

LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Communicated to the Council
and the Members of the League.

C.77.M.77.1945.XI.
O.C.1810.

Geneva, July 25th, 1945.

TRAFFIC IN OPIUM AND OTHER DANGEROUS DRUGS

Abolition of Opium smoking in the Far East.

Letter from the Government of the French Republic
announcing the adoption of the principle of absolute
prohibition of the use of prepared opium in all
territories in the Far East under French control. (x)

Note by the Acting Secretary-General.

The Acting Secretary-General has the honour to
communicate herewith to the Members and States non members of
the League of Nations and the Parties to the International
Opium Convention of 1912, the Geneva Opium Agreement of 1925
and the Bangkok Agreement for the Suppression of opium smoking
of 1931 the following letter received from the Government of
the French Republic on the subject of the abolition of opium
smoking in French Territories in the Far East.

(Translation)

Ministry for Foreign Affairs.
Secretariat for conferences.

FRENCH REPUBLIC.

Prohibition of opium smoking.

Paris, July 13th, 1945.

Sir,

Pursuant to Article 30 of the Opium Convention of
1925 and to Article 21 of the Opium Convention of 1931, which
prescribe that the Contracting Parties are to communicate to
one another, through the Secretary-General of the League of
Nations the measures taken by them to combat the abuse of
narcotic drugs, I have the honour to inform you that the
principle of the absolute prohibition of opium smoking throughout

(x) For previous declarations by the Governments of the
Netherlands and of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and
Northern Ireland on the subject of the abolition of opium smoking
in the Far East, see documents C.30.M.30.1943.XI (O.C.1807)
and C.7.M.7.1944.XI (O.C.1808).

all the territories under French Authority in the Far East was adopted a year ago by the French Committee of National Liberation, which notified the British Government of this decision on January 3rd, 1944. A programme of the measures to be taken will be prepared as soon as the territories at present occupied have been liberated.

Furthermore, the Government of the Republic is of opinion that the effective limitation and supervision of the production of opium is essential to the success of this policy and that an international agreement on the subject is required.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant

By authority

J. Fouques Duparc.

The Secretary-General
of the League of Nations
Geneva.
