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AUSTRALIA

OFFICIALS, DOCTORS CONSIDER MEDICINAL USE OF HEROIN

Melbourne Doctors' Remarks

Melbourne THE AGE in English 11 Apr 79 p 13

[Text] Medical authorities yesterday rejected a call for the lifting of a 25-year ban on the use of heroin for medical purposes.

They say such a move would increase Victoria's growing problem of heroin abuse.

East Melbourne doctor James Smibert, in a letter to the 'Medical Journal of Australia', said it was inhumane to ban the legitimate use of heroin because a small section of the community abused the drug.

He said the drug's properties made it a better alternative to morphine in childbirth because it did not repress breathing in infants. It also could be used for the treatment of coughs and to relieve pain of terminally ill patients.

But the Victorian spokesman for the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, Dr. Jim Evans, said other substances could be used in childbirth.

And the Health Commission's acting director of alcohol and drug services, Dr. Abahie Kessel, said the heroin problem in Victoria no longer was confined to a small section of the community.

Committee To Discuss

Perth THE WEST AUSTRALIAN in English 13 Apr 79 p 20

[Text] **Australian health authorities will discuss how heroin can be used to ease pain and help people who are suffering from painful terminal diseases.**

The issue will be examined at the next meeting of the national standing committee on the control of drugs of dependence.

The Minister for Health, Mr Young told Mr R. E. Bertram (Lab., Mt Hawthorn) in the Legislative Assembly that the WA Government had taken no action to allow heroin to be used in such cases.

The importation of heroin was controlled by the Commonwealth, he said.

Outside the House, Mr Young said that WA was represented on the committee by an officer from the Public Health Department.

The WA Government would wait for the results of the committee meeting before deciding what action it would take.

SMUGGLERS

The Assembly was also told that the Government was satisfied with Commonwealth efforts to stop drug smuggling.

"We will continue to co-operate in the search for other ways to deal with the problem," the Premier, Sir Charles Court, told Mr A. R. Tonkin (Lab., Morley).

Earlier, Sir Charles told Mr Bertram that the WA Government had been to the fore among the States in legislating for increased maximum penalties.

Police activity in the field of detection and prosecution of drug offenders had increased.

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AUSTRALIA

INCREASE IN UNDERWORLD CRIME CONNECTED TO DRUG THEFTS

Melbourne THE AGE in English 18 Apr 79 p 3

[Report by Lindsay Murdoch: "Violence Hits Melbourne Drug Scene"]

[Text] Criminals muscling in on drug dealers have caused one of the worst spates of underworld violence to hit Melbourne.

Police fear further reprisals after three murders, an attempted murder and several shootings attributed to the drug scene this year.

Police say "rip-offs"--criminals robbing drug dealers and pedlars--have increased dramatically in recent months.

Detectives are alarmed at the increasing number of criminals turning to Victoria's lucrative heroin market.

They are either getting into distribution or robbing dealers who rarely report the crime to police to protect themselves from prosecution.

Police usually only become involved if somebody is killed or injured.

Some Melbourne prostitutes are known to have taken action to protect themselves against being robbed.

The street girls are ensuring that registration numbers are recorded before they get into the vehicles.

Detectives say prostitutes have been easy prey for criminals.

They estimate that nine out of 10 of them working in the St. Kilda area and massage parlors are addicts who sell drugs and carry large amounts of money.

A capsule of adulterated heroin costs \$50.

A St. Kilda prostitute recently told police she spends \$1400 a week on the drug.

The head of the homicide squad, Detective Chief Inspector Paul Dellanis, said yesterday the three drug-related murders this year and rising violence are "the tip of the iceberg" when looking at the overall drug scene.

He said more than 50 per cent of Victoria's armed robberies are believed to be drug-related.

At least two of seven murders committed during armed hold-ups in Victoria last year were drug-linked, Inspector Dellanis said.

"The offenders were under the influence of drugs, probably heroin," he said.

Inspector Dellanis said the community could expect the problem to worsen.

In incidents this year:

- A drug dealer was shot dead in a street.
- A man died after falling from a car while trying to flee attackers.
- A man died after being stabbed in a cafe.

Police have stepped up investigations into the drug scene following the recent violence.

Investigators smashed a major heroin ring operating in St. Kilda in a series of raids over Easter, Detective Superintendent E. Caddle said yesterday.

A large amount of money and several firearms, including a pistol were seized, he said.

Superintendent Caddle said he could not disclose full details of the raids because it could hamper investigations.

"St. Kilda has been a hotbed in relation to heroin dealing and prostitution and we are looking into it," he said.

Drug squad and special detectives charged two women in their 20s from Glen Iris and Moorabbin, and a New South Wales man, 22, following the raids. Charges include selling heroin.

The special investigators are believed to include undercover police.

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JURY ACQUITS UNWITTING HEROIN IMPORTER IN SUPREME COURT TRIAL

Perth THE WEST AUSTRALIAN in English 13 Apr 79 p 13

[Text]

A 23-year-old man was yesterday acquitted in the Supreme Court of being involved in the importation of heroin.

Douglas William Sloan, printer, of William Street, Mt Lawley, had pleaded not guilty of being knowingly concerned in the importation of 67.2 grammes of pure heroin, more than the traffickable quantity, between August 20 and October 1 last year.

Keith Frederick Clayton (31) a former abalone diver, told the court he was sharing a flat with Sloan last year, and planned a trip to Penang for a holiday and to buy clothes and toys for his children.

Sloan had suggested importing some heroin and had given him the name of a trishaw driver in Penang who could supply it.

Clayton said he paid the air fares and expenses of his trip, and Sloan contributed \$400 towards the cost of the heroin and promised him \$15,000 from its sale.

Clayton said he bought 130 grammes of powder

containing heroin and carried it back to Perth strapped to his ankles but it was found by customs officers at Perth Airport.

Clayton said he was serving an eight-year gaol term, with a minimum term of six years before parole.

Sloan told the court that Clayton had claimed he was setting up a business to sell artefacts, clothes and fabrics imported from Asia.

Sloan said he lent Clayton about \$250 because Clayton promised him printing work from the venture, about \$600 return on his investment on the first shipment of goods and a partnership when the business was established.

Sloan said he knew that Clayton was involved in supplying heroin a number of years ago, but Clayton had never mentioned it during their association.

Sloan said he was receiving methadone treat-

ment for his drug addiction and was trying to kick the habit at the time of Clayton's trip so that he could take part in the shop Clayton claimed to be setting up.

He did not know that Clayton intended importing any heroin till after Clayton was arrested, Sloan said.

The jury of seven men and five women took 21 hours to return the verdict of not guilty.

(Before Mr Justice Wickham and a jury. Mr N. L. Roberts for the Crown. Mr R. M. Uzzine for Sloan.)

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NURSE CONVICTED OF PLOT TO SMUGGLE MARIHUANA BY SEA

Details of Plot

Perth THE WEST AUSTRALIAN in English 11 Apr 79 p 4

[Text] A 24-year-old nurse from NSW yesterday denied that she had been involved in planning to import a big amount of cannabis by dropping it overboard from a cruise ship off the WA coast.

