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AUSTRALIA

BIG HEROIN SHIPMENT SEIZED IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Melbourne Overseas Service in English 0710 GMT 26 Sep 79 OW

[From "Focus on Australia" program]

[Text] Australian customs officials have discovered an illegal shipment of heroin aboard a southeast Asian cruise ship docked at the port of Fremantle near Perth. It is possible that the heroin could have been sold for as much as \$15 million if the smugglers had succeeded in importing it into Australia. (Jerry Mar) reports from Perth.

It is not unusual to see a party of narcotics agents and customs officers waiting at Fremantle for the Kato Bali to berth. The ship has an unsavory record in drug smuggling. There have been several arrests and convictions in recent years following the discovery of drugs on the ship, mainly Cannabis from Southeast Asian ports.

But yesterday there was a new air of excitement among the officials waiting on the wharf. Word had filtered through from Malaysia to the Australian narcotics bureau that the ship was carrying a huge consignment of heroin. The word was that the heroin had originated in the notorious golden triangle and had made it way south via Indonesia.

When the Kota Bali docked she was boarded and searched, but the search did not take long, perhaps an indication of the accuracy of the information relayed to Australia from Singapore and Kuala Lumpur. In a container inside a water tank in the ship's stern the searchers found between 12 and 14 kilograms of heroin, a record haul for Australia.

The importance of the find can be gauged by looking at recent heroin statistics for Australia. Last year narcotics agents seized 18 kilograms. Until yesterday's haul the total this year was 10 kilograms. Initially a value of \$1 million was put on the heroin, but 2 years ago a haul of only 4.5 kilograms was valued at more than \$3 million. The heroin had been concealed in a Jaguar car shipped to Fremantle from Penang in another cruise ships.



The latest haul was in 18 packets and is said to be 60-percent pure heroin. Narcotics officials regard this as grade three, which they say can be cut down several times before being finally distributed to users. The average purity of street heroin in Australia is only 10 percent.

Several members of the crew of the Kota Bali have been interviewed about the heroin, but so far investigations appear to have drawn a blank. But given the accuracy of the tipoff at the Malaysian end it is likely the authorities know more about the shipment than they are letting on.

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AUSTRALIA

AUSTRALIA CONCERNED ABOUT NEW ZEALAND HEROIN TRAFFIC

Melbourne Overseas Service in English 1130 GMT 20 Sep 79 OW

[Text] The immigration minister, Mr Mackellar, said today that he was concerned that heroin was being brought into Australia from New Zealand. Mr Mackellar told Parliament that he and his New Zealand counterpart were anxious to minimize abuses of the free movement system between the two countries.

He was answering a question from Mr Clyde Cameron who said that when he was labor immigration minister he discovered that most heroin was brought from New Zealand. Mr Cameron asked whether Mr Mackellar would introduce a system of identity control for people coming from New Zealand. Mr Mackellar said he was anxious to preserve the special relationship between the two countries and we did not want to unnecessarily hinder the movement of people across the Tasman.

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AUSTRALIA

'AFP' REPORTS ON FREMANTLE, AUSTRALIA DRUG HAUL

Hong Kong AFP in English 1330 GMT 26 Sep 79 OW

[Text] Perth, Australia, 26 Sep (AFP)--Heroin seized aboard a ship in the port of Fremantle yesterday may be worth 2 million dollars Australian.

The Australian federal narcotics commissioner Mr Harvey Bates said this today after experts had examined the haul more closely.

The heroin--the biggest haul in Australian history--was originally valued at 1 million dollars Australian.

Mr Bates said today the heroin had been officially weighed at 14.2 kilograms.

Even the revised value is considered to be conservative. Smaller quantities of similar grade heroin have been given much higher values in recent court cases.

The heroin found yesterday is number three grade indicating a purity of about (?60) percent. It was found in an unused storage area at the stern of the cruise ship Kota Bali.

The ship had just returned from a voyage to Bali. Customs officials in Perth had received a tip from Singapore that the vessel could be carrying drugs.

Meanwhile narcotics agencies in Singapore, Indonesia and Thailand have begun investigation into the source of the heroin.

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INDIA

BRIEFS

CHARAS SEIZURE--New Delhi, 17 Sep (AFP)--Five hundred kilograms of contraband charas (drugs) worth half a million rupees (62,500 US dollars) was seized by the police in Uttar Pradesh, near Bahrich town on the Indo-Nepal border from the possession of three persons on Saturday last, PRESS TRUST OF INDIA (PTI) news agency reported today. PTI said, quoting police sources, that heavy dope traffic from Nepal to the plains of the Uttar Pradesh had been noticed for the past one month and special cells consisting of officers from Nepal and U.P. police had been set up to keep a strict vigil on them. [Text] [Hong Kong AFP in English 1613 GMT 17 Sep 79 BK]

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JAPAN

BRIEFS

DRUG SMUGGLING ARRESTS--Osaka, 29 Sep--Police had arrested by Saturday 18 members of a narcotic smuggling ring in Osaka on suspicion of violation of the stimulant drugs control law, it was learned the same day. They also seized 571 grams of amphetamines, a pistol of Italian make and a Japanese sword from the homes of some suspected smugglers. Police said Masatoshi Bo, 33, bought one kilogram of amphetamines from Kim Chu-hak, crewman of a South Korean freighter, for yen 4 million in September last year. In total, Bo smuggled into Japan from the same source 11 kilograms of stimulant drugs worth yen 3.3 billion in street value before his arrest in July, police said. The smuggling ring was affiliated with Sugaya-gumi, a gangster organization in Osaka, they added. Police were still investigating the routes through which this ring was selling drugs. [Text] [Tokyo KYODO in English 0539 GMT 29 Sep 79 OW]

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PAKISTAN

BRIEFS

CHARAS, LIQUOR SEIZURES--The Excise Intelligence Bureau Staff seized four kilogram charas, nine bottles of Indian liquor, and 50 grams of contraband opium on Saturday. The staff received a tip that Qamar Din of Syed Hotel near Railway Station was dealing with illegal transaction of illicit commodities for the past many months. He used to supply charas, opium and Indian liquor to people putting up at his hotel. A raid was conducted and the illicit commodities were recovered by Qamar Din for which he was taken into custody. A case under Shariat Act was registered. [Text] [Lahore THE PAKISTAN TIMES in English 19 Aug 79 p 3]

