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AUSTRALIA

BANKING GROUP LINKED TO DRUG SYNDICATE

Kuala Lumpur BUSINESS TIMES in English 25 Aug 80 p 2

[Text]

A HIGH-ranking police official claimed in court last Friday the collapsed Nugan Hand merchant banking group was linked to an international syndicate importing drugs into Australia.

Victoria's Assistant Commissioner of Police, Tod Hall, also said the syndicate had imported heroin with a street value of US\$110 million (M\$242 million) about two years ago.

Mystery has surrounded the key figures of the bank, Mr Frank Nugan and American Michael John Hand, since Mr Nugan was found shot dead in January. An inquest found Mr Nugan, whose body was discovered in his car in Lithgow, 100 miles west of Sydney, had committed suicide.

Mr Hand, a 38-year-old New Yorker and former Green Beret during the Vietnam war, has been missing since June 6.

Investigators from the New South Wales (NSW) Corporate Affairs Commission, who have been probing the bank's affairs, believe he has left the country.

The banking group, which operated throughout South-East Asia, wound up in the NSW supreme court on July 2 with at least US\$20 million (M\$44 million) missing.

ACP Hall was appearing in the Melbourne Coroners' Court during an inquest on the deaths of a New Zealand couple, found murdered at the Victorian country town of Rye in May 1979.

He said the couple, Douglas and Isabel Wilson, were couriers for a drug syndicate and had revealed details of the syndicate's operations to the Federal Narcotics Bureau.

ACP Hall, who is head of a joint NSW, Victoria, Queensland and federal police force group in-

vestigating the Wilsons' allegations, said the couple's murder was organised by the drug ring's chief, Terrance Clarke, who has since left the country.

"Clarke is believed to have been responsible for at least three murders in Australia, including those of Douglas and Isabel Wilson, and was able to corrupt law enforcement officers," ACP Hall said.

"His organisation has been linked to the Griffith marijuana growers and to the Nugan Hand organisation."

Griffith is a town in the citrus fruit-growing area of NSW about 250 miles south-west of Sydney where several farm owners have been charged with growing marijuana and other drug-related offences.

A prominent citizen, Mr Donald Mackay, has been missing since July 1978 and police believe he

MELBOURNE, Aug. 24

has been murdered because of his anti-drug campaigns.

ACP Hall said a law clerk, Brian Alexander, employed by Sydney solicitor John Aston, was the link between the drug syndicate and corrupt law enforcement officers.

"Documents seized at the Sydney office of John L. Aston showed a connection between Aston, Brian Alexander and the Nugan Hand organisation which is believed was involved in the importation of drugs into Australia and the laundering of money obtained by illegal means," ACP Hall said.

He said during a nine-month period in 1978-79, 105.6 pounds of pure heroin with a street value estimated at US\$110 million was smuggled into the country by the drug syndicate.

The inquest into the Wilsons' death was adjourned until Friday. — UPI

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BURMA

BRIEFS

OPIUM-SUBSTITUTE CROP CULTIVATION--More opium-substitute crops are being planted in Hwensi Township, northern Shan State. On 29 August, over 150 farmers contributed labor to plant 5 acres of coffee in (Peinsat) Village tract, Hsenwi Township, under the leadership of the local party and People's Council organizations. As of 10 September, 40 acres of highland paddy, 80 acres of corn, 5 acres of sesame and 11 acres of coffee have been planted to substitute opium. [BK120635 Rangoon Domestic Service in Burmese 0130 GMT 11 Sep 80]

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HONG KONG

CANNABIS RESIN HAUL BY POLICE LARGEST IN 6 YEARS

Canadian Woman Arrested

Hong Kong SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST in English 27 Jul 80 p 1

[Report by Patrick Chan]

[Text] Narcotics Bureau officers early yesterday seized four kilograms of cannabis resin worth \$1 million in a Mei Foo Sun Chuen flat--the largest cannabis haul by Hongkong Police in the last six years.

Six people--three men and three women--including one Canadian woman, believed to be connected with the case, were late yesterday still being detained by the police.

They will appear in court tomorrow charged with trafficking in dangerous drugs.

Meanwhile, narcotics officials are still investigating whether the drugs were for local consumption or were in transit through Hongkong.

And Police raids are continuing in a bid to track down any other accomplices who may be still at large.

The operation, headed by Chief Insp John Thomson, involved some 60 narcotics officers. It was mounted after a month's intensive investigation.

The four kilogramme haul of cannabis resin was found in false compartments in two suitcases belonging to a 27-year-old Canadian woman who arrived in Hongkong at 8.40 on Friday night on BA 003.

The flight, en route from London to Hongkong, stopped over in Bombay where the woman boarded.

Police sources said a group, supposed to meet her at the airport, missed the woman.

Carrying two suitcases and other hand luggage she headed for the Fortuna Hotel in Kowloon.

There, she paged some people and was later met by two men.

The two suitcases were picked up by one of the men who was later arrested in the Mei Foo Sun Chuen flat.

The other man accompanied the woman to the nearby Empress Hotel.

The whole police operation, which swung into action after the woman's arrival, was mounted after police re-

ceived a tip from "informed sources."

According to Chief Insp Thomson, the first arrest was made at the Mei Foo flat followed by the arrest of the Canadian woman in the Empress Hotel.

A small quantity of cannabis resin wrapped in a plastic bag was also allegedly found on the woman.

Other raids based on confidential police addresses

resulted in the arrest of four other people who are believed to be connected with this case.

All the six arrested are aged between 20 and 30 years except one Chinese woman who is 57 years old.

On May 12 this year, Customs officers seized an even larger quantity of cannabis — 25 kilograms — on board a Pakistan-registered vessel.

No charges were laid.



Chief Insp John Thomson of the Narcotics Bureau shows members of the Press a section of the suitcase in which the drugs were hidden. Chief Insp Eric Leung is on the left.

Three Men Jailed

Hong Kong SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST in English 29 Jul 80 p 12

Text

Three men appeared in Western Court yesterday on charges connected with the seizure of \$1 million of cannabis.

No pleas were taken and Mr Harold Caine remanded the three in jail custody until next Tuesday.

The three are:

Tourist guide Chan Yung-hoi (32), who is accused of possessing dangerous drugs for the purpose of unlawful trafficking at a flat at Mei Foo Sun Chuen on Friday.

Painter Leung Kit-ming (26), who is accused of possessing dangerous drugs at a flat at King's Road, North Point, on Friday.

Inspector of prisons Ho Pui-lam (27), who is charged with the other two and a Canadian woman with trafficking in a dangerous drug between July 19 and Friday.

The Canadian, Mary Homewood (27), was remanded in a hospital custodial ward.

She is accused of possessing dangerous drugs at the Empress Hotel on Saturday.

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HONG KONG

THAI BUSINESSMAN GETS 8 YEARS FOR HEROIN TRAFFICKING

Hong Kong SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST in English 30 Jul 80 p 11

/Text/

A 33-year-old Thai businessman, Thamanoon Chavanaviraj, pleaded guilty in the High Court yesterday to possessing heroin worth over \$1 million for trafficking.

He was sentenced to eight years' imprisonment.

Mr Justice MacDougall was told that the accused arrived at Kai Tak airport on January 31 from Bangkok and told customs he had nothing to declare.

A customs officer became suspicious when he found that the weight of the suitcase was much heavier than its contents would suggest.

The customs officer carefully searched the suitcase and found a secret compartment inside the lid.

When he slit open the compartment he found 12 polythene bags containing a white powder.

A laboratory analysis showed that the powder was 2,161.95 grams of a mixture containing 514.75 grams of heroin.

The Narcotics Bureau placed a street value of \$1.08 million on the drugs.

The accused told the court that he had been asked to deliver the suitcase to someone in Hongkong but had not been told what it contained.

Mr Ronald Mayne appeared for the Crown.

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HONG KONG

SMUGGLER OF HEROIN FROM BANGKOK JAILED FOR 9 YEARS

Hong Kong SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST in English 31 Jul 80 p 9

[Text]

A 23-year-old lorry driver who brought in \$800,000 worth of heroin from Bangkok was sentenced to nine years' imprisonment in the High Court yesterday.

Tse Hung-wai had pleaded not guilty to a charge of possessing 4.26 kilos of heroin for unlawful trafficking.

But a seven-member jury, after five hours' deliberation, found him guilty by a majority vote of 6-1.

Tse was arrested at Kai Tak airport on December 12 when he returned from a trip to Bangkok, after customs officers found three polythene bags of heroin in his luggage.

Tse claimed in his defence that the suitcase belonged to a friend who had invited him to Thailand for a holiday.

The friend asked him to bring the suitcase to Hongkong when he left Thailand.

Defence counsel, Mr Mohan Bharwaney, submitted in mitigation that Tse was obviously tempted into committing the offence and that he was only a courier.

But Mr Commissioner Mayo said though it might be the case that he was a small cog in a large organisation, the court had to take a very serious view and impose a deterrent sentence.

Tse had previous convictions for loitering and professing to be a triad member.

Crown counsel Stephen Tisdall prosecuted.

Mr Bharwaney was instructed by the Director of Legal Aid.

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HONG KONG

HEROIN RING SMASHED, HAUL LARGEST IN 18 MONTHS

Hong Kong SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST in English 8 Aug 80 p 1

[Text]

Police yesterday smashed a narcotics ring and seized heroin worth \$5 million on the retail market — the biggest haul in 18 months.

The syndicate had only recently started operating from a newly built residential complex in Tsun Wan.

Five men were detained in a series of raids after a heroin manufacturing and distribution centre was uncovered on the 22nd floor of the 32-storey Tsun Wan Centre where 12 kilograms of No 3 heroin had been seized.

Narcotics Bureau officers are looking for about 12 other people believed to be connected with the drugs centre.

The well-equipped centre was manned by experienced hands in the illicit drugs manufacturing business, a police officer said.

He said the use of activated charcoal and quinine in the manufacturing process, the traditional method of making heroin which has not been used for the past two to three years because of their pungent smell, has been revived recently.

The reason: the current building boom.

He said illicit drug syndicates are setting up their businesses in newly built skyscrapers, usually occupying the top floors, because the smell during the manufacturing process cannot readily be detected and is easily dispersed by winds.

And the traffickers are not easily noticed because of the heavy traffic of decorators going in and out of these buildings.

Yesterday's raids were conducted by 20 officers led by Chief Inspector Eric Leung and Inspector Gordon Lamb.



Chief Insp Leung said police started investigating the syndicate about 1½ months ago.

He described the ring as medium sized and made up of Chiu Chows with good connections in Thailand.

Narcotics Bureau officers made their first move against the syndicate three days ago when a man was arrested in Kun Tong and heroin worth about \$1 million was seized.

Then at 7 am yesterday they waited in ambush on the 22nd floor of Tsun Wan Centre.

Nine hours later they pounced as a 35-year-old man was opening the door of the flat they were watching.



Insp Lamb with some of the seized drugs.

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HONG KONG

BRIEFS

AIRPORT HEROIN SEIZURE--Customs officers at Kai Tak airport seized heroin worth about \$1 million when they conducted a routine baggage inspection on a Thai man arriving from Bangkok. About 680 grams of heroin base were found in the man's leather belt and in the hollow compartment of his travelling bag. He arrived at Kai Tak on Saturday afternoon on an international flight. A Customs and Excise spokesman said if the drug was converted into No 3 heroin it would have a retail value of around \$1 million. The man is being held in custody and will be charged with trafficking in dangerous drugs when he appears at San Po Kong Court today. /Text/ /Hong Kong SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST in English 28 Jul 80 p 19/

COCAINE POSSESSION FINE--The managing director of a finance company yesterday pleaded guilty at Causeway Bay Court to two counts of possessing dangerous drugs. Lo Wah-biu, alias William Lo (29), was fined a total of \$7,500--\$4,500 for possessing one bag of cocaine and \$3,000 for possessing four sticks of cannabis--by Mr James Wilson. /Text/ /Hong Kong SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST in English 31 Jul 80 p 9/

STREET HEROIN SEIZURE--Police last night seized 9.5 kilograms of No 3 heroin worth about \$4 million from a man in Hunghom. The drugs were in two travelling bags the man was carrying when he was stopped in Baker Street at 6.30 pm by four constables. /Text/ /Hong Kong SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST in English 9 Aug 80 p 1/

HEROIN POSSESSION ARRESTS--Two men were yesterday arrested in a Mongkok flat for allegedly possessing one pound of heroin worth about \$40,000 and some tablets classified as Part 1 poison. The pair will appear in North Kowloon Court jointly charged with possessing dangerous drugs and of Part 1 poison for unlawful trafficking. The arrest was made by vice squad officers of Mongkok police station about 2 pm. /Text/ /Hong Kong SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST in English 5 Aug 80 p 20/

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MALAYSIA

PENANG SEEN AS ALTERNATIVE DRUG TRANSIT POINT

Kuala Lumpur NEW STRAITS TIMES in English 20 Aug 80 p 9

[Text]

**MALACCA, Tues.** -- International drug traffickers are eyeing Penang as a new transit haven for their operations, a narcotics expert said here today.