The crown alleged that Barbara Sharron Wise and her boy friend, David Gluyas, both of East Gosford, 100km north of Sydney on the NSW central coast, planned to put the cannabis in a waterproof trunk with a radio beacon before dropping it overboard from the cruise ship Kota Ball.

Miss Wise and Gluyas had then planned to retrieve the cannabis, using a dinghy fitted with direction-finding gear and other equipment.

Miss Wise, at present living in Stirling Street, Fremantle, pleaded not guilty to conspiring at Perth and elsewhere to import cannabis between June 22 and August 3 last year.

She also pleaded not guilty to being in possession of cannabis on board the Kota Ball at Fremantle last year.

Crown prosecutor, Mr S. W. O'Sullivan, said that the plan had been upset when Gluyas was gaoled in Bangkok for possessing cannabis.

Miss Wise had contacted a friend in Australia who met her in Ball.

Michael Alexander McCutcheon (28), welder, of Duke Street, East Gosford, had not been keen to become involved, but took a small amount of the cannabis and returned to Australia.

'IN CABIN'

Miss Wise had about 21 kilos of cannabis that Gluyas had hidden in his cabin before his arrest.

Miss Wise had dumped the trunk, beacon and most of the cannabis overboard but hid nearly three kilos in a service shaft on the deck near her cabin.

The ship docked at Fremantle on August 3 and Miss Wise was cleared through customs without incident. She had returned to the ship the next day.

But customs officers had found the hidden cannabis and narcotics officers questioned Miss Wise at the ship, Mr O'Sullivan said.

Miss Wise told the court that Gluyas had planned the cruise after a camping trip up the north coast of WA.

She had packed only her personal effects and had not seen any of the electronic equipment before the cruise started.

Gluyas had told her of his intention to import cannabis only after they left Fremantle and she was not with him when he bought the cannabis.

Miss Wise said that she and Gluyas had separate lockable cupboards in their cabin.

Gluyas had put some cannabis in his locker the day before his arrest.

She had hid most of the cannabis in an air conditioner and the rest in a service shaft on the deck near her cabin.

At Jakarta she had cabled McCutcheon to meet her in Bali because she was distressed at Gluyas's arrest and wanted advice on what to do with the cannabis.

McCutcheon had told her to get rid of the cannabis and equipment, as did the photographer on the ship.

She had dumped overboard the radio beacon, trunk and cannabis from the cabin.

She had not dumped the cannabis from the shaft on deck because the crew used the area often and she was afraid she would be caught.

Miss Wise said she had abandoned the cannabis in the shaft, did not consider it was hers and had not gone back to retrieve it.

She said she had returned to join a party of passengers who were taking some of the crew on a tour of Perth.

The trial will continue today.

(Before Judge O'Dea and a jury in the District Court. Mr S. W. O'Sullivan for the crown.)

Jury Returns Verdict

Perth THE WEST AUSTRALIAN in English 12 Apr 79 p 14

[Excerpts] A 25-year-old [as published] nurse from NSW was yesterday convicted in the District Court of conspiring to import cannabis and possessing cannabis.

Barbara Sharron Wise, of Duke Street, East Gosford, NSW, had pleaded not guilty to conspiring to import cannabis at Perth and elsewhere between June 22 and August 5 last year and not guilty to possessing cannabis on board the Kota Bali at Fremantle on August 3 last year.

After nearly 3 1/2 hours the jury of seven men and five women returned a majority verdict on the conspiracy charge and a unanimous verdict on the charge of possessing cannabis.

Judge O'Dea said he was satisfied Miss Wise had been involved in the conspiracy from the start and kept the cannabis after the arrest of her boyfriend, David Gluyas.

Judge O'Dea remanded Miss Wise to April 30 for sentencing.

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AUSTRALIAN DRUG TRAFFICKERS IMPLICATE BANGKOK RESIDENT

Sydney THE SYDNEY MORNING HERALD in English 5 Apr 79 p 3

[Text] Bangkok, Wednesday--Two Sydney men, Paul Hayward and Warren Fellows, admitted possessing heroin when they were arrested last October and implicated a fellow Australian, William Sinclair, a court was told here today.

Major Virat Chutimit, a Thai Police narcotics officer, said Hayward and Fellows, both 26, told him Sinclair had brought them to Bangkok to take 8.4 kg of top-grade heroin back to Australia.

Major Virat spent all day in the witness box on the first day of the trial which may last several months.

Fellows and Hayward pleaded guilty to possessing heroin, changing their earlier plea of not guilty. But they maintained their plea of not guilty to the more serious charge possession of heroin for sale, distribution and export.

Sinclair, a 66-year-old Bangkok bar-owner, has pleaded not guilty to assisting smuggling attempts.

The defendants were wearing handcuffs and leg shackles, the normal procedure in criminal cases in Thailand.

Major Virat said Sinclair was the head of a ring smuggling heroin to Australia. The arrests of the three men and a Thai, who is also on trial accused of supplying the heroin, had led to several arrests in Australia, he said.

He submitted documents sent by Australian police as evidence of Sinclair's connection with at least one of the men arrested in Australia. They included evidence of long distance phone calls, and photographs.

The policeman said Fellows had passports in two other names, and had used them to visit Bangkok previously.

A Thai taxi-driver, Kitti Tmsap, confessed after his arrest in January that he had delivered heroin to Fellows on several occasions, Major Virat said. Kitti has pleaded not guilty to supplying the heroin.

The two men met Sinclair several times in bars and a jewellery shop, he said.

Police raided Fellows's room a few hours before the pair were due to fly back to Sydney. Fellows immediately said: "The heroin is in Paul's room," according to Major Virat.

In Hayward's room, Fellows opened a bag with a combination lock containing 24 bags of heroin. It was worth nearly \$US5 million (\$A4.3 million) in Australia.

Major Virat said the telephone rang while he was in the room and he answered it, telling a man with an Australian accent that he was the roomboy.

The same man rang again and Fellows said it was Sinclair who was waiting for him in a nearby jewellery store. Major Virat immediately sent two men to the shop to arrest Sinclair.

Major Virat will be cross-examined by the defendant's lawyers when the case resumes on April 10.



Their feet in chains, Paul Hayward, William Sinclair and Warren Fellows wait outside the courtroom in Bangkok.

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QUEENSLAND TO TEST FOR DRUGS IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

Canberra THE AUSTRALIAN in English 5 Apr 79 p 4

[Text]

QUEENSLAND is to become the first State in the world to measure cannabis in drivers and charge them.

The State Government Medical Officer, Dr D. G. Wilson, said yesterday that measuring equipment should be operating by June or July.

He told a crime prevention seminar in Brisbane that legislation to allow chemical analysis of drivers' blood and urine for drugs and alcohol had been available since 1974.

But Queensland was the only State in the world which looked for drugs in traffic accidents.

Dr Wilson said: "It is amazing to me that other places have not introduced similar legislation.

