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AUSTRALIA

FIVE SENTENCED ON VARIETY OF DRUG CHARGES

Perth THE WEST AUSTRALIAN in English 1 Nov 80 p 29

[Text] Four men and a youth were gaoled yesterday after pleading guilty to drug charges.

Mark Anthony Rewi (22) and Ian Stanley Hall (35), were described by Judge Ackland in the District Court as the go-between and the supplier in a drug deal at Leederville in March this year.

Rewi, a labourer, of Flinders Street, Mt Hawthorn, and Hall, unemployed, of Coldstream Street, Leederville, were each sentenced to two years' gaol with a minimum of 12 months.

Shane William Evans (21), unemployed, of The Strand, Bayswater, was sentenced to 21 months on each of two charges involving the possession and sale of cannabis.

Judge Ackland ordered the sentences to be served concurrently and set a nine-month minimum.

He told Evans that he had dealt in cannabis for a profit. Such people had to be dealt with severely, he said.

Student

Mark Ian Groves (24), a medical student of McMillan Street, Victoria Park, was sentenced to two years' gaol, with a 12-month minimum, for possessing cannabis in July with intent to sell or supply.

Anthony Robert Waddell (20), hotel yardman, of George Street, North Beach, was sentenced to 12 months with a six-month minimum for possessing cannabis with intent to sell or supply it at North Beach in May.

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AUSTRALIA

STUDY FINDS LINK BETWEEN DRUGS, AUTO ACCIDENTS

Melbourne THE AGE in English 11 Nov 80 p 16

[Article by Philip McIntosh: "Road Crashes Linked to Drug-Taking"]

[Text]

Widely used mind-affecting drugs appeared to play a significant role in traffic accidents, a Queensland Government study has found.

The Government Medical Officer, Dr D. G. Wilson, said the figures proved the need for doctors to warn patients not to drink or drive while taking certain drugs.

Autopsy statistics showed that a significant percentage of Brisbane motorists were driving after taking mind-affecting drugs.

Dr Wilson said it was unfortunate that some drug manufacturers had not adopted a voluntary code of attaching appropriate warning labels on drugs acting on the central nervous system.

Autopsies on 88 drivers killed showed that more than 10 per cent had taken significant amounts of a psychoactive drug, sometimes with alcohol. Psychoactive drugs found in the blood of crash victims included the commonly prescribed diazepam, methaqualone, propoxyphene and imipramine.

Dr Wilson said the figures did not include drivers who had

taken cannabis. "They indicated, however, that psychoactive drugs, whether alone or with alcohol, play a significant role in causing fatal and non-fatal traffic accidents," he said. "When cannabis can be included in the statistics, the significance will be even more obvious."

"It must be the duty of every doctor to understand fully the properties of every drug he prescribes and to warn his patients not to drive, operate machinery or drink alcohol while taking certain drugs," Dr Wilson said. "If the doctor doesn't tell the patient, the patient should ask."

The results of the study were published in the 'Australian Journal of Pharmacy'. Dr Wilson said the pharmacy industry also had a duty to attach warning labels to each package of a drug acting on the central nervous system.

He said the National Therapeutic Goods Committee had recommended this as a voluntary code. "Some manufacturers have adopted the recommendation; others, unfortunately, have not,"

he said. Dr Wilson said people taking psychoactive drugs should realise that the drug might impair their driving ability by up to 10 per cent.

"Alcohol might impair their ability also by 10 per cent. But if they take the two together, the impairment is compounded and it is much more than 20 per cent," he said.

Dr Wilson said that cannabis, because of its widespread use, was a particularly dangerous psychoactive drug.

"There is evidence that the 17 to 24 age group is over-represented in cannabis use — as they are in road accident statistics."

Dr Wilson said two methods for detecting cannabinoids in blood were used in Queensland: radio-immunoassay and another technique known as EMIT.

The Government Chemical Laboratories, which is responsible for forensic toxicology in Queensland, had chosen the EMIT system. "Difficulties have arisen in this technique and, to date, no analytical results have been used to support a charge of driving under the influence of cannabis," Dr Wilson said.

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AUSTRALIA

BRIEFS

CANNABIS GROWER JAILED--A man was sentenced in the District Court yesterday to two years' gaol for a cannabis offence. Judge Ackland set a one-year minimum for Harry Leslie Caine (39), unemployed, of Leonard Street, Victoria Park. Caine was found guilty by a Fremantle magistrate in August of possessing cannabis at Victoria Park on March 25 with intent to sell or supply. He pleaded not guilty to the charge. Judge Ackland said that Caine was convicted in 1973 of another charge involving cannabis. Caine was intelligent and had committed the present offence with his "eyes wide open." Caine had, in effect, defied the law. [Text] [Perth THE WEST AUSTRALIAN in English 4 Nov 80 p 26]

HOWLETT SENTENCED--A drug supplier who used a 17-year-old heroin addict in a deal was gaoled yesterday. Michael Caine Howlett (25) was sentenced to six years' gaol with a three-year minimum before parole. Howlett, silversmith, of Waterloo Crescent, East Perth, was convicted by a Supreme Court jury last month after pleading not guilty to two counts of supplying morphine to another at Leighton on June 20 this year. Mr Acting Justice Pidgeon said that Howlett supplied 50g of Morphine to the 17-year-old boy and then went with him to the Entertainment Centre car park. He waited in the background while the boy negotiated with a drug buyer. [Excerpt] [Perth THE WEST AUSTRALIAN in English 8 Nov 80 p 34]

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MALAYSIA

TEENAGE ADDICTS SENT TO SARAWAK REHABILITATION CENTER

Kuala Belait BORNEO BULLETIN in English 15 Nov 80 p 10

[Excerpt]

MIRI. — Five students, one a 15-year-old, have been among the drug addicts sent to the state government's rehabilitation centre in Kuching for treatment since it opened in January.

Of the five, three were at school in the Fourth Form, one in the Third Form, the other the Fifth Form.

Rehabilitation centre officer Encik Daljit Singh gave the information at an anti-drug forum in Miri to show the age level drug abuse is reaching in Sarawak.

He remarked it was shocking children of 15 should be involved.

The forum was held as part of the opening late last month of the Fourth Division branch of the Persatuan Mencegah Salahguna Dadah Malaysia (Pemadam for short — the national anti-drug abuse association).

Encik Daljit said 100 addicts had been sent to the centre (the total including two government servants). Many had been addicted for several years, some for almost a decade; most of them are Chinese.

The centre's course of treatment usually lasts six months and of those admitted 44 have now left after being classified as cured.

Miri police representative Inspector Goh Beng Hock said the addiction problem in this district began making its presence felt three years ago.

Most of those now being caught are young

(between 20 and 30), Chinese and involved in various crimes—robbery, extortion and theft.

He also mentioned the other places where addicts are prevalent are Kuching, Sibu and Sarikei, while police have also found some in Limbang.

Deputy head of Miri Customs Encik Frankie Nyamboi told the forum his department is strengthening its anti-drug unit, and more officers are to be sent to Australia, the United States and West Germany for training.

The Pemadam branch was opened by Assistant Welfare Minister Puan Hafisah Harun, who has been to the forefront in state efforts to fight the drug menace.

The branch added another link to the chain; there are other groups in Kuching, Sarikei, Bandar Sri Aman and, also recently, Bintulu.

She also reiterated a call for total involvement of the public in the war against drugs. Equally, she hopes the public will accept back into society those addicts cured by the rehabilitation centre.

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MALAYSIA

BRIEFS

HEROIN SEIZED--Police have seized 12½ pounds of No. 3 heroin and arrested eight suspected drug traffickers in two ambushes at Alor Star and Butterworth. The first seizure occurred on 2 November at a taxi stand in Alor Star. Three packets of heroin weighing about 2½ pounds were confiscated and three men were arrested. Four others were arrested in a follow-up operation. On 3 November police laid an ambush at Pantai Berseh on the road north of Butterworth. When a motorcyclist stopped near a car parked off the main road, police moved in and seized 10 packets of heroin weighing about one pound each. One suspect was arrested but three suspects in the car escaped. [Kuala Lumpur NEW STRAITS TIMES in English 8 Nov 80 p 32]

HEROIN ARREST--Amiruddin bin Mohamed, 28, a laborer, today received a 7-month sentence for possession of 0.19 grams of heroin and 0.02 grams of morphine on Jalan Hume in Ipoh on 8 September. [Kuala Lumpur NEW STRAITS TIMES in English 13 Nov 80 p 7]

CONSTABLE ON TRIAL--Police Constable V. Karunanethe, 23, is being tried in Johore Baru for possession of 42 tubes of heroin weighing 3.80 grams in the bachelors' quarters at the police depot here on 15 February 1979. [Kuala Lumpur NEW STRAITS TIMES 13 Nov 80 p 11]

BROKE INTO CLINIC--Jong Fui Leong, 21, of Kampung Lopeng, Miri, has been given a year's probation for breaking into Dr Victor Lee's clinic in Miri on 7 September and stealing Roche pills and capsules and some liquid morphine. Jong, an addict, was treated at the government polyclinic while awaiting trial and is now considered cured. [Kuala Belait BORNEO BULLETIN in English 15 Nov 80 p 10]

TREATMENT FOR ADDICT--The Miri District Court has directed that Tan Hock Seng, 25, of Jee Foh Road, Miri, be sent to the Kuching drug rehabilitation center for treatment. [Kuala Belait BORNEO BULLETIN in English 15 Nov 80 p 10]

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PAKISTAN

BRIEFS

POPPY CULTIVATION DECREASING--Poppy cultivation has been brought down from 31589 acres in 1975 to 8874 acres in 1979-80, according to a Press statement by Ikramullah Khan of Drub House, member Provincial Council N.W.F.P. The statement said that the United Nations Drug Abuse Control Programme could not have been successful in the Frontier Province without the active cooperation and firm implementation of control over poppy cultivation by the Provincial Government. It said that the credit for this achievement goes to the Governor of NWFP Lt. Gen. Fazle-Haq who has recently attended an international seminar on drug abuse control arranged by U.N. at Paris in which the policy of the Government of Pakistan has greatly been appreciated. [Text] [Peshawar KHYBER MAIL in English 5 Dec 80 p 8]