EXPORT CARGO YIELDS CHARAS--Karachi, Aug 28: The antismuggling squad of Karachi customs seized 480 kgs of contraband charas worth Rs 1.70 crore in the international market from the export cargo of a ship at West Wharf yesterday. According to a Customs Press release information was received that charas will be concealed in the export consignment of local goods destined for the United States. The staff of the anti-smuggling kept constant watch over the export consignments arriving from Lahore for loading on the ships destined for U.S. A consignment of "brass horns for taxis" booked by a commercial firm, arrived at West Wharf from Dry Port of Lahore. The consignment was to be shipped to New York on board U.S. President Line ship President Roosevelt within a day or two. The twenty wooden crates were off-loaded from the container which on examination revealed nearly half ton of contraband charas packed along with brass horns. The goods were seized immediately and removed to the Customs House for safe custody. Further investigations is in progress and some arrests are likely to be made in near future. [Text] [Lahore THE PAKISTAN TIMES in English 29 Aug 79 p 8]

CHARAS SEIZURE IN KAPULI--Inspector Abdul Ali Khan, SHO Kabuli Police station recovered a sizeable quantity of charas from a house in a City Mohallah Ghulab Khana on Wednesday. Inspector Ali Khan, accompanied by the Additional SHO Syed Karim Badshah raided the house on an information and arrested the owner Jumma Khan s/o Hyder Khan. [Text] [Peshawar KHYBER MAIL in English 23 Aug 79 p 1]

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PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

TWENTY DRUG PEDDLERS, USERS DEPORTED

Guangzhou NANFANG RIBAO in Chinese 9 Aug 79 p 1

[Article: "A Number of Drug Peddlers and Users Deported--Determination To Eradicate Criminal Drug Activities"]

[Text] Based on the reports of the masses, the Guangzhou Bureau of Public Security recently arrested a number of drug peddlers and users from Hong Kong and Macao and penalized them in accordance with the law; twenty of the unlawful elements were deported from the country yesterday (8 August).

In recent days a small number of unlawful elements from Hong Kong and Macao have utilized the opportunities of visiting relatives or friends to enter Guangzhou to engage in drug peddling and use, severely damaging the reputation of our country and disrupting our social order and security. Many compatriots of Hong Kong and Macao as well as the masses of Guangzhou have reported their criminal activities to the department of public security. To protect the reputation of the socialist motherland and to preserve the socialist legal system, the Guangzhou Bureau of Public Security has disciplined a number of unlawful elements engaged in peddling and using drugs according to the laws and regulations of the People's Republic of China. On 31 July action was taken to eradicate drug peddling and use within the municipal district. Twenty-five drug peddlers, users and hoarders were caught, and quantities of drugs and drug apparatus were seized at the same time.

To punish the criminals and to educate the masses, on 2 and 3 August the public security organization took the unlawful elements to the hotels and locale of their unlawful activities and called a mass meeting to announce their criminal activities and imposed penalties according to law. Twelve of the 25 unlawful elements are being detained administratively; in addition to administrative detention 10 have been fined; and the remaining three have been disciplined in some other way. Chen Jiawei, Li Guohui, Chen Yongji and 17 other unlawful elements were deported yesterday (8 Aug) and are not allowed to reenter the country again.

The disciplinary actions taken by the public security organization against the unlawful elements in accordance with the law have received support from the masses, patriotic overseas Chinese and the compatriots of Hong Kong and Macao. When on 3 August the unlawful elements were brought to Huaqiao Mansion for a public decision, the action was applauded by the workers, overseas Chinese and compatriots of Hong Kong and Macao. They said: "The unlawful elements should be penalized according to law." "From now on, if one more is caught, he will be likewise penalized." As a result of this event, the workers of the hotels that receive overseas Chinese and compatriots of Hong Kong and Macao, will be increasingly on the alert for drug violations. They have strengthened various systems, security measures and their determination to protect the reputation of the south gate of our motherland.

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PHILIPPINES

AT LEAST FORTY PERCENT OF SCHOOL KIDS ADDICTED TO DRUGS

Manila BULLETIN TODAY in English 29 Aug 79 p 22

[Article by T. Pe. Rimando]

[Text] Cotabato City, Aug. 28--Drug addiction has spread in colleges and major public and private high schools in central Mindanao, the PC has reported.

Maj Brassim M. Mamalinta, provincial commander and police superintendent of Maguindanao, said at least 30 to 40 percent of the student population in the affected schools are addicted to drugs.

He said the affected institutions are found in the cities of Marawi, Cotabato, and Iligan as well as in the big towns in Maguindanao, Sultan, Kudarat, Lanao del Sur, North Cotabato, and Lanao del Norte.

Mamalinta identified the affected schools in Cotabato city as Notre Dame university, Cotabato City National High School, Philippine Harvardian college, and the Notre Dame high schools for boys and girls.

The provincial commander claimed that local school officials themselves had admitted the prevalence of drug addiction among their students. One of them was Cotabato City National High School principal Pike Tilendo.

Mamalinta, this year's most outstanding provincial commander in Region 12 also reported that not a few out-of-school youths have also turned to drugs.

He said a Constabulary anti-narcotics unit team led by Capt Gerardo Alvarado apprehended recently some groups of students and out-of-schoolers in possession of prohibited bottles of drugs.

He said a pusher identified only as "Robert" from Davao city was considered the principal source and distributor of marijuana leaves to local drug addicts.

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PHILIPPINES

DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION COMMITTEE FORMED

Manila PHILIPPINES DAILY in English 13 Sep 79 p 2

[Text]

**MAYOR BAGAT-SING** earmarked yesterday P50,000 as initial fund for a newly-created five-man committee on drug abuse prevention and education to be headed by Education Deputy Minister Narciso Albarracin.

The committee was created to combat the proliferation of drug abuse in the city schools and universities and to help young students from falling prey to this dangerous situation.

The committee, which was an offshoot of the five-hour

dialogue between the city executive, the Ministry of Education and Culture and school officials and police authorities, is composed of Albarracin as chairman; Dionisio Tiongco, president of Philippine Association of Colleges and Universities (PACU); Director Anastacio Remesto of MEC-national capital region; Dr. Josefina Navarro of the division of city schools; and Brig. Gen. James Barbers, Western Police District superintendent, as members.

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DRUG SEIZED IN NORTHERN LUZON

Manila BULLETIN TODAY in English 12 Sep 79 p 13

[Text]

Considerable quantity of marijuana plants and leaves were seized by the Constabulary during a raid of three widely separated marijuana plantations in northern Luzon.

Reports flashed yesterday to Minister of Defense Juan Enrile said that:

In Nueva Vizcaya, elements of the provincial command headed by Lt. Col. Romeo Odi, provincial commander and Capt. E. Saldivar raided two marijuana plantations in sitio Dagui, Belani, Dupax.

The raiders seized 1,600 full-grown ma-

rjuana plants, four grams of marijuana seeds, and 38 kilos of marijuana leaves.

