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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

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America on 24 June 1947

SEIZURES OF NARCOTICS EFFECTED ON OR NEAR THE MEXICAN BORDER, ON THE PACIFIC
COAST AND IN HONOLULU, T.H., DURING JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 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.

/UNITED STATES

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

No. 1142

NARCOTIC SEIZURE REPORT

February 25, 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: See "Remarks" below
7. Destination and date of arrival:
8. Ports of call: See "Remarks" below
9. Owners or nationality of ship:
10. Kind and quantity of drugs seized: 29 pounds, 15 ounces, 145.225 grains (13 kg. 588.8 gr.) net, of prepared opium; 130 grains, (8.4 grammes) net, of opium dross; 2 pounds, 6 ounces, 364 grains, (1 kg. 100.9 gr.) net, of opium solution; 178.1 grains, net (11.5 grammes) of morphine hydrochloride; 22.6 grains (14.4 grammes) net, of morphine tartrate; 102.25 grains (6.6 grammes) net, of heroin; 69 grains (4.5 grammes) net, of cocaine; and 2.50 grains (0.2 grammes) net of marihuana (cannabis).
11. Origin of manufacture (marks, labels, etc.): See "Remarks" below.
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 appear below seizures of narcotic drugs at points on or near the Mexican border, on the Pacific Coast, and in Honolulu, T.H., effected during the months of July, August, September, and October 1946;
Place and date of seizure: Houston, Texas, July 8, 1946
Names of defendants: TICK HOW POH; and CHOO AH PO; Chinese

/Quantities of drugs seized:

Quantities of drugs seized: 255 grains, (16.5 grammes) net, of prepared opium; 2 pounds, 6 ounces, 350 grains, (1 kg. 100 gr.) net, of opium solution.

When the British motor ship STANDELLA arrived from Reykjavik, Iceland, customs searchers found in the cabin of TICK HOW POH and CHOO AH PO, quartermasters, a dried lemon peel containing 255 grains (16.5 grammes) of prepared opium, a bottle containing 1 pound, 10 ounces, 122 grains (74.5 grammes) of opium solution, a bottle containing 12 ounces, 228 grains (35.5 grammes) of opium solution, an opium pipe and opium smoking paraphernalia.

Place and date of seizure: Honolulu, T. H., July 22, 1946

Names of defendants: Leon E. RUFFINS, American citizen

Quantities of drugs seized: 5 grains (0.3 grammes) net, of morphine tartrate solution

Honolulu police officers arrested this person in possession of ten morphine tartrate syrettes, the property of the United States Government and bearing the label of E. R. Squibb & Sons, New York.

Place and date of seizure: El Paso, Texas, August 4, 1946

Names of defendants: LEW YJEN alias Lu Lun, alias Huey Hong, alias Huey Heng, Chinese

Quantities of drugs seized: 27 pounds, (12 kg. 24.7 gr.) net, of prepared opium

As a result of a joint investigation by customs and narcotic officers, LEW YUEN was arrested after a package was delivered to his hotel room. The package contained seventy-eight tins of prepared opium of Mexican origin. LEW YUEN was a member of a notorious narcotic smuggling organization operating in Juarez, Mexico, and his arrest is considered of importance.

/Place and date

Place and date of seizure: Portland, Oregon, August 9, 1946

Names of defendants: LOUIE SCHIAH TUN, alias Louie Tun

Quantities of drugs seized: 12 ounces, 359.5 grains (363.5 grammes)

net, of prepared opium; 130 grains (8.4 grammes) net, of opium dross; 14 grains (0.9 grammes) net, of opium solution.

When LOUIE was arrested by narcotic agents he had in his possession two bottles of opium solution, thirty-eight paper "bindles" of prepared opium, three jars of prepared opium, three paper "bindles" of prepared opium, and four paper packages of opium dross. An opium tin containing traces of prepared opium was stamped on the lid with Chinese characters, which translated, read "Genuine LAI YUEN". For previous reference to this brand of prepared opium, see seizure report No. 1056. It will be recalled that LAI YUEN disappeared from the traffic many years ago, and such tins of this brand as are encountered are believed to have been refilled, probably in Mexico.