CONTRABAND GOODS SEIZED--Bannu, Nov. 28: During drive against the anti-social elements, a number of persons were arrested and contraband opium and charas recovered from them. One shot gun, 440 cartridges and 2,000 gms. of gunpowder besides 1500 gms. of opium and 150 gms of charas was seized. [Excerpt] [Islamabad THE MUSLIM in English 29 Nov 80 p 6]

OPIUM SEIZURE IN MULTAN--Police have arrested Zamir Gul for allegedly possessing four kilo opium costing to about Rs 2 lakh. [as published] The accused, it is alleged is stated to be linked with a gang of smugglers of narcotics. [Text] [Karachi DAWN in English 22 Nov 80 p 8]

OPIUM SMUGGLERS ARRESTED--Lahore, 29: Two contraband charas and opium smugglers have been brought to book by the Range Crime Police in collaboration with the Excise staff here on Monday. A raiding party, headed by the S.P., Mr Saleem Tariq Lone, made a ring round the house of Ghulam Mohammad alias Kugree in Nasir Park, Bilal Gunj, and succeeded in hauling the contraband Charas worth Rs. 6 lakh. It weighed 2 1/2 kilo. On having fallen to the trap, the smuggler pin-pointed another den in Baghbanpura. The raiding staff immediately reached the house and held Munir Ahmad, who was leaving for the delivery in car No. LHA 2662 to his accomplice. [Text] [Karachi DAWN in English 30 Nov 80 p 10]

SMUGGLERS CAUGHT AT BORDER--Lahore, Dec 10: Two smugglers were apprehended, trying to take opium to India, near Pakistan-India border here Burki police party, headed by SHO Fazal Ahmed Masud, held Sadiq Masih and Siraj Masih, of village Maniala and recovered 2 1/2 kilograms of opium from their possession.--PPI [as published] [Text] [Karachi DAWN in English 11 Nov 80 p 4]

POLICE SEIZE 1100 KG OPIUM--Lahore, Dec 14: Misri Shah Police raided the house of Khurshiduz Zaman and Mohammad Zaman alias Bugoo resident in Farooq Ganj and stated to have recovered 60 kilograms of contraband charas, 1100 kilogram of opium, a sten gun and a foreign made revolver from their possession. The accused have been arrested.--PPI [Text] [Karachi DAWN in English 15 Dec 80 p 5]

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PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

FIVE OPIUM PEDDLERS WITH PREVIOUS RECORDS ARRESTED

Hangzhou ZHEJIANG RIBAO in Chinese 6 Sep 80 p 3

[Article: "Yueqing Country Uncovers Two Narcotics Cases"]

[Text] Recently, the Public Security Bureau of Yueqing County [Zhejiang Province] uncovered in rapid succession two cases of opium peddling and arrested five criminals, Lu Jiaofeng [7120 1293 7685], Zhu Chenshan [2612 7115 0610], Chin Xinkang [6855 2450 1600], Wu Kanghuan [0702 1660 3883] and Zhou Qingchang [0719 1987 2490] in accordance with the law.

On the morning of 3 May this year, Zhuo Tengzang [0587 4098 5661A], an Industry and Trade Administration cadre in the Hungqiao District of Yueqing County apprehended a woman by the name of Lu Jiaofeng carrying opium on the road from Danqi Commune to the town of Hungqiao. Armed with this lead, the Public Security Bureau of Yueqing County immediately assigned the necessary personnel to look into the case. It was found that on 25 March, Lu Jiaofeng and her cohort Chin Xinkang had gone to the Huai Battalion of Huatan Commune in Yongjia County and bought 7.3 liang of opium from Zhu Chenshan. They then proceeded to Gansu Province with the intention of selling it. However, the deal fell through when they failed to agree upon a price. They were caught by Comrade Zhuo Tengzang while Lu Jiaofeng was in the process of returning the opium to Zhu Chenshan.

During the trial, the Public Security Bureau of the county further discovered that Ching Xinkang, aside from dealing in narcotics on that particular occasion, had, together with Wu Kanghuan, Zhou Qingchang and Wu Bujian [0702 2975 0256] bought 5 liang of opium at the Huatan Commune in Yongjia County in January of this year and had sold it in Linxia County, Gansu. The bureau then assigned somebody to go to Gansu to investigate the case. With the assistance of the concerned authorities in Gansu, he learned that Chin Xinkang and Wu Kanghuan, after having brought the opium to Gansu, had sold it at a high price and reaped a great profit.

Lu Jiaofeng, Zhu Chenshan, Wu Kanghuan, Chin Xinkang, and Shou Qingchang had all been sentenced to prison terms in the past for drug trafficking or forgery. In accordance with the provisions of Criminal Law 171 of the People's Republic of China, and with the approval of the People's Court in Yueqing County, the Public Security Bureau put the five culprits under arrest.

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PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

OVER 30 DRUG ADDICTS, DEALERS APPREHENDED, SENTENCED

Guangzhou NANFANG RIBAO in Chinese 23 Sep 80 p 2

[Text] A number of drug addicts and drug dealers from Hong Kong, posing as passengers to Macao, have recently been apprehended for resorting to devious means of smuggling such narcotics as heroin and morphine into China and for engaging in illegal drug traffic for profit, to the detriment of public order and the health of the people. In July and August alone, public security authorities in Guangzhou have apprehended 34 offenders in flagrante delicto and have seized a quantity of narcotics and drug paraphernalia. In order to uphold the law and to take effective measures against the criminals, the public security authorities in Guangzhou, with the approval of the People's Court of that city, put the drug addicts and dealers under arrest. Five of the offenders were given prison terms. Seventeen were sentenced to labor reformatory. The rest were either put under administrative detention or given monetary fines.

Some of the offenders were also found to have engaged in criminal acts such as smuggling. For example, drug dealers Chen Fanghua [7115 5364 5478] and Zhu Hancang [2612 3352 5547] smuggled in and sold a quantity of heroin and then bought a quantity of gold from a worker by the name of Ho who was attached to a certain unit from another province. They were caught by the public security authorities while trying to smuggle 516 grams of gold out of the country. To cite another case, Lin Wenqiang [2651 2429 1730] was caught by the customs authorities and fined 1,000 yjan for trying to smuggle expensive medicinal herbs and musk out of the country. On 14 August, he was caught on the spot while trying to smuggle narcotics in from Hong Kong. With the approval of the People's Court, the three offenders Chen Fanghua, Zhu Hancang and Lin Wenqiang were arrested and dealt with in accordance with the law.

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BOLIVIA

BRIEFS

COCAINE TRAFFICKERS ARRESTED--The National Dangerous Drugs Directorate reported that during a raid carried out this week in the La Floresta district, in Montero, the police arrested three persons involved in the trafficking of cocaine. It also reported the discovery of a cocaine processing factory 3 km southeast of Buen Retiro. [La Paz PRESENCIA in Spanish 9 Dec 80 p 9 PY]

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COLOMBIA

DAS CHIEF DISCUSSES RECENT OPERATIONS

Bogota EL TIEMPO in Spanish 17 Oct 80 p 7-B

[Article by Hector Rodriguez Villa: "One Hundred Eighty Dismissals in 6 Months; Seven Agents Killed by Traffickers"]

[Text] One hundred eighty employees of the Administrative Department of Security (DAS) were dismissed this year, in the institution's moralizing drive, according to the national chief of that agency, Manuel Guillermo Silva Gonzalez.



The national director of DAS, Manuel Guillermo Silva Gonzalez, as he announced that 180 persons serving in that institution had been dismissed this year. He said that he will be drastic in the drive for the purpose of the complete moralization of the secret agency.

The official made this revelation when he submitted his report on his first 6 months of activity as head of the agency.

Administrative sector employees and detectives are among the persons dismissed from the DAS.

Silva Gonzalez stated that moralization is a constant struggle, because the main objective aims at trying to have the members of that secret agency operate in accordance with the law and moral ethics.

He pointed out that a few days ago the appointments of seven agents serving in the Magangue, Bolivar, unit were canceled after an administrative investigation in which various irregularities were discovered in them. Only the chief of that group came out unscathed from the "sweep," because he had just been appointed and has good references.

A few days earlier, seven agents were summarily dismissed by order of the National Directorate. They had been serving in the Puerto Salgar, Cundinamarca, detachment and were "collecting bribes" from persons especially transporting contraband goods.

Along this same line of talk, he said that "we shall be unbending and shall severely punish those who are responsible for mistakes, because there is no middle ground in the DAS and this cancer cannot pass from one knee to the other."

He stated that a meeting of section chiefs and directors will be held in the next few days for the purpose of analyzing this situation and of ascertaining the requirements of each department and their initiatives.

#### Optimum Specialization

Silva Gonzalez pointed out that most of the personnel under him are efficient. He emphasized the fact that it is necessary to have a high school diploma and be between 20 and 26 years old for admission to the DAS.

Candidates will take a course in the academy that was opened recently by President Julio Cesar Turbay Ayala. The best qualified will be incorporated in the institution with the advice of senior personnel. In the school they receive specialist classifications in dactyloscopy, immigration, ballistics, Judiciary Police, among others.

"It is important to point out how, at present, judges request the intervention of DAS agents every day to proceed to arrest persons accused of various crimes. For example, recently, arrest orders amounted to as many as 200 a day," he stated.

The director of the secret agency pointed out the importance of the Judiciary Police to justice and he said that its members cover every front, especially the ones connected with the life and honor of the citizens, personal integrity and private property.

"These results have been quite encouraging and we want Colombia to have one of the best judiciary police forces in the world," Silva Gonzalez stated.

