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DISTRIBUTION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS OF 13 JULY 1931 AS AMENDED
BY THE PROTOCOL OF 11 DECEMBER 1946

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

SEIZURES OF CANNABIS AT ATLANTIC COAST AND MEXICAN GULF PORTS
DURING JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 1947

Report No. 1153 Communicated by the Government of
the United States of America, on 17 July 1947

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.

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UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT
BUREAU OF NARCOTICS

Washington, D.C.

NARCOTIC SEIZURE REPORT

June 5, 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: ...
8. Ports of call: ...
9. Owners or nationality of ship: ...
10. Kind and quantity of drugs seized: 6 pounds, 249.6 grains (2 kg. 737.7 grammes), net, of marihuana, consisting of the dried, pulverized flowering tops, leaves, stems, and seeds of the cannabis plant in the form most frequently encountered in the United States, Latin America, and Africa; 120 grains (7.8 grammes), net, of bhang of a type quite similar to marihuana; 3 ounces, 107.1 grains (92 grammes), net, of takrouri of a more refined and screened type than marihuana; 1 pound, 3 ounces, 201.2 grains (551.7 grammes), net, of charas, consisting of the compressed resin of the cannabis plant; 1 ounce, 328.5 grains (49.6 grammes), net, of ganja (resinous flowering tops of the cannabis plant).
11. Origin of manufacture (marks, labels, etc.): No identifying marks or labels.
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 January and February 1947.

Place and date of seizure: Jersey City, New Jersey, January 1, 1947

Names of defendants: Unknown

Quantities of cannabis seized: 120 grains, (7.8 grammes), net, of bhang.

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When the American steamship COEUR D'ALENE VICTORY arrived from Karachi, Madras, Calcutta, Cochin, Aden, Alexandria, Colombo, Rangoon, Suez, and Port Said, a customs searcher found a matchbox containing Indian bhang on a ledge outside of the galley, portside.

Place and date of seizure: New York City, January 3, 1947

Names of defendants: Unknown

Quantities of cannabis seized: 1 ounce, 70 grains (32.9 grammes), net, of marihuana.

During a search of the American steamship WILD WAVE, arrived from LeHavre, a customs officer found a package of marihuana behind a pipe guard in the working alleyway near the stewards' icebox, portside. The cannabis seized is termed "marihuana" but since the vessel had been in port at LeHavre, it is possible that it was Tunisian takrouri.

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

Names of defendants: Unknown

Quantities of cannabis seized: 4 ounces, 361.5 grains (136.8 grammes), net, of marihuana.

The following three seizures were made on the American steamship SANTA TERESA when that vessel arrived from Maracaibo:

271 grains (17.6 grammes) of marihuana, on an overhead ledge outside of the machine shop, starboard side.

427 grains (27.7 grammes) of marihuana, on the main deck, under burlap bags and rubbish.

3 ounces, 101 grains (91.6 grammes) of marihuana, in a brush housing on a blower fan in the fidleys.

Place and date of seizure: New York City, January 11, 1947

Name of Defendants: Unknown

Quantities of cannabis seized: 1 ounce, 267.5 grains (45.7 grammes), net, of ganja.

When the American steamship ELMIRA VICTORY was in port from Bombay, Casablanca, and Lisbon, a customs searcher found two packages of Indian ganja, weighing 330 grains (21.4 grammes), on a ledge in the laundry, portside. In the bottom of a firehose in the working alleyway, portside, there were found two packages of ganja, weighing 375 grains (24.3 grammes).

Place and date of seizure: New York City, January 13, 1947

Names of defendants: George L. BAILEY, American citizen

Quantities of cannabis seized: 2 ounces, 22.5 grains (58.2 grammes), net, of takrouri.

Customs searchers aboard the American steamship NETHERLANDS VICTORY, arrived from Trieste, Odessa, Istanbul, and Tangiers, made the following seizures:

170 grains (11 grammes) of takrouri, over a vent in the officers' toilet, thwartship alleyway.

210 grains (13.6 grammes) of takrouri, in the locker of George L. BAILEY, assistant cook. BAILEY stated he obtained the takrouri in Tangiers from an Arab named HASSAN.

65 grains (4.2 grammes) of takrouri, over a vent in the engine department shower, portside, main deck.

1 ounce, 15 grains (29.3 grammes) of takrouri, behind a fire hose in a rack, starboard side, main deck.

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Place and date of seizure: Brooklyn, New York, January 13, 1947
Name of defendants: Pedro Juan Garcia RODRIGUEZ, American citizen of Puerto Rican extraction
Quantities of cannabis seized: 35 grains (2.3 grammes) net, of marihuana.

During a customs search of the American steamship COLABEE, arrived from Quebec, twelve marihuana cigarettes were found in the coat pocket of Pedro Juan Garcia RODRIGUEZ, messman.

