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BURMA

HEROIN DEALERS ARRESTED IN MAYMYO

Rangoon LOKTHA PYEITHU NEZIN in Burmese 24 Dec 80 p 5 BK

[Summary] Maymyo, 18 Dec--In accordance with the directive of the Mandalay division people's council and divisional people's police force to carry out a campaign to eliminate drug dealers and users, Maymyo people's council security officials and police personnel on 17 December arrested Ma Haw Tae Chun and Sai Lu, alias Tin Sein, together with the heroin they had sold.

"The arrest was made following a tipoff from a dutiful person. People's council and police force members used over 25,000 kyat of marked notes to buy heroin from Ma Haw Tae Chun and Sai Lu, alias Tin Sein. While the heroin sale was in progress, people's councillors and policemen jointly arrested the heroin dealers.

"Maymyo police station has filed charges under Sections 6.B, 7.B and 10.B of the Narcotic Drugs Law."



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BURMA

BRIEFS

GANG ARRESTED IN KENGTUNG--Kengtung, 12 Dec--While the crops substitution scheme for opium is being implemented in Kengtung township in the northern Shan State, two members of a gang, which distributes raw opium secretly, have been arrested under the direction of the Kengtung township people's council and the state people's police force commander. Acting upon information received from informers, a narcotic drug suppression team led by township people's police force commander U Ngwe Maung and police station officer U Hla Tun made the arrest on 10 December along with the goods. Aik Maung and Aik Mun of Tanaingshun village, Kapha village tract, Kengtung township, were arrested along with 11.65 viss [1 viss equals 3.6 pounds] of raw opium worth over 50,000 kyats. The Kengtung police have filed charges under sections 6.B and 10.B of the Narcotic Drugs Law. [Text] [Rangoon LOKTHA PYEITHU NEZIN in Burmese 21 Dec 80 p 5]

RANGOON HEROIN SEIZURE--Acting on information, police station officer U Kan Myint and his squad searched Soe Soe in front of Pabedan township workers organization on Shwebontha Road, Rangoon, on 17 December and found two packets of heroin, each worth 25 kyat. Acting on information supplied by Soe Soe, a search conducted at U Tin Maung's house at No 117, Shwebontha Road, uncovered 20 packets of heroin, each valued at 25 kyat. The dealer, San Thein, at U Tin Maung's house was charged under Sections 6.B, 10.B and 14.D of the Narcotic Drugs Law. [Rangoon BOTATAUNG in Burmese 19 Dec 80 p 7 BK]

HEROIN USERS ARRESTED--Acting on a tipoff that a group of youths were using heroin in Mandalay compound of Mergui's Kangaung ward, police personnel and ward councilors searched the compound and found four youths--Myint U, Than Tun, Aye Yu and Win Ngwe--together with five small packets of heroin wrapped in a plastic sheet and a hypodermic syringe and two hypodermic needles. The youths were charged under Sections 6.B, 10.B and 14.D of the Narcotic Drugs Law. [Rangoon MYANMA ALIN in Burmese 27 Dec 80 p 6 BK]

MOULMEIN NARCOTICS SUPPRESSION--Under the arrangement of the Moulmein township people's council, ward and village people's councils and police personnel carried out a narcotic drugs suppression campaign. In the first 6 months of the 1980-81 fiscal year a total of 60 drug-connected cases were filed. Drugs seized in this period were 4.2 viss [1 viss equals 3.6 pounds] of marihuana and small amounts of cooked opium and heroin. [Rangoon MYANMA ALIN in Burmese 25 Dec 80 p 6 BK]

OPIUM SEIZURE IN PANTANAW--Acting on information, a crime suppression squad from the Pantanaw township people's police force on 4 December searched the house of U Pe Sein in Tawtaya village. A home-made pistol, 3 carbine shells and 7 ticals [1 tical equals .036 pounds] of black opium were found in the house. U Pe Sein was arrested by the police. [Rangoon MYANMA ALIN in Burmese 9 Dec 80 p 6 BK]

HEROIN POSSESSOR JAILED--Moulmein township court on 9 December sentenced Tun Yin of No 9 Ka, Thaton Tada Street, Moulmein, to 5 years' imprisonment with hard labor under Section 6.B of the Narcotic Drugs Law and to 1 year imprisonment under Section 14.D, both sentences to be served concurrently. Tun Yin was tried after a small amount of heroin was seized from him on 28 May 1979. [Rangoon MYANMA ALIN in Burmese 17 Dec 80 p 6 BK]

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HONG KONG

HEROIN BASE CACHE FOUND AFTER TIP FROM THAI CUSTOMS

Five Kg Hidden

Hong Kong SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST in English 13 Jan 81 p 1

[Text]

Customs officers yesterday found five kilograms of heroin base hidden in a hollowed-out pillar in a Hunghom flat.

Officers said the base could have been converted into more than 33 lbs of No 3 heroin — worth \$6.8 million on the retail market.

The cache was so well concealed that even a specially trained dog failed to find the hiding place.

It took Customs officers more than four hours before it was uncovered.

There were two openings to the hiding place — one on the floor and the other on the ceiling — which was sealed with steel plates and bricks.

A washing machine had

been placed in front of the lower opening.

Customs Assistant Superintendent K. L. Mak, who directed the search of the flat, said: "It was a very sophisticated and well constructed secret compartment."

He said a 48-year-old man was arrested.

"We are looking for other high-ranking officials of the syndicate who are still at large," Supt Mak said.

Customs officers also raided four other premises in Yaumati and Wah Fu estate, but no further drug seizures were made.

The seizure and arrest were made following a tip-off from Thai customs officers that a suspected Thai drug

trafficker had left Bangkok for Hongkong.

After receiving the information, the Customs Investigations Bureau chief, Senior Superintendent K. S. Tong, directed his officers to shadow the man round the clock.

The Thai checked into a Tsimshatsui hotel after arriving on Thursday and was contacted by two Chinese men.

He returned to Bangkok on Saturday.

The two men he met were put under surveillance. Sources said they were seen going into five different premises — three in Yaumati and Whampoa Sun Chuen in Kowloon and a flat in the Wah Fu estate in Pokfulam.

One Man Charged

Hong Kong SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST in English 14 Jan 81 p 15

[Text]

A 48-year-old man appeared in San Po Kong Court yesterday charged with possessing about five kilos of heroin base for unlawful trafficking.

No plea was taken and Mr

M. W. Fung remanded Man Lok in jail custody for one week.

Man is accused of possessing the dangerous drugs in a flat in Whampoa Sun Chuen, Hunghom, on Monday.

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HONG KONG

HEROIN HAUL IN 1980 MORE THAN DOUBLE THAT IN 1979

Hong Kong SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST in English 28 Dec 80 p 7

[Text]

Smuggled heroin base seized so far this year is more than double that of last year's haul.

With the six kilograms of heroin base seized on board a Panamanian-registered vessel on Wednesday, a total of 42.8 kg of heroin base has been seized both by customs officers and the police.

This is 24.2 kg more than that of last year's 18.6 kg.

According to Government statistics, the quantity of this year's total seizures is only five kilograms short of 1978's figure.