He said that one of his best jobs, during the first 6 months at the head of the DAS, is the one pertaining to a study on the presence of foreigners in Colombia and that, in the next few days it will be delivered to the president of the Republic for subsequent publication. "With this document, we shall have greater control of citizens of other countries entering Colombia," he stated.

#### Struggle Against Drug Traffic

When he discussed drug traffic, the national director of DAS regretted the death of seven agents, specifically in Santander, Magdalena Medio and Llanos Orientales. The detectives confronted strong rings of drug traffickers and, in spite of the fact that large amounts of marihuana and cocaine were seized, the lives of the public servants were also sacrificed.

He said that, several days ago, agents of the Valledupar section, together with police units, were obliged to destroy a marihuana plantation, several hectares in area, with machetes. "This fact demonstrates the haphazard equipment available to the DAS, while drug traffickers are formidably strong."

He added that, at present, these rings are not concerned if one of their aircraft is burned. They are using a new method, the introduction of dollars into this country clandestinely. He pointed out that several days ago close to \$2.5 million were seized at the Eldorado Airport. The money was inside separate television sets.

In addition, when he discussed the situation in which a number of fellow countrymen who go illegally to Venezuela to provide themselves with a better future are living, he stated that, recently, the number of persons deported has decreased considerably. He requested the authorities of the neighboring nation to continue along these lines, to the benefit of their fellow countrymen.

DAS is receiving a number of Colombians in Cucuta, returned by the Venezuelan police.

#### Relations With F-2

Silva Gonzalez stressed the good relations existing between the DAS and F-2. He said that there is no disloyal competition or any kind of rivalry. He maintained that occasionally there have been isolated cases of conflicts between agents of the two agencies, but collaboration is total and any service needed by F-2 to carry out a mission is performed.

Several days ago, he said, we signed with the attorney general of the nation, Guillermo Gonzalez Charry, and the national director of police, Gen Pablo Alfonso Rosas Guarin, a note in which we stressed the collaboration of the three organizations for an effective administration of justice. He also refuted any negative attitude on the part of the agents.

Going on to another topic, the official revealed that this week Gustavo Sanchez Rodriguez, a retired police lieutenant and enterprise administrator, was appointed new section chief in San Andres, Isla, replacing inspector Liliana Caballero, who had performed positive work, according to him. Col Alirio Robayo Arevalo was appointed to Villavicencio and Col Jose de Jesus Posada to Casanare.

In his extensive statements to EL TIEMPO, the director of DAS emphasized the collaboration provided this agency by INTERPOL. He said that, in spite of the fact that there had been slowness in some formalities, especially those connected with identification of criminals, assistance has been established on both sides.

"DAS and INTERPOL are working together on cases concerning drug traffic between Colombia and the United States. It has been possible, owing to this, to fight successfully against these rings."

Finally, he maintained that the situation of law and order in Colombia is one of complete calm. He stated that the government is absolutely certain that the institutions are not being endangered by the activity of guerrilla groups.

He said that Intelligence Service agents are conducting an investigation for the purpose of determining how M-19 has been interfering with the state television channels.

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COLOMBIA

JUDGE FIRED FOR INVOLVEMENT WITH TRAFFICKERS

Bogota EL ESPECTADOR in Spanish 16 Oct 80 p 11-A

[Text] The Higher Council of the Judiciary has just confirmed the decision by means of which the Higher Court of the Bogota Judiciary District fired criminal circuit judge 25, Gustavo Soto Rodriguez, summarily, when it was established that he was involved in a case of drug trafficking.

The events that culminated with the above-mentioned disciplinary trial, occurred last year, when a case in which several individuals arrested for having been found in possession of a sizable amount of cocaine was brought before the 9th Criminal Circuit Court, which was assigning cases.

Proposals and Maneuvers

When the case had not yet been submitted for assignment, criminal circuit judge 25, Gustavo Soto Rodriguez, went to the office of his colleague, judge 9, Dr Absalon Cardenas, and hinted to him that the case be given to him, because some of the persons involved in it were acquaintances of his whom he might help without departing from legal channels.

Because, naturally, Dr Cardenas refused the request of Soto Rodriguez, the latter decided to be more concrete in his proposals, but when he obtained a flat refusal, he called on the services of a court employee whom he convinced to doctor up the assignment book, in order to succeed in having the case dealing with the seizure of cocaine be assigned to him.

Penalty of Removal From Office

Fortunately for the interests of justice, Dr Absalon Cardenas became aware of the maneuver and immediately reported it to the Bogota Higher Court, where the pertinent investigation began. Subsequently, when the election of judges for the next period took place, Soto Rodriguez was not reelected. That is to say that he was out of office. This was no impediment for disciplinary action to be taken later by the court in a decision in which it was ordered that the judge be removed from office, so that even though this removal was symbolic it would stay on his record. It also ordered that an investigation of a criminal nature be started not only against the dismissed judge, but also against the employee who tried to change the case assignment.

When the case came up before the Higher Council of the Judiciary, this body agreed completely with the decision of the Higher Court and confirmed it as the epilogue of further action to purify the administration of justice.

COLOMBIA

COCAINE, MARIHUANA PLANTATIONS RAIDED

Bogota EL TIEMPO in Spanish 18 Oct 80 p 12-E

[Text] Villavicencio, 16 Oct--Rural DAS [Administrative Department of Security] agents have discovered an extensive coca plantation at a place called Aguaverde, in the Vichada jurisdiction, on the banks of the Meta River. They have arrested one person identified as Javier Ramirez.

Retired Colonel Alirio Robayo Arevalo, regional chief of the DAS, reported that this is the first and only case in which seizure of this kind of drug has been achieved on the Eastern Plains.

The coca plantation contains at least 10,000 plants, according to the official report furnished to EL TIEMPO.

Marihuana

Santa Marta, 16 Oct--Marihuana worth 10 million pesos and several firearms were seized on the Jara Jara Farm, in the Guachaca Municipality. At the same time, eight persons were arrested during an operation conducted last night by the specialized GOES group of the police.

The farm, located a few kilometers from the Santa Marta-Riohacha highway, is owned by Luis Carlos Toto. The uniformed police found there 36 bundles of pressed marihuana, a pistol with ammunition and clips, a carbine and ammunition and a shotgun with 14 shells for it.

Two powerful radio transmitters were also seized. The following individuals were arrested: Luis Emilio Daza, Miguel Gonzalez, Eufemio Gonzalez, Luis Torres, Anibal Eduardo Marquez, Jose Vicente Pertuz, Jose Caballero and Emelides Francisco Lopez.

The police reported that two presses and four molds were also found.

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TRAFFICKERS, MARIHUANA PLANTATION SEIZED

Bogota EL TIEMPO in Spanish 20 Nov 80 Sec B p 3

[Text] One of the largest marihuana plantations was discovered by DAS [Administrative Department of Security] agents, who found nearly 1,300 hectares under cultivation in Magdalena.

Four individuals were arrested, including two Antioquians who were engaged in harvesting the grass.

About 50 secret agents had to cover 70 kilometers, 20 on foot, owing to the difficult access to the plantation. The discovery occurred in the rural section of Jolonura, between Cienaga, Santa Marta and the Simon Bolivar Airport.

The drug traffickers were identified as Gabriel Antonio Monsalve Callejas, Oscar Marin Garcia, Ramiro Antonio Perez Paredes and Dagoberto Arias Vargas.

The DAS said that these crops were larger than those discovered 3 years ago in Alta Guajira, and noted that the "ringleaders" of the organization managed to escape, but have been fully identified. They include several North Americans.

On the premises 27 receptacles made of wood and plastic were found, in which they stored the harvested marihuana which, upon being removed, was kept in bags and sacks.

There were on this site precisely 550 bales ready to be shipped abroad. That amount was valued at 50 million pesos because, according to the statement made by those in custody, they sold it for 50,000 pesos per bale. That amount would command a higher price on the black market.

The national director of the DAS, Manuel Guillermo Silva Gonzalez, told EL TIEMPO that the total area of the land was 2,500 hectares, nearly 50 percent of which was under cultivation.

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COLOMBIA

SANTA MARTA MILITARY SEIZE MARIHUANA

Bogota EL TIEMPO in Spanish 24 Nov 80 Sec A p 15

[Text] Santa Marta, 23 Nov--In an operation carried out this morning in Cienaga, the Army confiscated 60 tons of pressed marihuana, the equivalent of 1,500 bales, valued at 500 million pesos.

According to a disclosure made by military sources, this is the largest shipment of "marimba" discovered in recent years.

The operation was carried out by units of the Cordoba Battalion of Santa Marta. The 1,500 bales were found in 13 trucks of large capacity, which were concealed in the woods, near the beach, behind the baseball stadium and in the vicinity of the Costa Verde bathing resort.

There were no arrests made during the military action, because the individuals who had been guarding the vehicles managed to escape before the soldiers arrived. The seizure took place at 0500 hours in the morning, and the trucks containing the "goods" were taken to this capital.

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COLOMBIA

SEIZURES IN SINCELEJO, MAGDALENA LISTED

Bogota EL TIEMPO in Spanish 13 Nov 80 Sec B p 8

[Text] Sincelejo, 12 Nov--The police confiscated a shipment of marihuana loaded on four trucks, the value of which amounts to 250 million pesos, on the highway between Galeras and Punta de Blanco.

A total of six persons, including the four drivers of the vehicles, were arrested, and two campers were seized as well.

The police reported that the marihuana shipment seized last night is the largest one discovered here.

In Magdalena

Santa Marta, 12 Nov--The Army and police confiscated 526 bales of marihuana worth 120 million pesos in separate operations carried out during the past 72 hours.

Several vehicles were sized, and 16 persons were arrested.

On the Cienaga coast, near the "Costa Verde" bathing resort, the police confiscated a truck containing 143 bales of marihuana, without making any arrests.

On the premises of the Los Caballos farm in the jurisdiction of Guachaca, on the Caribe main road, the Army discovered a receptacle containing 230 bales of grass; and, subsequently, on the beach, a large truck, a Ranger pickup truck and a tractor with its trailer. On the shore there was a motorboat ready to carry the "goods" to the ship that was waiting several miles away, facing the bay. In this operation, 11 individuals presumably responsible for shipping the "marimba" were arrested.

