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TRAFFIC IN OPIUM AND OTHER DANGEROUS DRUGS.

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Note by the Secretary-General.

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

(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 the Government of the Colony, and is purchased from the dealer in quantities which will suffice to meet the needs of addicts as permitted by the Director of Medical Services. 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 28 kilogrammes.

III. Control of International 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 Financial Secretary and the Director of Medical Services.

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 by addicts from a licensed dealer as indicated above.

Three cases involving the seizure of 59 kilogrammes of opium were detected during the year. The accused were sentenced to pay fines aggregating Rs.5050/-.

The opium was smuggled into Aden from Persia, the Yemen and the Interior of Arabia. It is suspected that such opium is re-smuggled to Egypt in small ships plying between Aden and the Red Sea Ports.

Seven cases involving the seizure of one kilogramme of hemp were detected. The accused were sentenced to pay fines aggregating Rs.545/-. Hemp is smuggled chiefly from Abyssinia for consumption in Aden. There is no information regarding resmuggling to other places.

B. RAW MATERIALS.

VII. Raw Opium.

Opium is not cultivated in Aden. Raw opium is purchased by Government of the Colony, from the Government of India, at the market price and is sold to the licensed dealer at a price of Rs.60/- per seer^(x). The Government profit on these transactions in 1945 amounted to Rs.1390/-. The licensed dealer is permitted to charge a maximum retail price of Rs.105/- per seer.

VIII. Coca Leaf.

This leaf 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) Five 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 Director of Medical Services.
 - (iv) licensed chemists.

(x) 1 seer = 935 grammes.

- (b) The Inspector of Customs and Excise and the Director of Medical Services 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.

XI. Chapter IV of the Hague Convention.

No further information.

XII. Prepared Opium.

Opium smoking is not prohibited.