A senior customs officer said the trafficking of heroin base is lucrative and it was easy to convert the base into No 3 heroin.

"It takes only one hour to convert heroin base into No 3 heroin and only a small quantity of chemicals is involved," he said.

Other drugs require a long time and a lot of chemicals,

often pungent ones, to be converted into popular and lucrative No 3 heroin, he said.

"For example, the conversion from morphine to No 3 heroin requires smelly ether and acetic anhydride and the process takes several days," he said.

The remarks were made following the recent seizure of six kilograms of heroin base from a Panamanian-registered vessel, Singapore Island.

Superintendent Anthony Sanders of the Harbour Division of the Customs said the drugs, if converted to No 3 heroin, would fetch about \$10.8 million.

Investigators believed that the drugs were intended for Hongkong.

The latest seizure followed the record heroin base haul of \$38 million on December 14.

The 21 kg of heroin base were found on board a Polish-registered vessel.

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HONG KONG

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DRUG RAID STATISTICS--Nearly 1,900 people were arrested in 2,835 raids on illegal gambling establishments, vice and drug dens in Hongkong last month, police reported yesterday. In the drugs crackdown, 459 people were arrested in 982 raids carried out on premises and search operations in the streets. Drugs seized included 173 grams of opium, 608.8 grams of heroin and small quantities of morphine and cannabis. [Excerpts] [Hong Kong SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST in English 29 Dec 80 p 12]

MORPHINE CARRIERS SENTENCED--Three men who took part in the delivery of \$750,000 worth of dangerous drugs in Kowloon were each sentenced to eight years' imprisonment yesterday. A High Court jury of four men and three women, after deliberating for 1½ hours, found Ma Ching-lung (42), hawker, Cheng Yee (38), unemployed, and Tse Chui-yan (34), mini-bus driver, guilty of possessing 1,308.81 gms of a mixture of salt of esters of morphine for unlawful trafficking. They had pleaded not guilty. [Excerpt] [Hong Kong SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST in English 20 Dec 80 p 19]

HEROIN GANG CONVICTED--Two Thai nationals and three Hongkong men were yesterday convicted of conspiracy to traffic in heroin worth \$5 million. Deera Dugkoonvittobas (36), Vichien Suwanalitret (37), Ying Chai-on (19), Lam Che-keung (32) and Yip Kam-wing (31) were found guilty by a High Court jury who deliberated for four hours. Four of the men together with another Thai national, Lert Hewphong (36), who pleaded guilty, were remanded for sentencing today. Ying Chai-on will be sentenced in two weeks after Mr Commissioner Hooper has received probation reports. During the trial the court was told that over 1,000 grams of heroin were found in a suitcase in the possession of the first two accused when they were arrested in a Kowloon hotel. They had been followed from the airport by customs and excise men. The other four accused were connected to the drug haul by a chain of circumstantial evidence. [Excerpts] [Hong Kong SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST in English 30 Dec 80 p 12]

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NEW ZEALAND

COOPERATION WITH NEW AUSTRALIAN POLICE UNIT WEIGHED

Officer to Canberra

Wellington THE EVENING POST in English 9 Jan 81 p 4

[Text]

NEW Zealand police are thinking of sending an officer to Canberra to work with the proposed Australian Bureau of Criminal Intelligence.

The new law enforcement unit in Australia, to be set up in the next few months, is designed to crack down on organised crime. Reports from across the Tasman also indicate the new body will help stamp out the "New Zealand Connection," by which criminals elude legal proceedings by moving between the two countries. The director of drug en-

forcement and intelligence at Police Headquarters in Wellington, Detective Chief Inspector Alan Galbraith, said it was likely the police would work in closely with the new body.

He said New Zealand police had been following the formation of the bureau and hoped to send an officer across the Tasman when the unit started operation.

'Good idea'

No formal request has, of yet been made to the Government, but "we think it is

a good idea to send one of our members," said Mr Galbraith.

The police already have a liaison officer based in Australia working with federal and state police forces.

But Mr Galbraith said the new appointee would be dealing with intelligence, as opposed to liaison, or investigative matters.

He said the new bureau would speed up the exchange of intelligence information gathered between the two countries and offer a greater depth of intelligence.

"The bureau is still in the discussion stages. We've not seen the final draft... the final form may differ from what is planned at this stage," he said.

It has been reported in Australia that the new bureau will use electronic "bugging" as a major weapon in the fight against crime. However, Mr Galbraith said New Zealand police already had the power to use electronic surveillance under strictly controlled circumstances and he did not see the need for any further power in this area.

Australian Liaison Officer

Auckland THE NEW ZEALAND HERALD in English 3 Dec 80 p 4

[Text]

The first Australian federal police liaison officer in New Zealand, Detective Inspector M. G. Williamson, has taken up his appointment in Wellington.

Detective Inspector Williamson, aged 52, will monitor the movements of criminals between the two countries and police drug

movements across the Tasman.

He was formerly with the New South Wales police, in Sydney.

The New Zealand liaison officer in Australia, Detective Inspector L. D. Sinton, took up his post in March.

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NEW ZEALAND

SECOND MEMBER OF LSD-IMPORTING SYNDICATE SENTENCED

Drug Brought From Australia

Auckland THE NEW ZEALAND HERALD in English 18 Dec 80 p 4

Excerpts A second person connected with an LSD-importing syndicate was sentenced in the High Court at Auckland yesterday to eight years' imprisonment.

The court was told that one person had been sentenced on the same matter last week, another person had not yet pleaded and a fourth person, who was a principal in the syndicate, had "yet to be arrested." Others had been arrested on charges relating to the distribution of LSD within New Zealand.

Appearing before Mr Justice Holland yesterday was Michael Cedric Richards, a 35-year-old seaman from Waiheke Island.

He had pleaded guilty in the Auckland District Court to importing lysergide into New Zealand at Mt Maunganui between January 1 and October 1 this year, and he had been committed to the High Court for sentence.

Some Assets

Mr R. P. G. Haines appear-

ed for the Crown and Mr A. Deobhakta appeared for Richards.

Before sentence was passed, Mr Haines said the accused was more deeply involved in smuggling drugs than the person who had appeared before the judge last week.

The accused was a person of some assets, said Mr Haines, but he said the Crown had not applied for an examination into the source of the assets.

Mr Deobhakta disputed any suggestion that the accused had assets which were accumulated as a result of criminal activity. The assets had been legitimately acquired over a long period by "sheer hard work and industry."

Co-operated

The syndicate had clearly started in Australia, the counsel said, and there was no suggestion that Richards was the initiator or "the big man."

Payment the accused had received for taking money to Australia and bringing the drugs back was small in relation to the size of the operation.

Mr Justice Holland said more than 21,000 tablets of lysergide were found in Richards' possession, with a street value of \$147,000.

Deterrent Needed

He commended Richards for admitting his part in the crime and admitting that he had been associated with the importation of drugs on many occasions. The drugs were worth about \$400,000.

Auckland Man Extradited

Christchurch THE PRESS in English 24 Dec 80 p 2

Text

NZPA staff correspondent
Sydney

An Auckland man was extradited to New Zealand yesterday to face charges of having imported LSD into New Zealand.

