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TRAFFIC IN OPIUM AND OTHER DANGEROUS DRUGS.

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LEEWARD ISLANDS

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 Dangerous Drugs Act, 1937 (Leeward Islands N° 23 of 1937), enacted by the Governor and General Legislative Council of the Leeward Islands during 1937, came into force on February 15th, 1938. This Act replaced legislation ordained in the several Presidencies of the Leeward Islands in 1926 and 1927, and made provision for regulating the importation, exportation, production, manufacture, sale and use of opium and other dangerous drugs and substances, and for the control of the external trade in dangerous drugs.

2. The Dangerous Drugs (Amendment) Act, 1944 (Leeward Islands N° 4 of 1944) amended the Dangerous Drugs Act, 1937, by the deletion of the words "Roseau, Dominica" from the definition of "Prescribed Port" in section 2, paragraph (v), and by the deletion of paragraph (x) of the same section and the substitution of the following therefor " 'Senior Medical Officer' means the Federal Senior Medical Officer or such other Medical Officer appointed by the Governor for the purposes of the administration of this Act".

3. Statutory Rules and Orders, 1939, N° 9, made by the Governor-in-Council under section 14 (2) of the Dangerous Drugs Act, 1937, extended the applicability of Part V. Cocaine, Morphine, etc., to certain preparations, etc., containing methylmorphine and ethylmorphine.

4. The Dangerous Drugs Rules, 1942 (Statutory Rules and Orders, 1942, N° 4), made by the Governor-in-Council under section 13 of the Dangerous Drugs Act, 1937, prohibited the manufacture, except under licence or unless authorised by the said Rules, of any of the drugs to which Part V of the Dangerous Drugs Act, 1937, applies, and provided for the control of the manufacture, sale, possession and distribution of those drugs.

5. There have been no other important publications, official or unofficial, likely to be of interest to the Advisory Committee.

II. Administration.

1. Consequent upon the enactment of the Dangerous Drugs (Amendment) Act, 1944 (Leeward Islands, N° 4 of 1944), the Federal Senior Medical Officer of the Leeward Islands is now the person charged with the administration of the law relating to dangerous drugs to which the international opium conventions apply. The jurisdiction of the Federal Senior Medical Officer extends to each and every of the Presidencies of the Leeward Islands, namely, Antigua, Montserrat, St. Christopher-Nevis and the British Virgin Islands. Dominica, formerly a Presidency of the Leeward Islands, became a separate Colony with effect from the beginning of the year 1940. There have been no other important modifications in the administrative arrangements for the execution of the international conventions, no developments to report and no important difficulties encountered.

2. No cases of addiction have been discovered.

III. Control of International Trade.

1. The system of import certificates for the control of imports of opium and other dangerous drugs has worked satisfactorily and no important difficulties have arisen. No export authorisations have been issued.

2. The Federal Senior Medical Officer of the Leeward Islands is the authority under the Dangerous Drugs Act, 1937, as amended by the Dangerous Drugs (Amendment) Act, 1944, for issuing import certificates, import and export authorisations and diversion certificates. The Treasurer of each and every of the Presidencies may issue a removal licence for the removal of any dangerous drug in transit.

3. There have been no important modifications in the conditions of issue of import certificates. No export authorisations and no diversion or transit certificates have been issued.

4. The Colony of the Leeward Islands is not an exporting country.

5. No cases of forged or falsified import certificates or export authorisations have come to our knowledge during the year.

6. No difficulties have arisen with regard to transit, transshipment or diversion.

7. No trade in opium or other dangerous drugs has taken place with countries which have not adopted the system of import certificates.

8. No Indian hemp has been imported.

IV. International Co-operation.

1. No international treaties or agreements have been concluded during the year.
2. No new points of interest or importance as regards co-operation with other Governments have arisen.

V. Illicit Traffic.

1. No illicit traffic has been discovered.
2. The Colony of the Leeward Islands is not a country where the opium poppy, the coca plant or the Indian hemp is cultivated.
3. There have been no prosecutions for illicit manufacture, illicit import or export or trade, possession, etc.
4. No cases of illicit traffic have been discovered.
5. No confiscations of opium or other dangerous drugs have been necessary.
6. No illicit traffic has been discovered.

VI. Other information.

No other information of interest or importance to report.

B. RAW MATERIALS.

VII. Raw Opium.

1. The opium poppy is not cultivated in any Presidency of the Leeward Islands and its cultivation in the Leeward Islands is prohibited under the Dangerous Drugs Act, 1937.
2. No opium is produced.
3. The Colony of the Leeward Islands is not a country which standardises raw opium.
4. No opium poppy is grown.
5. (a) No opium poppy is cultivated and (b) there is no wholesale trade in opium.
6. No opium is produced.
7. The opium poppy is not cultivated and no raw opium has been imported.

VIII. Coca Leaf.

1. The coca plant is not cultivated in any Presidency of the Leeward Islands.
2. There is no production.
3. No coca leaf is grown.
4. (a) No coca leaf is cultivated and (b) there is no wholesale trade in coca leaf.
5. No coca leaf is produced.

IX. Indian Hemp.

1. The Indian hemp plant does not grow wild in any Presidency of the Leeward Islands.
2. Its cultivation in the Leeward Islands is prohibited under the Dangerous Drugs Act, 1937.
3. The Indian hemp plant does not grow wild and is not cultivated.
4. No illicit cultivation has been detected.
5. Production of the resin, and of any preparations of which the resin forms the base, is prohibited. Possession of any portion of the plant (except its medicinal preparations) is prohibited. No stocks were in the hands of the Government at the end of the year .
6. As above.
7. There is no production of, trade in or use of Indian hemp or of the resin.
8. There have been no developments as regards the use of galenical preparations of Indian hemp.

C. MANUFACTURED DRUGS.

X. Internal Control of Manufactured Drugs.

1. The manufacture of prepared opium is prohibited under the Dangerous Drugs Act, 1937. The manufacture of medicinal opium and other dangerous drugs, including diacetylmorphine, is prohibited except under licence. There is, in fact, no manufacture of any of these drugs.
2. No licences have been issued for the manufacture of or for the trade in dangerous drugs.
3. There are no factories authorised to manufacture any dangerous drugs.
4. (a) Registered medical practitioners and dentists, veterinary surgeons and licensed druggists are the only persons permitted to have in their possession any dangerous drugs. There are no licensed wholesalers or pharmaceutical firms manufacturing preparations for the wholesale trade.
(b) The Police have power under the Dangerous Drugs Act, 1937, to enter the premises of any person carrying on the business of a producer, manufacturer, seller or distributor of any dangerous drugs, and to demand the production of and to inspect any stocks of any such drugs. They have made quarterly visits of inspection to persons who are permitted to have such drugs in their possession and have inspected their books.

D. OTHER QUESTIONS.

XI. Chapter IV of the Hague Opium Convention of 1912.

The Dangerous Drugs Act, 1937 (Leeward Islands, N° 23 of 1937) replaced legislation ordained in the several Presidencies

of the Leeward Islands to give effect to the measures decided upon in the International Opium Convention signed at the Hague on January 23rd, 1912.

XII. Prepared Opium.

1. The habit of smoking opium does not exist in any Presidency of the Leeward Islands.
2. No action has been necessary to enforce the law.
3. & 4. There have been no confiscations.

XIII. Other Drugs.

There is nothing to report.

Federal Senior Medical Officer.

February 19th, 1945.
