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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

SEIZURES OF 2 KGS. 199 GRAMS OF MARIHUANA AT ATLANTIC COAST
PORTS DURING THE MONTHS OF JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH AND APRIL,
1946

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United States of America, May 27, 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.

UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT
BUREAU OF NARCOTICS
WASHINGTON, D.C.

May 27, 1946

Date of seizure:	See dates given below.
Place of seizure:	See places listed below.
Name of person or firm implicated:	See defendants named below.
Name of ship:	See "Remarks" below.
Kind and quantity of drugs seized:	4 pounds, 13 ounces, 293.475 grains (2 kgs. 199 grs.), net, of marihuana, consisting of the dried, pulverized flowering tops and leaves of the cannabis plant in the form most frequently encountered in the United States.
Origin of manufacture (marks, labels, etc.):	No identifying marks or labels. See "Remarks" below.
Where shipped or forwarded from:	See "Remarks" below.

Forwarding agents or consignors: See "Remarks" below

Destination or address: United States

Remarks:

There appears below a summary of marihuana (cannabis) seizures effected at Atlantic Coast ports during the months of January, February, March, and April 1946, respectively:

Place and date of seizure: New York City, January 4, 1946.
 Names of defendants: A. FOREST and V. STEWART, British subjects.
Quantities of marihuana seized: 294.875 grains, net, (18.87 grammes) of marihuana.

A package was received in the mails at New York from Jamaica, B.W.I., addressed to one V. STEWART, 1113 West 119th Street, New York, by A. FOREST, Jamaica. When opened by a customs officer, the package was found to contain seven packages of tobacco cigarettes and three boxes of loose marihuana. The two persons involved are Jamaican negroes.

Place and date of seizure: New York City, January 16, 1946.
 Names of defendants: Unknown.
Quantities of marihuana seized: 15 ounces, 391.5 grains, net (450.31 grammes).

When the American steamship GREECE VICTORY arrived from Paita, Peru, customs searchers found a sock containing 266 grains (17.024 grammes) of bulk marihuana and seven marihuana cigarettes, weighing 75 grains (4.8 grammes) in a hose nozzle of a fire extinguisher hanging on a bulkhead in the working alleyway, portside. On the same day they found a package of bulk marihuana weighing 14 ounces (410.79 grammes) and 24 marihuana cigarettes weighing 271 grains (17.34 grammes) under a rubber life-saving suit in a compartment under a bunk in the quarters of the junior third assistant engineer.

Place and date of seizure: Boston, Massachusetts, January 18, 1946.
 Names of defendants: Unknown.
Quantities of marihuana seized: 1 ounce, 306.25 grains, net, (47.71 grammes)

The customs special duty squad (searching squad) at Boston made a search of the British steamship NEW TEXAS upon its arrival from West African ports, and found behind lockers in the crew members' quarters, six small packages of marihuana. One of the packages was wrapped in a piece of newspaper bearing the name "OLOBITO" and dated November 10, 1945, which newspaper evidently originated in the port of Lobito in Portuguese West Africa. The quarters in which the marihuana was found were occupied almost exclusively by Portuguese West African negroes, and the master of the vessel stated that the smoking of marihuana is a prevalent practice among these natives. The ship touched at the following West African ports: Freetown, Lagos, Lobito, Mossamedes, and Doualla.

Place and date of seizure: Jersey City, New Jersey, January 29, 1946
 Names of defendants: Unknown.
Quantities of marihuana seized: 1 ounce, 162.75 grains, net, (38.77 grs.)

Upon the arrival of the American steamship EXANTHIA from India, via Gibraltar, a customs searcher found a package of bulk marihuana, weighing 395.062 grains (25.28 grammes) and 60 marihuana cigarettes, weighing 205.188 grains (13.1 grs.) on a ledge in the cleaning gear locker, portside, amidships.

Place and date of seizure: Brooklyn, New York, February 4, 1946.
Names of defendants: H. T. TYNE, American citizen.
Quantities of marihuana seized: 26 grains, net, (1.66 grammes)

The American steamship ALBANS VICTORY arrived from Marseille, France, on February 4, 1946 and a customs search resulted in the discovery of a small package of loose marihuana in the pocket of jacket in a suitcase belonging to H. T. TYNE, Chief pantryman.

