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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.

CANADA

SEIZURE OF MORPHINE AT VANCOUVER, B.C. ON JANUARY 18, 1946

Report No. 5 communicated by the Government of Canada  
June 26, 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 seizure to the Members of the United Nations and to the other parties to the Convention.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND WELFARE

1. Name of person or persons implicated: Joseph GORDON, Canadian  
(b. 16.11.1921)
2. Date of Seizure: 18.1.46.
3. Place of Seizure: Vancouver, B.C.
4. Kind and quantity of drug seized:
 

1 tube, or vial, containing 9 Tabs. and several Pieces of Morp. & Atrop.
1 tube, or vial, containing 25 Tabs of Morp. & Atrop.
1 package containing 4 Tabs. of Morphine
1 " " 7 Tabs. of "
1 " " 29 Tabs " "
5. Act and Section under O. & N.D. Act., Sec. 4(d): "Possession of Morph." which charged:
6. Result of prosecution:
  - (a) Date sentenced: 8.2.46.
  - (b) Where sentenced: Vancouver, B.C.
  - (c) Sentence: 5 years; Fined \$200 or one month in default of payment.
7. Remarks:

It was ascertained that narcotics being peddled among addicts were being put on the streets through the medium of Gordon. Patience and careful surveillance of Gordon's modus operandi resulted in his

apprehension and ultimate conviction. The tubes of narcotics mentioned above were found on his person when arrested. It was also apparent that he had taken advantage of the friendship of some people he knew as it was in their home that the three packages were found. He did not inform them what the packages contained.

At the trial it was conclusively proved that the two vials found in his possession could only have been obtained from a drug store and as accused said he was not addicted to drugs, and would offer no explanation as to where he obtained the drugs, the strong suspicion previously held that he was one of the persons responsible for an armed hold-up and theft of narcotics from a retail drug store prevailed.

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