Finally, at the entrance to Cienaga, on the Santa Marta-Barranquilla highway, a truck carrying 153 bales of the drug was seized. A camper was also confiscated and five persons were arrested.

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COLOMBIA

IPIALES POLICE FIRED AS TRAFFICKERS

Bogota EL TIEMPO in Spanish 20 Nov 80 Sec A p 15

[Text] Pasto, 19 Nov--Today, the General Directorate of Police confirmed the fact that one officer, two subordinate officers and three agents associated with the drug trafficking groups that operate in the southern part of the country had been dismissed from the institution.

The former members of the police were arrested and placed under orders of the 51st judge of military penal proceedings, who issued a writ for their detention.

The uniformed police, taking advantage of the circumstances, maintained a constant relationship with the drug trafficking groups whose center of operation is the port of Ipiales, until 25 September, when they were found "with their hands in the till."

Identification

EL TIEMPO succeeded in ascertaining in this capital that three of the individuals in custody are now in the district's judicial jail, while the others are being tried by a court martial. The accused have been identified as follows: Second Lt Miguel Dario Rivera Bermudez, Sgt Hector Eduardo Ariza Serna, Corp Samuel Sanchez Sanchez, and agents Juan Alberto Jojoa, Eliecer Vicente Delgado and David Gonzalo Velasco Sanchez.

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BRIEFS

COCA PLANTATION DISCOVERED--For the first time in the struggle against drug traffic, the authorities have discovered 15,000 coca shrubs planted on two farms located on the Colombian-Venezuelan border. The operation was carried out by units of the rural DAS [Administrative Department of Security]. They arrested two persons engaged in growing the coca shrubs. A spokesman for the secret agency said that the coca shrubs were found on the Santa Barbara and Agua Verde farms, on the northeastern edge of Meta Department. The coca shrubs discovered are worth over 50 million pesos on the black market. In the opinion of the secret agencies, this is a new method used in Colombia by rings engaging in this illegal activity. Usually coca leaves have been grown especially in Bolivia and Peru and sent here for processing. At present, the police agents are conducting various explorations on the border with the neighboring nation for the purpose of locating other crops, because, according to statements by the arrested persons, coca seed is being planted in those places. [Text] [Bogota EL TIEMPO in Spanish 17 Oct 80 p 1-E] 10,042

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MEXICO

RESULTS OF ANTIDRUG CAMPAIGN REPORTED

Culiacan EL SOL DE SINALOA in Spanish 4 Nov 80 pp 1, 6

[Text] The rainfall during the past few days has been beneficial in many ways for certain activities, including the planting of drugs. Proof of this lies in the fact that forces from the Office of the Attorney General of Justice, with direct backing from Army troops, seized 5 tons and 410,728 kilograms of marihuana.

This statement was made by Hector Aviles Castillo, coordinator for Zone 006 of the permanent campaign against drug trafficking, who noted that, as a result of the investigations conducted by that office, 43 individuals presumed guilty of crimes against health were arrested, and seven vehicles, 447 toxic pills, eight pistols, 11 long-barreled weapons, 199 unused cartridges and 495 grams of marihuana seed were confiscated from them.

He explained that the activity involving the manual and mechanical destruction of plantations was also considerable, because, insofar as poppies alone were concerned, 907 plantations were fumigated and 1,371 were destroyed manually, over a total area of 839,734 square meters.

He admitted that only a few marihuana plantations were located and, therefore, 335 plantations were fumigated over an area of 182,390 square meters, while 44 plantations were destroyed manually on an area of 13,680 square meters. The mixed, or marihuana and poppy plantations destroyed by fumigation numbered seven, over an expanse of 1,150 square meters of land.

The coordinator of the campaign stated that the destruction activity would increase, because he is of the opinion that the rain will allow for the growth of the crops and hence their discovery will be more rapid, "allowing us to act more efficiently."

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MEXICO

FURTHER DETAILS ON CAPTURED TRAFFICKER, MURDERER

Culiacan EL SOL DE SINALOA in Spanish 6 Nov 80 p 6

[Text] In compliance with warrants for the arrest of Jose Contreras Subias issued by the Public Ministries of Nogales, Sonora, and Culiacan, Sinaloa, Federal Judicial Police forces detailed to Mazatlan captured that individual, who has been charged with the crimes of arms possession and murder and also against health.

In reporting the foregoing, the coordinator for Zone 006 of the permanent campaign against drug trafficking, Hector Aviles Castillo, remarked that, from file 26/978, of the federal agency in Nogales, consisting of charges of murder and kidnapping, it is known that the presumably guilty individual fired at members of the 24th Infantry Battalion, on which occasion Private Felix Hernandez and municipal policeman Juan Tirado Gonzalez were killed.

In that same shooting, Sergeant Jesus Nino Cano and Private Socorro Riestra were seriously wounded. After the shooting, they went to Contreras Subias' residence, located at No 807 Peru Street in that border town, where they found two AR-15 sub-machine guns, a goat's horn, a 357 Magnum pistol and a dynamite cartridge.

Also found were a package containing marihuana, a bag of cocaine, 100 grams of heroin and 82 packages each containing marihuana, all of which was confiscated by the Federal Judicial Police, as was a 1976 model pickup truck of foreign make.

Previously, a warrant had been issued for the arrest of the accused for the crime of arms possession, because, when Benigno Contreras Urias and Victor Manuel Monge Gonzalez were captured in the town of Nogales, they said that the 30-M2 rifle, the 42 caliber submachine gun, and the 9 millimeter and 45 caliber pistols that they were carrying belonged to the accused.

Citing the orders issued in this state, the coordinator said that Luis Manuel Gutierrez Romero claimed to have been working for the individual now in custody, and a close friend of the latter named Malquiades Moreno, for whom he transported between 10 and 15 tons of marihuana during 1976, goods which he loaded in La Limita, in the township of Imala, and drove to a farm in El Valle, in the encampment of San Luis-Rio Colorado, Sonora.

Aviles Castillo remarked that the accused has been a second time offender in the cases of arms possession and crimes against health, and hence the pertinent action will be taken against him in both Nogales and Culiacan.

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MEXICO

NOTORIOUS TRAFFICKER, DFS AGENT KILLED

Nuevo Laredo EL MANANA in Spanish 5 Nov 80 Sec A p 6

[Text] When he died early yesterday morning, Fausto Garza Lopez, alias "El Canelo," who was accused of over 10 murders in this region when the law of the underworld prevailed, in which Federico Carrasco Gomez and Francisco Javier Bernal, known as "the devil's advocate" were involved, he did not even manage to get hold of the 45 caliber Colt pistol which he usually carried on his belt.

On many occasions, including the wily murder of Federal Judicial Police Comdr Everardo Perales Rios, "El Canelo" was named as the underworld's chief executioner.

During the ominous period that Nuevo Laredo experienced during the 1970's, "El Canelo" was identified as the "right-hand man" of Bernal Lopez, but his participation in various crimes could never be proven.

The first proceedings in which he was held responsible were the result of a probe initiated against him by the special envoy from the Office of the Attorney General of the Republic, Salvador del Toro Rosales, who assigned several federal agents under Alberto Perales Rios' orders, to capture him.

In early September 1972, the federal agents caught "El Canelo" near his residence, on the road to the old municipal cemetery.

The violent criminal used a 38 caliber super pistol, but when the federal agents returned the attack, he opted to lay down the weapon and surrendered.

He was charged in a trial held in the second district court, the head of which sentenced him to 6 years in jail for the crime of carrying a prohibited weapon. He entered La Loma on 28 September 1972, and recovered his freedom on 22 September 1975, obtaining direct protection against the prison sentence.

Subsequently, he was held for investigation by the Federal Judicial Police on several occasions. In early October 1978, Federal Judicial Police agents, under orders from Comdr Margarito Mendez Rico, captured him at his residence located at No 1813 Luis Caballero Street, where he had concealed one of the largest heroin shipments ever confiscated in this town.

He was a member of a well organized ring of Sinaloa drug traffickers, whose members were arrested in time; but, inexplicably, they recovered their freedom, despite the

fact that, during the antidrug operation carried out by the Federal Judicial Police, 22 kilograms and 500 grams of heroin, and 11,500 kilograms of novocaine and other substances, were seized.

For his participation in those activities, "El Canelo" entered the municipal jail on 14 October 1978, and succeeded in obtaining his release on 30 July of last year.

Since that date, Fausto Garza Lopez, as well as other criminals of the same type, succeeded in joining the ranks of the Federal Security Office. In the end, this caused his death because, according to reports provided by the Reynosa authorities, he was shot to death early yesterday morning during a confrontation with outlaws.

The notorious and violent gunman and drug trafficker, Fausto Garza Lopez, alias "El Canelo," was killed by bullets from an AR-15 machinegun at dawn yesterday, while accompanying members of the Federal Security Office returning to Ciudad Reynosa. They had a gun battle with three drug traffickers, one of whom was killed, sustaining seven bullet wounds, while his two companions fled. It is not known whether either of them was wounded.

Garza Lopez, aged 51 and a resident of 1813 Luis Caballero Street in this town, died instantaneously, receiving three shots from an AR-15, 223 caliber gun, one in the forehead, emerging from the back of the neck with the expulsion of the brain tissue; another in the right eye socket emerging from the other eyes; and a third in the right groin, emerging from the thigh, passing from inside to outside.

No papers were found on the other individual who died in the confrontation, and who may possibly be a drug trafficker or arms smuggler, and therefore he had not yet been identified as of yesterday afternoon.

The latter died from seven 45 caliber bullet wounds. He received one in each side of the breast, another in the right ear, emerging from the opposite ear, another in the lower jaw, two in the right thigh and the seventh in the right elbow. He was taken away while apparently still alive, and was dead on arrival in Reynosa.

