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TRAFFIC IN OPIUM AND OTHER DANGEROUS DRUGS.

ANNUAL REPORTS BY GOVERNMENTS FOR 1941.

SIERRA LEONE.

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 and 2. During the year 1941, no new legislation was passed.

3. No important official or unofficial publications likely to be of interest to the Advisory Committee were issued during the year.

II. Administration.

1. (a) No modifications in the administrative arrangements for the execution of the International Conventions were made during the year.

(b) Sierra Leone is not a Treaty Power under Article 15 of the International Opium Convention and has no contractual obligation with regard to China.

(c) No difficulties were encountered in the application of the Conventions.

2. There have been no new developments regarding addiction in Sierra Leone.

III. Control of International Trade.

1. The system of import certificates and export authorisations for the control of imports and exports of opium and other dangerous drugs has worked satisfactorily.

2. There has been no change in the authority responsible for issuing import certificates and export authorisations. No diversion or transit certificates were issued during the year.

3. The conditions of issue of import certificates and export authorisations have not been modified.

4. All copies of the export authorisations sent to this Government were duly returned to the exporting country - the United Kingdom.

5. No cases of forged or falsified import certificates have come to the knowledge of this Government at any time during the year.

6. No transit, transshipment or diversion took place during the year and there are no free ports, zones or bonded warehouses for depositing dangerous drugs.

7. No transaction was carried out with countries which have not adopted the system of import certificates.

8. Indian hemp was not imported during the year.

IV. International Co-operation.

1. No international treaties or agreements were 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. This appears to be increasing but is still confined to Cannabis sativa, which is cultivated and harvested illicitly and sold to traders who, in their turn, retail it to addicts.

2. During 1941, there were 58 successful prosecutions, as compared with 40 in 1940.

3. The amount confiscated was larger. The recorded figures totalled 97kg.300gr but the amounts actually confiscated exceeded this total as, in a number of instances, the confiscated quantities were not weighed before being destroyed. The 1940 figure was 74 kg. All the confiscated Cannabis sativa was destroyed.

4. Of the 58 persons successfully prosecuted, 43 were addicts, 12 vendors and 3 cultivators.

5. Fines totalling £111 were paid, in preference to serving a term of imprisonment, by 34 of the persons convicted.

6. The occupations of the persons convicted were as follows:-

Cooks	3
Labourers	19
Seamen	8
Traders	3
Tailor	1
Servants	4
Farmers	2
Carpenter	1
Soldiers	2
Unknown	<u>12</u>
	<u>58x)</u>

7. 41 of the successful prosecutions were in respect of offences committed in the Colony and 17 in the Protectorate, chiefly the Port Lake District.

8. Rewards are given to the police for successful prosecutions.

B. RAW MATERIALS.

VII. Raw Opium.

Sierra Leone does not cultivate, import or export raw opium.

VIII. Coca Leaf.

The coca plant is not cultivated here.

IX. Indian Hemp.

The plant Cannabis sativa is grown illicitly in the Colony and has been reported on under Section V. No developments have taken place as regards the use of galenical preparations.

C. MANUFACTURED DRUGS.

X. Internal control of Manufactured Drugs.

There are no factories in the country for the manufacture of dangerous drugs.

The classes of persons authorised to possess and use dangerous drugs are as follows:- All qualified medical practitioners, registered dentists, veterinary surgeons and licensed druggists.

Supervision over persons engaged in the sale and dispensing of dangerous drugs is exercised by the police,

x) Note by the Secretariat.
The figures given total only 55.

assisted by an officer of the Medical Department, who are empowered to inspect the books and registers of these persons, check the stock of narcotic drugs and ascertain whether the terms of the law are being observed.

D. OTHER QUESTIONS.

XII. Prepared Opium.

Prepared opium is not imported.

XIII. Other Drugs.

Dangerous Drugs imported during 1941.

Tab.	Morphin.	Hydrochlor.	960 x ^x)	grain)	18.66	gms.
"	"	"	720 x	1/6	grain	(1.2	grammes)
							Morphine.

N.B. The smallness of the quantities received was due to delay in delivery.

x) Note by the Secretariat.

The original is not clear enough to establish whether 1/4 of a grain is the correct figure.