Michael John Griffin, aged 37, who was described as a building worker, is charged with having imported the LSD through Mount Maunganui on September 30.

He was arrested in Sydney last week. Detective Constable R. Gibson, of the Auckland drug squad, flew to Sydney for the extradition proceedings. Griffin agreed to be extradited.

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NEW ZEALAND

GOLDEN TRIANGLE HEROIN AGAIN APPEARING IN COUNTRY

Wellington THE EVENING POST in English 13 Jan 81 p 24

[Text] Hamilton, Jan 12 (PA)--Heroin trails from the Golden Triangle in South-east Asia are leading to the Waikato as a record crop of opium in Thailand starts to filter into New Zealand.

The drug has been surfacing in Hamilton and surrounding areas in recent weeks, police said.

"It's not very good quality, but it's there," said the man in charge of Hamilton's drug squad, Detective Sergeant Maurice Malone.

One man was charged in Hamilton last week, the first for several months.

"We're just starting to see the beginning of heroin imports which could grow to alarming proportions within the next few months," said Mr Malone today.

Auckland is the main point of entry for heroin being used in the Waikato. Other sources include Tauranga and smaller southern ports.

The drug is selling on the Hamilton market for around \$143 to \$170 a gram.

Erratic

"A flood of heroin into New Zealand could pose big problems here in the Waikato, where availability is generally erratic," said Mr Malone. "Addicts tend to drift in here from other centres where they have become too well known."

The Hamilton drug squad will be sharpening its surveillance of known drug users who, according to the director of the Anchorage Hostel in Hamilton, Mr Tony Clarke, have abandoned rehabilitation and support centres in the city as heroin becomes more plentiful.

"The number of addicts coming to us has dried up," said Mr Clarke.

He suggested the heroin problem had got worse in the last two months.

"There has been a definite increase in the amount of stuff around."

Kept busy

Addicts have faced lean times since increased policing following the killing of "Mr. Asia" Christopher Martyn Johnstone, and a poor crop of opium in Thailand last year.

"Our hostel was kept pretty busy up till recently," said Mr Clarke. "Now we have only one person going through heroin withdrawal and two other users on support programmes."

Heroin has come back on the market at a time when Hamilton drug squad officers are already committed to tracking down plantations of illegally planted cannabis which is reaching the peak of its growing season.

A drug intelligence officer with the national bureau in Wellington, Senior Sergeant Tony Letica, said today the problem could get worse.

"Reports suggest that about 700 tonnes of heroin is expected to come on the international market from South-east Asia," he said.

"We've been alerted to look out for the importation of heroin into New Zealand. Some of it has started to filter through already."

The Golden Triangle takes in Thailand, Burma and Laos, and is the main source of heroin in this country.

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NEW ZEALAND

CANNABIS CROPS KEEP NORTH ISLAND DRUG SQUADS BUSY

Auckland THE NEW ZEALAND HERALD in English 2 Jan 81 p 1

[Text]

Staff Reporter Hamilton

Cannabis crops are blooming as never before throughout the Waikato and Coromandel Peninsula.

Drug squad detectives based in Hamilton are coming across more and more of the prohibited weed, both circulating in the community and in its raw state in carefully concealed plantations.

With the normal harvesting period for the illicit crop just beginning, the squad is working hard to keep pace with a steady flow of reported cannabis offences.

Two particular raids on the peninsula, described by CIB officers as "very successful," employed drug-detecting dogs from Tauranga and Auckland. As a result, 10 people faced charges in the Hamilton courts.

The Coromandel peninsula, with its isolated and rugged terrain, is especially suited to the illicit plantations. According to the head of the

Hamilton CIB, Detective Chief Inspector L. M. Steven, the police are aware that much of the drug grown there is finding its way to Wellington and Auckland.

In nearly all the townships throughout the Waikato crops of cannabis are being found or reported to the local police.

Many of these crops are small, well-tended operations, obviously intended for the grower's own supply.

Over past weeks, however, crops of 60 to 120 plants have been seized near Te Aroha.

While the drying-up of hard narcotics supplies may have had some influence, it appears there is little real reason for the cannabis boom apart from the increased popularity of the drug.

Often the police are having to destroy cannabis plantations without locating the offender because of the prohibitive time involved in

"staking-out" crops found in remote areas.

But in spite of the escalating problem, Mr Stevens says the district's drug squad is "coping adequately."

As a result of the Coromandel raids, some of those charged with possessing the drug for supply were fined more than \$2000. In one case a man was sentenced to six months in prison.

The penalties reflect a toughening in attitude by the courts in Hamilton after a year in which a seemingly endless string of mostly minor drugs offenders appeared.

Statistics place the Waikato region among the highest in the country for reported drug offences.

Until the end of October, just over 100 offences involving drugs had been reported. The figure was expected to have reached between 750 and 800 by the end of 1980.

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PAKISTAN

BRIEFS

DRUG SUPPLIERS ARRESTED--A North Nazimabad police patrol yesterday busted a gang of smugglers and recovered over 50 maunds of contraband charas from their possession. A police party, headed by Inspector Safdar Ali Khan Bhatti, was on a routine patrol in North Nazimabad area yesterday. On Allama Rashid Turabi Road in Block "H," the police patrol found a man, Sakhi Dad, carrying something in a basket. On his search, the police recovered 10 kilograms of charas. The man was taken to the police station where he was interrogated. And on his pointation, the police raided a house in Shanti Nagar near Dalmia Cement Factory and recovered 50 maunds of contraband "charas." The charas was kept in specially built tunnels inside the house. The police arrested two more persons Shal Badshah and Zahir Shah, from the house. The gang used to bring contraband charas from Bara Market in NWFP to smuggle it out of the country with the help of some international gang of smugglers. The Orangi Town police also rounded up one Abdul Baqi and recovered 34 kilograms of charas from him. [Text] [Karachi DAWN in English 10 Jan 81 p 8]

OPIUM, CHARAS SEIZED--CIA police seized 9500 gram opium and 262 gram charas worth Rs. 40,000 from Habib Ganj Misri Siah on Saturday. The accused Khursheed Zaman, a medical representative of a local pharmaceutical firm was arrested on charge of smuggling while his brother Mohammad Zaman alias Baggo was absconding. The Excise and New Anarkali Police also seized 1000 gram charas from one Mohammad Ismail from Paise Akhbar. [Text] [Lahore THE PAKISTAN TIMES in English 18 Jan 81 p 8]

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SOUTH KOREA

BRIEFS

DRUG RING BREAK-UP--Seoul Jan. 27 (YONHAP)--Seoul metropolitan police Tuesday announced the break-up of two separate philopon manufacturing rings, one of which last May allegedly smuggled 20 kg of the drug, valued at 600 million won (910,000 U.S. dollars) on the black market, to Japan. Police said they have arrested 10 Koreans belonging to the two underworld networks. An 11th man, named Kim Pong-suk, 45, of Pusan, was also being sought by police for his suspected leading role in smuggling the philopon to Japan in May. Police have identified the Japanese consignee involved in the May smuggling as a certain Nakajima, 46, of Koiichi Prefecture, to whom the stimulant drugs were allegedly sent in four separate shipments. The second philopon manufacturing ring was led by Kang Hak-sung, 58, of Seoul, police said. He and four others were arrested last week while contacting a drug courier at a Seoul inn in an attempt to sell six kg of fully processed philopon, the police announcement said. [Text] [SK270312 Seoul YONHAP in English 0306 GMT 27 Jan 81]

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SRI LANKA

GOVERNMENT PREPARES NEW LAWS FOR FOREIGN DRUG SMUGGLERS

Sri Lanka SUN in English 5 Jan 81 p 1

[Article by Arjuna Ranawana]

[Text] Foreign nationals involved in drug offences will soon be compelled to stand trial in courts and serve jail sentences if found guilty.

