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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 1946CANADASEIZURE OF 4.8 GRAMMES OF PREPARED OPIUM AT MONTREAL, P.Q.,
ON SEPTEMBER 24, 1945.Report No. 11 communicated by the Government of Canada
December 2, 1946Note 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

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| 1. Name of person or persons implicated: | Wong York Hing: Chinese-Alien |
| 2. Date of Seizure: | 24th September, 1945 |
| 3. Place of Seizure: | Montreal, P.Q. |
| 4. Kind and quantity of drug seized: | 15 grs. Prepared Opium
10 " " "
50 " " "
75 grs. (4.8 grammes) |
| 5. Act and Section under which charged: | O. & N.D. Act. Sec. 4(f) "Giving away and delivering narcotics" |
| 6. Result of prosecution: | |
| (a) Date sentenced: | 4.12.45. |
| (b) Where sentenced: | Montreal, P.Q. |
| (c) Sentence: | 6 Mos: \$200 or 3 Mos. in default of payment.
(Accused will be deported on expiration of sentence.) |
| 7. Remarks: | |

From information available to the Department, it was reasonably obvious that Opium was being smuggled into Montreal and steps were taken to see that everything possible was done, in liaison with the Customs Authorities, to ensure that as high a standard of prevention

as possible is maintained in relation to Opium being smuggled ashore through the medium of ships' crews. This traffic can spread and easily develop on a tremendous scale at any Port where it is possible for at least Chinese members of ships' crews to get on shore where they could contact compatriots.

Confidential information obtained by Federal Police Authorities in Toronto, Ontario, indicated that subject, who had rooms in Halifax, N.S., intended leaving that Eastern Port for Montreal, P.Q., on September 20th, 1945, for the purpose of contacting a crew member of a boat destined for the Port of Montreal, P.Q., which ship was making its first trip to that Port. It was known that the Toronto contact had previously made large purchases from Wong York Hing and that the sum of \$650 had been paid for a pound of Opium. From this source it was learned that if the purchase was for less than three pounds, Wong would procure the Opium from a local Chinese; in that case it would be impossible to learn the identity of the "Big Shot".

This Toronto contact, or intermediary of Wong York Hing, accompanied by two Federal Operatives, proceeded to Montreal on September 22nd, 1945, in order to assist their colleagues in the investigation, the spade work of which had been done at that end. The investigation was a tedious one: the water front was covered in order to learn what ships had arrived; crew lists were checked with a view to ascertaining if possible the seaman or seamen alleged to be Wong's contacts aboard ship. Two visits were made to Wong's residence at 1058 St. Lawrence Blvd., Room 33, by two Agents who obtained some "Stuff" (Opium) from Wong, on the first occasion free, the second time he asked for money and was paid \$10.00 for some.

The projected purchase of a large quantity of Opium entered into the conversation but, in accordance with previous arrangements, the date of actual purchase was stalled, especially in view of the then known circumstances, and the time was not considered opportune to risk the sum of approximately \$2000 on the problematical chance of learning the name of the man "higher up". It might be of interest to know that on the occasion of the second "Meet" two Police radio cars were used for the purpose of noting the movements of the Agents, - the sub-control station being located at Police Headquarters.

Developments to date were discussed and it was decided that as it was considered that sufficient evidence had already been obtained to warrant arrest, Wong should be immediately apprehended, but not at his place of residence. Arrangements were, therefore, made by the Agents for Wong to accompany them to a local hotel for the supposed purpose of being given the money for the purchase they were to make. On arrival at the hotel room he was detained by Police Officers already on the spot and having been duly warned he was interrogated. At first he refused to make any pertinent admissions but later did admit having given or sold Opium to the Agents on the occasions of their visits. He also admitted having supplied his Toronto contact with large quantities of Opium in Halifax, N.S. This, he said, had been procured from a Chinese seaman he met in a Chinese club in that Port town. He did not know the name of the seaman's boat, and all transactions had been carried out at the Club; he had never been to the boat. He also said he was ready to get all the Opium the Agents desired but refused to say how he contacted the seaman in Montreal nor would he elaborate on how the proposed deal would have been consummated.

After exhausting all angles open to investigation, which might have revealed the name of the vessel on which Wong's alleged contact

crew members were employed, it was decided to search Wong's rooms, both in Montreal and Halifax. From correspondence seized the fact was elicited that LIVERPOOL was frequently the source of Wong's correspondents and in the body of one letter, in English, was found written "DIOMED", and on the back the address: "TSO DAO LIANG, 2, Newstead Rd., Liverpool, England". It was revealed that S.S. "DIOMED" arrived in Montreal on the 18th of September and left on October 1st.

Wong York Hing was subsequently charged with "Giving Away and Delivering Narcotics": he pleaded Guilty and was sentenced as stated.

Enquiry into the origin of Opium being smuggled into Montreal is being continued. Also in view of disclosures in the seized correspondence, note book, etc., the question of a conspiracy charge is being considered.

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Sept. 15th, 1946.