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LEAGUE OF NATIONS

TRAFFIC IN OPIUM AND OTHER DANGEROUS DRUGS

ANNUAL REPORTS BY GOVERNMENTS FOR 1936

KENYA

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Note by the Secretary-General.

In accordance with Article 21 of the Convention for limiting the Manufacture and regulating the Distribution of Narcotic Drugs of 1931, the Secretary-General has the honour to communicate herewith to the parties to the Convention and to other States the above-mentioned report.

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

A. General.

I. Laws and Publications.

1. The Dangerous Drugs (Amendment) Ordinance, 1936, received the Royal Assent on June 10th, 1936, and was gazetted on June 24th, 1936.

2. The legislation governing dangerous drugs is international in character, and as the principal ordinance was defective in its treatment of Indian hemp, the Dangerous Drugs (Amendment) Ordinance, 1936, was introduced to attain inter-territorial uniformity on the subject, and to permit, subject to certain safeguards, the passage of Indian hemp and of the resin of the Indian hemp plant and of the products thereof through the colony, in transit.

II. Administration.

2. It has been noted during the year under review that there is a growing tendency amongst the Nandi and Lumbwa tribes to smoke Cannabis indica. Addiction has not reached proportions of any magnitude and the matter is under close observation.

V. Illicit Traffic.

3. There were three prosecutions and three convictions for the use of prepared opium. The penalties imposed were as follows: (i) 40s. or one month's hard labour, fine paid; (ii) 400s., fine paid; (iii) bound over on own bond for 50s., to come up for judgment.

In respect of Indian hemp, there were 564 convictions. Penalties ranged from one day's detention to seven months' hard labour. In 95% of the cases where the option of a fine was given, the fine was not paid.

There were two prosecutions and one conviction for being in unlawful possession of morphine. The penalty imposed was six months' hard labour, and a fine of 500s. or three months' hard labour in default. The fine was not paid.

5. 172 grammes of prepared opium, 132 kg. 451 grm. of Indian hemp, and 15 grammes of morphine were confiscated and destroyed by the courts.

B. Raw Materials.

IX. Indian Hemp.

7. *Vide I, 1 and 2.*

D. Other Questions.

XII. Prepared Opium.

3. 172 grammes of prepared opium were confiscated.

4. All confiscated opium was destroyed by order of the court.