"At present, charges of driving under the influence of cannabis depend on admissions from the accused person or the detection of the drug on or about the person, plus clinical findings on examination."

Dr Wilson said that of 51 chemical analyses carried out last year in Queensland on drivers suspected of taking drugs or alcohol, 35 were positive.

He said a recent Californian survey had shown that 23 per cent of drivers considered by police to be impaired by alcohol were found to have used marijuana. This was determined by using techniques similar to those to be used in Queensland.

"It is not supposed that in our present society cannabis intoxication makes a substantial contribution to our road toll. But current information clearly indicates that it may well do so if it is not curbed."

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HELP FOR ADDICTS--The Sydney City Mission has begun a 24-hour service to help people in need. It is asking anyone who sees a drunk, vagrant or drug addict in distress to alert the service, called Missionbeat, by telephoning 211 5211. The service will then send out its "street patrol" to help the person, perhaps by taking him or her to a centre where a bed, clothing, food and medical attention are available. The mission's associate executive director, Mrs Merle Hurcomb, said: "The new legislation will enable us to care for these needy people in a more humane and positive way." [Text] [Sydney THE SYDNEY MORNING HERALD in English 20 Apr 79 p 3]

HEROIN ADDICT JAILED--A heroin addict in search of drugs threatened a man in his home with a knife, the Parramatta District Court was told yesterday. Michael Leonard Pfeiffer was sentenced to 10 years' jail after pleading guilty to armed robbery. Detective Constable P. Lander told the court that Pfeiffer went with two accomplices to the home of Mr John Billie of O'Donnell Street, Greenacre. When Mr Billie came to the front door, Pfeiffer pushed him inside, forced him face down on a bed, held a knife behind him and demanded money. One of Pfeiffer's accomplices entered the room with a sawn-off shotgun and threatened to blow off Mr Billie's head. Pfeiffer and his accomplices later tied Mr Billie's hands with electrical cord and stole a watch, a towel and \$15 cash. Detective Lander said Pfeiffer committed the offence to help support his addiction which cost him about \$120 a day. The court was told that Pfeiffer was already serving an eight-year jail term. Mr Justice said much of the further jail sentence would be served concurrently with the previous sentence. He set a non-parole period to expire on September 21, 1983. [Text] [Sydney THE SYDNEY MORNING HERALD in English 19 Apr 79 p 11]

\$4,500 DRUG HAUL--Two men and a woman will appear in Central Criminal Court this morning charged with possession and supply of marihuana worth more than \$4,500. A 33-year-old man and a 30-year-old woman were arrested by drug squad police on Thursday night. A 27-year-old Canberra man was arrested in Waratah Street, Randwick. [Text] [Sydney THE SYDNEY MORNING HERALD in English 14 Apr 79 p 4]

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INDIA

MADRAS CUSTOMS MAKES DENT IN OPIUM SMUGGLING

Madras THE HINDU in English 4 May 79 p 12

[Text]

MADRAS, May 3.

The Madras Customs claims to have progressed in its drive to crack an international smuggling ring transporting narcotics between India and Malaysia with the arrest of a suspected leader of the smugglers, according to Mr. A. C. Saldanha, Collector of Customs.

Last month, the department seized 20 kilos of opium from two brothers who were attempting to leave the country. One of their accomplices had escaped, but the Customs staff tracked him down in a lodge in Madras and recovered about three kilos of opium. On getting documentary evidence, the Customs staff boarded m. v. Chidambaram and offloaded for interrogation Mohinder Singh who was in a cabin. According to Mr. Saldanha, he was a "seasoned smuggler", and he was taken into custody.

Mr. Saldanha said the staff at the Madras Port seized about five kilos of opium from the false bottom of a steel trunk which was presented for examination by Ajaib Singh, a truck driver holding a Malaysian passport. Documentary evidence found on his person, linked him to Mohinder Singh. It was later found that Mohinder Singh had made seven trips between India and Malaysia during the last two years. He used to leave Madras by m. v. Chidambaram and return via Delhi. They also suspect that he made these trips to keep a watch over the carriers engaged to transport opium.

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OPIUM PRODUCTION--A total of 1,600 tonnes of opium was produced in India during the 1977-78 crop season, Mr Satish Agarwal, Minister of State for Finance, informed the Lok Sabha on Friday.--PTI [Text] [CALCUTTA THE SUNDAY STATESMAN in English 6 May 79 p 4]

GANJA SEIZED--The police seized 135 kg of Nepali ganja from a gang of smugglers in Gonda on Friday. Two members of the gang were arrested while three others managed to escape.--PTI [Text] [Calcutta THE SUNDAY STATESMAN in English 6 May 79 p 6]

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NARCOTICS WHITE PAPER RELEASED BY HEALTH MINISTRY

Tokyo THE JAPAN TIMES in English 8 May 79 p 2

[Text] Law-enforcement officials detained 18,027 persons in the course of investigations of stimulant drug cases in 1978, an increase of 22 percent over the previous year's figure, according to a narcotics white paper released by the Health and Welfare Ministry Monday.

Officials noted that the number of student drug abusers had jumped by 67 percent above the number of those detained in 1977. They also noted that the number of housewives found abusing stimulant drugs had increased by 14 percent.

Narcotic and customs officials detained 1,497 persons during investigations of narcotics cases in 1978, representing a 6 percent increase over the previous year's number.

Although the numbers of those detained in connection with heroin and LSD have been on the decline over the past few years, the number of those detained on suspicion of violating the Cannabis Control Law increased by 14.3 percent to a record 1,253, the white paper showed.

Officials seized 103 kg of stimulant drug powder in 1978, 34 kg more than in 1977 or four times the amount confiscated in 1974.

Gangsters accounted for 52 percent of the 18,027 detained in 1978 on suspicion of violating the Stimulant Drug Control Law. Gangsters represented 63 percent of the total in 1974, 60 percent in 1975, 59 percent in 1976, and 56 percent in 1977.

The white paper attributed the rapid increase in drug abuse to criminal gangs' intensive efforts to build up "sales networks" and to lack of public knowledge about the effects of drugs on health and society.

Officials expressed concern that the number of cannabis abusers would further increase in Japan as an increasing number of Japanese make overseas trips to places where the abuse of cannabis is more prevalent.

