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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 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 Regulations.

There have been no new laws, orders or regulations issued during the year relating to opium and other dangerous drugs, and no important publications, official or unofficial, likely to be of interest to the Advisory Committee.

II. Administration.

1. There have been no 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 for the export of opium or other dangerous drugs from the Colony have been issued.

2. There have been no changes in the authorities responsible for the issue of import certificates, export authorisations, diversion or transit certificates.

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

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 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. 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, or 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, No. 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. and 4. There have been no confiscations.

XIII. Other Drugs.

There is nothing to report.

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May 13th, 1945.