The move has been initiated by the National Narcotics Advisory Board in the wake of large numbers of foreign nationals getting involved in drug offences.

At present Customs detections of foreign nationals lead to their being fined and later deported. Police detections lead to the visas of the nationals concerned being terminated.

The new move, according to an official of the Narcotics Advisory Board, means a foreigner found guilty (like in the case of Sri Lankans) will be required to serve his sentence before he is deported. This practice, it is pointed out, is being followed in Singapore, Malaysia, the Philippines and Thailand. This will certainly minimise the number of foreign nationals getting involved in drug offences. At present they know they get away very easily. Hence there is no fear, the official explained.

Meanwhile the Government is also preparing new laws which will contain heavier fines and longer jail sentences for drug offenders. The draft law is being put into shape by an official committee headed by D.C. Jayasuriya, Senior State Counsel.

The laws, enhancing punishments for dangerous drugs offenders, propose to increase the fines for the manufacture, sale, retention, trafficking and use of dangerous drugs more than ten times the present amount.

The law, tentatively named the new Dangerous Drugs Ordinance, proposes to enforce prison terms of up to ten years and fines up to Rs. 50,000 for narcotic offences.

At present the fines in respect for ganja offences are a paltry Rs. 50 or Rs. 100.

The tougher laws were proposed by the National Narcotics Advisory Board, headed by Internal Security Minister T.B. Werapitiya after a survey was conducted on the drug abuse problem in the country, in the last quarter of 1980.

The survey conducted under the auspices of the Colombo Plan pointed out that if the problem, now in its infancy is not nipped in the bud, it could spread and assume more serious proportions later.

The crack-down on foreigners comes on the recommendation of the survey which pointed out that the "hard drugs" habit now not widespread among locals would catch on because foreigners, especially young tourists, were using them.

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THAILAND

SAMUT SAKHON HEROIN TRAFFICKERS ARRESTED

Bangkok DAO SIAM in Thai 9 Dec 80 pp 1, 2

[Article: "Heroin Seized; Policeman Receives Severe Blow on Arm"]

[Text] The suppression division arrested a narcotics gang in the middle of the city while they were packing the drugs in a sedan to transport them to a trafficker. Before the police could arrest the drug traffickers, the arm of one policeman was hit and almost broken. Policemen cornered the 10 traffickers with almost 1 kilogram of heroin worth 2 million baht. All the suspects confessed that they belonged to a gang in Mahachai.

This resulted from an investigation by Police Major General Sanguan Khlongchai, the commander of the Crime Suppression Division. He had learned that at 1500 hours on 8 December, a major heroin gang from Samut Sakhon was going to transport heroin in a brown Toyota Crown sedan, license No 3K9709 and turn it over to a subordinate who was waiting to receive the drugs in the parking lot of the Central Department Store at Chitlom. He therefore ordered Police Lieutenant Colonel Nitiphan Singhonlaka, the deputy commander of Police Precinct 7P, to take a force of 15 undercover policemen and arrest this major heroin gang.

At the time mentioned above, a brown Toyota Crown sedan, license No 3K9709 arrived and parked in the parking lot of the Central Department Store. At the same time, a Chinese man around 30 years old arrived on a red bicycle and stopped near the car and reached out to take the goods from the men in the car. Police Lieutenant Colonel Nitiphan Singhonlaka, the deputy commander of Police Precinct 7P, ordered the policemen to go surround and arrest them. There were a total of 10 people in the gang and one of these took a stick about 2 feet long and began hitting the police in order to resist arrest. This gave rise to a melee between the police and the heroin gang that lasted 1 hour before the 10 members of the gang were arrested.

After arresting the heroin traffickers, the police had to assist Police Lieutenant Colonel Nitiphan Singhonlaka, the deputy commander of Police Precinct 7P, who had been struck with the stick on the

right arm and whose arm was almost broken. After that, the police searched the car and found two bags of No 4 heroin, without a seal, weighing 700 grams and having a value of approximately 200,000 baht in Thailand. It was confiscated as evidence and the 10 suspects were arrested. The 10 included Mr Sommai Ankham, Mrs Tam Sichaitan, Mr Prayun Khanthanankham, Mrs Amphorn Inchan, Mr Chamnong Saengphithak, Mr Chu Saekui, Mr Sing Kongphoem, Mr Somphong Saeung, Mr Chaiyut Siricharanyakun and Mr Kaeo Sirithong. They were turned over to Police Lieutenant Rachen Rungkamong, the officer on duty at Section 2, Police Precinct 7P, for further handling of the case. All the suspects confessed that the heroin gang had been formed a long time ago at the Chalom Port in Muang District, Samut Sakhon Province. The heroin seized belonged to Mr Prayun and Mrs Amphorn. As for the person who attacked the policemen with the stick, the person responsible was Mr Prayun. At present, the police have the suspects under arrest for further handling of the case.

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THAILAND

DRUG EDUCATION PROGRAM PLANNED

Bangkok SIAM RAT in Thai 9 Dec 80 p 3

[Article: "Drug Education Has Been Increased and Plans to Inform Everyone Have Been Made"]

[Text] The Ministry of Education has formulated a plan to inform the various groups of people about the drug problem.

Dr Bunsom Martin, the undersecretary of the Ministry of Education, has revealed that at a conference of the subcommittee on suppressing and publicizing narcotics addiction among the students that was held last week, the subcommittee formulated a plan to inform all people about the drug problem. The Ministry of Education will make plans and formulate measures to reach the various groups.

These groups include the teachers, instructors, parents, various leaders such as labor leaders and the leaders of those living in the slums and other groups.

The undersecretary of the Ministry of Education stated that, at present, this plan has been completed and it has been submitted to the Narcotics Suppression Board.

Dr Bunsom stated that concerning the problem of youth addiction, it is not the policy of the Ministry of Education to expell such students from school. Instead, they are suspended so that they can receive treatment and then return to school.

The undersecretary of the Ministry of Education also stated that, at present, the ministry has arranged teacher seminars at various schools in order to generate understanding about the problem of young addicts so that the teachers can use what they learn to solve the problem at their own schools. Last year, more than 500 such seminars were held.