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NEW ZEALAND

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DEPORTATION CANCELED--Wellington, Mon: The New Zealand Court of Appeal today cancelled a Supreme Court recommendation for the deportation of two Singapore citizens convicted on heroin charges. The citizens could face the death penalty if they return to Singapore. Mohd Ramli bin Mahmud (31) and Abdul Rahman bin Ahmad (26), both unemployed, had each pleaded guilty in the Auckland Supreme Court to importing heroin. They were both sentenced to 10 years' gaol and a recommendation was made for their deportation. The Court of Appeals dismissed their appeals against the gaol sentence.--AAP-Reuters. [Text] [Perth THE WEST AUSTRALIAN in English 10 Apr 79 p 26]

HEROIN IN GARDEN--Auckland (AAP).--A cache of high grade heroin worth \$1 million on New Zealand's illicit drug market has been found buried in the garden of a house in suburban Auckland. Police said the 941 gramme haul was the second largest in New Zealand, where heroin is becoming an increasing part of the drug scene. The drug, believed to have originated in Bangkok, was found by police "sniffer" dogs buried in two glass jars in a garden. [Text] [Brisbane THE COURIER-MAIL in English 18 Apr 79 p 2]

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THAILAND

BRIEFS

AUSTRALIANS ON TRIAL--Bangkok, Friday.--The trial of two Melbourne men accused of attempted heroin trafficking will begin at Chiang Mai, northern Thailand, on May 18. Donald Worcester, 43, of Lilydale and George Bullock, 37, of Thornbury, pleaded not guilty when they appeared in court yesterday. Police allege that when they were arrested three months ago they had 1.4 kilograms of top-grade heroin in their possession for sale. If convicted, they face very heavy prison sentences. [Excerpt] [Sydney THE SYDNEY MORNING HERALD in English 14 Apr 79 p 3]

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BRAZIL

BRIEFS

RECORD MARIJUANA SEIZURE--The Federal Police Department reported yesterday in Sao Luis, Maranhao, that 367 tons of marijuana valued at 5 billion cruzeiros has been seized. The operation encompassed almost the entire state and the volume of marijuana seized is the largest recorded in the world. According to the federal police, the state of Maranhao is the country's greatest producer of marijuana and supplies 70 percent of the demand. [Rio de Janeiro O GLOBO in Portuguese 20 May 79 p 1 PY]

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MEXICO

CIJ SPEAKER FEARS U.S. WILL 'EXPORT ADDICTION'

Mexico City EL SOL DE MEXICO in Spanish 19 Apr 79 p 11-A

[Text] There was a warning at the meeting of Youth Integration Centers [CIJ] and before President Lopez Portillo about "the dangerous situations" that exist due to our nearness to the United States, a fact which favors the persistence and increase of youth dependency on heroin in this country.

The chairman of the CIJ executive committee, Maria Eugenia Moreno, said that the Mexican state, conscious that these problems can only be conquered through a universal and coordinated action; and conscious of its geographic situation, has played its part fighting crime in its territory but urges that an equally penetrating and energetic action be developed where the great centers of drug consumption are found.

Only speaker at the ceremony inaugurating the national meeting of these centers, Maria Eugenia Moreno also pointed out that "we must come out and meet this contamination and oppose it, in order to stop it definitely, a solid concept of individual and national identity."

"We will have to inform and educate our children with good reasons and more affection in order that they might know how to find their own way and discard the falling into evasions that take away force from our nationality and weaken the strength of our people," said the CIJ chairman.

And she talked about the need to establish contact with those who are working these same problems in the neighboring country, to which end an agreement of mutual cooperation was signed with the Division of Prevention of Drug Abuse of the state of Texas and "we expect to widen these coordinations that refer basically to preventive work with the bordering states of the United States," since there is a tendency for this contamination to "overflow the northern boundaries of the country, following the western coast toward the Lowlands."

In addition she said before delegates of countries such as Brazil, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico, as well as from the United States and the United Nations, that Mexico has emphasized repeatedly its

position of struggle against the illegal use of narcotics and psychotropics. "With all the resources within our reach, we have carried forward programs for the country, bilateral and multilateral works. We have also reformed laws and updated our social defense procedures; however, we still confront the lack of regulation of industrial solvents at the national level."

Sixty-Five Percent of Drug Addicts are Between 11 and 25 Years Old

Before, she had made an analysis of the characteristics of the population being taken care of at these centers and revealed that 65 percent of the drug addicts are between 11 and 25 years old, with the masculine sex predominating by 59 percent of the total. In addition, 10 percent are younger than 11 years old.

Seventy-five percent are single and, of these, 89 percent are living with their family. Nineteen percent have no schooling and only 6 percent have any university education. Sixty-six percent are jobless and of the remainder 1/2 receives less than the minimum wage.

The drugs that are most frequently abused are marihuana, inhalable substances and, of course, alcohol. There is still a figure of 7 percent of the total users that are dependent on heroin, a fact which is an alarming signal because of the sequels of poverty and criminality that accompany it due to its high cost.

In closing, Maria Eugenia Moreno said that "our permanent call is to parents, educators, doctors, in order that they identify the problem and the anguish of our children, that might be irreparable if not detected and confronted on time."

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MEXICO

MOST HEROIN IN UNITED STATES COMES FROM MEXICO

Mexico City EXCELSIOR in Spanish 21 Apr 79 p 19-A

[Article by Mario Ruiz Redondo]

[Text] Despite Mexican Government efforts to eradicate opium poppy farming, most of the heroin consumed in the United States comes from this country, stated yesterday Dr Luis Manueco Jenkins, of the UN Economic and Social Council's Commission on Narcotics.

He said that, in the case of marihuana, the total amounts of confiscations declared by Colombia, the United States and Mexico was 2,273 tons in 1977, a figure exceeding the global total for 1976.

The official, interviewed after Dr Emilio Martinez Manautou closed the 4th National Meeting of Youth Integration Centers, said that in 1977 the federal government destroyed almost 9,000 hectares of opium poppy crops in Mexico.

He said that the social cost of the illegal use of drugs in the United States is generally estimated to be around \$20 billion annually.

He recognized that the campaign against the illegal use of drugs initiated in Mexico is still being carried on forcefully thanks to the participation of the government and added that the eradication of opium poppy and marihuana crops, which was organized in great scale three years ago, is still producing significant results by limiting the availability of drugs to international traffic and, in particular, the smuggling of heroin to the United States, its most important market.

He said that this success has made Mexican and American surveillance services more alert since there is a risk that the traffickers will resort to heroin imported from other sources, especially from Southeast Asia and the Middle East.

Asked about the use of psychotropic substances in the world, Manueco Jenkins said that these have assumed epidemic character in some countries of Western Europe and North America, spreading to other regions.

He indicated that the traffic and illegal use of amphetamines show a perceptible increase worldwide. In the United States and Canada the illegal market is supplied mainly by clandestine manufacturing.

The UN expert said that the illegal use of depressants of the central nervous system has reached enormous proportions. It is in the American continent where the most significant confiscations are made and where deaths due to excessive doses of these substances, especially barbiturates, have been registered.

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MEXICO

PRINCIPAL UNAM TRAFFICKERS ARRESTED

Mexico City EXCELSIOR in Spanish 22 Apr 79 p 28-A

[Article by Luis Segura]

[Text] Manuel Adrian Cardenas Alvarez and Azael Olvera Cadena, 27 and 28 years old respectively, literature students at the National Autonomous University of Mexico [UNAM], were captured by agents of the judicial police and said to be two of the main drug distributors in the University City.

The arrest of the two individuals was performed in the Islands, where, armed with knives, they were attacking the students passing through and stripping them of money and other belongings.

The education officials themselves called the judicial police.