Place and date of seizure: Stapleton, Staten Island, New York, February 5, 1946.
Names of defendants: Thomas THOMPSON, American citizen.
Quantities of marihuana seized: 1 ounce, 408 grains, net (54.46 grammes)

A customs officer intercepted and searched Thomas THOMPSON, pantry utility man of the American steamship BETTI ZANE, arrived from Naples, Italy, and found a package of loose marihuana wrapped in a sock in his handbag. THOMPSON stated he obtained the marihuana from a native who came on board the vessel at Naples and told him he could use it as a medicine to relieve arthritis from which he was suffering.

Place and date of seizure: New York City, February 7, 1946.
Names of defendants: L. FLAHERTY, American citizen.
Quantities of marihuana seized: 170 grains, net (10.88 grammes)

A search of the American steamship KOKOMO VICTORY by customs officers upon its arrival from Marseille resulted in the seizure of seven small packages of loose marihuana which were found in the quarters of L. FLAHERTY, second steward.

Place and date of seizure: Jersey City, N.J., February 8, 1946.
Names of defendants: Unknown.
Quantities of marihuana seized: 10 ounces, 122.5 grains, net (291.4 grammes)

Following the arrival of the American steamship JOSEPH H. NICHOLSON from Marseille, a package of marihuana, weighing 8 ounces, 200 grains (239.8 grammes) was found by customs officers on a ledge in the after part of No. 4 hatch, between decks. On the same day, the officers found a package of marihuana, weighing 1 ounce, 360 grains (51.6 grammes) under rubbish, outside of the Army storeroom.

Place and date of seizure: New York City, February 11, 1946.
Names of defendants: Arthur Webb SEYMOUR, Jr. and Shane Rudraighe O'NEILL, American citizens.
Quantities of marihuana seized: 1 pound, 2 ounces, 83 grains, net, (515 grammes)

A port patrol officer intercepted Arthur Webb SEYMOUR at the gate of a pier on East River carrying a valise which contained several jars and bottles of loose marihuana. SEYMOUR stated that he went on board the American steamship WILLIAM RAWLE on the night of February 10 to sleep and that he had never been employed on this vessel. This statement was confirmed by investigation. SEYMOUR added that he obtained the marihuana from a friend named Shane Rudraighe O'NEILL of New York. On February 20, O'NEILL was questioned and stated that he had used marihuana off and on for about a year and had a supply in his possession, but at his wife's pleadings had decided to throw his supply away. Therefore, he had given the marihuana to his friend, SEYMOUR, and had instructed him to "get rid of it and throw it in the river." Subsequently Arthur Webb SEYMOUR, Jr., was found to be suffering from dementia praecox and was committed to an institution for the insane.

Place and date of seizure: Bryonne, New Jersey, February 24, 1946.

Names of defendants: Arlindo F. DeNASCIEMENTO; American citizen of Puerto Rican extraction.

Quantities of marihuana seized: 23 grains, net(1.5 grammes)

When the American steamship LUDFORD RICHARDSON arrived from Wales, a customs officer found a small package of marihuana in the pocket of Arlindo F. DeNASCIEMENTO, wiper on the ship.

Place and date of seizure: Constable Hook, New Jersey, February 25, 1946.

Names of defendants: Unknown.

Quantities of marihuana seized: 4 ounces, 20 grains, net,(114.7 gr.)

A jar of marihuana was found by a customs officer concealed on the American steamship CAPE UGAT, in port from Guam, via Cristobal, C.Z.

Place and date of seizure: Jersey City, New Jersey, February 27, 1946.

Names of defendants: George B. ALEXANDER, American citizen.

Quantities of marihuana seized: 4 ounces, 305 grains, net(133.22 grs.)