The government agents arrested seven persons suspected as cultivators of the marijuana plantation raided.

In sitio Puegey, Agmalueyluey, Buglas, Benguet, elements of the 190th PC company under a Sgt. Lista raided another marijuana plantation the other day and uprooted several marijuana plants. The suspected cultivator, a certain Magtingan Itong, was taken into custody by the raiders.

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PHILIPPINES

## TWO HONG KONG MEN HELD ON DRUG CHARGES

Manila BULLETIN TODAY in English 30 Aug 79 pp 1, 12

[Text]

Two Hong Kong residents were arrested yesterday by PC Metrocom intelligence agents while they were selling P15,000 worth of Mogadon tablets, a regulated drug, at Manila's Chinatown.

Also, Finance Ministry intelligence men seized the other day P1.2 million worth of marijuana leaves in separate apprehensions in La Union and Benguet.

Arrested in Chinatown were Yeung Tak-yu (English name: Robert Yeung), 42; and Ching Wei Fung, 26, (English name Martin Ching). Both are Hong Kong residents and are British subjects.

They were nabbed with 5,000 tablets of Mogadon which are valued at P3 each.

Lt. Renato Peñafiel of the Metrocom's intelligence and security group (MSG), who led the team that arrested Yeung and Ching, said that the two commute regularly between Manila and Hong Kong.

They would offer apples and oranges wholesale to the local Chinese in Chinatown.

After three legal deals, Peñafiel said, the two would then offer to sell prohibited drugs.

One of the Ongpin businessmen to whom they offered to sell the drugs went to the Metrocom and reported the matter.

Capt. Panfilo Lacson, chief of the MSG's police intelligence branch, assigned Peñafiel and his men to watch the two Hong Kong visitors.

Yeung and Ching were nabbed along Alonzo street, Binondo, while closing a deal with a local Chinese businessman.

At Camp Aguinaldo, Commissioner Pelagio Cruz of the Finance Ministry intelligence bureau said his men

seized 80 kilos of dried marijuana leaves in two related operations.

The seized prohibited leaves, when processed, would command a street price of P1,240,000.

Six persons, one of them posing as a lieutenant in the military intelligence service, were arrested and immediately charged in court.

Cruz identified them as Juan Radito who said he was Lt. Joselito Cabacungan; Mario Radito of Sta. Maria, Ilocos Sur; Romulo Dato, Sta. Maria, Ilocos Sur; Vicente Baragosa, Sta. Maria; and a certain "Boy."

The six were arrested in San Fernando, La Union, while about to sell one traveling bag of dried marijuana leaves, two sacks of dried marijuana leaves and one paper bag containing dried marijuana leaves.

The vehicle used by the suspects, a Toyota Tamaraw with plate number IP-796-P-44-78, was also seized by FMIB agents to be used as evidence.

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THAILAND

PROVINCIAL POLICE DESTROY PLANTATIONS

Bangkok BANGKOK POST in English 12 Sep 79 p 3

[Text]

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THREE persons were arrested and police destroyed marijuana plantations covering a total area of 20 rai Monday, it was reported yesterday.

[2 1/2 rai = 1  
acre]

Provincial police, tipped off that marijuana has been discovered being grown in the jungles of Wang Saphung and Phu Kradung districts, sent two forces to the areas.

The first unit of 40 policemen was sent to Ban Pasamyod in Tambon Pa-in-plang, Wang Saphung District, where they found about 10 rai of marijuana plantation.

They destroyed the crop and arrested Rien Sithongtham (38), owner of the land before he could escape.

Thirty policemen of the second unit found another 10-rai marijuana plantation at Ban Kokpakwan of Tambon Phakhao, Phu Kradung District. They destroyed the crop and held owners Choo Sala (65) and his

wife, Huay (62) for questioning.

About 3,770 kilos of harvested marijuana crop were seized and taken to provincial police headquarters as evidence against the three arrested persons.

Provincial authorities have recently launched an operation to destroy marijuana crops to stop narcotic trafficking at the source.

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THAILAND

THAI SEAMAN ARRESTED ABOARD FREIGHTER

Heroin In Ice Bucket

Bangkok BANGKOK POST in English 1 Sep 79 p 3

[Text]

THE Customs Department's Preventive Division officials yesterday seized 3.9 kilogrammes of No.4 heroin allegedly found in the possession of a Thai citizen on board Panama freighter "Eastern Power", anchored at Bangkok's Klong Toey Harbour.

The Customs officials became suspicious as the suspect, Mangseng sae Tia, boarded the freighter wearing a loin cloth and carrying a plastic container. Customs officials led by Mr Nipon Suwanpiem followed Mangseng onto the ship and demanded a search.

They allegedly discovered altogether 3.9 kilogrammes of No.4 heroin in seven plastic bags inside the plastic ice container and three in the Kao Mar loin cloth round his waist.

Mangseng allegedly confessed that he was hired for 2,000 baht by an unidentified man to hand over the heroin to Mr Hoe Jong Meng, a Malaysian mechanic working on the freighter. Customs officials then called Hoe for interrogation at their headquarters.

Customs Makes Arrest

Bangkok NATION REVIEW in English 1 Sep 79 pp 1, 8

[Text]

A MALAYSIAN seaman was held for interrogation by Thai Customs officers after he had been named by a Thai worker as the receiver of 3.9 kilograms of No 4 heroin for further resale.

Ho Jong Meng, 30, a Malaysian national working for a Singapore-bound Panama freighter, Eastern Power, was still in the

Klong Toey police custody.

Meng was identified by a Thai worker, Man Sieng Sae Tia, 45, as the person to receive the drug which Man Sieng said he had been entrusted by another unidentified man.

Thai Customs officials found Man Sieng carrying an ice bucket and around his waist was wrapped with un-



*MAN Sieng (handcuffed) with heroin and a Customs official.*

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sually thick cloth while he was climbing aboard the Panama cargo ship. The heroin was hidden in the ice bucket and around Man Sieng's waist.

Man Sieng told the Customs officials that he had been hired by a man to carry the drug to Ho Jong Meng.

Customs officials at Don

Muang Airport, meanwhile, arrested an American and two Thais together with 280 grammes of heroin No 4 before they boarded a plane for Rome.

They were identified as Stephen Lee Ramabe, Saming Parawattana and Saengwan Parawattana. The heroin was found in their suitcases.

THAILAND

SMUGGLING CHARGED TO 11 FOREIGNERS

Heroin Found

Bangkok NATION REVIEW in English 11 Sep 79 p 1

[Text]

ELEVEN foreigners, including Hong Kong Chinese, Taiwanese and Haw Chinese were formally charged at the Criminal Court for possession of 15.5 kilogrammes of heroin with the intention to smuggle it to foreign countries.

