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TRAFFIC IN OPIUM AND OTHER DANGEROUS DRUGS.

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Communicated by the Government of the United Kingdom.

Note by the Acting Secretary-General.

In accordance with Article 21 of the Convention of 1931 for limiting the Manufacture and regulating the Distribution of Narcotic Drugs, the Acting Secretary-General has the honour to communicate the above-mentioned report to the parties to the Convention. The report is also communicated to other States and to the Advisory Committee on Traffic in Opium and other Dangerous Drugs.

(For the form of annual reports, see document O.C.1600).

A. GENERAL.

I. Laws and Publications.

1. The importation and sale of opium and dangerous drugs are controlled by the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance, 1942.

2. Under that Ordinance, no dangerous drugs may be imported except under licence and no person except an approved practitioner or licensed chemist may sell such drugs. The importation and sale of hemp are prohibited. Opium is imported only by Government of the Colony and is purchased from the Indian Government Factory. It is sold by a licensed dealer in quantities which will suffice to meet the needs of addicts, as permitted by the Senior Medical Officer. The retail price of opium is fixed by Government. There is only one licensed dealer.

3. There are no publications.

II. Administration.

1. There have been no important modifications in the administrative arrangements for the execution of the international conventions.

2. The consumption of opium during the year was 25 kilogrammes.

III. Control of Internal Trade.

1. The system of import certificates worked satisfactorily. Aden is not an exporting country.

2. The officers jointly responsible for issuing import certificates are the Finance Officer and the Senior Medical Officer.

3. There have been no important modifications in the conditions of issue of import certificates.

4. Aden is not an exporting country.

5. No cases of forged or falsified certificates have come to light.

6. No difficulties have arisen regarding transit, transshipment etc.

7. See 4 above.

8. The importation of Indian hemp is prohibited.

IV. International Co-operation.

Aden has concluded no separate international treaties or arrangements regarding the control of dangerous drugs and opium.

V. Illicit Traffic.

The opium poppy, the coca plant and Indian hemp are not cultivated in the Colony. Opium may be purchased, from a licensed dealer, by addicts, as indicated above.

6 kilogrammes of illicit opium were found in the possession of a Jew in December 1942. It is suspected that it was smuggled in from the Yemen. The accused was fined Rs.500/-

B. RAW MATERIALS.

VII. Raw Opium.

Opium poppy is not cultivated in Aden. Raw opium is purchased by Government of the Colony from the Government of India at the market price and sold to the licensed dealer at a price of Rs.75/- per seer (935 grammes). The Government profit on these transactions amounted to Rs.1877/-. The licensed dealer is permitted to charge a maximum retail price of Rs.105/- per seer (935 grammes).

VIII. Coca Leaf.

Coca plant is not cultivated in Aden and no revenue is derived therefrom.

IX. Indian Hemp.

This plant does not grow wild nor is it cultivated. The import of hempen drugs, ganja and bhang is prohibited.

C. MANUFACTURED DRUGS.

X. Internal Control of Manufactured Drugs.

1. There is no manufacture of dangerous drugs in the Colony.

2. Licences.

(a) No licences for the manufacture of dangerous drugs were issued.

(b) Six chemists have been granted licences for the sale and dispensing of dangerous drugs under the usual conditions. One dealer has been granted a licence to sell prepared opium.

3. Manufacture.

There are no drug factories.

4. Trade and Distribution.

(a) The following persons may be granted licences for the use or possession of dangerous drugs:-

- (i) approved medical practitioners.
- (ii) approved dentists.
- (iii) other persons engaged in medical or veterinary practice as approved by the Senior Medical Officer.
- (iv) Licensed chemists.

(b) The Inspector of Customs and Excise and the Senior Medical Officer or his authorised representative are empowered to enter the premises of any licensee and inspect his stock of dangerous drugs and the records of dealings therein. The stocks maintained in Aden are very small. Inspections are carried out as necessary.

D. OTHER QUESTIONS.

XII. Prepared Opium.

Opium smoking is not prohibited.

XIII. Other Drugs.

All drugs have been mentioned above.