grains, net, of takrouri (15.9 grammes)

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When the American steamship KYLE V. JOHNSON arrived from Oran, Algiers, a package of takrouri was turned over to customs by the master who stated he found it in the quarters of Henry Otto MEYERS. This man who has long been suspected of narcotic smuggling was arrested, and will be prosecuted.

Place and date of seizure: New Orleans, Louisiana, May 5, 1947

Names of defendants: E. L. SLAY, American citizen

Quantities of cannabis seized: 32 grains, net, of marihuana  
(2.1 grammes)

Customs officers searched the quarters aboard the American steamship HENRY T. SCOTT of E. L. SLAY, crewmember, and found two marihuana cigarettes on his person and six marihuana cigarettes in the room. The vessel arrived from Beira, East Africa.

Copies of this report are being transmitted to the French, Indian, and Cuban authorities.

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