The public prosecutor responsible for the case told the Criminal Court that the eleven persons, including one woman, were arrested at Klong Toey Port and on Silom Road on May 21 this year.

Police found 29 packs of heroin worth in Thailand about 460,000 baht together with a total cash of 16,000 baht in their possession.

The public prosecutor also requested the Criminal Court not to allow bail to the defendants on the ground that they are foreigners and have some financial influence. "They would escape if they are bailed out", the public prosecutor said in his statement to the court.

Out of the eleven defendants, five have confessed to police interrogators that they committed the crime. They were identified as Pakyok Lin, Chern Vouisin, Chungsi sae Chern, Loo Chuan Fia and Yuna sae Chal.

The six persons who denied the charges are Hang-nieu sae Ho, Cheng Ar-kai sae Kae, Bueypor sae Beh, Takfah sae Kwang, Tiewmeng sae Tang and Miss Wong Sao-eng.

Known Traffickers Held

Bangkok BANGKOK POST in English 11 Sep 79 p 5

[Text]

THE public prosecutor yesterday formally filed charges of heroin possession and intent to smuggle for sale abroad against 11 alleged members of a narcotics gang. Among the suspects are Pak Yok Lin and Chueng Ah Kai, accused of being internationally known drug traffickers.

Pak Yok Lin and Chueng Ah Kai, with

their alleged accomplices, — most of them Hong Kong and Taiwan Chinese — were arrested in series of raids by Narcotics Suppression Centre police in Bangkok Metropolis May 21-22 this year.

A total of 15.45 kilogrammes of No. 3 "brown sugar" heroin were alleged found — 13.45 kilos hidden in a joss stick shipment about

to be taken on board a Hong Kong-bound freighter, and two kilos in an apartment in Silom area.

Pak Yok Lin and most of the suspects allegedly pleaded guilty on arrest, while some deny any knowledge of the heroin.

The public prosecutor asked the court to deny any requests for bail.

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THAILAND

TOURIST HELD FOR HEROIN POSSESSION

Bangkok BANGKOK POST in English 9 Sep 79 p 3

[Text] A GERMAN national was yesterday arrested in Klong Toey on a charge of possessing 5 grammes of heroin, police reported.

Nobert Braun was arrested after he allegedly purchased the drug from two traffickers, a woman and a man, who managed to escape on a motorcycle.

The arrest took place in front of Klong Toey Rama cinema and was conducted by narcotic agents from Metropolitan Narcotics Unit and the Office of the Narcotics Centre Board.

Police said Braun arrived in Thailand on June 22 from Frankfurt and stayed at the Atlanta Hotel. He was scheduled to check out from the hotel yesterday.

Police later searched his hotel room but did not find any drugs among his belongings.



Braun

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THAILAND

TOURISTS ARRESTED ACCEPTING DELIVERY OF HEROIN

Bangkok BANGKOK POST in English 29 Aug 79 p 5

[Text]



Australian Norman John Walker, 29, and Harold Adler, 30, a Canadian seen at Thong Lor police station after their arrest.

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A CANADIAN and an Australian were arrested after allegedly taking delivery of 750 grammes of No. 4 first-grade heroin from a Thai woman at a restaurant off Sukhumvit Road on Monday night.

The arrest of the two foreigners and the Thai woman was the result of a joint investigation conducted by the Metropolitan Narcotics Unit (MNU) and their Canadian counterparts.

The arrested tourists

were identified as Barry Brian Ackerman (alias Harold Adler), 30, a Canadian national, and Australian Norman John Walker, 29.

They were arrested while allegedly taking delivery of the heroin from Mrs Yuporn Klabsree (25) at Chit Pochana restaurant in Soi 20 off Sukhumvit Road.

MNU police were informed that the two men planned to smuggle the heroin for sale in Canada, police said.

THAILAND

BRIEFCASES WITH FALSE BOTTOMS USED IN SMUGGLING ATTEMPT

Bangkok BANGKOK POST in English 3 Sep 79 p 3

[Text]

AN American national and two Thais were arrested on Friday night after Customs men allegedly found 250 grammes of No. 4 first-grade heroin in the briefcases belonging to the two Thais who were about to board an Alitalia flight to Rome together with the American.

Customs officials led by Mr Varin Thattipong detained the American, Stephen Lee Ramage and charged him initially with attempting to smuggle currency out of the country after US\$13,700 in cash was allegedly found in his belonging.

The officials in the meantime also became suspicious of the behaviour of the two Thais, Saming and Seangwan Palvatana, who were in Ramage's company and were scheduled to leave on the same flight to Rome.

Searching their briefcases, Customs officials found the heroin packages secreted in the specially-made false bottom of the briefcases.

The two men immediately implicated

Ramage as buyer of the heroin shipment, according to police. They alleged that Ramage had contacted them to carry the heroin to Rome, were the money was to be paid upon arrival.

SMUGGLE

The allegedly admitted that they agreed to co-operate with Ramage in attempting to smuggle the heroin to Rome because they needed the money to support a younger brother who is studying in the United States.

They alleged that Ramage planned all their expenses, including air fare to Rome, and provided the false bottom briefcases.

They were initially charged with possessing heroin with intent to sell and attempting to smuggle it out of the country. The three were detained at the Crime Suppression Division for further questioning.

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THAILAND

THREE, WITH LONG TRAFFICKING RECORD, FOUND WITH HEROIN

Bangkok BANGKOK POST in English 12 Sep 79 p 1

[Text]



Suspects Tassanai (right), his wife Valaiporn and their alleged accomplice, Vichai, pictured with the drugs seized by police yesterday.

A MARRIED couple and another man were arrested while allegedly in possession of 7kg of prepared opium and 7.3 kg of No. 3 "brown sugar" heroin yesterday afternoon.

Police alleged that the couple — Tassanai Tassanapremsin and his wife Valaiporn—had a long record of trafficking heroin from Bangkok to Europe and the United States.

Their passports showed records of trips to the United States, West Germany and France police said.

Police said Tassanai admitted upon arrest that he had smuggled drugs to Europe earlier this year, and that the drugs seized yesterday were to have been smuggled to the United States.

Tassanai allegedly told the police he was a long-term heroin addict.

A police spokesman said the couple's activities had attracted the interest of Narcotics Suppression Police.

A police team tailed the couple after they left their house in Lard Prao in a grey sedan late yesterday morning.

They parked the car by Klong Prapa.

Half an hour later, police said, their alleged accomplice, Vichai sae Lim, arrived with a paper box and got inside the car.