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THAILAND

HONG KONG HEROIN TRAFFICKERS SEIZED

Bangkok DAO SIAM in Thai 1 Dec 80 pp 1, 2

[Article: "Three Hong Kong Women Have Been Arrested. One Pretended to Be Pregnant and Strapped Heroin Around Her Waist. They Were Members of an International Gang"]

[Text] Three young women who were members of an international heroin gang were arrested at Don Muang Airport while carrying heroin valued at 120 million baht. They were about to board an airplane for Amsterdam. Their clever plan was to have two of them carry the heroin stuffed inside some salty fish. The third woman was to pretend that she was pregnant and carry the heroin in a stocking strapped around her waist. They were unwilling to name their leader and admitted only that they were taking the heroin to sell it. They revealed that they wrapped the heroin in tin foil, placed it in women's stockings and then placed these inside the fish in order to conceal the smell. They had made many trips.

The clever actions of this international heroin gang were learned of through the investigations by officials who had received cooperation from a Hong Kong narcotics suppression unit of the International Police. They told [our officials] that an international heroin gang had sent female carriers to transport heroin out of the country to Europe by air. They requested that our officials be on the lookout and make searches. Thus, the Don Muang customs officials at the exit gates carefully searched all outward bound Thai and foreign passengers. At 2115 hours on 29 November, officials encountered three Hong Kong women, who were later learned to be Mrs Wendy Swee Dit Wee, age 21, Mrs Laoli Dikkam, age 31, and Mrs Wee See Tang, age 43, carrying suitcases. The women acted suspicious when they gave their suitcases to the officials for inspection. In particular, Mrs Wendy, who pretended to be pregnant, was wearing a dress that was much too large. The officials asked to inspect their documents and baggage.

They found five large salty fish in the handbags of Mrs Laoli and Mrs Wee See Tang. Cleverly hidden inside the stomach of the fish was gray No 3 heroin packed in tin foil and wrapped in a gray woman's stocking. The fish were sewn up neatly. As for Mrs Wendy, the

officials removed her clothing and discovered that she was not pregnant but had tried to use a clever trick. She had two bags of heroin strapped carefully to her stomach. The women were taken for investigation and the heroin was weighed. The heroin weighed almost 6 kilograms and had a value of 1.2 million baht in Thailand. The value abroad, in Europe in particular, was 120 million baht.

From the investigation, it was learned that the three women were going to travel to Amsterdam in the Netherlands on Thai Airways Flight T.G. 940 in order to transport the heroin and sell it. They had made contact and purchased the heroin from a major dealer in Bangkok approximately 1 week before. They had stayed at the Narai and Troccadero hotels, posing as tourists. After obtaining the heroin, they bought the salty fish, cut open the fish, stuffed the heroin inside the fish and then neatly sewed up the fish. They did this because salty fish can satisfactorily cover the smell of heroin. All three heroin traffickers confessed that they were taking the heroin to sell it because of its high price. But they did not reveal the names of the major dealers or leaders of the gang. The officials turned them over to police officials at Section 2, Police Precinct 7P, Crime Suppression Division, for further handling of the case. As for this gang, officials arrested other members who had acted similarly around the middle of November.

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THAILAND

FOUR ALLEGED FPL MEMBERS ARRESTED WITH HEROIN

Bangkok NATION REVIEW in English 24 Dec 80 p 1

[Text]

FOUR men claiming to be members of the Free People's League of Thailand were arrested yesterday with 2,105 grammes of No 4 heroin, police said.

The drugs were found in six paper bags in a Datsun sedan in which the four were riding in.

They were Thammarat Kaewmanorom, 31, Apichart Mahawong, 28, Somnuek Leetang, 29, who all claimed to carry the sub-lieutenant's rank, and Somwang Srakrom, 31, who said he was a police sub-lieutenant.

Two of the four staged an aborted escape attempt when police searched the car. They were however recaptured soon afterwards.

Police said the drug haul could have been

sold for 500,000 baht in the local black market.

They said they were checking into the suspects' claim that they are members of the anti-Communist Free People's League.



The four suspects, from left, Somwang, Somnuek, Apichart and Thammarat with the six bags of heroin

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THAILAND

DRUG ARRESTS NET 3.5 KG OF HEROIN

Bangkok NATION REVIEW in English 24 Dec 80 p 1

[Text]

NARCOTICS suppression policemen yesterday arrested five men, including a former kamnan, and confiscated 3.5 kilogrammes of high-grade heroin at a car park and in a house in Bangkok Metropolis.

The drugs seizure — the first this year — was the effort of over two months of investigation by the Narcotics Suppression Centre police.

A police detail was yesterday posted to a Paholyothin parking lot where, according to an investigation report, a group of narcotic traffickers was supposed to deliver a drug consignment to a potential buyer.

After about four hours of waiting, a Mitsubishi pick-up truck with two men aboard rolled into the parking lot at about 3.45 p.m. A big brown paper box was seen on the vehicle.

The policemen then swooped in on the pick-up truck and demanded a search. Ten packages of heroin, each weighing 350 grammes, were found in the paper box.

The two men, identified as Praphan Sukaram, 28, a former kamnan of Ban Don Chaem in Kanchanaburi's Tha Maka District and Bamrung Pakdee, 22, of Tha Maka District, were taken into police custody.

During interrogation, Praphan reportedly said he received the heroin from a Chinese Haw and another two men from Chiang Rai at a house in Thanin housing estate off Vibhavadi Rangsit Highway, Bangkokten District.



Police Maj-Gen Pao Sarasin talks to the five suspects who were arrested on Thursday on charges of heroin possession with intent to sell; 3.5 kg of heroin was seized.

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THAILAND

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GOLDEN TRIANGLE OPIUM--The heads of the narcotics suppression units in Asia and Europe expressed concern over the fact that the Golden Triangle area will produce up to 600 tons of opium next year. This was revealed by the Office of the Narcotics Control Board (ONCB) in discussing the results of a conference of the heads of the narcotics suppression units in Asia and Europe. The conference was held at the end of last month in Chiang Mai Province and in attendance were representatives from 21 countries, the United Nations and the International Police Organization. As for the conference, things can be summarized as follows: Because of the drought for the past 2-3 years, less poppy has been grown and the serious suppression efforts have reduced the amount of opium coming out of the Golden Triangle area. The heroin that has been distributed in Europe comes mostly from countries in the Middle East rather than from Asian countries, particularly No 3 and No 4 heroin. However, concerning next year's harvest season, the conference stated that opium yields in the Golden Triangle are expected to reach as high as 600 tons of opium and this is very worrisome. Therefore, there has been a call for closer and more genuine cooperation in order to reduce narcotic requirements, from the standpoint of both suppression and treatment. [Text] [Bangkok DAO SIAM in Thai 9 Dec 80 pp 3, 14] 11943

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COSTA RICA

BRIEFS

RURAL GUARDS HINDER AGENTS--Officials of the Crime Prevention Unit [Unidad Preventiva del Delito--UPD] and of the Public Security Ministry's narcotics department are very angry over the rural guards' actions in San Ramon, Naranjo and Palmares. It is impossible to work in any of these three cities or to clean up the antisocials there because the rural guards hinder the activities of the UPD and narcotics officials. This past weekend, under orders of Public Security Minister Carlos Arguedas le Franc, UPD and narcotics officials headed for Naranjo to arrest several antisocials. The rural policemen, however, did not let them carry out their activities and even tipped off the hoodlums. As a result, none of them could be arrested. [Text] [PA261958 San Jose Radio Reloj in Spanish 1730 GMT 26 Jan 81]

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MEXICO

TRAFFICKER'S SUSPICIOUS JAIL ESCAPE REPORTED

Prison Guards Implicated

Nuevo Laredo EL DIARIO DE NUEVO LAREDO in Spanish 8 Dec 80 Sec B p 3

[Text] A "mysterious escape" through the main door of the La Loma prison was made at dawn today by the federal prisoner, Guillermo Gonzalez Velarde, aged 30, who was serving a sentence for crimes against health.