Place and date of seizure: Laredo, Texas, August 17, 1946

Names of defendants: Thomas R. LEWIS, American citizen

Quantities of drugs seized: 6 grains (0.4 grammes) net, of heroin

Customs patrolmen followed LEWIS upon his arrival from Nuevo Laredo and observed him in the act of administering narcotic drugs to himself by means of a hypodermic needle in the wash room of a hotel. The heroin was found in his pocket.

Place and date of seizure: San Pablo, California, August 20, 1946

Names of defendants: a WONG KEE LAI, Chinese

Quantities of drugs seized: 152.3 grains (9.9 grammes) net, of morphine tartrate solution

When the British motor vessel arrived from Shanghai, via Indian ports and Vancouver, seven morphine tartrate syrettes were found in the baggage of WONG KEE LAI, quartermaster.

/Place and date

Place and date of seizure: San Ysidro, California, August 21, 1946

Names of defendants: Freeman Walter BONNER, American citizen

Quantities of drugs seized: 10 grains (0.6 grammes) net, of
prepared opium

The defendant attempted to smuggle a paper "bundle" of prepared opium from Tijuana, Mexico, concealed in the narrow portion of his necktie.

Place and date of seizure: Laredo, Texas, September 2, 1946

Names of defendants: Jesse HERNANDEZ, Mexican citizen

Quantities of drugs seized: 178.1 grains (11.6 grammes) net,
of morphine hydrochloride

Customs patrolmen set a watch for HERNANDEZ, a resident of San Antonio, Texas, after he had proceeded to Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, and on his return searched him and found thirteen paper "bundles" of morphine in his clothing.

Place and date of seizure: Seattle, Washington, September 4, 1946

Names of defendants: CHENG AH MORE, Chinese

Quantities of drugs seized: 69 grains (4.5 grammes) net, of
cocaine hydrochloride

CHENG AH MORE was arrested by narcotic agents after he attempted to make a sale of cocaine to an informant. The cocaine was contained in a 1/2 ounce (14.2 grammes) glass bottle which bore Japanese markings which had been almost obliterated. CHENG, a seaman on the American S. S. WEBSTER VICTORY, stated he purchased the cocaine in Yokohama, Japan, and smuggled it ashore at Seattle. This is the first seizure of Japanese cocaine since 1940.

Place and date of seizure: San Francisco, California,
September 4, 1946

Names of defendants: CHOY KENG, Chinese

/Quantities of drugs

Quantities of drugs seized: 252.1 grains (16.4 grammes) net, of prepared opium

When the Netherlands S. S. LIMBURG arrived from Calcutta, customs searchers found eight paper "decks" of prepared opium in the clothing of CHOY KENG, laundryman. CHOY stated he purchased the opium in Calcutta. One package was wrapped in a used dental receipt reading "Dr. K. S. CHIANG, Dental Surgeon, Kidderpore, Calcutta".

Place and date of seizure: El Paso, Texas, September 7, 1946

Names of defendants: Donald Allan PRICE, American citizen

Quantities of drugs seized: 19 grains (1.2 grammes) net, of heroin

Customs patrolmen, having received information that Donald Allan PRICE would receive a quantity of narcotics from Juarez, Mexico, stopped his automobile and found three paper packages of heroin in the glove compartment of the car.

Place and date of seizure: Kinsley, Arizona, September 10, 1946

Names of defendants: Jose BAUTISTA, Mexican citizen

Quantities of drugs seized: 1 pound, 15 ounces, 87.5 grains (884.5 grammes) net, of prepared opium.

Acting on information that BAUTISTA had purchased a quantity of opium in Nogales, Sonora, Mexico, and would attempt to sell it in Tucson, Arizona, customs patrolmen stationed themselves on the highway near Tucson and awaited the arrival of BAUTISTA's automobile. When the car arrived and was searched six 5-tael tins of prepared opium were found therein. BAUTISTA, a Mexican Methodist minister, stated that he intended to sell the opium to a Chinese through a Mexican woman. The opium contained only 4.4 percent anhydrous morphine and it is believed that it was adulterated with some substance.