The waiting police immediately approached

the car for a search and allegedly found 15 packages of No. 3 heroin and four packages of opium in the glove box.

Tassanal also had one tube of No. 4 heroin for his own consumption, police said.

Police then searched Vichai's house, also in Lard Prao area, and allegedly found another two packages of opium there.

The three suspects were charged with possession of heroin and opium with intent to sell and were handed over to Crime Suppression Police for further questioning.

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THAILAND

THREE WOMEN ARRESTED PACKAGING HEROIN

Bangkok BANGKOK POST in English 4 Sep 79 p 3

[Text]



THREE women held on drugs charges yesterday are seen with prepared opium, morphine and drug packaging paraphernalia which police say was in their possession at the time of arrest.

Following the alleged discovery of 9.5 kilogrammes of prepared opium and two morphine blocks weighing 2.6 kilogrammes, the women were charged with possession and intent to sell.

The arrest followed a month-long investigation by Narcotics Suppression Police. Told that two sisters, Mrs Ampornari and Mrs Ngo (centre) and Mrs Ampai Poisdaothong (right) would receive narcotics from a northern courier, police watched their house in Soi Thiensap, Dao Khanong-Chomthong Road in Bang

Khusthien of Thon Buri.

Police say they saw a woman, later identified as Mrs Sangwien Kriteupa (left) carry a large bag into the house, and entered and searched the premises.

They said they found some narcotics where the women were sitting, and more opium, a chopping knife and scales elsewhere in the house.

Mrs Ampornari was taken to another house, in nearby Soi Klomruedee, where police say they uncovered more opium and 56 tubes to be filled with heroin for local sale.

Mrs Ampornari allegedly admitted the opium was hers, while the other two denied all charges.

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CANADA

REDUCTION OF PENALTIES FOR MARIHUANA POSSESSION URGED

Mandatory Minimum Sentence Criticized

Toronto THE GLOBE AND MAIL in English 27 Aug 79 p 7

[Editorial: "Logic Versus the Law"]

[Text]

Two importers of marijuana have been sacrificed on the altar of Parliament's obstinacy. Its failure over the past years to address, and tackle, a sweeping revision of the narcotic provisions in the Criminal Code has added at least two years to the convicted men's sentences.

Harkel Dacosta and Donovan McKenzie were found guilty of importing 467 pounds of marijuana into Canada, by sealing the drug in cans purporting to contain Jamaican ackees. Since the two were first offenders, Judge Arthur Whealy of York County Court favored a sentence of between two and five years. The term, he said, would "not only serve the interests of society in deterring crime, but would take into account the personal circumstances of each of the prisoners before me, the amount of the drug imported and all those miscellaneous facts that go to make up that very unscientific judgment as to what is an appropriate sentence."

It was a sentence he was prevented by law from passing.

Under section 5 (2) of the Narcotic Control Act, every person who imports a narcotic into Canada "is liable to

imprisonment for life but not less than seven years." A judge, no matter how excessive he may consider the seven-year minimum, is obliged to enforce it. In 1976, County Court Judge Stephen Borins tried imposing a lighter sentence, ruling that the minimum constituted "cruel and unusual punishment" under the Bill of Rights. But the Ontario Supreme Court called his reasoning "debatable and dubious", and increased the prison term to seven years.

Judge Whealy had no choice. "I will of course bow to the will of Parliament," he ruled, "but I do so very unwillingly. Under no other circumstances. . . would I have sentenced either of these accused persons to seven years." He has been denied the prerogative of discretion. His right to "balance the interest of society as a whole against those of the accused personally", and to consider "questions of deterrence, rehabilitation, public repudiation of the conduct, social values and retribution", has been pre-empted.

Worse, the mandatory minimum sentence demanded by section 5 is exceptional. Although piracy, rape, air hijacking, kidnapping and robbery are crimes which, along with murder, "in-

flame the passions of the law-abiding citizens most violently", Parliament has not felt it necessary to provide a minimum penalty. In fact, Parliament has imposed such a penalty in connection with only three crimes punishable by life imprisonment: murder, high treason, and importing a narcotic. "I am utterly unpersuaded," he told the courtroom, "that the offence of importing a narcotic, whatever the narcotic is, is as serious as (murder and treason)." When the narcotic is cannabis, the comparison becomes ludicrous.

"It is a matter of common and public knowledge," the judge noted, "that at the outset of the recent federal election, three major political parties all stated that there had been unanimous approval in Parliament (that) cannabis substances, including marijuana, could have been, by consent, redefined in some fashion from narcotics to some lesser and less punishable category. . . . If that unanimous consent had been forthcoming in Parliament, then it would be to me, quite clear, that there would be no minimum sentence of seven years for importing cannabis products."

This and other generations, he said, have built a way of life around, and a market for, cannabis products. Ottawa has vowed for years to alter what it recognizes as a string of harsh laws governing the drug. Yet nothing has happened. "As a member of the judiciary," says Judge Whealy, "completely independent from and unservient to those elected officials who make the laws of Canada, including criminal law, and by the same token, determine the penalty appropriate for the crime, I cannot help but think it is a disservice to the general population to perpetrate the ambivalence of the law."

Judge Whealy was once a special federal prosecutor in drug cases. He knows his subject, and his logic is flawless. He is calling for a repeal of minimum mandatory sentences for importers of narcotics. And he is echoing from the bench what Judge Borins, lawyers, associations and individuals have been saying for years — that continuing to treat cannabis as a narcotic, with the consequent criminal penalties, makes a mockery of the law.

Can Parliament, the body responsible for that law, afford not to listen? Can it afford not to act?

#### Law Change Needed

Toronto THE GLOBE AND MAIL in English 4 Sep 79 p 6

[Editorial: "Son of the Cannabis Bill"]

[Text]

However nervously, however cautiously, Health Minister David Crombie has promised to introduce legislation this fall to reduce penalties for simple possession of cannabis. It is a promise we have heard many times before, from many mouths, but it is none the less welcome for that; we can only hope the Government is serious in its bid to change a bad law.

Mr. Crombie noted that the three major political parties are on record as favoring the reduction of penalties for possession of the drug. He stressed that it will remain illegal.

And he called for a debate in Parliament to alert the public to the effects of the drug; recent studies, he said, have indicated that marijuana can damage the lungs, upset hormonal balances in men and women, and lower the body's resistance to disease.

But while these studies should be made available to as wide an audience as possible, just as the harmful effects of alcohol and tobacco are widely publicized, the Government should not tie the campaign to the speed with which it changes the law.



The argument for decriminalizing possession of marijuana has never rested on the case that the drug is harmless. It has rested on the futility, and the danger, of endorsing a law which is not and cannot be evenly enforced, which ignores the fact that millions of Canadians have used the drug, and which hands criminal records to those thousands whose misfortune it is to be caught with small quantities of a substance used without harassment — at rock concerts, at parties — by their peers.