Place and date of seizure: New York City, January 16, 1947
Names of defendants: Unknown
Quantities of cannabis seized: 400 grains (25.9 grammes) net, of marihuana.

After the arrival of the American steamship SANTA ANA from Arica and other South American ports, customs officers found a package of marihuana weighing 240 grains (15.6 grammes) on a ledge outside of the crew quarters, aft. A package of marihuana, weighing 160 grains (10.4 grammes) was found on a ledge in the aft peak.

Place and date of seizure: Brooklyn, New York, January 22 and 23, 1947
Names of defendants: Joseph JOHNSON, British subject
Quantities of cannabis seized: 1 pound, 11 ounces, 339 grains (787.4 grammes) net, of marihuana.

The following eight seizures were made aboard the British steamship COCHRANE, arrived from Duala, Lagos, Takoradi and Freetown:

A sack of marihuana, weighing 2 ounces, 280 grains (74.8 grammes), a bag of marihuana, weighing 7 ounces, 230 grains (213.4 grammes), and a "Veganine" tablet containing codeine, in the quarters of Joseph JOHNSON, chief fireman, January 22.

One package of marihuana, weighing 63 grains (4.1 grammes) over a doorway leading to the fidleys, on pipes, January 23.

One package of marihuana, weighing 400 grains (25.9 grammes) under a case in the aft steering engine room, January 23.

One package of marihuana, weighing 3 ounces (85.1 grammes) under pipes in the steering engine room, January 23.

One package of marihuana, weighing 8 ounces, 358 grains (250 grammes) under bales of waste in the steering gear room, aft, January 23.

One package of marihuana, weighing 1 ounce, 390 grains (53.6 grammes) in a pail of sawdust in the gear locker, aft, January 23.

One package of marihuana, weighing 2 ounces, 298 grains (76 grammes) in the steering gear, aft, beneath cable, January 23.

One package of marihuana, weighing 70 grains (4.5 grammes) in the engineer's pantry locker, portside.

Place and date of seizure: New York City, January 22 and 23, 1947
Names of defendants: E. CABELLO, American citizen
Quantities of cannabis seized: 127.5 grains (8.2 grammes) net, of marihuana.

When the American steamship WASHINGTON arrived from LeHavre, Southampton, and Cobh, customs officers found a package of marihuana, weighing 75 grains (4.8 grammes) on a ledge in the utility men's quarters, forward. Under a locker in the mess quarters on January 23, eleven marihuana cigarettes, weighing 49.5 grains (3.2 grammes) were found, and on the same date a small package of loose marihuana, weighing 3 grains (0.2 grammes) was discovered in the wallet of E. CABELLO, seaman. The cannabis seized could have been takrouiri.

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Place and date of seizure: Brooklyn, New York, January 24, 1947
Names of defendants: Francisco DOS SANTOS, Brazilian citizen
Quantities of cannabis seized: 1 pound, 6 ounces, 144 grains
(633 grammes) net, of marihuana.

Francisco DOS SANTOS, coal passer, on the Brazilian steamship VITORIALOIDE, was intercepted by a customs officer who found two packages of marihuana, weighing 1 pound, 6 ounces, 144 grains, (633 grammes) on his person. DOS SANTOS stated that a shipyard employee had asked him to take the packages from the yard and deliver them to him at a bar near the yard gate. The vessel arrived from Santos, Augrados, Reis, Rio de Janeiro, Victoria, Maceio, Recife, Forteleza and Trinidad.

Place and date of seizure: Baltimore, Maryland, January 26, 1947
Names of defendants: Habib ULLA, Indian citizen
Quantities of cannabis seized: 1 pound, 3 ounces, 201.2 grains,
(551.7 grammes) net of charas.

ULLA was taken ashore, along with other seamen of the British steamship CITY OF AUCKLAND under guard to two ship watchmen to buy groceries. ULLA eluded the guards who called the city police, and ULLA was found under a truck in a garage nearby. While being searched in the police station, nine balls of charas were found on his person. He and the seizure were turned over to customs. The ship arrived from Colombo.

Place and date of seizure: Baltimore, Maryland, February 4, 1947
Names of defendants: Unknown
Quantities of cannabis seized: 206.1 grains, (13.4 grammes) net, of takrouri.

During a customs search of the American steamship EDWARD S. HOUGH, in port from Phillipville, Algeria, two packages of takrouri were found against a bulkhead on the starboard side of the engine room.

Place and date of seizure: New Orleans, Louisiana, February 6, 1947
Names of defendants: A. VINAJERA, American citizen of Puerto Rican extraction
Quantities of marihuana seized: 153 grains, (9.9 grammes) net, of marihuana.