The Public Ministry agent for the state of Reynosa, Abelardo Cantu Villarreal, certified the corpses.

The investigation is being conducted by members of the Federal Security Office under orders from Rafael Chao Lopez, and the group chief of the State Judicial Police, Cesar de la Garza Garcia.

Two DFS Agents Uninjured

Jesus Cantu Cantu and Rafael Banales, both members of the Federal Security Office based in Miguel Aleman, Tamaulipas, took part in the tragic shooting that occurred at dawn along the crossing highway which connects Reynosa with Monterrey, Nuevo Leon; but they were uninjured.

The account which they gave to their superiors and to prosecutor Abelardo Cantu Villarreal is as follows:

They said that, after midnight, both of them, accompanied by "El Canelo," who was also a member of the same entity, were returning to Reynosa after making a surveillance tour of the highway leading to Monterrey. About 32 kilometers from Reynosa, Rafael Banales noticed a car on the southern side of the highway entering a local road, while an individual with a long-barreled weapon was trying to close the door.

Banales ordered Cantu Cantu (the driver) to turn around and come back to have the car searched, since it looked suspicious.

Banales said: "They were only about 10 meters away when the man with the long-barreled weapon opened fire at us, so both Cantu and I got out of the vehicle and returned the attack. We noticed that the aforementioned person fell to the ground, but still continued firing."

The driver and another individual who remained inside the car at that time got out, and continued the attack; whereupon the shooting increased, and lasted over 5 minutes.

Taking advantage of the confusion of the shooting, the two persons near the car got into it and escaped crosscountry.

Suddenly, the shooting stopped, and the two agents who had returned the attack got up, since they thought that the fallen person was dead; but to their great surprise he kept firing at them.

The shooting continued and, after a few minutes, the individual on the ground stopped firing, approaching the agents, who heard him ask for help.

Cantu Cantu and Banales agree that they lifted the dying person to put him in his pickup truck, a 1978 Bronco, but, "they were greatly surprised to find the dead man to be Fausto Garza Lopez, alias 'El Canelo,' who may have received three shots while trying to get out of the car during the shooting." They said that the deceased was in the back seat of the pickup truck.

They attended to the body of "El Canelo" and then picked up that of the unknown individual, on whom no identification papers were found. He was between 27 and 30 years of age, with a beard and dark complexion, wearing a denim jacket, blue pants and just one black shoe, with mustard colored socks.

He Fired 57 Shots With the R-15

As for the agent of the State Public Ministry, he certified the bodies, going to the scene of the incident where, upon making a visual inspection, he seized 57,225 caliber shells. The presumed gunman and drug trafficker had seven unused bullets in one of the pockets of his jacket.

Previously, when the shooting had ended, DFS agents had picked up the AR-15 Colt carbine of the SPI model, with registration SP-116564, with which the criminal had fired shots, as well as one long, and another short magazine.

In the grass near where the gunman's body lay another large magazine was found, but it was empty.



Both the Federal Security Office and the authorities of the Reynosa jurisdiction intensified the investigation yesterday, in order to identify, locate and arrest the other two individuals who managed to escape. It was not known whether either of them had been wounded during the shootout.

Moreover, the reasons that the occupants of the car, whose description is not known owing to the darkness, had for firing at the DFS members are unknown, but the possibility has not been precluded that they were carrying a shipment of drugs, weapons or foreign goods.

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MEXICO

MARIHUANA PLANTATION DISCOVERED IN SAN RAFAEL

Mexicali LA VOZ DE LA FRONTERA in Spanish 19 Nov 80 Sec B p 12

[Text] Ensenada--The Federal Police discovered an enormous marihuana plantation in the settlement of San Rafael, in this port's jurisdiction, and captured a 31-year-old farmer who had been working there for 3 months.

The foregoing information was provided by the agent of the Federal Public Ministry, Maria Elena Manzanera del Campo, who stated that Jose Guzman Mayoral, a trailer truck driver and farmer, was planting the marihuana on land adjacent to his house in San Rafael.

In their investigation, the judicial agents were told that he was transporting marihuana in small amounts toward the Transpeninsular Highway, and that they had been waiting for him for several days to arrive with the vehicle, so as to arrest him, which they succeeded in doing. On that occasion, he was carrying 58 packages of marihuana and 61 grams of seed.

At first, Guzman denied all the charges, but when he was taken to the offices of the Federal Police, he stated that he was selling the grass to fishermen from Rosario and laborers engaged in various jobs, adding that he used a little for his own personal consumption, since he had been an addict for many years.

Manzanera del Campo told LA VOZ that the investigation is still under way, to capture the individuals to whom the person in custody was supplying the marihuana and seed, and for the purpose of ascertaining whether he had any accomplices.

Mayoral told the federal authorities that he often concealed the marihuana inside the vehicle when he was carrying goods to various locations, while he kept the seed in bags at his residence.

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MEXICO

PILL, MARIHUANA TRAFFICKER ARRESTED

Nuevo Laredo EL DIARIO DE NUEVO LAREDO in Spanish 17 Nov 80 Sec C p 3

[Text] Early this morning, agents of the State Judicial Police seized over 400 Neo-Pecardon and Opalidon pills and a moderate amount of marihuana in the red light district from a criminal, as he was attempting to resell them to the addicts in that district.

Rolando Villa Garza, aged 20, alias "El Nano," and a resident of 5412 Victoria Street, in this town, confessed to his crime and will be turned over to the Federal Judicial Police.

According to the report filed with the State Judicial Police, at 0400 hours several agents from that entity were making a surveillance tour, and noticed an individual acting in a very suspicious manner, hiding a package under his jacket.

The agents were touring the section in which the El Zendas restaurant is located. Upon searching the individual, they found in his possession 32 boxes of Neo-Percodan toxic pills, as well as another two boxes containing Opalidon tablets. This person said that he had been entrusted with these pills by a friend, and that he was waiting for the latter to turn them over to him, because, he claimed, he intended to leave his residence.

The individual was taken to the Federal Judicial Police lockup, where he was subjected to close questioning and eventually confessed that he had purchased these pills in Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, at a drug store the location of which he could not remember, for the sum of 900 pesos.

Rolando Villa also admitted that he made constant trips to that city in Nuevo Leon to purchase the pills, because they were not sold to him in this town.



The State Judicial Police seized over 400 toxic pills and marihuana from an individual named Rolando Villa Garza, who admitted to having brought them from Monterrey, Nuevo Leon.

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PILL, MARIHUANA TRAFFICKERS RECEIVE JAIL SENTENCES

Nuevo Laredo EL MANANA in Spanish 14 Nov 80 Sec B p 5

[Excerpt] A total of 64 years of imprisonment, related to various sentences, was ordered by the third district judge in three trials held against eight traffickers and four smugglers of laborers arrested on different dates for being engaged in illegal business such as drug trafficking and the smuggling of illegal aliens.

First, it was reported that in trial number 4-979 the judge imposed 7-year prison sentences on the drug traffickers Alfonso Avila Castillo, Ronaldo Antonio Martinez Ortiz, Jose Heriberto Ponce Diaz, Antonio Fernandez Gordo and Andres Mendez Portilla, for their guilt in committing a crime against health in the degree of psychotropic pill possession (in the case of the first-named) and trafficking, in the case of the other four.

The first to be captured was Alfonso Avila, who was driving a 1972 Chevrolet car in which he was carrying 2,000 Lonamin and 396 Isonox pills, which he had purchased from his close friend, Ronaldo Antonio Martinez, owner of the San Antonio drug store.

Ronaldo Antonio was arrested, and said that he had bought the psychotropic pills from Antonio Fernandez; and the latter, in turn, purchased them from Jose Heriberto Ponce who, finally, upon being captured, confessed that Andres Mendez Portilla had sold them to him.

The same court reported that, in connection with trial number 272-979, jail sentences were handed down against Eusebio Puente Contreras, Gustavo Puente Contreras and Jesus Arellano Perez, all three for being guilty of marihuana possession, and the first-named also for robbery committed abroad.

Eusebio Puente was given an 8-year jail sentence and a fine of 15,000 pesos; while the other two were given 7-year jail sentences and similar economic penalties of 10,000 pesos.

They were captured by forces of the uniformed municipal police of Matamoros, while driving in a 1970 Toronado car which Eusebio had stolen in Houston, Texas.

Also found in their possession was a bag containing a moderate amount of marihuana which the three individuals had purchased together.

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MEXICO

## BRIEFS

CAMPAIGN RECEIVES EXTRA HELICOPTERS--At the order of Oscar Sanchez Flores, holder of the Office of the Attorney General of Justice, the coordinators for Zone 006 of the permanent campaign against drug trafficking were assigned two additional helicopters to be used in the task of fumigating marihuana and poppy plantations. In making the foregoing statement, the coordinator in Culiacan, Hector Aviles Castillo, remarked that the aircraft (one of which has already arrived in this town) are of the 206 model, and increase the number used for this purpose to four, with three more units of the same model remaining for backup missions. He added that they have four of the large 212 model helicopters, one for backup and the other three for transporting both personnel and equipment for the campaign, as well as food, to the mountainous areas where camps have been set up. Sanchez Flores' order is related to the activities that must be carried out in the area comprised of this state and the boundaries with Chihuahua and Durango, where constant activity has been under way to prevent the planting, cultivation and harvesting of the various drugs which proliferated there previously, according to Aviles Castillo. [Text] [Culiacan EL SOL DE SINALOA in Spanish 2 Nov 80 p 9] 2909