Upon being searched, several kilograms of marihuana in paper bags were found in their possession as well as a great quantity of amphetamines which, according to their own confessions, they were selling among the students.

Police agents had help from guards and the students at UNAM who delivered the traffickers outside University City.

Major Juan Jose Balbontin, of the 6th Command of that police body, said that from the declarations of the students, it was learned that the two individuals mentioned used to meet at the Islands with other individuals who are also drug traffickers.

Manuel Adrian Cardenas, who lives at 28 Castilla Street, San Rafael colony, said that for many years he has been addicted to marihuana and that, in order to obtain money, he would sell the drug within the University City.

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MEXICO

FIVE TRAFFICKERS FOUND BOUND, MURDERED

Mexico City EXCELSIOR in Spanish 13 Apr 79 p 20-A

[Article by David Renteria]

[Text] Tepic, Nayarit, 12 Apr--Five supposed drug traffickers, hands and feet bound, were shot to death and finished off with a shot in the head, inside a Combi van which was abandoned at a spot in the boundary with Sinaloa.

Agents of the judicial police found the vehicle with Sinaloa tags VEY-468, at 0700 hours today. The van is registered in the name of Alejandrina Medina, who lives in the Tierra Blanca colony in Culiacan.

The bodies of the victims, dressed in shirts, slacks and brown shoes, were found in the back of the van. Their ages range from 25 to 35.

Gilberto Velasco y Caro, assistant district attorney said "this is an act of revenge between drug traffickers of Sinaloa."

He bases his hypothesis on the viciousness with which the five individuals, who have not yet been identified were murdered.

The bodies were lying face down. Each of them had been given the "coup de grace."

The officials added that the murderers stripped the victims of all their belongings so that they would not be identified.

Justice officials indicated that "it seems that the five supposed traffickers were murdered in Culiacan, Sinaloa, and brought to this state to mislead the police" and they stressed that this is an act of revenge among groups of drug traffickers.

The assistant district attorney said "somebody must have driven the vehicle carrying the five murdered in Sinaloa."

The vehicle is being checked by fingerprints identification experts, who are looking for fingerprints of the murderers.

Nayarit and Sinaloa police forces will collaborate in the investigation of the events that could produce more victims among the drug traffickers, pointed out Velasco y Caro.

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MEXICO

HEROIN TRAFFICKERS SEIZED IN SONORA

Mexico City EXCELSIOR in Spanish 17 Apr 79 p 28-A

[Text] Ten members of a drug trafficking group were captured yesterday by agents of the Federal Judicial Police. Three and 1/2 kilograms of heroin with a commercial value in the black market of approximately 15 million pesos were confiscated.

The delinquents were arrested in the city of San Luis Rio Colorado, Sonora, when they were going to Tijuana, Baja California, where they were planning to sell the drug.

The arrested are:

Leocadio Paez Pacheco, Rafael Larino Morfin, Valentin Pelayo Uribe, Jose Luis Orozco Mejia, Carmen Hernandez de Garcia, Celia Navaresco Valencia, Jose Santos Mejia Hernandez, Alfonso Barrios Vazquez, Maximo Zavala Hernandez and Cristobal Urias Arellano.

The ten were charged before the district judge in Sonora.

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MEXICO

MARIHUANA, POPPY SEED SEIZED

Mexico City EXCELSIOR in Spanish 5 Apr 79 p 27-A

[Article by Manuel Guevara C]

[Text] Queretaro, Queretaro, 4 Apr--Judicial Federal Police arrested today two international drug traffickers and confiscated a little over a ton of marihuana, poppy seed and high-power weapons.

The arrest took place at the local airport shortly after Paul John and Carlos Zambrano Fuentes got off a Cessna light aircraft carrying false tags and thanks to the airport's air controller who warned about the irregularities in the ship's flight.

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MEXICO

CLANDESTINE LABORATORY RAIDED

Mexico City EL SOL DE MEXICO in Spanish 5 Apr 79 p 7-A

[Text] The Federal Judicial Police confiscated 1.5 million toxic pills in a clandestine laboratory discovered by federal agents, who, in addition, found a partially destroyed light aircraft at a spot in the state of Oaxaca.

At the very moment when they were manufacturing the pills in a clandestine laboratory in Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, ten persons were arrested by the police. The arrests took place in several places.

Major Margarito Mendez Rico, commanding officer of the police, informed that the investigation started when Juan Luis Pereda Felix, Julieta Fabela Beltran, Pedro Monge Zazueta, Oscar Manuel Fabela Beltran and Pedro Higuera Valle, who were carrying toxic pills, were arrested in Salinas, Nuevo Leon, on the Nuevo Laredo-Monterrey highway.

The drug traffickers were carrying the shipment hidden in a double-bottomed compartment within the doors of the vehicle, stated Mendez Rico.

Continuing the investigations, the chief of police said, federal agents went to the division Madero de Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, where they found the clandestine laboratory and Rogel Flores Canales and Cruz Guerra Martinez who, at that moment, were manufacturing the amphetamine in a pill screening machine.

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PERU

DOMINICAN DIPLOMAT TO BE EXPELLED OVER DRUGS

Paris AFP in Spanish 0239 GMT 17 Apr 79 PA

[Text] Lima, 16 Apr (AFP)--Peru decided to immediately expel a Dominican diplomat charged with trying to smuggle a cocaine shipment out of the country, it was announced here today by Foreign Minister Carlos Garcia Bedoya. The foreign minister revealed that Aquiles Andujar, the third secretary of the Dominican Embassy in Lima, was the author of this condemnable crime.

The diplomat was arrested on 11 April by customs officers when he tried to leave by plane for Colombia carrying 19 kg of cocaine in one of his valises.

Garcia Bedoya said that this incident has evidently caused great concern not only among ourselves, but at the Dominican Embassy itself, which is certainly greatly disturbed by the incident.

He noted that according to the Vienna convention on diplomatic personnel, this case cannot be submitted to the national jurisdiction of the country in which he is serving. In these cases, he explained, the person involved is expelled from the country so that he may be tried by the authorities of his own country. Peru has demanded that Andujar be immediately removed from the country once the Peruvian authorities complete the investigation, the foreign minister added.

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PERU

TARAPOTO DRUG BUST YIELDS 45 KILOS OF COCAINE, 3 TRAFFICKERS

Lima LA CRONICA in Spanish 19 Apr 79 p 8

[Text] Tarapoto (Filed by reporter Carlos Chu Rios)--In a spectacular manhunt the police broke up an international drug ring on the Huallaga River in the early morning hours last Saturday. They seized 43 kilos of cocaine hydrochloride valued at 51 million soles gold and arrested three members of the ring. Two are Colombians and one is Peruvian. Another four members escaped.

According to statements made yesterday during a press conference by Police Capt Mario Urquiza Venegas, chief of the Second Sector, the drug ring was arrested by police officers under his command from the Civil Guard Station in the Sauce District while patrolling along the Huallaga River under orders from the chief of the Civil Guard's 5th Region in Iquitos.