In addition to the suspicious nature of this individual's escape, the extremely childish account given by the two guards, Arturo Garza Vargas, alias "El Mariachi," and Guadalupe Arteaga Lopez, is by no means believable; because this incident took place at 0000 hours and, according to regulations, no one could pass the threshold of that prison except an inmate accompanied by guards at that time.

According to the account and the official report of this escape made by the deputy warden of the prison, Raul Luna Almanza, the person responsible for the entrance to the prison is Guadalupe Ortega Lopez, who opened that door allowing the trafficker to flee.

How the Incident Occurred

The report that was prepared states that, about 1700 hours on Saturday, Guillermo Gonzalez Velarde received a visit from his brother, Cuauhtemoc, who was to be denied entry, but he identified himself as a security police agent, and was allowed to remain in the prison.

Oddly enough, this individual remained with his brother until 2400 hours, when he asked the guard in the corridor, Arturo Garza Vargas, to be let out, because the "visit" was over.

Guadalupe said that since the prisoner, referring to Guillermo, had a beard 10 minutes before 2400 hours, and when the two brothers departed neither one of them had a beard, he opened the prison door and allowed them to leave.

The individual in charge of the door said that he was not surprised and, in 10 minutes, went to Guillermo's cell and noticed that the latter was not there, whereupon he immediately notified the deputy warden, Raul Luna Almanza; but both individuals had escaped.

The Municipal Police, Federal Judicial Police and other forces were advised to block highways and exits, but it proved useless. The subjects used a tan-colored wooden station wagon to make their escape.

Guillermo Gonzalez, aged 27 [sic], has a residence in Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, as well as in Mazatlan and Culiacan, and has a trial pending in the second district court. He entered prison on 13 June 1979, and was released on 18 July of the same year.

He was later captured, when he was wanted by the second district judge in this town, in connection with trial 93-979, for crimes against health; and was also involved in trial 52-978, in Mazatlan, and trial 150-974, in Monterrey.

This information will be turned over to the agency of the Federal Public Ministry, according to warden Tomas Pinones, and J. Guadalupe Ortega and Arturo Garza will be placed at the disposal of the authorities.

Prison Head Bailed

Nuevo Laredo EL DIARIO DE NUEVO LAREDO in Spanish 13 Dec 80 Sec B p 1

[Text] Yesterday afternoon, the former director of the Social Rehabilitation Center, Tomas Pinones Mancillas, was about to be released on bail, for which bail of 100,000 pesos was set.

Shortly before noon yesterday, Pinones Mancillas and the four guards implicated in the escape of the dangerous drug trafficker Guillermo Gonzalez Velarde (alias "Memo") were taken to the third district court to make their statements and respond to the charges brought against them by the federal prosecutor's office.

The former director of the municipal prison, as well as Guadalupe Ortega, Arturo Garza, Juan Raul Luna Almanza and Feliciano Rodriguez, confirmed the statements that they had made to the agency of the Federal Public Ministry.

Their negligence caused the escape of Gonzalez Velarde, which took place on Sunday night.

While bail for Pinones Mancillas was set at 100,000 pesos, the amount for each of the others to be granted conditional release was 50,000 pesos.

As of yesterday, it was reported that Pinones Mancillas was the only one in a position to leave, for which purpose he paid the bail set for him.

The Federal Judicial Police conducted a detailed investigation of the incidents surrounding the escape of Guillermo Gonzalez Velarde, who was subject to trial in the second district court for crimes against health.

As a result of the probe, both the then director of the prison and the four guards were found to have been seriously negligent, and were arrested and subsequently the pertinent preliminary penal investigation was made of them for the crime of prisoner escape.



This is the drug trafficker Guillermo Gonzalez Velarde, who escaped the La Loma prison through the main door at dawn today.

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MEXICO

TRAFFICKER AIDED BY GUARD MAKES THIRD ESCAPE

Ciudad Juarez EL FRONTERIZO in Spanish 10 Dec 80 p 13

[Text] Up until today, the police have had no clue that would enable them to recapture the trafficker Felipe Jorquera Lugo and the guard who helped him to escape from the Social Rehabilitation Center.

This is the third time that Jorquera Lugo has succeeded in escaping, because his first escape took place when he was receiving treatment for an ailment at the General Hospital.

On the second occasion, with the complicity of several employees of the municipal prison, he managed to escape from the prison in a surprising manner; because two individuals dressed as patrols and with a forged official note from the second district court took him out in a car which had been deliberately painted with the colors and insignia of a police patrol car.

In the escape the day before yesterday, Jorquera Lugo was aided by the guard Rosario Lopez Valles, aged 37, and with 6 years of service. The aforementioned guard took his 1970 Ford car to have a mechanical defect fixed in the CERESO [Social Rehabilitation Center] shops last Saturday.

And it was at 2000 hours the day before yesterday that Jorquera Lugo, in complicity with the guard, escaped from the prison, hiding in the trunk of Lopez Valles' vehicle.

At the aforementioned time, the guard asked his working companion to open the door leading to the yard where the CERESO employees park their vehicles, telling him to search the front part of the car, since he would search the trunk.

It was precisely in that part of the car that Jorquera Lugo was hiding. Before 2000 hours he had been seen walking around the shops and, taking advantage of the carelessness of the employees, he locked himself in the trunk, so that his accomplice might later take him out of the prison.

At 2300 hours the day before yesterday, the prison authorities learned about the escape of Jorquera Lugo, because that was when the final rollcall of inmates was taken.

Jorquera Lugo entered prison for the first time on 10 July 1976, accused of crimes against health, and he escaped for the first time in 1977, when he was taken to the general hospital to be treated for a physical ailment. He was recaptured the following year in the city of Guadalajara and, 15 days later, was admitted again to the prison from which he made his escape the day before yesterday. Thus far, there has been no information forthcoming as to his whereabouts.

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MEXICO

RESULTS OF ANTIDRUG CAMPAIGN IN ZONE 006 REPORTED

Culiacan EL SOL DE SINALOA in Spanish 8 Dec 80 p 7

[Text] Excellent results were accrued by the activities carried out by members of the Office of the Attorney General of the Republic who, backed by the Mexican Army, succeeded during November in capturing 76 persons engaged in activities associated with drug trafficking in Zone 006 of the permanent campaign against drug trafficking.

This comment was made by the coordinator, Hector Aviles Castillo, who told EL SOL DE SINALOA that, last month, seizures were made of 378 kilograms of marihuana, 5 kilograms and 931 grams of seed of the same grass, and 905 grams of poppy seed.

The coordinator noted that 112 grams of opium gum were seized, as well as 1 kilogram of heroin; adding that the captives had in their possession 11 long-barreled weapons and the same number of short-barreled ones, with a total of 1,188 useful rounds of ammunition of various calibers, all of which was sent to the agency of the Federal Public Ministry as evidence against the presumably guilty individuals.