Mr Harry Kamphuis, the assistant narcotics attache of the Dutch Embassy in Bangkok who is also involved in narcotics liaison between the police forces of the Far East and Europe, said the increasing importance of Penang as a transit centre arose because of pressure by the authorities against traffickers in other traditional transit centres such as Hong Kong and Singapore.

He said Penang was also viewed as a convenient transit alternative because of the facilities of the international airport which links it to the other parts of the world.

Mr Kamphuis had earlier given a talk on "Transit Traffic in South East Asia" at the closed door session of the regional seminar on drug law enforcement.

The two-week course is hosted by the Malaysian Customs Department under the auspices of the United Na-

tions division of Narcotic Drugs at the Royal Customs Training College here.

Thirty-three participants from the Customs, police and drug enforcement agencies of Malaysia, Brunei, Fiji, Burma, Hong Kong, Indonesia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand are attending the seminar.

Mr Kamphuis said drug trafficking was too lucrative for the operators to cease their activities just because the authorities are putting pressure on them.

"It is the trend throughout the world including Europe and Southeast Asia for the traffickers to shift their bases if they are pressured by the authorities," he said.

He said Penang was also considered a good transit alternative because of its relative proximity to the Golden Triangle.

However, he was confident that with the consistent effort of the authorities including the continued international narcotics co-operation, the authorities would be able to check drug trafficking wherever their bases of operation.

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MALAYSIA

DRUG SMUGGLING ROUTE FOUR . AT THAI BORDER.

Kuala Lumpur NEW STRAITS TIMES in English 2 Aug 80 p 14

[Text]

ALOR STAR, Fri. — Anti-smuggling authorities have uncovered another route used by smugglers to bring dadah across the Kedah/Perlis-Thai border into the country.

They have also discovered a new tactic used by the smugglers — that of using bicycles instead of fast cars and motorcycles.

All known routes used by the smugglers at Padang Besar, Wang Kelian, Kuala Perlis, Chuping and along the security fence at the border have been sealed off following intensified patrols by the Customs, anti-smuggling unit and area security unit.

The smugglers had to look for a new route and they found it in a jungle track at Kampung Titi Kerbau near Changloon, 25 miles north of here near the border.

The anti-smuggling authorities already knew that the smugglers would be forced to do this.

The authorities kept surveillance over a wider area and this paid off on

July 4 when members of the Changloon anti-smuggling unit seized 55.5 kg. of raw opium abandoned by a cyclist at a jungle track at Kampung Titi Kerbau about 8.30 pm.

This was the biggest amount of raw opium seized by anti-smuggling authorities in Kedah and Perlis this year. The drug had a black market value of \$75,000.

### Warning shots

The cyclist managed to escape on foot into secondary jungle despite warning shots fired by members of the unit. It was drizzling at the time.

Another success came in the early hours yesterday when Customs officers seized 22.5 kg. of raw opium and 5 kg. of ganja at almost the same spot at Kampung Titi Kerbau.

They recovered the drug, valued at \$55,000 in the black market, from the bicycle.

The spokesman said the smugglers were using bicycles to pose as villagers and avoid suspicion. — Bernama.

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MALAYSIA

ANTINARCOTICS DRIVE PLANNED FOR CAPITAL AREA

Kuala Lumpur NEW SUNDAY TIMES in English 3 Aug 80 p 6

[Text]

**KUALA LUMPUR, Sat.** — A two-pronged anti-dadah campaign will be launched in Kuala Lumpur beginning on Aug 21 to help addicts and to convey to the public, especially the young, the need to be aware of the danger of dadah.

Chairman of the Federal Territory Pemadam, Haji Idris Haji Ibrahim said the campaign would be launched in the five parliamentary constituencies of the Federal Territory under a wide-scale and comprehensive programme.

Haji Idris, who is also the MP for Setapak, said previous anti-dadah campaigns had been restricted to a small group only, involving the dissemination of information about drugs, about Pemadam and about its role.

### Security

He told a Press conference today that the estimated 40,000 addicts in the Federal Territory

was both alarming and could possibly endanger peace, security and economy.

He said Pemadam estimated there were about 400,000 addicts in the country and feared this figure would increase if eradication measures were not taken.

"This is the first time the Federal Territory Pemadam has organised such a large eradication campaign," he said.

Haji Idris said anti-dadah committees would also be set up in the different areas, and these would submit monthly reports to the Federal Territory Pemadam.

He said it was suggested that areas cleared of dadah should be given awards.

During the Press conference, cheques for \$250 were presented to representatives from the five parliamentary constituencies for the launching of the campaign.

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MALAYSIA

NARCOTICS ARRESTS, TRIALS, SENTENCES REPORTED

Morphine in Gas Tank

Kuala Lumpur NEW STRAITS TIMES in English 9 Aug 80 p 1

[Text]

PADANG BESAR, Fri. — Officers of the dog unit and Alor Star Customs today detained four people including three women and seized three kilograms of morphine worth about \$70,000 in the local black market from a car near the Malaysian-Thai border here.

The dadah was recovered by two dogs, Gravy and Loco, from a special compartment in the petrol tank underneath the car. The car was also seized.

The dadah could be converted into more than one million shots and could fetch \$15 million in the international black market, Director of Kedah/Perlis Customs, Enck Ahmad Kamly bin Datuk Sulaiman, said.

Heroin Sentences

Kuala Lumpur NEW STRAITS TIMES in English 11 Aug 80 p 14

[Text]

JOHORE BARU, Sun. — A Singaporean labourer was today sentenced to 27 months' jail for the illegal possession of 24 straws of heroin.

Ng Chun Hock, 25, pleaded guilty to having the heroin weighing 0.75 gm at Jalan Kasa, Taman Sentosa here at 12.10 a.m. on Nov. 10 last year.

Prosecuting officer, Insp. Ali Mohamed said Ng was detained with another man at Jalan Kasa by a police party.

They found 24 straws of a substance which was later confirmed as heroin

in his pockets.

Magistrate Azhar Mohamed sentenced Ng to two years and three months' jail with effect from the date of his arrest.

In another case, Low Kim Chu, 21, was jailed 14 months for illegally having two tubes of heroin.

Low admitted to possessing the two tubes of heroin weighing 0.04 gm at the 16th milestone, Jalan Sungai Tiram at 3.40 p.m. on July 6.

He was detained by a constable who found the drug in his pocket.

Trafficking Charge

Kuala Lumpur NEW STRAITS TIMES in English 12 Aug 80 p 14

[Text]

**IPOH, Mon.**— Two men from Simpang, Taiping, Teh Ah Kow and Lau Hing alias Low Beng Heng, were charged in a Sessions Court here with dadah trafficking.

They are alleged to have, on July 29, at about 4.15 p.m., been trafficking four packets containing 1,860 grammes of heroin opposite Sin Aik restaurant, Jalan Kuala Kangsar, Simpang.

They were ordered to be remanded in police custody pending mention of the charge on Aug 25.

Heroin Seized

Kuala Lumpur NEW STRAITS TIMES in English 12 Aug 80 p 17

[Text]

**JOHORE BARU, Mon.**— Police here detained a suspect and seized \$57,240 worth of heroin in a raid on a house at Taman Seri Tebrau here last night.

The heroin, about 45 grams, is believed to have come from the north for distribution here. The suspect who was arrested is from Penang.

Heroin Charges

Kuala Lumpur NEW STRAITS TIMES in English 23 Aug 80 p 10

[Text]

**IPOH, Fri.**— Lorry attendant Lee Yoon Nyin, 28, of the regrouping area in Menglembu, was sentenced today to 18 months' jail for two dadah offences.

Lee admitted having 1.1 gm. of heroin at Jalan Lahat about 10.15 a.m. on July 26 and was sentenced to a year's jail.

On the second charge of possessing 0.25 gm. of morphine at the same time and place, magistrate Christopher Fernando sentenced him to six months' jail. The sentences are to run consecutively.

In the same court, Lee Kee Zee, 20, also of Menglembu, was sentenced to a year's jail when he pleaded guilty to having 0.04 gm. of heroin at Jalan Tranchell in Menglembu about 8.20 p.m. on July 17.

Heroin Possession

Kuala Lumpur NEW STRAITS TIMES in English 23 Aug 80 p 13

[Text]

IPOH, Fri. — A massage parlour girl, Noorrizah binti Nip, 25, was today fined \$1,000 or a year's jail after she pleaded guilty to possession of 0.06 grams of heroin.

Noorrizah, of Jalan Sungei, off Merdeka Garden, admitted in a magistrate's court here to having the narcotic in a car parked at Douglas Roundabout at 12.30 a.m. on June 26.

Lee Ee Guan, 22, who was jointly charged with her, was acquitted when prosecuting officer Inspector Roslan bin Haji Ahmad withdrew the charge against him. Lee had pleaded not guilty.

Magistrate Mr Christopher Fernando also ordered an inquiry to be held on Sept. 30 to look into the disposal of \$2,183 found in the dashboard of the car on that day.

Life Sentence

Kuala Lumpur NEW STRAITS TIMES in English 29 Aug 80 p 14

[Text]

**KANGAR, Thurs. — An Australian cook was sentenced today to life imprisonment and ordered to be given three strokes of the rotan after he was found guilty of trafficking in ganja.**

**Michael William Barret, 31, of Sydney, was found guilty by the Sessions Court of trafficking in 1,384.6 grammes of ganja in a Bangkok express train at Padang Besar on Dec 22, 1977, at 4.30 pm.**

**Sessions Court President Encik Mohamed Saari bin Yusof ordered the sentence to commence from the date of arrest on Dec**

**22, 1977.**

**Encik Saari said he would deliver a written judgment at a later date**

**Barret did not show any emotion when sentence was passed. However, his mother, who was present in court, broke into tears on hearing the sentence.**

**Barret, who was represented by Mr James Ponniah, later hugged and consoled his mother from the dock, before being taken away to prison.**

**Mr Ponniah said he would file an appeal against the sentence soon.**



Family Members Charged

Kuala Lumpur NEW SUNDAY TIMES in English 10 Aug 80 p 8

[Text]

**KANGAR, Sat. — Four members of a family from Alor Star were jointly charged in the Sessions Court here today with trafficking in three kilograms of morphine, in a car at Padang Besar.**

They are Lee Coo Sing, 31, his wife, Oh Siong Chin alias Oh Seong Chin, 27, his sister-in-law, Toh Foo Chan, 22 and mother-in-law, Then Saw Hoon, 62.

The four were alleged to have committed the offence at the Jalan Sadao Customs check point, near the Perlis-Thai border at 3.20 pm yesterday.

No plea was recorded. Court President, Mr T.S.

Marbeck adjourned the case to Sept. 11 for mention. No bail was allowed.

He ordered all four to be remanded in the Alor Star prison. — Bernama.

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NEPAL

BOGUS OFFICIAL UNMASKED AS DRUG COURIER

Kathmandu THE MOTHERLAND in English 8 Sep 80 p 3

[Editorial: "Who Is The Man?"]

[Text] We feel a bit intrigued by the news item given by RSS about the arrest of one Austrian gentleman who was trying to smuggle out about 8 kilos of liquid hashish. The name of the person Dr Adalhart Kopeztko is a familiar one and we should not be surprised if he happens to be the President of Austrian Academic Union for Foreign Policy and International Relations. An interview of the man was recently published by RSS in which he was reported to have praised the pace of development with which Nepal is marching and also about the maximum freedom of expression exercised by Nepali press. RSS which made it a point to publicise Nepal's achievements through him every time he visited this country seems to have been discreet enough not to reveal the full identity of the man if he is the same person who has visited Kathmandu frequently in the capacity of aforesaid Austrian Union for Foreign Policy and International Relations. If this is what RSS is really doing, it is withholding an information and by so doing has failed in its one important duty, that of informing the people about things which they should know.