River patrols were begun recently by the Civil Guard since the Huallaga River has become in recent months the best route for moving drugs to the Colombian or Brazilian borders via the Amazon River.

Spectacular Chase

The police officers who were patrolling the Machungo section on Friday became suspicious of a motorboat traveling downstream with seven people. The three Civil Guard officers under the command of a sergeant boarded an unstable ferryboat which took them as far as the port of Shapaja.

Here, the Civil Guard officers, after looking into the matter of the motorboat, learned that it was not sturdy enough to weather the rough waters along two points in the river: at Chumia and Vaquero. The boat could handle the river only if it were overhauled, otherwise it would sink immediately.

As a result, the Civil Guard officers set off on foot to the sites mentioned above. It took them 7 hours to reach their destination. When they reached Vaquero, they found the motorboat being repaired on the banks of the Huallaga.

Spectacular Arrest

On Saturday morning, the police officers located a house where hours before the drug dealers asked the owner to prepare some chicken for them. The officers stayed hidden here until the drug traffickers returned only to find themselves looking into the police officers' revolvers.

Because it was already nighttime, four of the traffickers managed to escape during an exchange of gunfire. The drug dealers set their boat afloat as they fled. The boat was carried along by the current before it sank.

After locating the drug dealers campsite along the river, the Civil Guard officers found five plastic containers with 43 kilos of cocaine hydrochloride. Two leather James Bond-type suitcases belonging to the drug dealers had been thrown into the river and the police were unable to recover them.

Motorboat Came From Uchiza

The motorboat, according to Civil Guard Capt Mario Urquiza, was on its way to Iquitos from Uchiza.

Drug Dealers Arrested

The arrested drug dealers were identified as Colombians Ramon Pena Ortiz, passport No. 1211497, and Honorio Daza Arciniegas. Wilson Quevedo Ojeda of Uchiza was also taken into custody.



Tarapato--Colombians Ramon Pena Ortiz and Honorio Diaz and Peruvian Wilson Quevedo Ojeda, members of a drug ring who were arrested here.

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PERU

HILLTOP LAB DISCOVERY LANDS ENTIRE FAMILY IN JAIL

Lima EXPRESO in Spanish 20 Apr 79 p 18

/Text/ A drug ring composed of a father, his two sons, a family friend and a woman which had set up a laboratory on a mountain top in El Agustino was broken up by the Civil Guard.

Four of the five members were arrested. The ring leader, the eldest son, escaped.

The police raid of the hilltop netted 4 kilos of cocaine hydrochloride, 4 kilos of cocaine paste, 1 kilo of cocaine hydrochloride being processed, half a million soles in cash, \$240 and 74 cruzeiros as well as the paraphernalia and chemicals used to process the the drug.

According to the Civil Guard, motor vehicles could not reach the hilltop. It was completely isolated.

Those taken into custody were identified as Edilberto Cuadros Pareja, 54; Edilberto Cuadros Sulca, 22; Dacio Vasquez Inca, 37; and Claudia de la Cruz.

The ring leader, Ricardo Cuadros Sulca, 30, is a fugitive and he was responsible for transporting the drug to the United States via Brazil.



Members of the drug operating in the mountain district of El Agustino appear with their captors.

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PERU

BRIEFS

SPECIAL COURT FOR TRAFFICKERS--The president of the Supreme Court in Lima has created a special court to deal exclusively with cases involving members of organizations engaged in the international drug traffic. The court will be headed by Jose Hurtado Pozo and composed of interim members Manuel Benavente Tapia and Cipriano Torres Calle, according to Lima Supreme Court sources. We learned that the special court was created because of the need to speed up the trials of drug traffickers who have been in prison for several years, including U.S. citizens, Canadians and Colombians. The special court will begin hearing cases as of this date. /Text/ /Lima LA PRENSA in Spanish 19 Apr 79 p 8/ 8599

DRUG SEIZURE--Cuzco, 18 April (LA PRENSA)--The value of the drugs seized by the police from a ring uncovered in Calca is estimated at over 30 million soles, according to well informed sources. The arrest of the ring leaders has led to the discovery that the group had ties with drug organizations in Lima and abroad. The members of the ring that was smashed in Calca has been making statements to police which will be used in their arraignment before the trial judge. It has been determined that the group took advantage of the fact that Calca was the only town through which vehicular traffic could leave the Quillabamba valleys. /Text/ /Lima LA PRENSA in Spanish 19 Apr 79 p 28/ 8599

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ISRAEL

BRIEFS

LARGEST DRUG SEIZURE--About 2 kgs of heroin worth 20 million Israeli pounds were seized last week by the Ben-Gurion Airport and Tel Aviv police. This is the largest amount of drugs ever seized in Israel. The drugs were in the possession of two people coming from Iran. [Jerusalem Domestic Service in Hebrew 1200 GMT 16 May 79 TA]

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MOROCCO

COURT RENDERS VERDICTS, SENTENCES DRUG TRAFFICKERS

Rabat L'OPINION in French 14 Apr 79 pp 1,10

[Text] The Special Justice Court rendered its verdict in the trials of narcotic traffickers at 0400 hours on Friday, after 80 days of arguments.

Seventy-eight persons, of whom 27 are in custody, 12 are out on bail, and 39 are fugitives were implicated in traffic in "chiira" (a hashish derivative) in the Al Hoceima region.

The accused had to respond to several counts of indictment, including unlawful drug traffic, bribery, and extortion.

The Spécial Justice Court thus pronounced 57 verdicts of guilty, 25 of them in absentia, and acquitted 19.

The penalties range from 1 month to 10 years in prison, accompanied by fines varying from 1,000 to 10,000 dirhams (DH).

Two cases were dissociated: those of Peter Severt and Oufkir Mohamed.

The Special Justice Court, with Ahmed Zegdari presiding, had commenced these trials last 22 January.

About September or October 1977, a prosecuting magistrate of first instance at Al Hoceima affirmed that unlawful traffic, which could perhaps threaten the security of the state, was spreading in the Al Hoceima region. A commission of inquiry was formed and with the collaboration of the criminal police and Interpol exposed an international ring trafficking in "chiira."

As a matter of fact the traffickers had very extensive facilities at their disposal for directing the "merchandise" not only into the interior of the country but also to Europe and the North American continent. They used trucks and various vehicles, "Zodiac" type out-boards, and three ships as well as an airplane.

Operations were coordinated by means of walkie-talkies and transmitting-receiving stations. A roadstead near Al Hoceima served as port of embarkation for the "chiira."

Among those indicted were a large number of Moroccan citizens as well as foreigners, including Swedes, Germans, and Spaniards.

On the Moroccan side there were a public official, two officers of the gendarmerie, four gendarmes, an official of the Tobacco Administration, and a deputy, Mohamed Ben Hammadi Adbib, elected from the Tarquist district.

This last named pleaded the defense of parliamentary immunity but this argument was rejected at the beginning of the trials.

Adbib's arrest was in fact effected before the commencement of the first parliamentary session.