Mr. Crombie seems unwilling to see the criminal penalties go. "If the federal Government decriminalizes cannabis 100 per cent," he says, "then it doesn't have anything more to say about it. It then becomes a provincial responsibility. I'm interested in discouraging its use." But does the Government need to retain jurisdiction over the offence in order to warn the public of the drug's side-effects? Does Ottawa, in its pursuit of "heightened public concern with the bad effects of cannabis use", need to dangle the threat of criminal records over the public's head?

The answer, as different voices have been saying for years, is no. Treating possession of marijuana as less than a criminal offence does not make it legal, and does not, implicitly or explicitly, condone its use. It simply acknowledges that the prescribed penalties as the law now stands are out of all proportion to the severity of the act. Mr. Crombie's statements are a first step toward that acknowledgment: will the Government, and the Opposition parties, have the wisdom to go the full distance?

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CANADA

THREE-MONTH INVESTIGATION RESULTS IN LSD SEIZURE

Windsor THE WINDSOR STAR in English 8 Sep 79 p 4

[Text]

A three-month investigation headed by Windsor RCMP culminated Friday in the arrests of three people and a major drug seizure of several thousand units of lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD).

Sgt. John Pratt, RCMP drug squad spokesman, said the arrests and seizure of 10,000 hits of LSD, with an estimated street value of \$30,000 to \$50,000, followed the lengthy investigation of an international drug importing ring.

"This investigation hopefully interrupted the major

dissemination of LSD into various parts of Canada," Pratt said.

Scheduled to appear in Windsor provincial court this morning on charges of possession of a restricted drug for the purpose of trafficking are: Charles Daviau, 31, of 448 Tecumseh Rd. E., Windsor; Fay Tsermegas, 22, of 4549 Sixth St., Ecorse, Mich.; and her brother, William Tsermegas, 31, of 4549 Sixth St., Ecorse, Mich.

Pratt said the investigation is continuing with the help of Windsor police and the U.S. drug enforcement agency and

more arrests may be pending.

The three persons were arrested in Tsermegas' car on Rossini Boulevard near Tecumseh Road East at 8:05 p.m. Friday.

Daviau, who operates a tattoo parlor on a part-time basis at his Tecumseh Road address, was also employed by Chrysler Canada Ltd.

Because the investigation is continuing, Pratt would not reveal details about the investigation or how the LSD was brought into Canada.

But he admitted the seizure will disrupt the distribution of the illegal drug in Canada.

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CANADA

STATISTICS SHOW DROP IN NARCOTICS OFFENSES

Windsor THE WINDSOR STAR in English 10 Sep 79 p 2

[Text]

TORONTO (CP) — The number of drug offences in Canada declined in 1978, preliminary Statistics Canada crime figures indicate.

Behind the drop is a five-per-cent decline in the number of cannabis offences, the category of marijuana and hashish that continues to dominate Canada's drug statistics.

The total number of drug offences declined to 60,747 last year from 63,843 in 1977 — a 4.8-per-cent drop.

Marijuana and hashish offences reported to Statistics Canada by police made up more than 87 per cent of drug offences in 1978. There were 53,378 offences last year, a drop of five per cent from the 56,447 in 1977.

However, heroin and cocaine offences, while small in number compared with cannabis, jumped dramatically in 1978 — by 19 per cent for heroin to 1,221 and by 16 per cent to 1,030 for cocaine.

"The reason behind the decreasing number of convictions I feel is because there is not as much enforcement of the softer drugs," said an

Ontario Provincial Police spokesman with the drug enforcement section.

"It is a waste of time in some respects," he said in a telephone interview. "We spend more time cracking down on the traffickers, going after bigger things."

The inspector in charge of the Metropolitan Toronto Police's narcotics bureau attributes the decline in cannabis offences and the rise in the number of heroin and cocaine offences to a tendency of drug users to graduate from the softer drugs to using harder drugs.

"It is what we have always said happens," said Forbes Ewing. "It's a natural progression from that drug (marijuana) to the use of harsher drugs."

The head of the Toronto RCMP drug investigation bureau said that more emphasis is being placed on convicting large dealers and importers.

"The numbers of conviction may be down but the quality is up," said Insp. David Brown.

"Some of the bigger cases like the multimillion dollar

marijuana shipment stopped in Vancouver in July of last year involve countless hours whereas street convictions don't take very long."

"We are putting more emphasis on heroin and cocaine as well," Brown added.

All three spokesmen said that they don't think the decline in the number of drug offences last year is an indication that the use of drugs is declining.

The statistics, expected to be published early in November, show that 43,777 adult males and 5,098 adult females were charged with drug offences last year. About 2,000 male juveniles and 378 female juveniles were charged. More than 1,000 juveniles involved in drug offences were not charged.

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BRAZIL

BRIEFS

COCAINE SEIZED--Bauru (O GLOBO)--Police Chief Jasp Pedroso reported yesterday that the Bauru police has seized 7 kg of pure cocaine found in a suitcase abandoned in a train of the northwestern railroad which links Brazil and Bolivia. The police chief could not explain how the merchandise crossed the Brazilian-Bolivian border, although he indicated that some clues will probably lead them to the members of an international ring. [Rio de Janeiro O GLOBO in Portuguese 7 Sep 79 p 10 PY]

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PERU

BRIEFS

DRUG TRAFFICKERS ARRESTED--The Peruvian police has broken a ring of drug traffickers who during the last 8 months manufactured 100 kilograms of cocaine base worth more than 500,000,000 soles. The laboratories were found in Villa Sol, Lima, and (Vicente Espinoza), 34; (Jose Luis Sanchez Abaleta), 25; (Guillermo Zuniga), 35; and (Justo Daniel Valenzuela), 36, were arrested. [Lima RADIO UNION in Spanish 0100 GMT 11 Sep 79 PY]

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IRAN

SHIRAZ REPORTS NARCOTICS DEALERS ARRESTED, CONVICTED

One Gets Death Sentence

Shiraz Domestic Service in Persian 1830 GMT 4 Sep 79 GF

[Text] One narcotics dealer in Shiraz received the death sentence, and two others were sentenced to life imprisonment. According to reports received by our correspondent, based on the verdict issued by the prosecutor's office of the Islamic revolution for the city of Shiraz, Amir Qoli Darang-Zadeh received the death sentence, and Seyyed Akbar Khatunaki and Siyavosh Keshvari were both sentenced to life imprisonment.