Such psuedo dignitaries are getting a lot of publicity only to serve the interests of those people in the country who think that a few words of praise from such persons can help boost the image of the country and that of their own. If the officials concerned think that they would be exposing their weakness and their greed for publicity of things which they have not done by revealing the full identity of such persons who have befooled them, they are committing one more mistake of hiding the truth and thus lowering their credibility in the eyes of the people. After all what good purpose they think they are serving by hiding part of the truth, if the man in question is the same to whom they had attached so much importance. People who are guiding the only news agency of the country should do so with some sense so that the credibility of the news agency is not further eroded.

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NEPAL

BRIEFS

SEIZURE OF LIQUID HASHISH--Kathmandu, Sept 6--The Tribhuvan Airport customs authorities have seized seven and a half kilograms of liquid hashish from an Austrian Dr Adalhart Kopeztko flying to Bangkok yesterday, reports RSS. The liquid hashish were found in 23 plastic bags kept inside the smugglers suitcase. Likewise, Tstring Gurung of Manang district was arrested yesterday on the charge of trying to smuggle about 662.815 grams of gold worth Rs 1,37,000/-to Bangkok. The alleged Gurung had concealed the gold in his briefcase, it is learnt. [Text] [Kathmandu THE RISING NEPAL in English 7 Sep 80 p 3]

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PAKISTAN

## BRIEFS

SMUGGLING ATTEMPT FOILED--Rawalpindi, Sept 7--Three persons were arrested yesterday near Tala Gang, some 96 kilometres from here for trafficking contraband charas from Khyber Agency to Karachi to smuggle it abroad. Customs intelligence have arrested Sattar Mohammad, Shabbir Hussain and Sarwar of Swabi, District Mardan, and Tala Gang Police has registered a case against them under Customs Act and Haddood Ordinance. A total of 96 kilograms of charas worth Rs 50,000 was recovered from the accused who had concealed it in the car. The charas had been kept in a small cabin fitted inside the seats of a car.--APP. [Text] [Islamabad THE MUSLIM in English 8 Sep 80 p 6]

BIG CHARAS, OPIUM HAUL--Attock, Sep 12--The Attock-Khurd police has seized 600 kilograms of contraband charas and 85 kilos of opium worth more than Rs. 800,000 in local market. Two persons Amir Nawas of Batkhela and Iftikhar Ahmad of Mohni Road, Lahore, were arrested with the narcotics. Police said both the accused are members of an international gang of narcotics' smugglers. The police has also seized their car (LEG-7677) being used in the smuggling attempt. It is stated that when the police waved the car to stop for checking, the accused did not stop and tried to flee. They were got hold of after a long chase. [Text] [Islamabad THE MUSLIM in English 13 Sep 80 p 6]

CHARAS SEIZED--The Customs Intelligence staff seized 102 kilogram charas worth Rs. 60,000 from a motorcar near Talagang according to information received at Lahore Customs office on Sunday. A Toyota Corolla (ST 1968) was intercepted on a credible information by the Customs staff. The charas was concealed in the secret cavities specially made in the motorcar. Three persons, Sattar Mohammad, Sarwar and Bashir were arrested. [Text] [Peshawar KHYBER MAIL in English 8 Sep 80 p 3]

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PHILIPPINES

PROLIFERATION OF MARIHUANA IN SCHOOLS SCORED

Manila PHILIPPINES DAILY EXPRESS in English 10 Sep 80 p 4

[Article by Bob Garon]

[Text]

**F**OR THOSE of you who are out of circulation, who never read the newspapers, who know nothing about what is happening in our high schools and colleges here in the city, I have news for you. THERE IS MORE MARIJUANA AROUND THAN EVERYBODY SUSPECTS.

Although it is impossible to get accurate statistics since kids don't feel like going around admitting to committing a crime, those of us who have been involved in the solution of the drug abuse problem can tell you that marijuana usage is on the upswing. And what is very disturbing is the fact that those who are abusing drugs (especially marijuana) are becoming younger and younger.

What scares me is the way the problem is spreading in the schools. It is no longer unusual to find a number of youngsters smoking grass in grades five and six. A few years ago, they were the exception. Today, they are growing in ever-increasing numbers.

There are a number of reasons for the proliferation of marijuana usage. One is money. The sale of "grass" is profitable. And now that there are many areas in our country where marijuana is grown, it has become increasingly available. Remember that "availability" is a key factor. No matter how badly the young people want marijuana, if there isn't any around, they can't very well smoke it. However, here is where the law of supply and demand is at work. Because there is such a strong demand for grass, there are always persons more than ready to run the risks of getting caught in order to supply the needs of a growing number of persons willing to pay.

Another major factor is the thinking that has evolved over the past few years. Less and less people fear the harmful effects of marijuana. More and more youngsters will tell you that grass is harmless, that it's "okay" because "anyway it isn't addicting."

That's right, marijuana is NOT addicting. There is no such thing as marijuana addict. But marijuana need not be addicting to be harmful. LSD is also non-addicting and nobody in his right mind (even hard-core addicts) will tell you that it's harmful.

It is this sinister evolution in the thinking of persons that has made it easier for kids to get into it. "After all," they say, "it's legal to carry an ounce in California." California decriminalized the possession of marijuana not because it is harmless, but because a great number of their citizens were smoking pot. The jails were not enough to contain all the pot-smokers, so instead of arresting masses of people, the state decided to decriminalize it. However, it IS against the law to carry more than one ounce. If it were so harmless, why make a law against carrying more than an ounce.

Anyway, the problem became so widespread that state governments simply buckled under the pressure and gave in. Thank God we're not yet there. Nobody has ever proven that marijuana is harmless. And I doubt if they ever will. I am on the side of those who say it is harmful. Anyone who will try to prove to me that it isn't is going to go against a mounting volume of evidence that clearly shows that grass is not as great as some make it out to be.

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SINGAPORE

BRIEFS

PAKISTANI HELD FOR SMUGGLING OPIUM--Singapore, Sep 7--Narcotics officers today seized 44 kilograms of opium from an ocean liner worth 476,000 U.S. dollars, and arrested a Pakistani and two Sri Lankans, it was announced. The raid followed a tipoff about two months ago that an alleged foreign drug-trafficking syndicate based in Karachi was smuggling opium to Singapore, they added. There had been a recent increase in narcotics smuggling from East Asian countries, the officials said. No drugs had come from that area in the past 13 years. The three foreigners will be charged in court here tomorrow with drug-trafficking.--A.F.P. [Text] [Peshawar KHYBER MAIL in English 8 Sep 80 p 5]

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CANADA

NINE FACE DRUG TRAFFICKING CHARGES AFTER RAIDS

Ottawa THE CITIZEN in English 6 Aug 80 p 69

[Article by Bob Marleau]

[Text] Nine Ottawa persons will appear in court later this month on 23 trafficking charges following the seizure last weekend of more than \$65,000 worth of drugs, including heroin, cocaine and hashish.

A dozen members of the RCMP Ottawa drug squad began the round up in raids Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

"The raids followed several weeks of investigation," said Staff Sgt Jack Bradley, in charge of the drug squad.

Bradley said Tuesday 3.2 kilograms of hashish, valued at \$6,600 per kilogram, plus quantities of PCP (Angel Dust), MDA, cocaine and heroin were confiscated in the raids.

Four of the nine persons who appeared in provincial court Tuesday were remanded out of custody and will return to court at a later date for plea. The other five are scheduled to appear in court Aug. 11.

Charged are: Jamie Damiano, 19, of Lowrey Street, one count of trafficking in hashish and three counts of trafficking in PCP; Rick Villeneuve, 32, Dumaurier Street, one count of trafficking in PCP; Greg O'Dell, 28, Cooper Street, four counts of trafficking in heroin; Peter Nevil, 23, Lees Avenue, three counts of trafficking in heroin and two counts trafficking in hashish; Ray Gerard, 30, Carling Avenue, two counts trafficking in heroin and two counts trafficking in hashish; Sherry Lee Cota, 18, Carling Avenue, one count trafficking in hashish and one count of possession for the purpose of trafficking; John Gell, 32, Westdale Avenue, Nepean, one charge of possession; Lucy Seguin, Cooper Street, one count of possession; Richard Phillippe, 27, Jean Baptiste Street, Gatineau, one court possession for the purpose of trafficking hashish and one count for MDA; David Heffernan, 30, Lyon Street, three counts of trafficking cocaine.

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CANADA

BRIEFS

TRAFFICKER GETS SECOND SENTENCE--A 33-year-old U.S. citizen, already serving a five-year jail term for trafficking in LSD, was sentenced Thursday in Vancouver provincial court to a concurrent term of four years for conspiracy to traffic in the drug. Last September, Judge Erik Bendrodt had sentenced Ronald Gregory Wiggins to a five-year term after Wiggins pleaded guilty to possession of LSD valued at \$80,000 found in a brief case during a police raid of a Vancouver home in October. The conspiracy charge, to which Wiggins also pleaded guilty, related to the same circumstances as the first offence. He was one of six men charged after police broke up what they alleged was a major drug ring that brought LSD into Canada from California. Judge Bendrodt was told Thursday that Wiggins obtained LSD from laboratories in California to distribute it to lower-level dealers in Vancouver and other areas. Also charged with conspiracy to traffic in LSD are: William Peter Fleischmann, 27, Terry Roderick Smith, 26, and Gilbert Scott Martin, 34, all of Vancouver; Frank Dreniak, 25, and Norman James Johnston, 25, both of Edmonton. They are to appear in provincial court today for a preliminary hearing. [Text] [Vancouver THE VANCOUVER SUN in English 8 Aug 80 p A3]

HEROIN SEIZED AT MIRABEL--Montreal (CP)--Police seized 1,250 grams of heroin worth about \$5 million at Mirabel International Airport Friday night. The drugs were hidden in the heels of shoes of three passengers arriving from Istanbul, Turkey. [Text] [Ottawa THE CITIZEN in English 2 Sep 80 p 11]

ARRESTS FOR CULTIVATING MARIHUANA--Mansfield, Ont. (Special)--RCMP have arrested four people on charges of cultivating marijuana and possession of the drug for trafficking after finding 2 1/2 acres of the cannabis plant being harvested on a farm near this community 40 kilometres (25 miles) southwest of Barrie. Sgt. Adrian Moores of the RCMP at Barrie said 2 1/2 tons of green marijuana, enough for 500 pounds of dry pot, was seized and burned. Police said the marijuana was growing in a field shielded by corn on all sides. Four Toronto men are to appear in Provincial Court at Orangeville on Monday. [Text] [Toronto THE GLOBE AND MAIL, WEEKEND EDITION in English 6 Sep 80 p 12]

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COLOMBIA

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ASSOCIATION DISCUSSES DRUG PROFITS

Bogota EL TIEMPO in Spanish 14 Aug 80 p 6-A

[Article by Fernando Barrero: "Twelve Colombians Make 140 Million Pesos a Month"]

[Text] The National Association of Financial Institutions (ANIF) pointed out yesterday that 12 of 184 Colombians profiting from marihuana traffic make an average of 140 million pesos a month each.

Twelve exporters using ships are involved. The business is "less profitable" for the 70 exporters who ship by air, because each has "only" 33 million pesos left each month.

Twelve more shipowners are located on a lower income scale, because they each have monthly profits of 7.1 million pesos. Seventy landing strip owners complete the pyramid of this social class and are at the lowest point, because their profits amount only to 1.4 million pesos a month.

Altogether, according to ANIF there are 184 Colombians profiting from the entire marihuana traffic and they make a total of 36,576,000,000 pesos a year, almost 25 percent of the national budget, which will amount to 196.6 billion pesos in 1981.

The figures were revealed by the president of the association, Ernesto Samper Pizano, during a meeting that he had yesterday with about 30 members of Parliament from the Atlantic Coast to whom he presented the social, economic and political problems and whose support he requested for his initiative, which seeks to legalize production, dealing and use.