On this occasion four laboratories for processing opium gum were discovered, and all their implements were seized, along with 12 vehicles that the accused had used in crimes against health, in the various degrees, according to Aviles Castillo.

The coordinator of Zone 006 said that, insofar as the activities to destroy the plantations were concerned, 1,017 poppy plantations covering an area of 267,387 square meters were destroyed mechanically, as were nine marihuana plantations covering 1,380 square meters, and two mixed ones, covering 1,300 square meters.

Destroyed manually were 1,600 poppy plantations covering 120,155 square meters, and 31 marihuana plantations covering a total of 8,459 square meters; activities which were carried out jointly by forces from the Office of the Attorney General of the Republic and the Mexican Army.

He told this morning newspaper that the activities are being intensified, owing to the diversification being made by those who plant drugs, attempting in this way to confuse those of us who are striving to prevent their cultivation and harvesting.

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MEXICO

ARMY ANTIDRUG OPERATIONS IN NINTH ZONE DESCRIBED

Culiacan EL SOL DE SINALOA in Spanish 11 Dec 80 pp 1, 2

[Text] Taking advantage of the fact that winter maneuvers must be held to test the training of all the troops attached to the territorial command of the Ninth Military Zone, action is being taken against the planting, cultivation and harvesting of drugs and also in compliance with the Federal Law on Arms and Explosives.

These drills are taking place in the municipality of San Ignacio with the members of the Fourth, Eighth and 31st Battalions of the 18th Cavalry Regiment, who are participating directly in the program known as "Plan Canador" (cannabis and poppies) established by the National Defense Secretariat throughout the entire country, the main purpose of which is to destroy all the plantations that exist on national territory containing plants which produce drugs or substances used as stimulants.

This information was supplied to EL SOL DE SINALOA by the commander of the Ninth Military Zone, Brig Gen Javier Vezquez Felix, upon being interviewed in his offices. He remarked that, according to regulations, there must be an inspection of the training of the troops assigned to the military zone and, in addition to meeting the objectives and specifications, they are also receiving other benefits, such as the destruction of plantations, the capture of criminal gangs and the territorial inspection of the zone (in this instance, San Ignacio), which will allow for keeping it under proper surveillance.

In commenting on the winter exercises, General Vazquez Felix said that they had proven extremely beneficial, because it has been noted to date (they began on 1 December and will end next Saturday, 13 December) that all the training given to the troops has been excellent, and their assimilation has also been observed, since all the troops have shown this in these mock battles that are taking place.

Finally, he explained that engaging in this activity enables all members of the Army to be in optimal condition, in the event that their services are required for intervention.

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MEXICO

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HEROIN TRAFFICKER RELEASED--On Tuesday morning, the drug trafficker Lorenzo Torres Solis, alias "El Canario," who had been incarcerated since 13 October 1976, obtained his freedom and left the La Loma prison. Torres Solis was captured by the Federal Judicial Police early in October of that year, after the arrest of several individuals from whom several kilograms of heroin were seized. Upon being interrogated, those individuals said that the owner of the "powder" was "El Pajaro," who was paying them to guard the drugs. Subsequently, he was found guilty in trial 229-976, owing to the fact that another moderate amount of heroin was confiscated from the cell that he occupied at La Loma. Trials 22 and 229 of 1976 were added, and in them the third district judge imposed on "El Pajaro" a jail sentence of 6 years for his guilt in committing crimes against health. The accused filed an appeal for direct protection with the Supreme Court of Justice of the Nation, which gave him protection in one of the degrees, ordering the judge in the case to restore the proceedings and issue a new verdict. Finally, he was sentenced to 6 years in jail and required to pay a fine of 10,000 pesos. [Text] [Nuevo Laredo EL MANANA in Spanish 11 Dec 80 Sec B p 7] 2909

THAI HEROIN SEIZED--Mexico City, 8 December (EXCELSIOR)--The Office of the Attorney General of the Republic confiscated over 92 million pesos' worth of pure heroin from Thailand in this city, and two Thai nationals who admitted that they were taking the drugs to Las Vegas were captured. The Thai were caught in a luxury hotel on Paseo de la Reforma, where they had concealed the heroin in suitcases. Comdr Florentino Ventura Gutierrez' special group opened the investigation when it was learned that the two drug traffickers had arrived. They began the probe at the Mexico City international airport, and found from the passenger lists that two Thai had arrived in Mexico from Paris. With that information, they started the search, and caught them with the drugs in a luxury hotel. The captives revealed that they had procured the drugs in Thailand, flying from there to Paris, and subsequently to Mexico. They were later to go to Las Vegas, where they had previously sold large shipments of heroin. The two Thai, whose names were not disclosed, were attempting to open a new route for the drug traffic leading to the United States. According to the report from the Attorney General's Office, the heroin was 97 percent pure, and its weight could have been multiplied as many as six times. The drug traffickers were caught with 1.5 kilograms of the drug which, when processed, could be converted into as many as 7 kilograms. It was expected that the two Thai would be turned over to a federal judge within the next few hours. [Text] [H. Matamoros EL BRAVO in Spanish 9 Dec 80 p 12] 2909

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PERU

BRIEFS

COCAINE TRADE DISTORTS EXCHANGE RATE--According to a report recently released by the Bartolome de las Casas Center of Andean Rural Studies of Cusco, Peruvian cocaine trade represents 25 percent of the country's overall exports. In 1980 alone this trade amounted to \$5 billion. The report pointed out that the influx of foreign currency from the illegal sale of the drug, coming into the country without any control by financial organizations or the Central Reserve Bank, distorts the exchange rate of the Peruvian sol by sharply increasing the amount of foreign currency on the Peruvian market. [Text] [PY231544 Lima Radio America in Spanish 1130 GMT 23 Jan 81]

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IRAN

SMUGGLERS APPREHENDED, DRUGS SEIZED

Tehran TEHRAN TIMES in English 11 Jan 81 p 2

[Text] Tehran, Jan. 10 (Parsz)--The Strike Group of the Mashad Islamic Revolutionary Committee has seized in the past month the following smuggled contraband:

Opium: 123 Kilograms

Heroin: 28 Kilograms

Arms: 18 pieces and 1,227 bullets, three grenades,

as well as one anti-bullet vest and two binoculars.

Meanwhile, 3,206,600 rials in cash were offered to the Revolutionary Guards by the smugglers as intended bribes, however the amount was attached to the file as evidence and has been handed over to the Revolutionary Guards together with the smugglers.

Meanwhile, 75 Kilograms of heroin were seized from 10 drug peddlers in the Tayebad border area, near Mashad (Iran-Afghanistan border) after a 45-day search and patrol operation of the officers of the Anti-Narcotics Campaign forces in which the bandits were arrested, it was reported yesterday.

In the course of an armed clash between the Revolutionary Guards of the Mashad Islamic Revolutionary Committee Strike Group and a group of professional Iranian and Afghani smugglers at Tayebad border, 20 kilograms of pure heroin were seized from the smugglers, who was the main owner of the heroin haul, was killed and another one was wounded. The other members of the group who were armed with Klashinkov M-1 and Berne guns escaped in the darkness.