Adbib was found guilty and the Special Justice Court has just sentenced him to 5 years in prison and a fine of 5,000 DH.

The other sentences are as follows:

Abbes Betour, lieutenant in the Royal Gendarmerie, 8 years in prison and a fine of 5,000 DH;

Ali Soudni and Ali Moukla, both squadron leaders in the Royal Gendarmerie, each to 6 years in prison and a fine of 5,000 DH;

Drias Maazouz d' Azila, 5 years of solitary confinement with hard labor and a fine of 5,000 DH;

Abdallah Charouf, commanding officer of the gendarmerie at Fez, 4 years in prison and a fine of 5,000 DH;

Abdelkhalek Adbib, 6 years in prison and a fine of 10,000 DH;

Amini Quazzani, Driss Amaazzouz, Mohamed Ould Moujahid Bakouri, and Mohamed Ben Abdallah Maouss, each to 5 years in prison and a fine of 5,000 DH;

Hussein El Mouhir, 3 years in prison and a fine of 3,000 DH;

Belai El Kibir, 2 years in prison and a fine of 1,000 DH;

Ahmed Belcaid, 2 years in prison and a fine of 3,000 DH;

Abdeslam Ikdouren, also known as "Rubio," 2 years in prison and a fine of 3,000 DH;

Laghbairi, 2 years in prison and a fine of 1,000 DH;

Abdesslam Boutkoura, 2 years in prison and a fine of 5,000 DH;

Abdesslam Adbib, 3 years in prison and a fine of 3,000 DH;

Bakouri Ould El Moujahid, also known as "Tchaytchay," 5 years of solitary confinement with hard labor and a fine of 5,000 DH; and

Famaaouass, 5 years of solitary confinement with hard labor and a fine of 5,000 DH.

Three other persons were sentenced to imprisonment for more than 1 year (including the former supreme chief of the Torres district). They are:

Hamedouch Ben Mohamed et Akiour, 18 months;

Abdelhamid Ziouziou, 18 months, and a fine of 1,000 DH; and Mohamed Bouhati, also known as "chef," 18 months and a fine of 2,000 DH.

On the other hand 17 persons were acquitted. They are: Hachmi Belhaj, also known as "Rabouz," Abdelhamid Agrouh, Bouali Laghrifi, Ahmed Ikdouren, Souleimane Khattabi, Mohamed Ben Haj Keddour Azzouzi, Mohamed Falla, Mohamed Nour, Mehdi El Ouezzame, Abdesslam El Azzouzi, Ahmed Harraq, Hassan Outekni, Mohamed Nirabet, Mohamed Merouni, Abdellah Hammoudani, Ahmed Adbib, Ahmed Ben Abdesslam Adbib, and Ahmed Sebti.

Anmed Mesbah, a former magistrate at Chaouen, was sentenced to 1 month in prison for trafficking in currency.

In addition, the court sentenced to 10 years in prison and a fine of 10,000 DH each of 10 accused who are fugitives.

Four others were sentenced, each to 5 years in prison and a fine of 1,000 DH.

Eleven foreigners (English, Swedish, German, and Spanish) who succeeded in escaping, and for whom an international arrest warrant was issued, were each sentenced in absentia to 10 years in prison and a fine of 10,000 DH.

Those convicted, as Ahmed Zeghari, presiding justice of the court announced, have the right to file an appeal within 5 days following pronouncement of the verdict.

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DENMARK

COPENHAGEN 'FREE CITY': A MECCA FOR NORDIC DRUG USERS

Oslo ARBEIDERBLADET in Norwegian 29 Mar 79 p 13

[Text] The hippie-culture, which started on USA's West Coast during the 60's, is definitely dead in Copenhagen's drug world. Narcotics abuse has returned in its starkest form, stripped of any idyllic aura, a harsh environment where addicted young people from all of the Nordic countries gradually succumb unless they get help.

It is estimated that roughly 5,000 drug addicts live in the "King's Merry Town," and many of them take refuge in the city of Christiania--which now has become more and more of a slum--and for the most part a ghetto of social problems.

This is the kind of gloomy work environment for two Norwegian social welfare counselors, Anna Lise Middelthon and Una Due-Tonnessen, who are attached to the Norwegian consulate.

Together with two Swedish and one Finnish counselors, they occupy an office in a Danish center for social work at Halmthorg 3 at the main railroad station in Copenhagen.

They look for Norwegian young people in Christiania and Nyhavn and other places who have run away from problems at home. They try to motivate them to return home again in order to get out of the destructive environment.

Drug addicts are sent to treatment centers in their home countries when they themselves want to and room is available, and the employment office assists the unemployed to find jobs in their home towns.

This office has existed for nine years, and bare statistics presented by the Norwegian counselors and the Director of Health, Torbjorn Mork, at a recent meeting, clearly show the need for their work.

The number of patients gradually increased to 653 in 1974, and after a significant drop during the next two years the number of patients last year reached the same high level as in 1974. During 1978 a total of 388 patients

were sent home--most of them only one time--and 393 new patients were registered.

Social Welfare counselor, Anne Lise Middelthon, says that the drug abuse picture in Copenhagen, like Oslo, has become much worse.

"The sensational way the press has dealt with the drug problems has created exaggerated fear among parents. Running away to Copenhagen does not have to be synonymous with becoming a drug addict, criminal or a prostitute. These patients already are plagued by a lot of problems before they come here, and only a few of them are morphine or heroin addicts," she says.

Warning to Dreamers

Most of the problem-plagued Norwegians who come to Copenhagen are between 17 and 22 years old, and some are even younger. They come from all of the nation's counties, but most of them--one third--come from the Oslo area. Other places that predominate are Bergen, Akershus, Ostfold, Vestfold and Rogaland.

Common to all of them is that they have left a difficult situation at home and they leave hoping to find work and new good friends.

Social Welfare Counselor, Middelthon, points out that everything--both work and a place to live--now is harder to find in Denmark than in Norway.

The two counselors have good contacts with treatment centers in Norway, but they would like to see improved expansion of this type of assistance. They feel that more housing and collectives, or foster homes, should be established that could provide a possibility for job training.

The office in Copenhagen is also an intermediary between these young people and their worried families home in Norway. This service often helps the young people to return to their homes.

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NETHERLANDS

BRIEFS

HEROIN INTERCEPTION; TRAFFICKERS DETAINED--Deventer--Police intercepted a 6-kg package of heroin in the Esperbos in Grosseel, Overijssel, between Wednesday night and Thursday morning. Four suspected traffickers have been caught but, according to a spokesman, the chief suspect may have escaped. The heroin is thought to be worth 1.5 million guilders. It is the biggest package ever to have been seized in the eastern section of the country. [Text] [Amsterdam DE VOLKSKRANT in Dutch 20 Apr 79 p 1 LD]

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NORWAY

CUSTOMS AGENTS TO INCREASE SURVEILLANCE OF TRUCK TRAILERS

Oslo ARBEIDERBLADET in Norwegian 6 Apr 79 p 2

[Text] "We don't have any concrete proof, but it is not new to us that narcotics are smuggled into Norway by truck-trailers. It is obvious that exceptionally large amounts of hashish and other drugs can get in with regular travelers, and we are now in the process of increasing our control of trailers," says Consultant Vidar Vestreng from the main Customs Office to the Norwegian Wire Service (NTB).