The members of parliament were headed by the president of the Senate, Jose Ignacio Diaz-Granados, and the vice president of the Chamber of Representatives, Juan C. Arango.

The members of Parliament agreed that a broad, national debate on marihuana traffic is needed and the seven who spoke expressed their support, with some modifications, of the initiative of Samper Pizano.

The association head started his hour-long presentation by pointing out that, years ago, intake from the "left window," where all foreign currency is exchanged, represented 10 percent of the services, and at present the figure has gone up by 48 percent.

"This has given rise to what is known as a 'black balance,' operating just like the country's trade balance or balance of payments," Samper Pizano stated.

He said that, according to ANIF estimates, marihuana traffic moves \$2.4 billion a year, that is to say \$600 million more than coffee exports and two and a half times the total for minor exports.

And while 184 persons profit directly from the traffic, the nation's producers (around 40,000 families) receive only 1 percent in profit. Samper estimated that, while a producer in La Guajira is paid 2,800 pesos a year for a ton of corn, 100,000 pesos are paid twice a year for a ton of marihuana.

He stated that it is necessary to add to the \$2.4 billion for marihuana \$500 million for cocaine, in which the country seems to have a Vallejo Plan, because the raw material arrives here and then is reexported after processing. In addition, \$400 million come in for illegal exports, like coffee, cement, produce, and so on, and \$600 million that enter for speculation.

"Speculation is good business because, although there is 12 percent interest in the United States to which devaluation is added making 22 percent, if money is brought to Colombia it is placed at 40 percent and higher," he stated.

He estimated that, altogether, annually, over \$4 billion are moved in what is now known as the underground economy, with which "we shall have to put up willingly or unwillingly. I am proposing that we do it willingly," he said.

He stated that, in a year and a half, suppression has been useless and that, rather, cultivated areas have spread out from La Guajira and are now extending into the Plains, the middle Magdalena River valley, the Uraba River valley and Darien.

"It is possible to raze the country and marihuana growing will not disappear. It will go to Venezuela, Panama or Ecuador, but it will not end," he assured.

He pointed out that this traffic is inflicting serious political costs on Colombia, because "we are being left with a 100-percent bad image and we are being accused of corrupting the youth of the United States, when that is not true.

"We are marked by an evil star and our passport is a document of shame," Samper Pizano noted. He stated that there already is marihuana traffic in exchange for weapons and in Sierra Nevada de Santa Maria there are the beginnings of guerrilla movements with more sophisticated and modern weapons than the ones that the Army has.

Moreover, 6 billion pesos a year are being spent on repression. This is equal to the budget of the Ministry of Justice and "our associate, the United States, the one most interested in suppression, contributes only 80 million pesos, less than 2 percent," the president of ANIF stated.

He specified that, in the United States, marihuana use is increasing and there are 42 million Americans who admit having smoked it once and 20 million who use it normally.

In addition, there are annual gatherings like in Ohio, where 500,000 persons assemble to analyze marihuana varieties and their quality with regard to firmness and fragrance. "The United States is one large drugstore at present. Ten million use cocaine. Eight million take sedatives. Concerning marihuana, in Colombia we are making the effort and that country is making the gestures," Samper stated.

He said that marihuana is being grown already in California and a multinational cigarette company already has permission to produce marihuana cigarettes. In 17 states, marihuana can be used for medical purposes and in 13 others minimum amounts have been authorized for use.

"At present, marihuana is the third-ranking industry in the United States after EXXON and ITT. Those who sell cigarette paper for wrapping the grass and the cigarette have receipts of \$300 million a year," Samper reported.

When he entered on a discussion of his proposed law, he said that it would improve jurisdiction conditions, would produce social benefits and would even reduce inflation. He proposed limiting cultivation to areas no larger than 5 hectares; obliging the Agrarian Fund to substitute crops; conducting research on industrial and medical uses of marihuana; reducing some penalties; establishing personal use; creating a surtax on cigarette and liquor advertising to promote prevention campaigns and creating a bond to channel dollars to be used in paying for imported products.

Former Mayor Bernado Gaitan Mahecha supported Samper's initiative and pointed out how years ago there was opposition to alcohol and tobacco traffic and we ended up by having them.

A member of Parliament, Rafael Escallon Villa, also expressed support of the initiative, as did Luis Lorduy who stated that the problem has to be tackled right now, because "we are going to be left with the evil and with no benefit from it." He pointed out that experiments are already being

conducted on fruit-flavored marihuana cigarettes and he noted that legalization of grass may even serve to control inflation.

Senator Jose Ignacio Diaz-Granados supported the initiative and pointed out that, during the Vietnam War, the million Americans who fought did so doped. The ones who returned promoted the use of marihuana. "I am aware of the moral problem, which is very grave, just as the economic problem also is grave," the president of the Senate concluded.

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COLOMBIA

CONGRESS TO DEBATE INVOLVEMENT OF POLITICIANS IN DRUG TRADE

Mexico City EL DIA in Spanish 14 Aug 80 p 12

[Text] Bogota, 13 Aug (AP and EFE)--The minister of Government, German Zea Hernandez, will go this evening to the Chamber of Representatives for an unprecedented debate on the infiltration of organized crime in Colombian politics.

The debate will take place on the accusations expressed in the press by the governor of Cesar Department, Jose Guillermo Castro, to the effect that a narcotics ring leader financed the election campaigns of Felipe Numen Rapalino and Milciades Cantillo, Liberal members of parliament.

Castro, who governs a region that is one of the marihuana distribution and growing centers, has imposed fines amounting to almost \$1 million on narcotic smugglers and has sent many to prison. He is constantly surrounded by bodyguards, armed with submachine guns, owing to threats against his life and his accusations of infiltration of traffickers in politics.

The two members of parliament accused by Governor Castro are promoters of the debate, which has the backing of the Liberal Party parliamentary group, interested in clearing up the situation of the accused political leaders.

Narcotics traffic is constantly discrediting important persons in this country. Military men, attorneys, politicians and judges of the Republic are being involved.

The scandal attained importance this week after a judge of the workingmen's district of the city of Cali, Alfredo Miller, was arrested in possession of 200 kilograms of cocaine, valued at over \$21 million.

Not 8 weeks ago, another judge, a Bogota district judge, Ines Izquierdo de la Pava, was removed from office after decreeing the release of an acknowledged drug trafficker.

According to the investigators, the judge received a million-dollar bribe to release Marlene Orejuela Sanchez, known in the drug world as "the Cocaine Queen."

At the beginning of this week, an attorney, Leonel Montanez, "Doctor Marimba," was arrested near the capital while he was transporting 7 metric tons of marihuana in a tank truck.

Even the Defense Minister

The brother of the minister of defense, Alfonso Camacho Leyva, became involved, 4 weeks ago, in a scandalous narcotics traffic. He was discovered in possession of several kilograms of cocaine.

According to the investigators, Camacho Leyva used his brother's influence to transport narcotics with the greatest ease in military aircraft from the south to the center of the country.

At that same time, a former Colombian Air Force officer, member of an international ring of narcotics traffickers with connections in the United States, was also arrested in a southern region of the country.

Narcotics scandals in this country achieved importance with the discovery of a million-dollar load of cocaine on board the training ship "Gloria," flagship of the Colombian Navy, berthed in a United States port.

Colombian diplomatic personnel abroad have also been caught trafficking with narcotics.

On Tuesday, the governor of Antioquia Province, Rodrigo Echavarria, was accused in parliament of maintaining connections with members of rings of narcotics traffickers.

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COLOMBIA

BRIEFS

ANIF ADVOCATES MARIHUANA LEGALIZATION--The 65 members of parliament from the Atlantic Coast will be informed officially, today, on the draft bill by which marketing of marihuana would be legalized. That initiative was drawn up by the president of the National Association of Financial Institutions (ANIF), Ernesto Samper Pizano, and a group of experts in that organization. In this connection, Samper Pizano will make an extensive presentation to the group of members of parliament from the coast -- belonging to both parties -- during a working luncheon to be held in the Bankers Club, in Bogota. The president of ANIF has set himself up in the last 2 years as the standard bearer of legitimization of marihuana marketing because he believes that, in this way, the country could have a sizable inflow of foreign currency, which now only benefits rings of narcotics traffickers, both outside and within Colombia. The comptroller general of the republic, Anibal Martinez Zuleta, and Representative Jorge Mario Eastman were also invited to the luncheon. The members of parliament from the coast will be headed by the president of the Senate, Jose Ignacio Diaz-Granados. It is expected that a roundtable will be held on the topic after the speech by Samper Pizano. [Text] [Bogota EL TIEMPO in Spanish 13 Aug 80 p 2-A] 10042

COCAINE MULE ARRESTED--The judiciary police in the Eldorado Airport arrested a 52-year-old woman yesterday when she was trying to bring into the capital of the country a kilogram of cocaine held on her abdomen by a girdle. The narcotics trafficker was identified as Rosalba Murillo de Pineda. She came on a flight coming from Leticia and with final destination at Medellin. The woman was turned over to the DAS [Administrative Department of Security] and today she will be brought before a criminal pre-trial court. [Text] [Bogota EL TIEMPO in Spanish 19 Aug 80 p 13-A] 10042

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GUATEMALA

BRIEFS

COCAINE SEIZED--Narcotics authorities seized approximately 1 million balboas worth of cocaine in less than 48 hours at Tocumen Airport. Olver de Jesus Areiza, a Colombian citizen, was arrested yesterday on his arrival from Medellin. He was carrying packages containing 615 grams of cocaine. The other case involves two Mexicans who arrived from Lima on their way to Guatemala and Mexico. They are Jaime Castro Chavez and Ramon Pena Hernandez, who were carrying approximately 1 kg of pure cocaine in their hand baggage. [PA091346 Panama City Televisora Nacional in Spanish 2315 GMT 2 Sep 80 PA]

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MEXICO

POLICE OFFICER IMPLICATED WITH MARIHUANA TRAFFICKERS

Nuevo Laredo EL MANANA in Spanish 28 Aug 80 Sec B p 8

[Text] The first commander of the police of Matehuala, San Luis Potosi, was captured by the Federal Judicial Police when he was identified as a middleman between two marihuana smugglers who were caught with a grass shipment in their possession and a drug trafficking ring operating in that town of San Luis Potosi.

Three individuals under arrest have made full confessions of their illegal activities. They are the brothers Juan Jose and Sixto Ibarra Reyes, residents of Mission, Texas, aged 34 and 27 years, respectively; as well as Victoriano Salinas Pena, aged 48, and a resident of 1016 Mendez Street, in Matehuala, San Luis Potosi. The latter was serving as commander of the municipal police in that town.

The productive investigation was started by federal agents who, on Tuesday, stopped a 1975 Pontiac car, with license plates FSZ-507, driven by Juan Jose Ibarra, accompanied by his brother, Sixto, on the China-Montemorelos highway in Nuevo Leon.

The nervous conduct of the two individuals aroused the suspicion of the agents who, upon carefully searching the vehicle, found in back of the rear seat a concealed compartment in which they had hidden seven enormous "bricks" of marihuana weighing 18.5 kilograms.

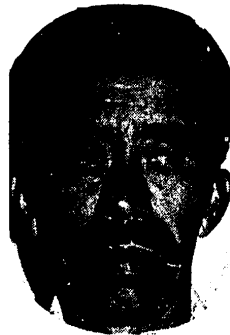
Upon being questioned, they said that they had obtained the grass in Matehuala through the police chief, Victoriano Salinas Pena, who put them in touch with some drug traffickers.

Estudillo Cerezo immediately assigned several agents to locate and arrest Salinas Pena, who used the name Luis Pena to carry out his drug trafficking transactions.

He was questioned and admitted his guilt of these charges.



The brothers Juan Jose and Sixto Ibarra Reyes purchased 18.5 kilograms of marihuana in San Luis Potosi, and attempted to ship it to Reynosa, so as to export it from there to Mission, Texas.



Victoriano Salinas Pena, first commander of the uniformed municipal police of Matehuala, San Luis Potosi, acted as a contact between drug trafficking rings.

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MEXICO

ELUSIVE TRAFFICKER GIVEN 12-YEAR PRISON SENTENCE

Nuevo Laredo EL MANANA in Spanish 29 Aug 80 Sec B p 6

[Text] The notorious drug trafficker, Gilberto Reyes Pruneda, succeeded in evading the action of the courts in three trials in which he was charged with crimes against health, but he did not fare well in action taken against him in the second district court of the state of Nuevo Leon, wherein he was sentenced to 12 years in jail and obliged to pay a fine of 20,000 pesos in cash.