POLICE CORRUPTION PROBED--Mexico City, 7 Nov--(OEM)--There is complete secrecy in the Office of the Attorney General of the Republic regarding the investigation of the attempted bribery of the magistrate Dario Maldonado Zambrano by Eduardo Ferrer McGregor, in which other high-ranking police officials in the capital are implicated. The main defendant resigned from his position as chief of the legal office of the General Directorate of Police and Traffic. In the aforementioned office, it was said that the names of the police chiefs identified by Ferrer McGregor as those who sent him to try to release the drug trafficker, Jesus Echagoyen would not be released, as was claimed, "so as not to interfere with the investigation." Even Javier Coello Trejo, agent of the Federal Public Ministry for special affairs, who is conducting the investigation, refused to state whether others were accused in the matter. It was learned that the police officials being investigated apparently have connections with the international underworld to which the drug trafficker Echagoyen belongs. The Office of the Attorney General of the Republic noted that, if it is discovered who the implicated police officials are, a heavy blow will be dealt to the international underworld and to protection by corrupt police. [Text] [Culiacan EL SOL DE SINALOA in Spanish 8 Nov 80 p 6] 2909

ZONE 006 CAMPAIGN INTENSIFIED--An intensive search is under way in the entire sector included in Zone 006 of the permanent campaign against drug trafficking to locate marihuana and poppy plantations, because it is known that the plants have proliferated owing to the water existing in a large portion of the mountain area. EL SOL

DE SINALOA was told this by Hector Aviles Castillo, head of the coordinating office, who explained to the reporter from that source the importance of the searches that are being made both in small planes and helicopters of the Office of the Attorney General of Justice to locate the plantations and destroy them immediately. The work being done jointly by forces from the Attorney General's Office and the Mexican Army makes it possible to destroy both manually and mechanically all the plantations located within the territory comprising Zone 006, and at times even those a short distance from the boundaries because, as Aviles Castillo remarked, "We must destroy everything that could become detrimental to the citizenry." He then explained to this morning paper that there is a possibility that the situation may recur again next month, because the plant cycle will begin developing, owing to the fact that the planting was done after the rainy season and, based upon the time that they take to grow, December may be regarded as a propitious month for accruing positive results. [Text] [Culiacan EL SOL DE SINALOA in Spanish 13 Nov 80 p 6] 2909

DEFENSE SECRETARY INSTRUCTIONS--Yesterday, the military commander, Gen Javier Vezquez Felix, stated: "Gen Felix Galvan Lopez, the secretary of national defense, gave us instructions to continue with all our energy in the campaign against the growing and trafficking of drugs. These instructions will be carried out to the letter, and starting now the human and mechanical resources at our disposal will be put into action to execute those orders." He explained that the inspection made by the head of the National Defense Secretariat in both the administrative area and of the units and facilities was to become apprised of the instruction and training that are under way in Sinaloa. Our informant noted that, during the tour made by Gen Galvan Lopez, he outlined the policy to be pursued, giving precise instructions on the activities to be carried out on behalf of the security of the citizens throughout the entire state. [Excerpt] [Culiacan EL SOL DE SINALOA in Spanish 6 Nov 80 p 1]

FUGITIVES CAUGHT WITH MARIHUANA--Mexico City (ANPE)--Today, two of the bank robbers who had thwarted police in the Federal District and the interior of the republic, having committed armed robbers at eight banking institutions and a number of private entities, were captured. Julio Cesar and Mario Alberto Ramon Hernandez, the holdup men who were caught while traveling along highway number 57 in Piedras Negras, Coahuila, had dozens of packages of marihuana, as well as several firearms. They were apprehended in their car, a blue 1976 Chevrolet Impala, without license plates, carrying a State of Mexico temporary permit, and had in their possession seven 10,000 peso bills, part of the total of 7 million that they had stolen in holdups committed in various institutions in the country since last year. Also in their possession was \$8,000 in travelers checks; and the general directorate of police and traffic announced that the arrest of the other three bank robbers comprising the ring was expected shortly. Among the banks that they robbed were: Bancomer, the Bank of Puebla and the Oriente Bank of the town of Puebla, The Bank of London and Mexico in Veracruz, Banamex of Guanajuato, Somex [Mexican Society for Industrial Credit] of Mexico and Banamex of Hidalgo. [Text] [Piedras Negras EL DIARIO DE PIEDRAS NEGRAS in Spanish 29 Oct 80 p 1] 2909

DANGEROUS TRAFFICKER CAPTURED--Last Tuesday, one of the most dangerous drug traffickers, who had been engaged in drug trafficking in Durango and, after fleeing from justice, hid in Sabinas Hidalgo for 5 years, posing as a wealthy businessman, was captured. Realizing the cleverness of the presumed drug trafficker, the police agents made a sudden raid on the Sabinas settlement where, a few meters from a well-known banking institution, they surrounded Ramon Mireles Montemayor, for whom an arrest warrant had been issued by the first district judge of Durango. The arrest warrant was issued in 1975, in connection with trial number 49, being held in the aforementioned federal court. During that trial, other individuals identified Ramon Mireles Montemayor as the ringleader of the group. Since the date of issuance of the arrest warrant for Mireles Montemayor, his whereabouts was unknown; but finally they located him in Sabinas, and he was captured as he was attempting to enter a modern 1980 Chevrolet pickup truck. [Text] [Nuevo Laredo EL MANANA in Spanish 14 Nov 80 Sec B p 5] 2909

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URUGUAY

YOUTHS ARRESTED FOR SELLING HALLUCINOGENIC DRUGS TO ADDICTS

Montevideo EL PAIS in Spanish 17 Oct 80 p 14

[Text] Ten persons were investigated by the specialized services of the National Intelligence and Information Bureau in connection with the theft and subsequent distribution of hallucinogenic drugs.

The report, filed under official communique No 16, states that the five traffickers were incarcerated, while two minors were placed in the hands of a competent court and the other three, who are addicts, were sent to Vilardebo Hospital for treatment.

"The Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Squad of the National Intelligence and Information Bureau, in cooperation with inspectors from the General Inspector's Office for Chemicals, Pharmaceuticals and Drugs of the Ministry of Public Health, conducted a search on the 13th at a pharmacy in Montevideo after having been informed that a son of the owners was stealing from the store hallucinogenic drugs and alkaloids which he subsequently distributed and sold to several drug addict friends.

"After his arrest he was identified as Milber Eugenio Ferreira, Uruguayan, single, 18 years old, residing at Avenida Rivera 3117, Apartment 5. Upon interrogation he confessed to the charges and on the basis of his statement 9 other people were arrested and arraigned by the presiding trial judge who directed the indictment of Mr Ferreira and of the following persons on charges of 'Supply of Hallucinogenic Drugs' (Art 34 of Law No 14.294).

"1) Enrique Fernando Puig Fleurquin, alias 'Quique', Uruguayan, single, 20 years old, residing at Yatay 1416, Apartment 13.

"2) Ruben Antonio Medina Dall'Oglio, Uruguayan, single, 21 years old, residing at Maipu 1907.

"3) Maria del Rosario Medina Dall'Oglio, Uruguayan, single, 21 years old, same home address as the previous defendant.

"4) Daniel Vicente Galietti Machado, Uruguayan, single, 22 years old, residing at Jose Ellauri 714.

"Another three persons were admitted to Vilardebo Hospital for treatment under the responsibility of the National Committee for the Fight Against Drug Addiction, whereas two minors were placed in the hands of a competent court."



*Daniel  
Galiotti Machado*

*Maria  
Medina Dall'Oglio*

*Ruben  
Medina Dall'Oglio*

*Enrique  
Puriq Fleurquin*

*Miber  
Eugenio Ferreira*

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IRAN

BRIEFS

THIRTY TONS OF DRUGS SEIZED--Tehran--Over 108 billion rials and about 30 tons of narcotic drugs were accumulated during a 7-month anti-narcotic campaign, said Hojjatoleslam Sheikh Sadeq Khalkhali. The Persian press quoted the anti-drug chief as having informed that the confiscated properties and a stock of about 30 tons of narcotics including morphine, hash and heroin will be registered and listed under the supervision of concerned authorities and handed over to the High Judicial Council. Khalkhali was reported having quoted specific figures in millions spent for charitable activities and constructive measures implemented by deriving from the amounts accumulated during the anti-narcotics drive. [Text] [Tehran TEHRAN TIMES in English 8 Dec 80 p 1]

NARCOTICS LAB SEIZED--Tehran (PARS)--The anti-Narcotics Strike Force of Hojjatoleslam Khalkhali discovered a narcotics laboratory during the last 24 hours, PARS reported yesterday. In this operation, 10 narcotics dealers in possession of large quantities of opium were captured. Hojjatoleslam Khalkhali said, in this discovery, 1204 kilogrammes of heroin, 500 grammes of morphine, 20 liters of acetic, 94 kilogrammes of opium, 4703 kilogrammes of opium extracts, 200 grams of burned opium and 5 kilograms of hashish were found. [Text] [Tehran TEHRAN TIMES in English 3 Dec 80 p 2]

EIGHT SMUGGLERS EXECUTED--Tehran--PARS reported Thursday that the Anti-Narcotics Court headed by Hojjatoleslam Hoseyn Safai sentenced to death eight drug smugglers and traffickers on charges of distributing narcotics. The sentences were carried out at dawn on Wednesday. [Text] [Tehran TEHRAN TIMES in English 6 Dec 80 p 1]

DRUGS, ARMS CONTRABAND DISCOVERED--The public relations office of the Gendarmerie of the Islamic Republic of Iran announced: The gendarmerie of the Islamic Sistan va Baluchestan region during the past days discovered 12 weapons, 1,772 kg of ammunition, 75 kg of opium, 107 grams of heroin, 13,460 kg of hashish, 255,420 packets of foreign cigarettes and large quantities of contraband goods. In connection with these discoveries a number of people have been arrested and handed over to the law authorities. [Text] [LD131400 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 13 Dec 80]

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KUWAIT

BRIEFS

HASHISH SELLERS ARRESTED--The CID of Qibla District yesterday nabbed two Indians for trafficking in narcotics. Police investigations had said that Nigel W, 22 and Stanely A, 25, were narcotic pedlars. A police informant was able to hoodwink Nigel into believing that he wanted some stuff for personal use. Nigel accompanied him to an Indian restaurant near the Ministry of Finance where the second suspect gave him the hasheesh for cash. At a signal policemen closed in upon the two suspects, caught them and recovered the marked currency notes. The full story unfolded with further interrogation. The second suspect said he used to obtain narcotic drugs from ships berthed at the Shuwaikh port and take them into the city. The first suspect distributed them. He reportedly admitted to the police that he had more hasheesh in store at home. The second suspect too confessed to his complicity in the case, which was referred to the District Attorney. [Text] [Kuwait KUWAIT TIMES in English 23 Nov 80 p 3]

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UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

BRIEFS

EIGHT KILOS OF OPIUM CONFISCATED--The Dubai police yesterday arrested a member of one of the largest narcotics gangs in Dubai after a chase that lasted 13 days between Dubai and Al-'Ain. Lieutenant Ahmad Al-Naqib, an investigative officer of the Dubai police, was able to arrest the head of the gang, Nasir Ahmad, who had concluded a transaction in Iran with one of his accomplices for eight kilos of raw opium. He then returned to the UAE by way of Muscat to receive the delivery from an Iranian agent who had undertaken to smuggle the opium to him by sea.  
[Text] [Sharjah AL-KHALIJ in Arabic 9 Dec 80 p 1]

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DENMARK

DANISH POLICE ARREST TURKS SUSPECTED OF HEROIN SMUGGLING TO FRG

Copenhagen BERLINGSKE TIDENDE in Danish 28 Nov 80 p 5

[Text] Danish narcotics police believe they have found two of the men behind the smuggling of Kurdistan heroin from Turkey to West Germany.