A customs officer aboard the American steamship ESPARTA, arrived from Golfito, Costa Rico, and Cristobal, C. Z., and found one marihuana cigarette, weighing 4 grains, (0.3 grammes) and a package of loose marihuana, weighing 149 grains, (9.6 grammes) in a matchbox in the back pocket of A. VINAJERA, crewmember.

Place and date of seizure: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, February 7, 1947
Names of defendants: Unknown
Quantities of cannabis seized: 2 ounces, 268 grains, (74.1 grammes) net, of marihuana.

When the American steamship SAMUEL D. INGHAM arrived from Takoradi a customs searcher found three envelopes of marihuana, weighing 367 grains, (23.8 grammes) 413 grains, (26.8 grammes) and 363 grains (23.5 grammes) respectively, in a cabinet below the lower drawer in the officers' saloon.

Place and date of seizure: Boston, Massachusetts, February 12, 1947
Names of defendants: Unknown
Quantities of cannabis seized: 105 grains, (6.8 grammes) net, of takrouri.

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During a search of the American steamship WILLIAM RAWLE customs officers found two small packages of takrouri in a pocket of a mess jacket hanging in the officers' mess-room. Later a messman came into the room and felt of the pockets of the jacket, but did not put the coat on. When questioned, he denied ownership of the jacket and the marihuana. Finally he was released because of insufficient evidence. The vessel came from Algiers.

Place and date of seizure: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, February 13, 1947
Names of defendants: Unknown
Quantities of cannabis seized: 2 pounds, 2 ounces, 357 grains, (987 grammes) net, of marihuana.

When customs officers searched the American steamship WHITTIER VICTORY, just arrived from South American and Cuban ports, they found a sack of bulk marihuana in an unused coffee urn in the armed guard pantry, portside.

Place and date of seizure: New Orleans, Louisiana, February 14, 1947
Names of defendants: Gerrardo TORRES, American citizen of Puerto Rican extraction.
Quantities of cannabis seized: 47.1 grains, (3.1 grammes) net, of marihuana.

Customs officers aboard the American steamship ELIJAH WHITE, arrived from Corfu, via Gibraltar, found two small packages of marihuana and a marihuana cigarette in the locker of Gerrardo TORRES, crewmember.

Place and date of seizure: New Orleans, Louisiana, February 18, 1947
Names of defendants: J. D. Dukes, American citizen
Quantities of cannabis seized: 349.5 grains (22.6 grammes) net, of marihuana.

When customs searchers boarded the American steamship COMAYAGUA, in port from Panama, they found a package of marihuana, weighing 349 grains, (22.6 grammes) on top of an airvent in a shower room. On the bunk of J. D. DUKES, member of the crew, they found a very few marihuana leaves, weighing .5 grains.

Place and date of seizure: Boston, Massachusetts, February 18, 1947
Names of defendants: Mark VIDRINO, American citizen
Quantities of cannabis seized: 75 grains, (4.8 grammes) net, of takrouri.

In a search of the quarters aboard the American steamship HELEN HUNT JACKSON of Mark VIDRINO, A. B. seaman, a customs officer found a partially-smoked takrouri cigarette, weighing 1 grain, (0.6 grammes) and a paper package of takrouri, weighing 74 grains (4.8 grammes). VIDRINO stated he had purchased the takrouri from a peddler in Algiers.

Place and date of seizure: Boston, Massachusetts, February 24, 1947
Names of defendants: James W. HAMILTON, American citizen
Quantities of cannabis seized: 61 grains, (3.9 grammes) net, of flat ganja.

Eight small packages of flat ganja were found by customs officers in the quarters of James W. HAMILTON, member of the crew of the American steamship CAPE JOHN, arrived from Bombay. The defendant stated he purchased the ganja from a native in Bombay.

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Place and date of seizure: Boston, Massachusetts, February 26, 1947

Names of defendants: Jonathan HARGETT, American citizen

Quantities of cannabis seized: 136 grains, (8.8 grammes) net, of takrouri.

Upon the arrival in port of the American steamship PIERRE SOULE from Algiers, a customs officer found one takrouri cigarette, weighing 9 grains, (0.6 grammes) and 127 grains (8.2 grammes) of takrouri contained in two boxes in the clothing of Jonathan HARGETT, crewmember. The defendant stated he had obtained the takrouri from an Arab in Algiers in exchange for an old shirt.

Place and date of seizure: Boston, Massachusetts, February 27, 1947

Names of defendants: Unknown

Quantities of cannabis seized: 223 grains, (14.4 grammes) net, of marihuana.

During a search of the American steamship JOLIET VICTORY by customs officers three rolls of marihuana were found over the engine room door portside of the main deck. The rolls of cannabis were cigar-shaped and are called "Shoes" in South Africa. The cannabis also is called gandia in that territory. The vessel arrived from South African ports.

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

(signed) H. J. Anslinger

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Commissioner of Narcotics

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