On 11 February of this year, through official letter 226 signed by the second district judge in Nuevo Leon, Isidro Gutierrez Gonzalez, the sentence passed on the trafficker was reported; but, inexplicably, the procedure used to notify the convicted individual of the verdict took place in absolute secrecy.

According to a copy of the verdict, Reyes Pruneda was sentenced when proven completely guilty of committing a crime against health in the degrees of possession and purchase of marihuana, heroin, cocaine and opium, for trafficking purposes.

Records 104-974 of the trial held in Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, contain the evidence that Federal Judicial Police agents seized a large drug shipment (the aforementioned), and arrested several drug traffickers in early 1974.

On that occasion, the main ringleader, who was Gilberto Reyes Pruneda, managed to evade the action of the law, but he lost his liberty on 26 November 1977, when federal agents captured him on a farm located in the vicinity of Tamuin, San Luis Potosi.

He Evaded the Law in Three Trials

In 1969, there was a warrant for his arrest in this town in connection with trial 17-969, held in the second district court, stating that Reyes Pruneda had sold a marihuana cigarette to a criminal named Rogelio Berrones Ruiz, alias "El Bandido."

Subsequently, trial 152-972 was held in the same court, involving the seizure of other volumes of drugs found in a car concealed on a farm located at kilometer 13 of the national highway. These "goods" turned out to be the property of the same individual.

In both trials, he was released because of barring by the statute of limitations.

Later, a few months after he had been arrested by the Federal Judicial Police, he was found guilty in trial 123-978, related to the seizure of a dose of cocaine and some marihuana cigarettes which members of that entity discovered in the cell occupied by Reyes Pruneda.

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MEXICO

FUGITIVES CAPTURED WITH MARIHUANA TRAFFICKING RING

Nuevo Laredo EL MANANA in Spanish 20 Aug 80 Sec B p 6

[Text] On the basis of Articles 193 and 197 of the Federal Code of Penal Procedures relating to penalties imposed on individuals who traffic in drugs, the Federal Public Ministry will take penal action against eight presumed drug traffickers who were captured by the Federal Judicial Police after it had been fully proven that some of them were planting, cultivating, harvesting, transporting and selling marihuana, and others were trafficking in it and exporting it to the United States.

Eight persons, who have now been arrested and have made confessions, two of whom were fugitives from justice, having escaped from the prison in Salina Cruz, Oaxaca, belonged to a well organized ring, which was disbanded in its entirety by agents of the Federal Judicial Police under orders from the group chief, Narciso Estudillo Cerezo.

Yesterday, Carlos Aguilar Garza, the coordinator of the campaign against the drug traffic in Zone 2, which includes the states of Nuevo Leon, Coahuila and Tamaulipas, expanded upon the information on this matter published previously by EL MANANA.

The Federal Judicial Police seized 50 kilograms of marihuana, to be sold in this town for 5,000 pesos per kilogram, and contained in two cardboard boxes and four suitcases, from Marino Antonio Hernandez, Rosendo Morales Martinez, Ramiro Torres Cantu or Fernando Morales Sabino, Telesforo Sanchez Aguilar, Emiliano Morales Martinez, Jorge Luis Bajas, Jose Joel Garcia Garcia and Antonio Bermudez Ruiz. Two pickup trucks were confiscated from them: a 1976 Chevrolet with Texas license plates QE-9181, and a 1974 Chevrolet, with license plates MH-6569.

Estudillo Cerezo reported that the investigation began when it was learned that a marihuana purchase and sale was to take place at the Santa Monica Hotel, whereupon surveillance was established, and the first arrests were made of the brothers Rosendo, Emiliano and Fernando Morales, who were guarding the grass.

When questioned, they said that they were from the settlement of Felipe Angeles, Oaxaca, where they planted and harvested the grass in collaboration with Marino Antonio Hernandez who, at the time, was staying at the Riviera Hotel, and who was subsequently arrested.

Later, Jorge Luis Barajas, Jose Joel Garcia and Telesforo Sanchez Aguilar were captured. The first-named was to be the middleman between the Oaxacans and the latter two for the sale of the grass, which they intended to export to Laredo, Texas, in order to sell it retail (in "joints," cartons and cigarettes), or else for \$140 per pound.

During the course of the investigation, Telesforo Sanchez said that, about 8 days earlier, he had brought 30 kilograms of marihuana from Oaxaca, and sold it to Antonio Bermudez Ruiz, who was arrested upon arriving at the Santa Monica Hotel with \$2,000 which he had left after paying for the former purchase.

The official from the Office of the Attorney General of the Republic added that Rosendo Morales Martinez and Fernando Morales Sabino, who also goes by the name of Ramiro Torres Cantu, are wanted by the authorities in Oaxaca, because they escaped from the Salina Cruz prison approximately 2 years ago.



Rosendo Morales Martinez, Emiliano Morales Martinez and Fernando Morales Sabino, or Ramiro Torres Cantu, planted, cultivated and harvested 50 kilograms of marihuana seized from them by the Federal Judicial Police. The fourth member of the group is Jorge Luis Barajas, who hired them to ship the grass to this town, after which he would purchase it in collaboration with his partner, Jose Joel Garcia Garcia.



Jose Joel Garcia Garcia and Telesforo Sanchez Aguilar were also involved in the marihuana purchase-sale operation thwarted by the Federal Judicial Police. The former resides in Laredo, Texas, where he intended to sell it wholesale and retail.



Antonio Bermudez Ruiz was captured upon arriving at the Santa Monica Hotel where he was to pay the \$2,000 received from Telesforo Sanchez Aguilar, who sold him 30 kilograms of grass a week ago "on credit."  
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Marino Antonio Hernandez was one of the traffickers carrying suitcases and boxes of marihuana from Felipe Angeles, Oaxaca, to this town. He was staying at the Riviera Hotel, where he was captured by the Federal Judicial Police.



MEXICO

MARIHUANA PLANTATIONS DISCOVERED, TRAFFICKERS CAUGHT

Nuevo Laredo EL MANANA in Spanish 28 Aug 80 Sec B p 8

[Text] A roundup of drug traffickers was carried out by Federal Judicial Police agents under orders from group chief Narciso Estudillo Cerezo who, on Tuesday, captured five criminals who at been engaged in planting, cultivating, harvesting and trafficking in marihuana, in Montemorelos, Nuevo Leon, and its vicinity. At the same time, they succeeded in discovering three marihuana plantations covering an area of 1,910 square meters.

The coordinator of the federal prosecutors' offices, Carlos Aguilar Garza, supervised the investigation and the initiation of the pertinent preliminary penal inquiries.

He reported that the first to be arrested, in the Ladrillera development in Montemorelos, Nuevo Leon, were Rafael Ochoa Islas, Patricio Juarez Munoz, Nazario Zapata Zamora and Columba Llerena Davila; because it had been learned that they were engaged in planting and cultivating marihuana.

They said that another one of their "partners" was at the La Rosa farm, owned by Columba, at the time. The agents went there and succeeded in capturing Jacinto Juarez Munoz.

From there, they went to the Santa Rosalia farm, also in the municipality of Montemorelos, Nuevo Leon, where they located three cannabis indica plantations covering an area of 1,910 square meters.

The cannabis shrubs were already sufficiently tall to be harvested. After preliminary samples were taken, Aguilar Garza ordered the plantations to be burned.

Another 'Strike' in Reynosa

The federal agents detailed to Reynosa, Tamaulipas, also went into action, capturing the presumed drug trafficker Ernesto Solis Rivera, from whom they seized 7 kilograms and 420 grams of marihunaa. He was carrying the drug concealed in a 1972 Ford pickup truck, with state of Texas license plates NVS-79. He made a full confession of his illegal activities.

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MEXICO

BRIEFS

MARIHUANA GROWERS AMNESTIED--Cuernavaca, Morelos, 16 Aug --The state leader of the Morelos Farmers Vanguard, Gerardo Tafolla, announced that some 200 farmers indicted for planting marihuana will be amnestied in order to grow basic grains on the idle plots of land covering about 300 hectares of irrigated area and 1,100 of stormy weather crop area. He explained that the crops to be grown on that land will be corn, beans, sorghum and rice. The Farmers Vanguard, leading the cause of human rights, and other organizations in the state requested amnesty for these farmers from the office of the president of the republic, the attorney general of justice of the nation, the Secretariat of Government and the state government. It was claimed that, unfortunately, those farmers had been caught growing marihuana, having been forced to do so by need and the low guarantee prices for farm products. [Text] [Nuevo Laredo EL MANANA in Spanish 17 Aug 80 Sec A p 5] 2909

MAJOR TRAFFICKER SENTENCED--Yesterday, an individual who ranked as a "big captain" of the drug traffic in the northeastern section of the country was sentenced by the second district judge, Cayetano Hernandez Valencia. In trial 93/979, which was held for crimes against health in the degrees of cocaine, heroin and morphine possession and cocaine transportation, Luis Guillermo Gonzalez Velarde, alias "Jesus Guillermo Gonzalez Velarde", "Luis Gonzalez Godoy", "Gabriel Garcia Vega" and "Gustavo Garza Velazquez", was given a prison sentence of 9 years and a fine of 50,000 pesos or, if in default, another 4 months in prison. The aforementioned individual has been incarcerated in the La Loma municipal jail, and he was notified yesterday of the sentence passed on him. According to information supplied to EL DIARIO, Luis Guillermo Gonzalez Velarde headed a well organized drug trafficking ring. He has criminal records in McAllen, Texas, and Monterrey. On 24 April of last year, Federal Judicial Police agents captured Luis Guillermo Gonzalez Velarde in Monterrey, with a large amount of cocaine, over a kilogram of heroin and half a kilogram of morphine in his possession. He was also found to have some novocaine and a moderate amount of marihuana on him. The capture of Gonzalez Velarde resulted from the arrest of Ernesto Diaz Reyes and Alberto Vazquez, alias "El Marciano," in Villaldama, Nuevo Leon. [Text] [Nuevo Laredo EL DIARIO DE NUEVO LAREDO in Spanish 22 Aug 80 Sec B p 10] 2909

TRAFFICKERS' SENTENCES CONFIRMED--The Unified Fourth Circuit Court located in Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, confirmed the final prison sentence passed by the second district judge on 13 June of this year upon the drug traffickers Florentino Cazares Rodriguez, Isidro Ayala Rodriguez, Eduardo Benito Estrada Galvan and Francisco Javier Pacheco Rodriguez. On that date, the judge imposed similar sentences of 7 years and 6 months in prison and fines of 10,000 pesos upon Florentino Cazares, Isidro Ayala and Eduardo Benito Estrada. Francisco Javier Pacheco Rodriguez, alias "La Vaca," was sentenced to 7 years in jail. They were all found penally guilty of committing a crime against health in the degrees of marihuana possession and trafficking. All four filed an appeal, considering the penalty too severe, but the Unified Court confirmed the sentences since they were in conformance with the law. These individuals were arrested by the Federal Judicial Police on 10 February of last year. [Text] [Nuevo Laredo EL MANANA in Spanish 23 Aug 80 Sec B p 6] 2909

MARIHUANA TRAFFICKERS ARRESTED--Pursuing the investigation begun by the Federal Judicial Police in Torreon, Coahuila, involving the arrest of three individuals caught selling marihuana, an arrest was made in Zaragoza de Jerez, Zacatecas, of the ringleader of a group who had more marihuana in his possession, as well as spare parts for an airplane, which led to the assumption that he was engaged in selling grass to persons who shipped it by air to the United States. In Torreon, arrests were made of Jorge Flores Rodriguez, Rafael Caldera Leanos and Alfredo Muelas Barajas, who had a small amount of marihuana and some psychotropic substances in their possession which they claimed to have purchased in Zaragoza de Jerez from an individual named Samuel Munoz Carlos. Munoz Carlos was located and arrested. In his residence, he had a moderate amount of marihuana, several plastic and metal drums for aviation gas, implements for packing marihuana, several empty bags and a trunk containing traces of cannabis indica, as well as a 1979 Ford pickup truck with license plates ZA-8615. The Federal Judicial Police were continuing the investigation of this case yesterday because, it was claimed, they expect to capture several more drug traffickers. [Text] [Nuevo Laredo EL MANANA in Spanish 27 Aug 80 Sec B p 7] 2909