Place and date of seizure: San Ysidro, California, September 10, 1946

Names of defendants: Manual Frank de la LAMA, Mexican citizen

/Quantities of drugs

Quantities of drugs seized: 7 grains (0.5 gramme) net, of prepared opium

When this person arrived from Tijuana, Mexico, he was searched and a paper "bundle" of prepared opium was found sewed to his shirt-tail.

Place and date of seizure: San Ysidro, California, September 12, 1946

Names of defendants: Unknown

Quantities of drugs seized: 328.125 grains (21.3 grammes) net, of prepared opium

This opium was found in a typewriter ribbon tin in a down spout leading from the roof in the rear of the customs inspection station.

Place and date of seizure: San Francisco, California,

September 19, 1946

Names of defendants: GEE S. DONG, Chinese

Quantities of drugs seized: 21 grains, (1.4 gramme) net, of prepared opium.

When GEE S. DONG, porter on the American steamship GENERAL W. H. GORDON, came ashore from the vessel a customs officer found a cellophane package of prepared opium in his inside coat pocket. The vessel arrived from Shanghai, via Hong Kong, and the defendant stated he purchased the opium at the latter port.

Place and date of seizure: San Diego, California, September 28, 1946

Names of defendants: Gregory H. NUNEZ; and Nicholas P. VELASQUEZ, American citizens

Quantities of drugs seized: 2.25 grains (0.1 gramme) net, of heroin

These two persons were searched by customs patrolmen when they arrived from Tijuana, Mexico, because of information received that they had purchased narcotics in Mexico. A paper "bundle" of heroin was found in the underwear of NUNEZ. The defendants stated they purchased the heroin from Manual ORTIZ of Tijuana for \$10.

/Place and date

Place and date of seizure: San Ysidro, California, October 4, 1946

Names of defendants: Dexter Keith GORDON, American citizen

Quantities of drugs seized: 6 grains (0.4 gramme) net of heroin

When this person arrived from Tijuana, Mexico, he was recognized as a known drug addict. The customs inspector examined a sack of peanuts he was carrying in his hand and found one peanut on the bottom of the pile that contained a "bundle" of heroin.

Place and date of seizure: San Ysidro, California, October 12, 1946

Names of defendants: Earl COOK, American citizen

Quantities of drugs seized: 1 ounce, 137.5 grains (37.3 grammes)

net, of prepared opium.

Earl COOK attempted to smuggle a jar of prepared opium from Tijuana, Mexico, concealed in his hat by means of tape.

Place and date of seizure: Calexico, California, October 16, 1946

Names of defendants: Jose ROBLES, Mexican citizen

Quantities of drugs seized: 68.75 grains (4.5 grammes) net, of heroin

ROBLES was taken into custody by immigration officers regarding his citizenship status. A small paper package of heroin was found in his right trouser cuff. He had previously been deported and was carrying a false birth certificate. Upon his release by immigration he will be prosecuted by customs.

Place and date of seizure: San Ysidro, California, October 19, 1946

Names of defendants: Lloyd Ernest DENNIS, American citizen

Quantities of drugs seized: .25 of a grain (0.02 gramme) of heroin;

2.50 grains (0.2 gramme) net of marihuana.

A customs patrol inspector saw DENNIS visit the home of a narcotic vendor in Tijuana, Mexico, and notified the San Ysidro inspection station. A marihuana cigarette butt was found in his

/shirt pocket

shirt pocket, and a "bindle" of heroin between the fingers of one hand.

Place and date of seizure: Oakland, California, October 22, 1946

Names of defendants: Unknown

Quantities of drugs seized: 65.3 grains (4.2 grammes) net, of
morphine tartrate solution

When the American steamship MARINE DEVIL arrived from Yokohama a customs searcher found three morphine tartrate syrettes bearing the label of E. R. Squibb & Sons, New York, in a washroom between the second steward's and third assistant engineer's quarters.

Copies of this report are being transmitted to the Mexican and Indian authorities.

/signed/ H. J. Anslinger
H. J. ANSLINGER
Commissioner of Narcotics