This happened in connection with the investigation into the Turkish heroin gang that was uncovered when the narcotics division in Copenhagen detained 31-year-old Fethi Yxulemz who arrived by car from Munich where he works for the MAN [Augsberg-Nuernberg Machine Factory, Inc.] concern. The Turk had only been in Denmark for 2 hours when the police stopped him on Sunday, 2 November, at 0500 hours on his way to Copenhagen. They found 4 kg of pure heroin hidden in the car. The sales value is around 40 million kroner. Later five more Turks were arrested in Copenhagen in the case against Yxulemz.

Telephone wiretapping and hidden microphones, one of them in a room in a hotel in Copenhagen, provided the police with evidence against the gang. A few of the Turks in the gang live in West Germany.

Uncovering the heroin gang was solely the work of the Danish police and in the further investigation they also discovered two men in Ankara who are believed to be the main suppliers of Kurdistan heroin to various dealer organizations in western Europe.

The narcotics division of the Copenhagen Police is going to ask the Turkish police to arrest and charge the two men. No decision has yet been made about sending Danish policemen to Ankara. If this is done it would be the first time Danish policemen worked in Turkey. The Danish narcotics division is now working with the West German police on the case.

The detention period for the five Turks runs out today. Police will ask for a 4-week extension.

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DENMARK

CUSTOMS MEN SEIZE 12.5 KILOGRAMS OF RAW OPIUM FROM PAKISTAN

Copenhagen BERLINGSKE TIDENDE in Danish 27 Nov 80 p 5

[Article by Bent Bak Andersen]

[Text] A suitcase full of opium and heroin gave a 20-year-old Algerian cold feet yesterday when he arrived at Kastrup Airport. The street value of the drugs is more than 20 million kroner.

The narcotics courier came in on a Pakistan Air Lines plane but when he got into the transit area and had to go through customs he became so nervous that he left the suitcase standing there and tried to go through customs without it.

But the customs men pointed out to him that he had left his suitcase behind and an agent was kind enough to get it for him. When the suitcase was opened the drugs spilled out onto the counter. In the suitcase they found 12.5 kg of raw opium and in a pocket in the suitcase they found several small transparent bags containing 1.115 kg of heroin at a cost of 10,000 kroner per gram. The heroin was packed in bags marked "Dextrose," a totally innocuous substance.

If the raw opium had been refined into heroin it could have brought in 10-12 million kroner on the drugs market. The confiscated drugs probably come from Turkey which has once again become a big producer and supplier to the West European market.

The narcotics police did not wish to provide further information on the case yesterday since a large-scale investigation is underway to wind up the Danish receiving network. The Algerian will be brought up before the examining magistrate today behind closed doors.

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DENMARK

BRIEFS

TOUGHER DRUGS SMUGGLING SENTENCE--The Eastern District Superior Court gave a stiffer drugs sentence to 28-year-old Allan Wiermann, from 1 to 3 1/2 years in prison. He was sentenced for having smuggled in on three trips around 300 grams of heroin from Holland to Denmark and for having assisted in getting a batch of 3-500 kg of hashish through customs. After having originally confirmed in detail the heroin smuggling charge he claimed in court that he was in Holland for the purpose of selling batik elephants. This explanation was rejected by both Copenhagen Municipal Court and the Eastern District Superior Court. The superior court explained the stiffer sentence by pointing to the numerous trips abroad while actively participating in the smuggling of "not insignificant" quantities of heroin. [Text] [Copenhagen BERLINGSKE TIDENDE in Danish 14 Nov 80 p 5] 6578

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NETHERLANDS

ROTTERDAM POLICE ARREST SWEDE IN CANNABIS SMUGGLING CASE

Stockholm DAGENS NYHETER in Swedish 19 Nov 80 p 35

[Article by Leif Dahlin]

[Text] A 30-year-old Stockholm man has been arrested by Dutch police in Rotterdam on suspicion of taking part in one of the biggest narcotics smuggling cases ever uncovered in Holland. The Swede was on board the fishing boat on which 1,500 kilograms of cannabis, worth tens of millions of Swedish kronor, were seized last Friday.

Those arrested along with the Swede included four Dutch men and a Dutch woman. According to reports, the boat had come from a port on Spain's Costa del Sol and was going to sail on to Denmark after a short stay in Rotterdam.

It was by accident that some police and customs officers noticed the boat last Friday. It was navigating so strangely as it passed through a lock that they decided to go on board for an inspection. One of the customs officers also thought that he recognized the boat. The former name on the stern had been painted over. Further investigation revealed that the vessel had sunk off the Dutch coast in 1974 while involved in the smuggling of 300 kilograms of cannabis. Police have now learned that the boat was subsequently salvaged in secret and again used in smuggling.

Cordoned Off

The boat was taken to the wharf, and the area was cordoned off by police with dogs trained to detect narcotics. The boat, measuring about 20 meters in length and 6 meters in width, was searched.

Sacks containing a total of 1,500 kilograms of cannabis were discovered in secret rooms. All six of those on board were arrested. Through INTERPOL, Dutch police requested cooperation in the investigation from the Swedish Criminal Police Corps. Police Superintendent Karl-Erik Augustson of the Narcotics Section confirmed that several house searches were made as a result of the Swede's arrest.

But the investigation shows that the Swede, who once worked as a taxi driver in Stockholm, does not have a criminal past. He left Sweden last summer, telling his relatives that he intended to visit a Mediterranean country.

Reticent

The Swedish Consulate in Rotterdam has not received any inquiries concerning help for the Swede. On the contrary, the police have been very reticent about what the interrogation has revealed so far.

According to Superintendent Augustson, it can be regarded as probable, regardless of the role the Swede played, that a large portion of the confiscated shipment of cannabis was intended for the narcotics market in Scandinavia.

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NORWAY

OSLO CHILD PROTECTION AGENCY STUDIES DRUG-USER MOTHERS

Oslo ARBEIDERBLADET in Norwegian 24 Nov 80 p 3

[Text] "The Child Protection Agency in Oslo has reported an increase in the number of young girls who are drug addicts and who become pregnant and give birth. Until now we have handled them as individual cases. But we recently decided to take up the situation as a whole in a meeting devoted entirely to it at the Child Protection Agency, and that meeting will be held in January."

So said Kai Ekanger, chairman of the Oslo Child Protection Agency, in a comment on ARBEIDERBLADET's report on Saturday which said, "New drug concern in Oslo, addict mothers give birth and keep the children and continue to use drugs."

"We have to have a reasonable and thorough discussion of the remedies available to the agency," said Kai Ekanger to ARBEIDERBLADET. "Are our remedies sufficient? Should we continue to handle addicted mothers and their children as individual cases? Or do we need something more, some entirely special remedies in addition?"

"What remedies are available to the agency today?"

"Now and then we put the infant in a foundling home, other times the mother and the child are sent to a home for mothers, and a third solution is supervision.

"It is not easy. Now and then the mother is so young that she herself is also a client of ours. Other times the mother is much older. Our problem is how to synchronize these different and individual cases."

Kai Ekanger said, "We are aware of these increasing numbers, and we will discuss them in January."

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NORWAY

BRIEFS

DRUG FIGHT FUNDS VOTED--Oslo, 28 Nov--Yesterday the Storting appropriated 16.8 million kroner--10 million more than the government had requested--for special projects for drug abusers. The measure was adopted after a unanimous recommendation from the Committee on Social Affairs. These funds will be used by the Ministry of Social Affairs in cooperation with the Federal Agency for Narcotics Problems for so-called "untraditional projects." An appropriation of 1.5 million was also approved in this year's budget to set up a new section of Gaustad hospital for heavily addicted drug abusers. The new section will be located in the former director's quarters of the hospital. The Storting also approved 11.4 million kroner for the government clinic for drug addicts at Hov i Land, and to the government recovery center in Oslo. [Text] [Oslo AFTENPOSTEN in Norwegian 28 Nov 80 p 3] 9287

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SWEDEN

HOME CULTIVATION OF CANNABIS SHOWS GREAT INCREASE

Stockholm DAGENS NYHETER in Swedish 25 Nov 80 p 37

[Article by Lotta Schullerqvist]

[Text] "The growing of cannabis in Sweden has increased sharply in recent years. It is being cultivated almost everywhere in the country, from Skane in the south to Vilhelmina in the north. And the cannabis that is grown is at least as strong as imported marihuana. We have found samples that are stronger than hashish of normal quality." So says Marianne von Wachenfeldt, a chemist at the National Criminal Police Registry and Forensic Laboratory (SKL) in Linkoping.