The prosecutor's office of the Islamic Revolution for the city of Shiraz had held a meeting to hear the accusations against these three dealers and distributors of narcotics, and last midnight issued and announced its verdict in the case of these three individuals.

Fasa Narcotics Dealers Arrested

Shiraz Domestic Service in Persian 1830 GMT 4 Sep 79 GF

[Text] Four narcotics distributors were arrested in the town of Fasa. The arrested persons were turned over to legal authorities by the Corps of Islamic Revolution Guards for the city of Fasa.

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IRAN

BRIEFS

DISTRIBUTOR ARREST IN FASA--A narcotics distributor was arrested by members of the guards corps and police officials in the city of Fasa. According to reports from our correspondent, 8 grams of heroin were seized from this dealer at the time of his arrest. [Text] [Shiraz Domestic Service in Dari 1830 GMT 16 Sep 79 GF]

WARNING TO UNREGISTERED OPIUM FARMERS--The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development has issued a warning that a number of people, because of their ignorance of the regulations governing planting--and without obtaining permission to do so--perhaps may embark on planting opium poppy. Therefore, in order to obviate any losses that might arise out of preparing the ground in the current year, before the government's policy--the area and regions to be planted have been made public and the planting agreement has been signed between the agriculture departments and those planters who are competent to do so--is emphatically forbidden. Moreover, offenders will be dealt with in accordance with Article 13 of the amendment to the law forbidding the planting of opium poppy, approved in 1959, which is quoted verbatim; that is, if someone embarks on planting opium poppy, apart from having his plants destroyed he will be sentenced to imprisonment and hard labor for from 3 to 15 years and a fine in cash equalling 100,000 rials for each hectare, or less, of land under such cultivation. In cases of repeated offenses, apart from the payment of a fine in cash he will be sentenced to life at hard labor. The statement also states: Opium poppy plantations, once discovered, will be sprayed with weed killer and toxic chemicals from the air. [Text] [Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0930 GMT 15 Sep 79 LD]

CONFISCATED HEROIN DESTROYED--The Central News Bureau has reported that 15 kg of heroin confiscated from our smugglers in Malayer was destroyed in the presence of the governor general of Hamedan, the public prosecutor of Malayer, the religious judge, the chief of police of this town and a group of people yesterday morning. [Text] [Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1930 GMT 14 Sep 79 LD]

DEATH SENTENCE TO DEALERS--Two narcotics dealers were found guilty and sentenced to death by the Islamic Revolution Court for the city of Shiraz. According to reports from our correspondent, the Islamic Revolution Court for the city of Shiraz held its session this morning to hear charges against Seyyed Mehdi Peymani, son of Mohammad, occupation furniture manufacturer, native and resident of Esfahan; and Jaber Hejazi, son of Esshaq, native and resident of Tehran, occupation peddler. On the basis of the court's verdicts, the above two individuals were charged with possession and distribution of 135 grams of heroin, found guilty of corruption on earth, and given the death sentence. The order of the Islamic Revolution Court for the city of Shiraz will be carried out after a 2-day delay to make it possible for the convicts' families to visit them. [Text]  
[Shiraz Domestic Service in Persian 1830 GMT 16 Sep 79 GF]

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LEBANON

BRIEFS

HASHISH SEIZURE--Police seized six tons of raw hashish, ready to be processed and smuggled abroad, from privately owned vehicles near the town of Talya in the Biqa'. The hashish was then transported in a large truck to Beirut where it was to be inspected and destroyed. [Beirut AL-SAFIR in Arabic 20 Sep 79 p 12]

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MADAGASCAR

DRUG CRISIS EXAMINED AT ANTANARIVO FARITANY PEOPLE'S COUNCIL MEETING

Tananarive MADAGASCAR-MATIN in French 20 Aug 79 pp 1-3

Excerpt A preliminary meeting of the members of the faritany commission responsible for education and all social problems was held following the observation by responsible sources of the dangerous spreading of drugs, particularly among young people, that is to say the thousands of high school and college students who let themselves be drawn into using this dangerous product.

In its report the commission emphasized that drugs--in particular Indian hashish--have entered high schools and colleges and that Toaka Gasy, an illegally produced local alcohol whose fermentation products often constitute poisons without known antidotes, has been added to it.

In speaking of drugs in general, according to the observations of the security forces charged with inquiries in the faritany of Antanarivo, Indian hashish is the most widespread since it can be grown in maize fields or manioc fields and at least three firasisana are known for this clandestine cultivation.

The facility with which this plant--which is deadly to the mental health of the consumers--reproduces is of great advantage to its cultivators. Distributors need only harvest the necessary quantity and sell it to consumers, whose numbers keep increasing dangerously. It must be stated that the sale price of the drug varies with the season and with the zeal of the prosecution: 50 Fmg per gram, sometimes 100 Fmg per gram and a bag of Indian hashish, weighing 5-7 kg, represents a truly golden business for the dealers: 500,000 to 750,000 Fmg.

The commission has also observed that the dealers trafficking in drugs are difficult to trade since they change the planting locations, as well as the means of transportation, misleading investigators. Sometimes the dealers find unexpected means to camouflage their merchandise: frequently coffins are used for it. Often it is a quiet bicycle rider or simple cart driver who gets the job to deliver the goods to a certain address, which is changed constantly.

The commission has also looked into the motives leading to drug use and has come to the following conclusions most of the young people who acquire the drug habit are without occupational training, have come from the rural areas and are in a difficult situation once they arrive in the capital, or in one of the larger cities, where they expected to find work. The disappointment drives them to forget everything or to search for it through drug use. There are also young people who have gained a certain level of education, among them even some who have attended institutions of secondary education and are in the 15 to 23 age group, but have brusquely turned their back on it, no doubt out of defiance. Perhaps they do it to acquire the nerve to engage in the new and profitable occupation of banditry, since it is so dangerous.

The commission has sounded the alarm about a fact which may put the future of our country into peril: Ten percent of the addicts are female, the weaker sex.

The taking of drugs is perhaps also due to the fact that certain young people who are timid or awkward hope to assert themselves among their peers by means of it. Along with the youngsters, artists who look for inspiration from drugs while composing their works are also being accused.

Finally, there are the children of the rich living idly off their parents and who would rather take drugs than go to work.

In brief, there is danger all around for the future of the country since the young people represent 60-70 percent of the island's population.

#### Some Solutions

Faced with this state of affairs the commission has judged it useful to advance some solutions for the common welfare.

