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TRAFFIC IN OPIUM AND OTHER DANGEROUS DRUGS

ANNUAL REPORTS BY GOVERNMENTS FOR 1944.

S I E R R A L E O N E

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).

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A. GENERAL

I. Laws and Publications.

1. and 2. During the year 1944 no new legislation was passed.

3. No important official or unofficial publications likely to be of interest to the Advisory Committee were issued during the year.

II. Administration.

1. (a) No modifications in the administrative arrangements for the execution of the international conventions were made during the year.

(b) Sierra Leone is not a Treaty Power under Article 15 of the international Opium Convention and has no contractual obligation with China.

(c) No difficulties were encountered in the application of the conventions.

2. There have been no new developments regarding addiction in Sierra Leone.

### III. Control of International Trade.

1. The system of import certificates and export authorisations for the control of imports and exports of opium and other dangerous drugs has worked satisfactorily.
2. There has been no change in the authority responsible for issuing import certificates and export authorisations. No diversion or transit certificates were issued during the year.
3. The conditions of issue of import certificates and export authorisations have not been modified.
4. All copies of the export authorisations sent to this Government were duly returned to the exporting country - the United Kingdom.
5. No cases of forged or falsified import certificates have come to the knowledge of this Government at any time during the year.
6. No transit, transshipment or diversion took place during the year and there are no free port zones or bonded warehouses for depositing dangerous drugs.
7. No transaction was carried out with countries which have not adopted the system of import certificates.
8. Indian hemp was not imported during the year.

### IV. International Co-operation.

1. No international treaties or agreements were 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. Illicit traffic in Sierra Leone is confined to Cannabis sativa, which is illicitly cultivated and grows wild and is harvested and subsequently sold to traders, who re-sell to addicts.
2. During the course of the year there were 101 convictions recorded as compared with 46 in 1943 and 45 in 1942.
3. During the year 1944 the amount of Cannabis sativa confiscated was 44 kilogrammes, as compared with 118 kilogrammes in 1943 and 123 kilogrammes in 1942.
4. Of the 101 persons successfully prosecuted, 54 were addicts and 47 were vendors.
5. A fine of £10 was paid by one of the persons convicted; one was admonished and the remainder were sentenced to various terms of imprisonment with hard labour. Fines totalling £85. 10. 0 were paid by 22 convicted persons, and prison sentences were passed on 24 convicted persons in 1943.

The increase in the number of convictions is due to the increased activity of the Police department in the suppression of this traffic both in Freetown and in the Colony Area.

6. The occupations of the persons convicted were as follows:-

Traders	...	...	...	49
Labourers	...	...	...	35
Drivers	...	...	...	2
Farmers	...	...	...	2
Seaman	...	...	...	1
Cook	...	...	...	1
Soldier	...	...	...	1
Housewife	...	...	...	1
Turner	...	...	...	1
Stonemason	...	...	...	1
Servant	...	...	...	1
No occupation stated				6
Total				<u>101</u>

7. Of the 101 successful prosecutions, 70 were in the Freetown Area, 26 in the Colony Judicial District and 5 in the Protectorate.

8. Rewards are given to police for successful prosecutions.

VI. Other Information.

There is nothing to report.

B. RAW MATERIALS.

VII. Raw Opium.

Sierra Leone does not cultivate, import or export raw opium.

VIII. Coca Leaf.

The Coca plant is not cultivated here.

IX. Indian Hemp.

The plant Cannabis sativa is grown illicitly in the Colony and has been reported on under Section V. No developments have taken place as regards the use of galenical preparations.

C. MANUFACTURED DRUGS.

X. Internal Control of Manufactured Drugs.

There are no factories in the country for the manufacture of dangerous drugs.

The classes of persons authorised to possess and use dangerous drugs are as follows: all qualified medical practitioners, registered dentists, veterinary surgeons and licensed druggists.

Supervision over persons engaged in the sale and dispensing of dangerous drugs is exercised by the police assisted by an officer of the Medical Department who are empowered to inspect the books and registers of these persons, check the stock of narcotic drugs and ascertain whether the terms of the law are being observed.

D. OTHER QUESTIONS.

XI. Chapter IV of the Hague Convention of 1912.

There is nothing to report.

XII. Prepared Opium.

Prepared Opium is not imported.

XIII. Other Drugs.

There is nothing to report.

Dangerous Drugs imported during 1944.

	Kg.	grs.
Cocaine . . . . .	113	
Codeine . . . . .	227	
Morphine (Anhydrous) . .	410	
Opium in the form of Galenicals . . . . .	.18	950

All importations were from the United Kingdom.

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