A driver of a trailer tells VERDENS GANG that he recently was offered 20 percent commission in Gothenburg if he smuggled narcotics to Norway. He claims that many of his colleagues, especially Danish, West-and East-German drivers, are tempted by such easily earned money.

Chief Consultant Vestreng also states that the Bureau of Customs would like to establish its own inspection groups with narcotics dogs who could stem the flow of this smuggling.

"I'm thinking about the border crossings at Svinesund and Orje, the ferry locations and, in addition, northern Norway," says Vestreng. He makes it very clear that this inspection role has to be based on spot checks, as there were as many as 184,000 truck-trailers just last year alone from abroad. Besides, the Customs Office does not have proof that drivers of trailers are being paid for smuggling narcotics, but they do have examples where narcotics were smuggled in truck-trailers without the driver's knowledge.

Chief Consultant Vestreng, points to a recent case in Arendel where half a kilo of hash was found in the diesel tank of a Norwegian truck-trailer which had just come on the Kristiansand ferry from West Germany.

"The narcotics were seized as the smugglers attempted to break the diesel tank to peices, but they did not find the narcotics. The police did find it, however, when the truck was brought to the repair shop, and the driver was innocent," Vestreng points out.

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In Sweden the police and the customs office have several times found narcotics in containers fastened underneath the vehicle with magnets--including trailers--arriving from the continent. The smugglers are completely safe. They attach the narcotics, for example, in Germany and pick it up when the truck-trailer is parked at its destination.

So far the Norwegian Customs Bureau has purchased 8 narcotics dogs, of which 7 are being trained at the Defense Department Dog Training School in Sweden. They are all assigned to northern Norway.

Ole Mathisen, Chief of the Narcotics Branch of the Oslo police, tells NTB that they have not received information lately in regard to smuggling from Sweden and the continent.

"We received a tip from an informer in regard to this kind of smuggling about four or five months ago, but the investigation did not produce evidence at that time," he said.

One of the questions which both the Police and the Customs Office are worried about, is the smuggling of lesser amounts of narcotics hidden in the vagina or in the rectum. Some smugglers even swallow narcotics hidden in condoms and plastic capsules.

Branch Chief Mathisen, says that up to five or six grams of heroin have been smuggled in this fashion. "The value of hard drugs is high, and it is therefore not impossible to smuggle narcotics valued as high as 100,000 Kroner in this manner," he says.

Sten Grindhaug, chief of the Criminal Police, tells NTB that one week ago the police station in Oslo sent a proposal to the Justice Department for immediate changes in the law so that they will be permitted to make medical examinations of travelers suspected for this type of smuggling.

Usually it is the small importers of narcotics who smuggle drugs in this manner--drug addicts who finance their own addiction by selling the drugs. This kind of smuggling has been very difficult to discover.

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NORWAY

CHIEF OF OSLO NARCOTICS POLICE REPORTS HUGE CASE INCREASE

Oslo ARBEIDERBLADET in Norwegian 5 Apr 79 p 11

[Text] The Oslo police reported that 387 persons were arrested during the first three months of this year for suspicion of violating the drug laws. In comparison with the first three months of last year, this year's figures are an increase of 134 percent. There were 211 reports in regard narcotics cases last year, while there were 408 at the end of March this year, an increase of 84.6 percent.

If one just takes one day, Tuesday of this week, the police arrested 12 narcotics addicts. These were users, or users who also had sold small amounts in order to get themselves drugs, says Ole Mathisen, Chief of the Narcotics Branch to ARBEIDERBLADET.

"Karl Johan Avenue continues to be the main area for users and small sales here in the city, and we are constantly getting complaints over the situation around the Eger Square. Personally, I feel that the Eger Square situation is mostly a police problem. If we in the Narcotics Branch want to get to the root of our problem we have to concentrate on other matters. Although, of course, we keep track of what happens on Eger Square," says Mathisen.

Judging from the seizures made by the police up til now, they indicate that many of the victims have gone to harder drugs. The increase in cannabis confiscation during the first three months of this year was 29 percent. But the heroin seized this year is more than 32 times the amount seized during the first three months last year.

"We are not sure what the going market price is, but the prices quoted to us are between 30 to 50 Kroner for a gram of hashish, and 8 to 10,000 Kroner for a gram of heroin. In other words, it is not unusual that there is an obvious connection between many of our cases and those of the branch dealing with stolen goods," says Ole Mathisen.

"A large number of persons were arrested in March, suspected of larceny. The figure is much higher than normal. In some cases there are confessions,

other larger cases are still being processed and hopefully solved. In a number of cases there is evidence that the burglaries were made with the intent of paying for drugs," says the Chief of the Larceny Department, Johannes Bechensten.

"Of the current statistics for burglaries in apartments in Oslo during March, a total of 285 were broken into by thieves. Twenty-five larcenies were committed against private houses and 260 against apartments," Bechensten reports.

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TURKEY

BRIEFS

HEROIN SEIZED--Two kgs of pure heroin were seized by the special narcotics squads of the Istanbul Security Directorate. The heroin is worth about 60 million Turkish liras. A TRT correspondent reports that nine packages of pure heroin weighing 2 kgs were seized in a search conducted in the hotel room of an Egyptian national in Istanbul's Aksaray quarter. Four persons were taken into custody in connection with the incident.
[Text] [Ankara Domestic Service in Turkish 1000 GMT 20 Apr 79 TA]

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UNITED KINGDOM

BRIEFS

HEROIN SEIZURE--Two Turks and four British citizens, three of them women, were apprehended while attempting to smuggle heroin into Great Britain. The heroin was hidden in secret compartments of a Mercedes Benz automobile brought into the country by ferry. According to information supplied by the police, Fuat Yuksel, 40 years of age and a resident of Urfa, and Ahmet Veli Zeybek, 32 years of age and a Cypriot citizen, were the 2 Turks involved in the incident. The six-person smuggling ring was uncovered by customs officials when they detained the auto as it was unloaded at Harwich. Customs officials dismantled the auto and in the process confiscated 11 kilos of heroin, valued at 2 million sterling, hidden in secret, custom-made compartments. According to what has been learned, there is some connection between this smuggling incident and the one which took place at London's Heathrow Airport on 11 March of this year. Both efforts are thought to be the work of the same network, a branch of which extends as far as Turkey. When no one claimed the luggage unloaded from a Turkish Airlines flight that originated in Istanbul on 11 March, the police searched the contents of this luggage and based upon the clues they obtained from the personal belongings found in the luggage, they were able to intercept the Mercedes as it was unloaded in Harwich. [Excerpts] [Istanbul MILLIYET in Turkish 6 May 79 p 14]

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