A customs search of the American steamship FRANK H. EVERS, arrived from Bizerte, Tunisia, resulted in the discovery of a cloth bag containing 4 ounces, 20 grains (114.7 grammes) of bulk marihuana under a steel cabinet on the portside of the main galley. Later that day a cellophane package of loose marihuana, weighing 285 grains (18.52 grammes) was found between a mattress and the spring of a bunk occupied by the first cook, George B. ALEXANDER.

Place and date of seizure: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, February 27, 1946.

Names of defendants: Unknown.

Quantities of marihuana seized: 129.1 grains, net(8.4 grammes)

When the American steamship PRINCE L. CAMPBELL arrived from Beni Saf, Liberia, a small package of marihuana was found in the chief steward's suitcase. Evidently, it had been "planted" there by someone. A second package of marihuana was found in the steward's toilet on a ledge, and a third package of marihuana in the dry storeroom. The individual weight of each package has not been given, and the total net weight of the three packages is as given above.

Place and date of seizure: New York City, March 1, 1946.

Names of defendants: R. O. NEGRON, American citizen.

Quantities of marihuana seized: 210 grains; net(13.65 grammes)

R.O. NEGRON, utility man on the American steamship LACONIA VICTORY, arrived from Antwerp, Belgium, was arrested when a package of marihuana was found in one of his pockets. He claimed that he had found the package on the aft deck, and, believing it to be tobacco; was going to take it home to smoke.

Place and date of seizure: Brooklyn, New York, March 4, 1946.

Names of defendants: Unknown.

Quantities of marihuana seized: 2 ounces, 11.5 grains, net,(57.45 grs.)

On March 3, 1946, a customs officer assigned to duty at the gate of the pier at which the American steamship IRVING BABBITT was berthed, was approached by a crew member of the vessel who offered him the sum of \$1,500 to remove a quantity of liquid morphine from the ship. The searching squad could find no morphine on the vessel, and the crew

member later told the customs officer to whom he had made the offer in the first place that the morphine evidently had been found by the searchers, as the package was not in its place of concealment. Subsequently, when questioned, he denied any of the statements attributed to him. On March 4, customs searchers found seven large packages and five small packages of loose marihuana, of a total weight of 1 ounce, 368 grains (52.27 grammes) behind pipes in the shaft alley escape, and one package, containing 81 grains (5.18 grammes) of marihuana on an overhead ledge in the working alley, starboard side. The ship arrived from Durban.

Place and date of seizure: New York City, March 9, 1946.

Names of defendants: Jesse C. TODD, American citizen; and Stanley L. FLETCHER, Panamanian citizen.

Quantities of marihuana seized: 15 ounces, 100 grains, net, (431.65 grammes).

Upon the arrival of the American steamship CAPE AVINOF from Limon, Costa Rica, a customs officer found a package of bulk marihuana, weighing 6 ounces, 80 grains (175.22 grammes) strapped to the back of Jesse C. TODD, crew member. The marihuana was wrapped in cotton cloth folded in three ways and shaped like a money belt. On the same day, a similar cotton cloth package of bulk marihuana, weighing 9 ounces, 20 grains (256.43 grammes) was found in the small of the back of Stanley L. FLETCHER, Panamanian citizen.

Place and date of seizure: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, March 12, 1946.

Names of defendants: Unknown.

Quantities of marihuana seized: 125 grains, net (8 grammes)

When the American steamship BILLY MITCHELL arrived from Italian ports, a customs searcher found a package of loose marihuana underneath the after gun turret on an overhead angle iron.

Place and date of seizure: Norfolk, Virginia, April 5, 1946.

Names of defendants: Albert L. CONNER, American negro.

Quantities of marihuana seized: 30 grains, net (1.92 grammes)

As a result of information received by the Bureau of Customs to the effect that a quantity of marihuana was concealed aboard the American steamship DUNCAN U. FLETCHER, a very careful search was made of the vessel upon its arrival from Genoa, Italy. No marihuana was found concealed on the ship, but two paper "bindles" of marihuana were found on the person of Albert L. CONNER, A.B. seaman. After leaving Genoa, the vessel touched at Gibraltar, Takoradi, West Africa, and Marchall, Liberia.

(signed) H.J. Anslinger
Commissioner of Narcotics