She works with analyses of cannabis and says that the number of cannabis cases has doubled in a couple of years. The increase involves chiefly homegrown cannabis.

"Today there is certainly more Swedish-grown marihuana in Sweden than is smuggled in. It will be risky if its cultivation spreads, because most people do not take the dangers of homegrown 'grass' seriously. They do not realize that their plants can have such a high THC content. The highest we have found in 'Swedish' cannabis is 7.5 percent."

(THC is the intoxicating substance.)

In 1972 the SKL examined 50 samples of confiscated hashish. At that time, the THC content varied between 0.3 and 10.5 percent.

"There are hundreds of cannabis growers in Uppsala. We could spend a whole month doing nothing but confiscating the fields we know about. But we can't spare the time," says Detective Inspector Tommy Fredriksson, who works in the Narcotics Division of the Uppsala Police.

"Marihuana is grown in the open, on roofs, on windowsills, on balconies, and in closets using greenhouse lamps. And it is the real thing that is being grown. If the ban on cultivation for one's own use is lifted, as many people wish, there will be no more barriers against anyone smoking it--since, of course, it will not even cost money."

According to Marianne von Wachenfeldt, home cultivation of cannabis is quite a new phenomenon.

"It began in the summer of 1973 here in Linkoping, when police discovered that marijuana which young people had picked from a farmer's field outside of town was being smoked in large quantities. The farmer was growing it for his pigs. The press played the story up big, and thus the word spread that it was entirely possible to smoke cannabis grown in Sweden, something that no one had thought possible.

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SWEDEN

ENFORCEMENT MEASURES SUCCESSFUL IN REDUCING PRISON DRUG USE

Stockholm SVENSKA DAGBLADET in Swedish 23 Nov 80 p 6

[Article by Dag Bjerke]

[Text] Drug abuse within the prison system has declined in recent years. The fact that a way has also been found to detect even hashish in urine specimens is regarded as an encouraging sign in this connection.

The National Association for a Drug-Free Society (RNS) is sponsoring a course on correctional care and narcotics at the Caroline Institute in Solna this weekend.

One of the speakers on Saturday was Dr Kjell Bjerger, who is an alcohol researcher at the institute and one of the driving forces behind drug treatment projects now going on at the general prison in Stockholm and the Osteraker Correctional Facility.

Kjell Bjerger said, "Two years ago one-third of the inmates were drug abusers, but today their number is down to one-fourth. But overall, abuse problems remain unchanged as a whole, because just when narcotics are being pushed back, 'socially accepted' alcohol abuse is coming to the surface."

In general, the drug abuse picture within the prison system is following developments outside the walls.

Up and Down

The use of heroin (popularly called a "downer" because of its sedative and depressing effect) is slowly on the rise, as is the use of ordinary hashish.

The use of preparations such as amphetamines, which stimulate the central nervous system, has dropped sharply in recent times. These drugs are called "uppers"--they have a bracing effect.

Heroin is considerably more addictive than hashish, and since the daily dose for a heroin user costs about 700 or 800 kronor, the resulting social problems are more often than not catastrophic.

Hashish, on the other hand, has a worse effect on the body's functions. The brain, for example, becomes damaged.

In Kjell Bjerver's opinion, the reason that drug abuse has come to a standstill and even declined is that in Sweden it has reached the saturation point in the group which is susceptible to it--and which exists in every society.

"That is why the curve has leveled off. The fact that it is also showing a downward tendency can perhaps be attributed to new forms of treatment and to the open treatment centers, along with the Osteraker and Hinseberg projects."

#### Detecting Hashish

As a breakthrough in the fight against narcotics in the prison system, Kjell Bjerver points to the fact that it is now possible to detect even hashish in urine specimens.

"The reaction among the inmates seems to be one of obvious relief. The possibility of being able to 'stay clean' through reliable tests frees one from distrust and false solidarity."

The inmates at the Osteraker facility have voluntarily gone along with routine daily urine tests. The specimens are examined on a random basis at the Government Laboratory for Forensic Chemistry in Linkoping.

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SWEDEN

REPORT INDICATES 10 PERCENT INCREASE IN DRUG DEATHS

Stockholm SVENSKA DAGBLADET in Swedish 22 Nov 80 p 11

[Article by Ingrid von Bergen]

[Text] More than 70 persons from Stockholm, Sodermanland, and Gotland counties are estimated to have died in 1979 as a result of abusing hard drugs. That is an increase of 10 percent compared to the year before.

An attempt is being made under the auspices of the National Social Welfare Board to trace the development of hard-drug abuse in those three counties on the basis of death statistics.

In the last few years, deaths among drug addicts as reported to the Government Institute for Forensic Medicine have been rising: 25 in 1975, 46 in 1976, 49 in 1977, 60 in 1978, and 66 in 1979.

To that must be added an uncertain number estimated at 10 percent--that is, cases where the direct cause of death is something else but where the probable real cause is the abuse primarily of opiates and amphetamines.

One way of calculating the number of "hidden" deaths is to consult the records of drug addicts that are maintained at the Narcotics Division of the National Criminal Police Corps. The increase in the number of deaths and, as a consequence, the probable increase in the abuse of hard drugs, tallies with the rise in customs seizures of hard narcotics.

Of the 180 deaths reported to the Government Institute for Forensic Medicine from 1975 through 1978, 82 percent were men whose average age was 28, and 18 percent were women, with an average age of 25. The youngest was 16 and the oldest was 55, but there was no marked drop in ages during the 4 years in question.

The growth in drug abuse and its distribution by age and sex correspond to developments in other West European countries.

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CUSTOMS IN GOTHENBURG SEIZES LARGEST-EVER HASHISH CACHE

Stockholm SVENSKA DAGBLADET in Swedish 18 Nov 80 p 6

[Article by Margareta Artsman]

[Text] Gothenburg--When it comes to drug smuggling, there is every reason to keep an eye on the port of Uddevalla.

Boats from "dangerous" places such as Libya, Pakistan, and Turkey put in there. So says Carl Erik Nordeke, customs director in Gothenburg. The seizure of 105.5 kilograms of hashish in Uddevalla is the largest to date in Sweden.

The shipment, which was found over the weekend, was carefully wrapped in a welded plastic covering, and it was probably dumped in the harbor from 3 to 5 months ago. On Monday police and customs officials began a check on all ships calling at the Bado Wharf over the past 6 months. After that the crew manifests will be checked. The hashish is thought to be from Pakistan.

In August 1979, 105 kilos of hashish were discovered on a Turkish ship in Uddevalla. But its quality was considerably below that of the shipment just seized.

According to Carl Erik Nordeke, it should be obvious that smugglers--not only of narcotics but also of liquor and tobacco--are increasingly using routes that bypass the major ports and airports. Nowadays no place or method can be excluded.

"We have a long and well-guarded coastline, but we also have a long border with Norway. Narcotics enter in small airplanes and on small boats. We also have evidence that large quantities of narcotics have been brought in in containers."

"Not Planned"

Carl Erik Nordeke does not believe that the smuggling in Uddevalla was specially planned.

He says, "It was certainly an accident that the shipment landed in the water."

"The big confiscations that we have been able to follow up do not point to any special plan. In the Uddevalla case, someone on board became frightened and threw the lot overboard. The way in which it was packed shows that the individual was prepared for such an eventuality."

"The cleverest and most common way to smuggle something in is to let the shipment of narcotics or liquor 'travel by itself,'" says Nordeke. "In that way, no one is responsible if something should happen. A shipment of drugs is put on board a boat under supervision, but without anyone's actually handling it--it is placed under an automobile without the driver's being aware of it, and so on."

On Monday the Uddevalla police closed the investigation. Police Chief Karl-Erik Akermo announces that nothing new has come to light.

This latest find was the result of an anonymous tip. Customs Cruiser TV-102 was going to hunt for a missing sailboat and for that purpose had borrowed an underwater camera from the Coast Guard in Stockholm. But the tip about narcotics in the harbor was immediately considered so hot that the camera was used to search for the drugs.

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CUSTOMS OFFICIALS IN HELSINGBORG SEIZE RECORD DRUG AMOUNT

Stockholm SVENSKA DAGBLADET in Swedish 18 Nov 80 p 6

[Article by Per-Erik Landqvist]

[Text] Helsingborg--The customs service in Helsingborg holds the record this year as far as seizures of drugs are concerned: 654. And acting Customs Superintendent Per-Ingvar Andersson says that even so, his office cannot maintain an effective 24-hour watch.

The customs service in Helsingborg has a security force of 200 persons. But vacations and time off reduce the staff actually on duty by 25 percent. This means that surveillance suffers.

Per-Ingvar Andersson says, "We are supposed to cover about 150 ferry crossings on three routes every 24 hours between Helsingborg and Helsingor. It is impossible to maintain effective control."

The number of confiscations by the customs service in Helsingborg has increased every year.

In 1977 there were 482.

In 1978 there were 539.

And in 1979 there were 653, or fewer than the number already recorded for 1980.

The customs service in Helsingborg wants to increase its strength. But Superintendent Per-Ingvar Andersson is afraid that there will be talk of a reduction instead.

He says, "Customs will have to reduce its budget by 3.5 million kronor. But instead of that, Helsingborg ought to be given priority. We ought to take over the customs personnel we got temporarily from Landskrona when the Landskrona-Tuborg line was discontinued."

The ferry route between Helsingborg and Helsingor is used by 17 million persons annually. Customs officials can only make spot checks of a few passengers except, of course, when crackdowns are being made.

The biggest seizure of drugs by the Helsingborg customs office occurred in 1978, when it seized 50 kilograms of cannabis worth just over 2 million kronor.

The Helsingborg customs office made its biggest haul so far this year in June, when 15 kilograms of cannabis were discovered in a spare tire. In all during 1980, the Helsingborg customs office has confiscated 57 kilograms of cannabis, 145 grams of cocaine, 1,390 grams of amphetamines, 209 grams of heroin, and 650 tablets.

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