FOUR MARIHUANA PLANTATIONS FOUND--Members of the Federal Judicial Police discovered four marihuana plantations (measuring 4,000 square meters) 35 kilometers northeast of Potrero Prieto, in the municipality of Galeana, Nuevo Leon; and, at the same time, arrested the owners of those crops, and captured another individual to whom the latter had sold 5 kilograms of grass. The plantations were destroyed, at the instruction of the coordinator of the Federal Public Ministry, Carlos Aguilar Garza, but first the necessary samples were taken to prove the crime. Ricardo Torres Moreno and his brother, both of whom had been planting, cultivating and harvesting the drug, were arrested on the same site. They had 1,600 grams of cannabis indica in their possession and, upon being questioned, claimed that, a few days earlier, they had sold 5 kilograms of the same plant to an individual named Evaristo Esparza Reyna Reyna, who was subsequently located in Monterrey with the drug still in his possession. [Text] [Nuevo Laredo EL MANANA in Spanish 27 Aug 80 Sec B p 7] 2909

TRAFFICKERS CAPTURED WITH DYNAMITE--Members of the Federal Judicial Police totally disbanded a drug trafficking ring, with investigations which began with the capture of an individual from whom 20 grams of cannabis indica were seized, and ended with the arrest of others from whom 234 dynamite cartridges were confiscated. The probe started with the arrest in Saltillo of Sergio Isaac Flores Calderon and Reynaldo Lopez Solis, on which occasion a joint of grass was seized from the former and 20 grams thereof from the latter. They said that their supplier was Tomas Gonzalez Martinez, located on the La Noria communal farm in Guadalupe, in the municipality of Concepcion del Oro, Zacatecas, who, when he was arrested, had three packages of marihuana in his possession. Also arrested was Bonifacio Maldonado Marin, who had a small marihuana plantation in Cata Arroyo de la Huerta, in the municipality of Concepcion del Oro, Zacatecas, and another quantity already harvested, as well as 234 dynamite cartridges and 80 detonators. The Federal Judicial Police are investigating this case intensively, particularly the reasons prompting Maldonado Marin to have the powerful explosives in his possession. [Text] [Nuevo Laredo EL MANANA in Spanish 26 Aug 80 Sec B p 7] 2909

CONVICTED TRAFFICKERS GIVEN PRERELEASE--On Monday, the General Directorate of Coordinated Crime Prevention and Social Rehabilitation Services, which is subordinate to the Secretariat of Government, granted prerelease privileges to five federal prisoners convicted of drug trafficking and currently serving long terms in the Social Rehabilitation Center. Authorized personnel from that prison reported that Angel Navarro Sanchez and Armando Salvador Benitez Navarro were released, with the benefit of prerelease, whereby they are allowed to leave during the daytime and return to jail at night. Both have been in custody since September 1976, when federal agents captured them in Reynosa with a drug shipment. They are serving prison terms of 6 years and 6 months. The same privileges were granted to Luciano Espinoza Salazar, who in trial 113-975, held in the second district court, received an 8-year prison term for crimes against health. Margarito Rodriguez Pedroza, who was sentenced to 7 years and 10 months in prison, will be allowed to leave the jail on weekends, but must remain in custody during the week. [Text] [Nuevo Laredo EL MANANA in Spanish 29 Aug 80 Sec B p 6] 2909

MARIHUANA TRAFFICKERS OFFICIALLY JAILED--The overwhelming evidence supplied by the Federal Public Ministry agent, Jaime Eugenio Torres Espinosa, was sufficient to prompt the third district judge to issue a writ for official imprisonment of the eight presumed drug traffickers who were captured on 17 August by the Federal Judicial Police. In the course of trial 212-980, Rosendo Morales Martinez, Emilio Morales Martinez, Fernando Morales Sabino and Marino Antonio Hernandez were declared officially imprisoned as individuals presumed guilty of committing a crime against health in the degrees of marihuana possession, transportation and trafficking. Jorge Luis Barajas, Telesforo Sanchez Aguilar and Jose Joel Garcia Garcia were officially imprisoned for marihuana possession and trafficking. The eighth of those arrested, Jose Joel Garcia Garcia, was ordered to preventive imprisonment for the possession, trafficking and exporting of cannabis indica. All of them were

captured on 17 August. Rosendo, Emiliano and Fernando Morales, as well as Jorge Luis Barajas, who had carried two suitcases containing marihuana from the settlement of Felipe Angeles, Oaxaca, to this town, were captured in Room 20 of the Santa Monica Hotel. They were accompanied by Marino Antonio, who was staying at the Riviera Hotel, with two suitcases and two boxes filled with grass in his possession. [Text] [Nuevo Laredo EL MANANA in Spanish 26 Aug 80 Sec B p 7] 2909

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PANAMA

BRIEFS

AIRPORT DRUG ARREST--Stanley Mills Stanert, a 30-year old U.S. citizen, was arrested at Tocumen Airport on 10 September. He was coming from Guayaquil and was on his way to Los Angeles. The agents of the narcotics section of the treasury ministry found eight packages containing 5 and 1/2 kg of cocaine. [Panama City CRITICA in Spanish 13 Sep 80 p 22 PA]

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IRAN

HEALTH MINISTRY PLANS TO TREAT ALL ADDICTS THIS YEAR

Tehran JAVANAN-E EMRUZ in Persian 11 Aug 80 pp 22-23

[Interview with Dr Fakhr]

[Text] We follow JAVANAN-E EMRUZ's social and national plan for uprooting addiction throughout the country.

Dr Fakhr, Director of the Health Ministry Joint Anti-Narcotics Staff, says: All addicts throughout the country will be treated by the end of this year!

Coupons for old people have also been stopped and rations will no longer be given to anyone. Therefore elderly men and women addicts must kick their habit, although very old people will be given the necessary medicine after quitting.

In previous issues we have reported on the condition of addicts in notorious districts and treatment centers which have sprung up on the fringes of Tehran for their benefit. We have also referred to the inactivity of the Ministry of Health, which is empowered and charged with the responsibility of seeing to the treatment of addicts. In order to clarify the Ministry of Health's responsibility and this administration's method of curing addicts, we talked to Dr Fakhr, Director of the Health Ministry's Joint Anti-Narcotics Staff. In this interview Dr Fakhr discussed the staff's procedures, the 500 million tuman budget allotted to the staff to combat narcotics, and the remainder of the issues. A transcript of the interview appears below:

Reporter: What is the responsibility of this staff, and how is it administered?

Dr Fakhr: The staff is a central coordinating organization for anti-narcotics activities, and its name is Joint Anti-Narcotics Staff. Organs who are active in some way with the narcotics problem, curing addicts and combatting narcotics should participate on the staff. At the present time the courts, the sheriff's organizations, the Gendarmerie, the Holy War Department, the Ministry of National Guidance, the Ministry of Health and several national organizations are members of the staff.

Reporter: What plans do you have, and what steps have you taken to combat narcotics?

Dr Fakhr: We have prepared programs for combatting narcotics with reference to advice from members of the Joint Staff and views that were available to us which are now almost completed. The staff has also taken numerous steps or finalized plans, the most important of which is the enactment of a bill to prohibit poppy cultivation. Another is a law stiffening punishments for narcotics dealers and the preparation of a complete plan for combatting narcotics, and many other accomplishments which are not necessary to name.

Reporter: What is your budget for combatting narcotics? Do you use this budget to equip hospitals or establish new treatment centers?

Dr Fakhr: In our country, before forming the staff, we had ways to treat people, and ways to combat narcotics were also at the disposal of the sheriff and the Gendarmerie. These means are in working order and are now available for use. In order to treat the affliction of addicts, who are very numerous, the Joint Staff proposed a budget of around 500 million tumans. It was approved and is now going through final processing. It will be available to us soon. This budget will be used only to cure addicts, and if necessary a small amount of it will go towards setting up and equipping facilities.

Reporter: Will part of this budget be used to support the treatment centers set up by a group of young people in some parts of Tehran, or will all of it be spent by the Ministry of Health?

Dr Fakhr: This budget was set up in such a way that its provisions for use are not subject to the regulations of public funds. It has its own regulations to enable it to be put to use quickly. It is even possible that non-government institutions combatting narcotics, such as those very treatment centers to which you refer, under certain conditions, may use these funds, although this is not a possibility for any government organization or administration.

Reporter: What are these conditions? Explain a little about them.

Dr Fakhr: The conditions have not been precisely set. They will be announced later.

Reporter: Previously there were only two hospitals that admitted addicts and of course according to what we and all the people have heard, they did nothing for addicts, although some people in these hospitals distributed narcotics. What steps have been taken to prevent a repetition of the previous situation?



Dr Fakhr: At that time social conditions were not right even if steps had been taken. The situation arose because of the availability of narcotics in society. As long as narcotics are available and are easy to obtain, there will be addiction and illicit activities and behavior will continue.

To stop these things narcotics peddling must be fought vigorously. At the present time this is being done on a large scale through the activities of Mr. Khalkhali. We hope, with the continuation of these activities, that our society will be purged of narcotics and that the laws pertaining to narcotics will be strictly enforced in order to create a suitable environment for quitting drugs.

We are hoping that the Ministry of Health will also fulfill its responsibilities in this area simultaneous with these activities.

Reporter: Most addicts worry about their families when hospitalized, because they have no income. Do you have a financial plan for helping the families of this type of addict, and for helping the families of condemned or imprisoned smugglers, most of whom are addicts?

Dr Fakhr: These tasks must be kept separate. The issue of punishing smugglers is something everyone agrees on.

Reporter: I have no objection either. My point is that people supported by addicts and smugglers are addicts.

Dr Fakhr: Yes! If problems arise for dependents of smugglers the responsibility of taking care of them is a social service of the courts. This doesn't apply only to smugglers. It is true for everyone. If you had observed closely, a great many verdicts of the revolutionary courts concerning smugglers have stipulated that provisions be made for the families of condemned smugglers and/or that part of his wealth be confiscated and the rest be left for his family. The Islamic courts in particular give a lot of consideration to this, but issues like this are matters quite apart from punishment and decisiveness in the law. In the case of addicts, first we try to treat ambulatory addicts so that the type of problem we referred to will occur less frequently. With reference to hospitalization, however, young addicts will receive priority treatment. Of course it is better that social services and help in this respect extend the necessary aids, and in the plan for helping to treat addicts this kind of subject has been taken into account.

Reporter: What was the situation for treating addicts in the past, and what is it like now?

Dr Fakhr: The situation for treating addicts in the past was such that there were few services for treating addicts and a huge budget was expended for it, and of course the treatment was ineffective. After

the revolution, however, because of the increased demand for treatment, treatment possibilities have increased somewhat. Furthermore, non-government treatment services have appeared in some places, which necessarily must, in this special period, lead to a sufficient expansion in addict treatment, so that by making use of the current circumstances and reducing drug peddling in society, treatment can rise to a satisfactory level as soon as possible.

Reporter: A short time ago the Joint Anti-Narcotics Staff, in a news article printed by the newspapers, called on officials of the local treatment centers which were set up by young people, and which set out to treat addicts in order to uproot addiction, to get in touch with the Joint Staff. How did it happen that you got the idea of getting in touch with them a year and a half after the revolution and a year after these treatment centers began their work?

Dr Fakhr: Because we have not had funds before now. On the one hand, these centers were in touch with us. They got medicine from us and guidance on treatment procedures. Now, however, with the availability of funds, there is a plan for treatment and campaigning in sensitive and afflicted districts which needs precise and complete coordination. In order to establish this coordination we have asked the treatment centers to get in touch with us in order to set up a consistent and effective plan.

Reporter: In reports we have printed in the magazine we have suggested to the Ministry of Health that methadone syrup and pills be made available at treatment centers to be sold without prescription to addicts, enabling them to quit their habits as outpatients. What is your view concerning this?

Dr Fakhr: There is a problem with this, and that is that it will start a new kind of addiction, meaning the addiction of addicts, and actually medicines for quitting drugs to be put in the hands of addicts must come with solid assurances that they are not subject to abuse, or be reduced to the smallest quantities.

