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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 6.08 GRAMMES OF OPIUM AND 28.35 GRAMMES OF OPIUM WATER  
AT NANAIMO, B.C.; ON MARCH 1, 1946

Report No. 9 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: Mah Buck Hin (al. Mah Bak Hen) Chinese  
(b. 8.9.1906)  
Wong Ah Doo (al. Kin Mew Wong) Alien  
(b. 12.12.1894)
2. Date of Seizure: 1.3.46.
3. Place of Seizure: Nanaimo, B.C.
4. Kind and quantity of drug seized: 18 Decks Opium (90 grs.) (5.76 grammes)  
1 oz. Opium Water (28.35 grammes)  
(Mah Buck Hin)  
1 Deck Opium (5 grs.) (0.32 gramme)  
(Wong Ah Doo)
5. Act and Section under which charged: O. & N.D. Act, Sec. 4(d) "Possession of Opium".
6. Result of Prosecution:
  - (a) Date sentenced: 22.3.46.
  - (b) Where sentenced: Nanaimo, B.C.
  - (c) Sentence: Each sentenced to 6 mos; fined \$200 or 30 days in default of payment.

## 7. Remarks:

Two well known characters in the narcotic underworld, viz. George Paradis and Joseph Lionel Leduc, were recently convicted in Vancouver, B.C., and given heavy sentences for being in illegal possession of Opium which, it was strongly suspected, they had obtained from the residence at Nanaimo, B.C., of the above named Chinamen.

With a view to obtaining definite information to confirm these suspicions, a Police Agent was instructed to make a "buy". The services of this Agent were, unfortunately, lost when he was found dead, - suicide was stated to be the cause of death. A second Agent, however, was successful in purchasing some decks of Opium from Mah Buck Hin, but owing to the inaccessibility of Nanaimo Chinatown, which is built on a hill, it was impossible to cover and observe all angles of the transactions. It was therefore decided to raid the premises and three groups were detailed for the purpose. The raid was a success, all groups reaching the house apparently unobserved. The inmates, there were seven of them, - all Chinese, - were searched and investigated. Five were allowed to depart but Mah Buck Hin and Wong Ah Doo, who were recognised by the Police in connection with raids of previous years, were detained. In addition to the narcotics mentioned above which were found either on the person of the accused or hidden in various places in the house, there was also found in plain view at the head of a bed the usual paraphernalia for the injection of Opium. There was no evidence of Opium having been smoked.

Mah Buck Hin and Wong Ah Doo were arrested, duly warned and charged under Section 4(d) of the Drug Act. At the trial both pleaded guilty and were sentenced as stated.

Particulars of the convictions have been communicated to the Department of Immigration with a view to the eventual deportation of these Chinamen.

During the raid and subsequent search, splendid assistance was rendered the Police by a dog, both army and police trained, which has an uncanny scent for narcotics.

The Police, so far, have not been able to uncover the source from which these Chinamen have been getting their Opium, but it is believed to come from freighters at Westminster, B.C., the crews of which are Lascars. This phase of the investigation is being followed up.

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