The construction of treatment centers for drug addicts is not an adequate solution since it would offer encouragement to them and they could, one day, find a refuge in them. The members of the commission think that it is much better to fight a ceaseless battle against the drug peddlers and their acolytes throughout the entire country and in all of Madagascar, since drugs move easily from country to country by devious and multiple ways. They recalled the existence of a National Advisory Commission on Narcotics, created in 1974, to be more exact on 15 Nov 1974, and that representatives of the ministries affected by the drug problem: health, interior, justice, finance, and economics, welfare and foreign affairs, took part. Resolution No 60-073 of 1960 condemned the planters, sellers, distributors and consumers to severe punishments of 5-6 years in prison and a fine of 10,000 to 100,000 francs. Unfortunately this National Advisory Commission on Narcotics which, in principle, is supposed to meet twice a year is in a state of lethargy and the Central Office for Narcotics, which was also created in November 1974 and whose activities are supposed to be regulated by the commission, finds itself paralyzed.

The study commission of the faritany has thus recommended the reawakening of the National Advisory Commission on Narcotics, known as CNCS, to permit the Central Office to carry out its task effectively, which is an urgent requirement at this time. It has also asked that from now on representatives of the young people, of basic and secondary education, of information, defense and population, be included on the commission.

Decentralization of the activities of the CNCS is also necessary, since solutions can be found only by staying close to the problem and only by collaboration of the security forces with the decentralized communities, particularly in the fokontany where most of the cultivators of hashish and other drugs are, so that the activities of those notorious poisoners can be eradicated once and for all.

But while waiting for the CNCS to awaken from its slumber the commission at the faritany has asked approval of the following proposition by the people's council: The creation of commissions at the level of the decentralized communities, for the purpose of a close-up examination of the means for checking this scourge that menaces the future of our country, to arrange seminars to acquaint the population with the nefarious effects of drugs and to help the young people with counselling.

Among the solutions advanced, sports in general figure in first place as a method that allows our youngsters to work off their exuberance by means of competitive sports. The establishment of communal villages where young people would learn to know the team spirit could also become an effective means in the fight against drugs. Tightening of discipline in the schools will also be asked of those in responsible charge of them, to bar the way of drugs into the schools. The commission also asked that regular searches be made on trains, where drug dealers are never disturbed.

In all this the responsibility of the parents has never been forgotten and the commission has emphasized that young people enslaved by drugs are most often in conflict with their parents and are searching for refuge in the poison. It has also recommended the establishment of permanent dialogs between the two generations so that the young people should not feel forgotten or abandoned.

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SOUTH AFRICA

DAGGA CIGARETTE 'FACTORY' FOUND NEAR TRANSKEI BORDER

Windhoek THE WINDHOEK ADVERTISER in English 18 Sep 79 p 7

[Text] **DURBAN:** Police discovered a dagga cigarette "factory" in the suburb of Sydenham, here recently.

Members of the Narcotics Bureau, led by Warrant Officer Basie Bower, and a team of police from Port Shepstone had kept watch on a long stretch of the Transkei border for several days.

Many people were questioned and a large sum of money was found in a car they stopped at a roadblock.

Further investigations took police to the house in Spencer Road, where a dog trained to smell out dagga found 3 000 zols in the ceiling. Six people were arrested.

Police then went to a house in Clermont where they found loose dagga worth more than R25 000.

They also found a gun.

In the past two months Durban detectives have smashed three international drug-smuggling networks and seized dagga worth millions of rand.

British, Canadian and Dutch citizens have been detained.

Hundreds of bags of dagga have been seized on the South Coast and Transkei border areas, and a number of cars have been impounded.

Captain John Wright, Head of the Durban Narcotics Bureau, said some of his men had been shot at and had had to open fire during follow-up operations.

"These smugglers are ruthless and because of the big money involved they will do almost anything to get through. The price of dagga overseas is about six times what it is in Durban and international gangs will go to a lot of trouble to compact and disguise it."

He said the main problem was to prevent dagga from being smuggled from Transkei.

During the past year helicopters had been used to find dagga fields in Natal, which had led to a marked decline in its cultivation. — Sapa

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SOUTH AFRICA

BRIEFS

SOUTH AFRICAN DRUG SEIZURES--The South African police have uncovered an international drug smuggling ring and seized LSD and marijuana worth more than 100,000 rand. Three men detained by the police are believed to be members of an international gang involved in smuggling drugs to and from South Africa. After arresting one of the men in Johannesburg police seized a large quantity of LSD tablets from the Netherlands. On the same day a consignment of compressed marijuana, apparently destined for overseas markets, was found at a holiday house near Durban. Two men, including a British citizen, were arrested. Earlier this month another drug ring involving nine British nationals was uncovered in Cape Town. [Text] [Johannesburg International Service in English 1500 GMT 20 Sep 79 LD]

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TURKEY

BRIEFS

HASHISH SEIZED--Narcotics teams of the police department seized 38 kg of powdered hashish in hidden compartments of a Federal-German licenced car, which was about to be shipped abroad. Three Turkish citizens were taken under custody in connection with the shipment, which was estimated to be worth 10 million Turkish lira on the market. [Text] [Ankara ANATOLIA in English 1515 GMT 29 Aug 79 TA]

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UNITED KINGDOM

HIDDEN CACHE OF 'OPERATION JULIE' DRUGS LOCATED

London THE DAILY TELEGRAPH in English 12 Sep 79 p 1

[Article by Charles Nevin]

[Text] Police have unearthed in a Bedfordshire wood the 5 million pounds worth of LSD tablets which were missing at the end of the "Operation Julie" investigation.

The hidden cache, 1,000,000 tablets of the hallucinogenic drug, was found by police teams code-named "Operation Craig," formed from members of the Bedfordshire Constabulary, and "Operation Countryman," whose members are drawn from provincial forces.

A statement from Mr Leonard Birt, the Assistant Chief Constable of Dorset, who is heading "Operation Countryman," said the find followed "information from most delicate but reliable sources."

Since November, members of the "Countryman" team have interviewed a large number of prisoners, some of them serving long sentences.

As a result of the information received, "Operation Craig"---named after the son of one of the team---was mounted in August and the huge find, one of the biggest ever in this country, was made last Friday.

The principal purpose of "Operation Countryman" is to investigate allegations of corruption against Metropolitan and City of London police officers.

Fifteen Jailed

"Operation Julie" was responsible for detecting one of the biggest LSD production and supply rings the world has known.

In March 1978, 15 people were jailed for terms ranging from two to 13 years. The sentences were passed at Bristol Crown Court on defendants who included two highly qualified chemists and two doctors of medicine.



Richard Kemp, a brilliant research chemist, and Henry Barclay Todd, who set up an illicit laboratory in Hampton Wick, Surrey, were both sentenced to 13 years' imprisonment.

Dr Christine Bott, Kemp's mistress, said to be the banker of part of the proceeds, was jailed for nine years.

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