Reporter: But an addict who truly wants to kick the habit will try after quitting not to create new headaches for himself and his family.

Dr Fakhr: I cannot look at addicts with this simplicity. Most addicts accept treatment with difficulty, and if they find something that has narcotic derivatives which can be used as before, they turn to it. Our task is then greater. First we must get addicts off heroin and opium. Then we can treat their addiction with methadone, and it will continue this way.

Reporter: What problems have you had concerning the cutoff of opium coupons for old people?

Dr Fakhr: There have been many criticisms and suggestions concerning this, especially during the past few weeks. Many people have criticized us for stopping the ration for older addicts and asked that this ration be renewed, but this is absolutely impossible. The government is determined to completely cut off the consumption of opium and heroin.

The exception is that a plan has been set up for older people, especially those who had coupons, to enable them to quit their addiction with the utmost ease in a period of 2 and 1/2 months. For people older than 60 years of age, at the conclusion of treatment an appropriate ration has been provided which will be made available to them as medicine.

In any case, however, the consumption of narcotics, opium, opium dross or heroin is absolutely forbidden.

Reporter: Most addicts living around the Qal'eh district say they have gone to the Ministry of Health's hospitals many times in order to kick the habit, but they were not admitted because they did not have identification. They say their identification was either lost or stolen. What do you say about this?

Dr Fakhr: Actually, the plans we are making are for the public and the majority. We cannot accept people with no identification. The reason we want identification is that we stamp identification papers to prevent the repeated return of addicts for the purpose of kicking the habit. Those who claim not to have identification are trying to get around this regulation and be accepted for treatment over and over again and this is not possible, because the plan for combatting addiction and treating addicts allows for only one treatment per addict.

Reporter: With the coordination of government and non-government treatment centers, how long do you think it will take you to fully treat every addict?

Dr Fakhr: We hope to treat every addict by the end of this year. Of course our plan has been set up in this way. We will see how it will work out.

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IRAN

BEST METHODS OF CURING ADDICTION DISCUSSED

Tehran JAVANAN-E EMRUZ in Persian 18 Aug 80 pp 22-23

[Article: "In the Banuvan-e Shahid-e Motahhari Drug Treatment Center, 81 Addicted Women Have Been Saved"]

[Text] The best way to cure addicts with the most results!

Treatment center officials: During treatment we take the addicts on field and recreation trips, and even to visit their families. We stay in regular contact with them after they are off drugs so that they will never return again to their addiction and they will be forever saved from the clutches of addiction.

The Ministry of Health has never helped us at all. Moreover, they send incurable addicts to this treatment center and create many problems for us!

In several previous issues we have reported on the Banuvan-e Shahid-e Motahhari treatment center which is at the same time the first treatment center especially for getting women off drugs. We also wrote that this treatment center is managed by a number of young brothers and sisters.

We went to this treatment center again this week to see what kind of results their activities have yielded during the approximately two month interim.

Eighty-one Women Saved

The treatment center is in better shape than it was two months ago, and, as the saying goes, work has fallen upon it. Mr Bahrami, supervisor of the treatment center, was extremely happy. After touring the treatment center we went into Mr Bahrami's office. There he showed us a great many lab reports and said:

These are the fruits of a month and half's labor on the part of treatment center workers. During this time 81 addicted women have regained health and returned to their families. He said:

You were here personally when the treatment center began--its operations, and you saw it. We did not have many facilities. We had only the faith and interest of several young men and women who supported our work. Despite the many problems we have had along the way we have succeeded to a great extent. Contrary to the claims of Dr Fakhr, supervisor of the Ministry of Health and Welfare's Anti-Narcotics Staff, who said in an interview with your magazine that the Ministry of Health helps treatment centers like ours, no help has been given to us. They charge us for the methadone they give us. Of course, for our part we are thankful to the Ministry of Health on this account, but we say again that this ministry has not helped us.

#### Alleviating the Problems of the Cured

During this period 81 addicts have recovered their health with the help of the sisters and have returned to their homes. Before these addicts were released we sent their blood and urine to the lab in order to be absolutely certain of their health. We also visit the homes of these ladies once every two weeks and send reports to their files. On these return visits we tell these women that if problems arise concerning their addition they are to refer to us again and not to go anywhere else. Of the women who have been released from this treatment center, only three people who had bad reputations before in the neighborhood, have become addicted again. These three people have come back again to be hospitalized, but we did not accept them because they have not made up their minds to quit once and for all. Some of the women also had problems which were resolved with the help of the Revolutionary Guard brothers of Staff Six of the Area Nine Committee.

#### The Ministry of Health is an Annoyance!

One of our problems related to the issue of abandoning drugs is the sending of addicted women formerly living in notorious districts from the Ministry of Health's hospitals to this treatment center, because admitting most of them is fruitless and they behave badly towards our volunteer sisters. They don't really want to quit drugs. They wander aimlessly from this center to that center, and the Ministry of Health sends them to us. The behavior of some such women even has a bad effect on the other patients. About a week ago a woman who had been hospitalized in the Yaft Abad hospital came and was admitted here. She was so surprised at the condition of the treatment center that when one of the patients complained to a treatment center aide, this woman told the woman who was complaining:

You have to see Yaft Abad in order to appreciate this place. They've never seen facilities like this. What are you complaining about?

The problem in Yaft Abad, as I understand it from what she had to say, is that in this hospital if a patient wants out before abandoning drugs, they release her without informing her family, whereas here if a patient is to leave we inform her family.

The reason is that releasing an addicted patient to God's protection will only result in a worsening of her psychological condition and her becoming broken. This is the greatest mistake of government addiction treatment centers.

#### Outings and Recreation

So far as we can, we try to arrange for their fun and recreation. For example, every other night we take all the addicted women for an outing in treatment center automobiles. They go for walks and eat ice cream for one or two hours in the various parks and then return to the treatment center.

Sometimes we even take the women to visit their families, since every family cannot come to visit the patients.

Several days ago I saw that one of the ladies was very upset. When I asked why, she said:

I haven't seen my baby for several days, and I miss him. We took her to her home. When she saw her child she was so happy and so much improved that one would never have known she was sick. She immediately made tea for us, and after she had been with her family for two hours we took her back to the treatment center. Things like this have a great effect on patient morale. At the present time 15 addicts are hospitalized in the treatment center, one of whom is a sheriff. We have 10 empty beds now and we hope to be able to destroy the roots of addiction as soon as possible.

#### Social Treatment Is Most Important

Dr Siavosh, the young doctor of the treatment center for curing addicted ladies said:

The curing of addicts, especially addicted ladies, is divided into three parts:

1. Medical treatment
2. Psychological treatment
3. Social treatment

Each of these is allocated a percentage, but the major part is the social cure, upon which 50 percent of an addict's treatment depends. Medical treatment is 25 percent and psychological treatment is also 25 percent. Both medical and psychological treatment take place in treatment centers and hospitals.

Just as I said, however, the major part of treating addicts, and especially female addicts, is this very social treatment. This includes following a patient after release from the treatment center, which means fighting the corruption of the social environment, and problems in the family environment. If we send a patient back to the same society after medical and psychological treatment in the hospital and abandon her without help or follow-up treatment, it is as if we did not help the addict at all, but merely kept her away from the atmosphere of anomie in society and the family for a few days. We must follow up medical and psychological treatment with social treatment. We must ask the patient to check in with us every 15 days and we will also go to the patient's home every so often.

We have begun this policy through the efforts of the responsible brothers in the treatment center, meaning Mr Bahram, Mr 'Abbas and Mr Heydarzadeh. Every day and night we go to the home of a patient who has regained her health in the treatment center. We try to help them as much as possible and to take action to alleviate the difficulties and anomies of the social and family environment.

#### The Views of Two of the Cured

At this point we had an opportunity to talk with two women who had been released that same day.

Aqdas Mobraz, 32 years old, said:

I used a gram of heroin every day for 8 years. My addiction began because of female problems and continued. When narcotics became expensive I came here and was admitted. Today after two weeks I am recovered and am going home.

Monir, a 21 year old girl, is another addict who had recovered her health and was going home. She said:

The son of my maternal aunt got me addicted to heroin. I used two grams every day. He bought my fixes and gave them to me. I was hospitalized once before in the Father Taleqani hospital but after I was released my cousin got me addicted again and my addiction continued for several months until 16 days ago when I came here and was hospitalized. I am better now and am being released today.

#### The View of a New Addict

Ms. Hosseyni, who is 25, married, and was once hospitalized in the Yaft Abad hospital, and who had just come there, said:

My father, brother, and sister were addicts and they got me addicted, too. I have been addicted for three years. Four months ago I was hospitalized for 6 days at Yaft Abad. The personnel there behaved very badly towards addicts. If they had a grudge towards a patient, they would falsify her lab test results in order to be able to release her from the hospital!

Some of the male aides paid more attention to the good looking women than to those were ugly and old! It was pointless to complain because that meant certain expulsion. If someone wanted to leave without them telling her family, they released her. Here, however, it is not like that. They are very kind to the patients, and for an addict this kindness on the part of nurses is important. It is more effective than medicine.

#### Establishing a Hospital for Addicted Men

After we talked with the women, 'Abbas 'Abbasi, an official in the treatment center said:

Shahid-e Motalahari Hospital No 2, which is especially for men, will begin operations this week. We are trying to move the treatment center for women there so all our work will be in the same place.

This hospital, located in the former building of the national movement of Mojaheddin on Father Taleqani street (formerly Takht-e Jamshid) has been cleaned up and we have brought beds there. It can accomodate around 100 patients.

The conditions for accepting patients are like those at the treatment center for women. The number of beds at treatment center No 2 can be increased, and if the Health and Welfare Administration helps us it will increase the possibility of making profitable use of this treatment center. Now we must see whether the Ministry of Health will help us or not.

This treatment center has spacious grounds and a pool where addicts can exercise.

In conclusion 'Abbas added:

We have a very small budget and we will accept any help we receive. We hope to destroy the roots of addiction in the country as soon as possible.

#### A Depiction of the Harmful Effects of Addiction

At the conclusion of the visit at the treatment center two interesting posters concerning addiction and its harmful effects attracted my [the reporter's] attention. I asked Bahrami about the posters and he said:

These two posters were painted by the father of one of the Revolutionary Guard brothers. The painter is Mr Mahmud Purshafi'i. He painted these two posters using motifs that we provided and he presented them to the treatment center.

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IRAN

KHALKHALI CAMPAIGN YIELDS TONS OF NARCOTICS

Tehran KEYHAN in Persian 30 Aug 80 p 1

[Article: "Ayatollah Khalkhali: During 4 Months of the Antismuggling Campaign 30 Tons of Opium, 6 Tons of Hashish and 500 Kilos of Heroin Have Been Found"]

[Text] A statement was issued by Ayatollah Sheykh Sadeq Khalkhali, supervisor of the special antinarcotics courts located in Qasr prison, concerning 4 months' results of the Antinarcotics Staff's work. The text of the statement, which was given to the newspaper KEYHAN, appears below.

