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TRAFFIC IN OPIUM AND OTHER DANGEROUS DRUGS.

ANNUAL REPORTS BY GOVERNMENTS FOR 1941.

KENYA.

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. No new laws, orders or regulations have been issued during the year on the question of opium or other dangerous drugs.

II. Administration.

2. No difficulties have been met with in regard to the administration of the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance and Rules. It has been found, in some cases, that a drug closely resembling Cannabis sativa and known as Dokka is being sold by natives to Cape coloured boys at military camps. The majority of the natives in South Kavirondo smoke bhang and do not seem to understand that it is an offence, since they have done it for many years.

V. Illicit Traffic.

3. One Chinese was arrested and prosecuted during the year for being in possession of 6½ ounces (184.6 grammes) of prepared opium. He was sentenced to a fine of Shs.400/- or one month's hard labour. Two Indians were similarly charged, the amounts in their possession being 5 ounces (172 grammes) and 5 3/4 lbs (2 kg. 613 gr.), respectively. They were each sentenced

to a fine of Shs.200/- or 2 months' hard labour, the opium being destroyed by burning in all cases.

In the case of Indian hemp, 794 prosecutions were instituted and 778 persons were convicted during the year. One Indian juvenile was released on security on being found guilty of possessing 1 ounce (28.4 grammes) of bhang. Two Kikuyu juveniles received 8 and 3 strokes each with a light cane for possessing $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce (14.2 grammes) each of bhang and 2 Jaluco juveniles received 4 strokes each for possessing $\frac{1}{4}$ ounce (7.1 grammes) each of bhang. Other penalties ranged from 1 year's hard labour to a fine of Shs.7/- or 7 days in a detention camp.

There were no prosecutions or confiscations in respect of medicinal opium, morphine, cocaine or heroin.

4. 6 lbs. $7\frac{1}{2}$ ounces (2 kg. 940 gr.) of prepared opium was found in possession of the accused mentioned in paragraph 3 above. The opium was confiscated and destroyed by burning.

5. About 577 lbs. (262 kg. 247 gr.) of Cannabis sativa was confiscated during the year and was destroyed by burning. The amounts confiscated ranged from 21 lbs. (9 kg. 545 gr.) to $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce (14.2 gr.)

D. OTHER QUESTIONS.

XII. Prepared Opium.

2. 6 lbs. $7\frac{1}{2}$ ounces (2 kg. 940 gr.) of prepared opium were confiscated during the year 1941.

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