The net results of the activities of the gang of smugglers of heroin, opium, hashish and their derivatives has not only caused the destruction of 2 million of the young men and women of this land, but they have also destroyed families. They have brought about the separation of thousands of young husbands and wives, the evil fruits of which was the homelessness of small children who cried and yearned for their mother's skirts, but there was no longer any mother and they must count the days of a miserable life in orphanages with an inauspicious future. Never again will they see the kind and laughing face and warm embrace of their mother. The destruction of 2 million people means the destruction of everything in a country. The results of the work of the antinarcotics campaign staff and the strike force during 4 months was numerous arrests and the rendering of smuggler and mafia gangs throughout Iran to corpses. Perhaps as a result there will be a return of the happiness and confidence of the scattered families in this area, and finally the salvation of the young generation that was drawn into vileness by these events. You can see the prayers of mothers, the prayers of young girls, the encouragement of the people, the praise of every group, and even midnight prayers for the well being of this group, which are manifested in the form of letters, telegrams, telephone calls, and 300 meter petitions. Perhaps there are many who are unaware of the extent and style of the antinarcotics campaign, or some known enemies of this nation may completely deny it, saying such a thing does not exist, or the American affiliated radio of Baghdad may say that the condemned in Khalkhali's courts are top ranking political

opponents who are being destroyed for this reason. The most shameless so-called human beings are these smuggler and mafia gangs, who can turn anything to a profit, and who are able to show themselves and carry on their activities in the presence of puppet governments and the great Western powers through false accusation, fraud, bribery, politics, lying and rumor circulation. Fortunately, however, countless groups of people from Iran, Tehran, the respected representatives of the Islamic Consultative Assembly, the presidency of the republic, a great many foreign and domestic reporters and radio and television representatives have seen and are seeing about 30 tons of opium, 500 kilograms of heroin, more than 6 tons of hashish, and sacks full of opium dross. If this frightening quantity of narcotics was collected from all over Iran, from Malayer, Khorramabad, Sabzevar, Birjand, Gonbad and Quchan, what a great catastrophe was facing this huge nation. We saw the misfortune, the vagrancy, the abandoned production, the abandoned work and the parasitic and aimless ways adopted by thousands of striplings and adolescents of this country. As a result of the day and night persistence of the special antinarcotics campaign group, and the decisive support of the nation of Iran, it may be said that this is the greatest firm step that has been taken by this nation since the triumph of the revolution. Jamshid, Gomrok, Qavam Daftar, and Parke Mellat streets had more than 5,000 young heroin addicts gathered around them like filthy flies, but now you will not find even one addict on those streets, and the strike force of the special revolutionary courts congratulates the Iranian nation for this victory. At the same time it sternly warns all possessors, sellers, and distributors of narcotics that the great Iranian nation has decided that it will no longer have a narcotics problem. With all our resources, we will strive with all our being to realize this humanitarian hope.

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IRAN

BRIEFS

KHALKHALI ANNOUNCES DRUG SEIZURES--Hojjat ol-Eslam Shaykh Sadeq Khalkhali, the president of special revolution courts and the supervisor of the anti-narcotics campaign, in an interview with a PARS correspondent, announced that the personnel of antinarcotics campaign strike squad discovered 1,084 kg of opium, 10,776 kg of opium from the cities of Gonbad, Tehran and Kerman. They have handed it over to the special antinarcotics courts at Qasr Prison. Hojjat ol-Eslam Khalkhali added: We hope that our Muslim compatriots who believe that our dear country should be cleaned of home-destroying narcotics should provide the necessary cooperation with the strike squad and inform the court of all wandering addicts and smugglers in whatever way possible. [Text] [LD140708 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0330 GMT 14 Sep 80]

DRUG SEIZED--Darab Revolutionary Guards have seized 500 grams of opium, 2.5 kg of burned opium and a gun from one individual. [GF151634 Shiraz Domestic Service in Persian 1400 GMT 15 Sep 80]

DRUG SEIZURES--Hojjat ol-Eslam Khalkhali has announced that during the past three days, 971 kg of opium, 9.45 kg of opium juice, 1 kg of heroin and 4.5 kg of hashish have been seized. The drugs have been delivered to Qasr Prison. [GF101932 Tehran Domestic Television Service in Persian 1245 GMT 10 Sep 80]

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GHANA

BRIEFS

MARIHUANA DEALERS KILLED--One man died and a woman seriously injured in a gunfire exchange between the Police Striking Squad and a group of alleged Indian hemp pushers during a police raid on their hide-out at Oforikrom, near Kumasi yesterday. Five others were rounded up and placed in police custody. Their names were not disclosed. The dead was identified as Mahama Iddrisu, and the injured woman who was said to be in a critical condition at the Komfo Anokye Hospital here, was named as Akua Adoma. [Excerpt] [Accra GHANAIAN TIMES in English 9 Sep 80 p 8]

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CYPRUS

POLICE ARREST FOREIGNERS AFTER HASHISH FIND

NC170927 Nicosia CYPRUS MAIL in English 17 Sep 80 p 1

[Text] Three Americans, one Lebanese and a British woman were remanded in custody for eight days and a sixth, a Syrian for two days by the Larnaca District Court yesterday in connection with the discovery of a huge quantity of hashish on the shore at Kiti, Larnaca.

Requesting the remand order, the police told the court that they had already found one ton of hashish but much more was suspected to have been dumped in the sea or on the shore and the search was continuing.

The discovery was made when a villager from Kiti on passing near the Kiti lighthouse early on Monday morning noticed six bags and eight plastic containers which seemed to him suspicious and he informed the Kiti police station.

A police detachment found some 300 hashish cakes and one of the Arabs was found nearby and arrested.

The arrest of the British woman and another Arab was made at Paphos and the arrest of two Americans was made on a yacht off Limassol. A third American was arrested later at Limassol.

The police are in touch with the anti-narcotics section of INTERPOL to see whether there is any connection between those detained in Cyprus and any international network while an intensive search is being made for more narcotics.

The search is extending all along the coast from Larnaca to Limassol and Paphos and taking part are all police services, the CID [Criminal Investigation Department], the commando unit and police dogs.

Police told the court yesterday that three of the men detained have made statements admitting guilt but the others have not given any statement.

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DENMARK

AALBORG DRUG CENTER STUDY SURVEYS ADDICTION SITUATION

Copenhagen AKTUELT in Danish 9 Aug 80 p 32

[Article: "Three Times as Many Addicts as Estimated by the Police"]

[Text] A study by the Day Center in Aalborg shows that the number of severely affected addicts in the city is above 150. The figure is three times as high as that the police operate with, according to Jens Ole Johansen, head of the Day Center for drug addicts and criminal youth.

"Today, the social deterioration among young drug addicts takes place much more rapidly and more violently than it did 5 years ago," says Jens Ole Johansen.

"Formerly, the young addicts stayed with hashish longer and did not become dependent upon hard drugs until they had experimented with them for some time. Today, they jump directly into the hard drug milieu, lose touch with their original environment very rapidly, and become totally dependent upon heroin or the like," says Johansen.

Older Addicts in Particular

Developments in Aalborg parallels that in other large cities in the provinces. The older addicts, who have been addicts for over 10 years, constitute in particular a very difficult treatment problem.

The Arhus Youth Center has about 100 deeply affected older addicts who seem to be beyond treatment, but the number of young drug abusers has also risen greatly in recent years.

The Arhus social administration has therefore decided that the Youth Center is to make greater efforts in treatment work among addicts.

Preventive Work

This reduces the opportunity for preventive and investigative work among children and youth in the petty criminal milieus. A prevention group of the

social administration no longer has the task of doing preventive work among children and young people, but must instead take charge of already deeply involved addicts.

In Odense, Christian Rasmussen, head of the Youth Council, asserts that there is a very large number of persons whom the Council knows nothing about as concerns the stage of their addiction, but that the Council is in contact with about 125 addicts of hard drugs.

Gradually, as cooperation with practicing physicians has been systemized, the Odense Youth Council is receiving many more referrals. The typical Odense addict is in his middle twenties, and many of them have children, according to Christian Rasmussen.

There have been few opportunities for treatment in Odense, but the head of the youth center looks forward to the opening soon of the provincial youth center, which will provide increased treatment opportunities.

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DENMARK

BRIEFS

TOUGHER DRUG SENTENCING--The court in Braedstrup is continuing on the tough course it set recently when a 36-year old bank robber was sentenced to 6 years in prison. The court regarded it as an aggravating circumstance that the object of the robberies was that of obtaining money for heroin. Two accomplices have received similar sentences. Conny Sorensen, 25, was sentenced to 6 years and 6 months in prison, and Jan Norgaard, 25, to 5 years and 6 months in prison. Conny Sorensen had committed three robberies in financial institutions in Olholm, Klovborg, and Hejnsvig. Conny Anderson, recently sentenced, had participated in two of the robberies--in Olholm and Hejnsvig--and Jan Norgaard was an accomplice in Klovborg. The latter stated that he and Conny Sorensen had taken "a shot of heroin" before entering the bank, to quiet their nerves, he said. They had held up the bank personnel, with pistols unloaded. [Text] [Copenhagen BERLINGSKE TIDENDE in Danish 16 Jul 80 p 6] 11,256

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FRANCE

FURTHER DETAILS ON 'SICILIAN CONNECTION'

Paris LE MONDE in French 29 Aug 80 p 24

[Article: "The Sicilian Drug Connection: 14 Individuals Questioned in Paris and Marseilles"]

[Text] Fourteen individuals in drug trafficking circles were questioned in Paris and Marseilles on Tuesday, 26 August, following the arrest during the night of Monday to Tuesday in the region of Palermo, Sicily, of nine members of a drug traffic ring that included three Frenchmen: Jean-Marc Bozzi, 34 years old (carrying a passport in the name of Jean-Francois Champion); Jean-Claude Renem; and Andre Bousquet, 32 years old (and not Andre Bousjet as was erroneously reported in LE MONDE of 28 August).

Among the individuals questioned in France eight are now being interrogated at the drug section of the SRPJ [Intelligence Unit of the Criminal Police] of Marseilles headed by Alain Boide. Involved are notably a bar owner aged 30, Spephane Guiragossian, who reportedly played an important role in the "French Connection;" Pietro Dore, 40, an Italian citizen; and Jean-Marc Pache, 38, an automobile body mechanic, who, according to the police, built caches in cars. Six other individuals are now being questioned in Paris in the offices of the OCRTIS [Central Office for Fighting Illicit Drug Traffic], including Gerard Gurbaille, aged 33.

For the time being the police refuse to provide further details. It will have taken them 2 years to trace this network headed by Gerlando Alberti to its service and dismantle it. Alberti worked with a former pediatrician, Andre Bousquet, suspected of having become a chemist. The investigators are convinced that the laboratory discovered in San Onofrio di Trabia, 30 km from Palermo, Sicily, was one of the key elements in the gigantic traffic between the Middle East and North America.

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UNITED KINGDOM

BRIEFS

CANNABIS RING SMASHED--Drug squad officers in the Cirencester area have smashed what is described as a major drugs ring following a series of dawn raids yesterday. Forty officers from Gloucester and Bristol detained 21 people and seized about 10,000 pounds' worth of cannabis. Some people will be appearing before magistrates in Cirencester today. [Text] [London THE DAILY TELEGRAPH in English 21 Aug 80 p 28]

DRUGS SEIZURE BY CUSTOMS--Heroin with a street value of about 1,500,000 pounds, and cocaine worth about 600,000 pounds have been seized by Customs investigators in two separate operations. A total of 11 people, including an Englishman and a Brazilian woman, were detained. The heroin inquiry, code-named "Can Opener," started at Dover when a Rover car arrived from Ostend. Customs had been waiting for it and a search revealed about 14.5 lb of heroin. This led to inquiries in the London area and after investigators visited houses in Peckham, Lewisham, Nunhead and Thamesmead, the Englishman and four Turks were detained. Another man had been held at Dover. The second operation was at Heathrow when Customs officers stopped the 26-year-old Brazilian woman and a 37-year-old Colombian man and found each was carrying about 4.5 lb of cocaine. As a result three men were arrested in a West London hotel where more than four pounds of cocaine were also seized. The three were a Brazilian aged 28, a Spaniard aged 50, and a German aged 26. One of the Turks, a 21-year-old cook, appeared in court on Saturday, and was remanded for one week. [T. A. Sandroek] [Text] [London THE DAILY TELEGRAPH in English 2 Sep 80 p 3]

DRUGS WASHED ASHORE--Cannabis resin valued at about 2 million pounds has been found washed up on the shore at Studland near Swanage, Dorset, Customs investigators said yesterday. It is believed to be linked with another package of cannabis resin valued at 1 million pounds found in a rubber dinghy off the Isle of Wight at the weekend. The two packages are believed to have been left "anchored" at sea ready for picking up by English couriers and distributors and were probably brought across the Channel from Holland. Disclosure of the new find was delayed while Customs and police were making inquiries and keeping watch in the hope of trapping the smugglers. A number of bags containing the cannabis

resin with a total weight of almost one ton, were found on the beach last Wednesday by a local man. The black and yellow inflated rubber dinghy was reported seen moored but later was found drifting before it was picked up and towed in and the cannabis discovered. The movements of all ships round the Isle of Wight were being checked and crews are being questioned. There have been several cases in recent months of loads of cannabis being washed up on British shores. It is believed these loads had been "anchored" at sea for pick-up boats but had broken free in rough weather. [T. A. Sandroock] [Text] [London THE DAILY TELEGRAPH in English 10 Sep 80 p 3]

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