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IRAN

TREATMENT OF ADDICTED CHILDREN DESCRIBED

Tehran TEHRAN TIMES in English 31 Dec 80 p 1

[Text]

TEHRAN — A total of 3,155 children under the age of six were hospitalized last year for treatment of narcotics addiction, disclosed Dr. Kiurmas Nasserri yesterday.

Pars reported that at a Drug Addiction Seminar which opened yesterday at the Imam Khomeini Medical Complex, Dr. Nasserri spoke about the state of drug addiction in Iran.

He stated that, at present, dosage coupons for 160,067 narcotics addicts have been issued, 73,344 of which were for persons over 60 years of age.

Dr. Mohammad Hossain Farjad discussed the social causes of addiction, among which he named family problems, poverty, easy access to drugs, unemployment or overwork, and war.

He pointed out two preventive factors to addiction — culture and religion — which luckily exist in Iran.

Dr. Farzad concluded by describing addiction as a disease and said that the cure must be found in the destruction of its causes.

After a short break Dr. Da-woodian spoke about the psychological effects of addiction, followed by Dr. Yaghube Aynchee and Dr. Mohsen Daneshalah, speaking about drugs of natural origin and the pharmacological effects of addiction.

In the opening session Dr. Mehdi Azar explained the aims of the seminar which will last two days and is sponsored by the Physiology and Pharmacology Committees with the help of the Psychology Committee.

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IRAN

BRIEFS

CULTIVATION OF OPIUM POPPY BANNED--The revolution prosecutors of Firuzabad announced today that the cultivation of opium poppy has been banned in Firuzabad. Cultivators will be considered counterrevolutionaries and will be punished according to the law. According to the announcement, cultivators have been given a 1-month ultimatum, beginning today, to destroy, either personally or through informing the village council or gendarmerie station, all opium poppy fields. The announcement stressed if anyone is in the possession of opium poppy after one month he will be severely punished. According to the announcement the leader of the village council and gendarmerie station will undertake the necessary actions to insure compliance with this order, since he will be liable for prosecution at the end of the period should opium poppy fields be discovered or should his neglect of said cultivation be proved. People and tribes are requested to make every effort in uprooting this destructive bringer of misfortune. [Text] [GF212010 Shiraz Domestic Service in Persian 1500 GMT 21 Jan 81]

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ISRAEL

BRIEFS

HEROIN SEIZED--The police have seized 44 doses of heroin worth thousands of Israeli shekels in the Hatiqva neighborhood in Tel Aviv. A man and two girls were picked up for interrogation. The man was caught in the possession of the heroin doses as well as Israeli and foreign currency believed to be his drug dealing profits. [Tel Aviv ITIM in Hebrew 1710 GMT 27 Jan 81 TA]

HEROIN, HASHISH IN GAZA--Sixteen inhabitants of Gaza have been arrested on charges of possessing and trading in drugs. Police and IDF soldiers, in a joint operation, raided the houses of the suspects and discovered about 400 grams of heroin as well as small quantities of hashish. The suspects have been apprehended. [Text] [NC250846 Jerusalem Domestic Service in Hebrew 0800 GMT 25 Jan 81]

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UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

NARCOTICS TRAFFIC, DRUG CONTROL IN UAE

Sharjah AL-KHALIJ in Arabic 14 Dec 80 p 5

[Interview with Narcotics Bureau Chief conducted by Rafif al-Ghadiri']

[Text] On my God! Why are those people doing this to themselves? This was the comment of a charitable lady who had come to one of the drug addict clinics in New Jersey to make a donation. In fact, one is puzzled and wonders about those people who choose torture and death voluntarily. They had chosen this path, not because of a sacred issue or a high principal which they wish to follow, but merely for the sake of torturing and destroying their own bodies and humanity.

This is the tragedy of millions of addicts and is considered the fourth catastrophe of the human race--following poverty, epidemics and war.

Many have been astounded by the number of drug-related incidents in the Emirates, 70 percent of which can be attributed to pushers and users who come from West and South Asia.

Yet this is no surprise to narcotics officers in Dubai where not a single day passes without the apprehension of a pusher or addict.

First lieutenant Khalid al-'Ali, Bureau Chief commented, "This situation is due to the presence of great numbers of foreigners, who have come from countries where narcotics trade is spread in spite of the efforts of their governments to fight it." He added, "The exposure of so many drug-related incidents in Dubai can be attributed to the activity of the narcotics office which works day and night to eradicate this sick and dangerous phenomenon. We make every effort to publish all narcotic cases with the goal of warning the public and frightening the criminals. We have succeeded in ridding the city of drugs to a great extent."

Bleeding Results From Lack of Opium

What about the stories of pushers and addicts who were arrested? Lt Khalid tells the story of the Bahranini youth (G.M.A) who was arrested sometime ago while he was trying to sell 25 grams of hashish. Khalid said, "We found in his home 360 gm of hashish, 15 gm of opium and 8 tablets of "Mendrax." Khalid continued, "G.M. has been an addict for 5 years during which time he used most types of drugs. Forty-eight hours after his arrest we found him to be in very bad condition, and we could not continue the investigation. He displayed a nervous disorder and began bleeding as a result of not having drugs during the detention period. We were forced to take him to the hospital for treatment."

Statistical Findings

The statistics compiled between January and September this year by the Narcotics Bureau of the Dubai police indicate that Pakistanis had the highest number of arrests for peddling or possession of drugs. These included 22 for peddling and 18 for possession of drugs. The Indians had the second highest number with seven arrested for peddling and four for possession. Sri Lankans, Omani, Bahrainis and citizens of the UAE followed in that order. First lieutenant Khalid explained the statistics. He said, "We arrested 96 people on drug charges between the first of January and the end of October last year. The total weight of the drugs seized during that period was nearly 209 kg."

"About 139 kg hashish, 9 kg opium, 30 gm morphine, 64 kg Qat, 450 mg marijuana and 52 gm Cannabis plant were seized," Lt Khalid added.

He continued saying, "The chemical drugs confiscated totaled 358 tablets of strong Valium and Mendrax." "Of the 69 cases recorded during the period, 31 were for peddling and 38 for possession and abuse," Lt Khalid concluded.

[Question] What about the biggest drug case for this year?

Lt Khalid answered, "It is the case which is still pending judgment in Sharjah court before it is referred to us to complete the investigation and submit it to the Dubai court. The case involves 252 kg of narcotics which were seized in the possession of Muhammad Yamini, a Pakistani, and Haji Muhammad 'Ali Saddiqi, an Iranian, last March when they were caught with 52 kg in Shandagah, Dubai, and 200 kg in Sharjah." Khalid added, "Last year we were able on December 2, 1979 to seize 94 kg of hashish which was in the possession of Imam Bakhish Bin Bakhish Musa al-Balushi, a Pakistani national who carries Omani citizenship. In addition, there is the case of the Indian Krishna Jinaba Jujudi and Francis Jesse Kruzer who were seized on the third of last June with 3 kg hashish in their possession."

Khalid continued saying, "In fact, we are awaiting the enactment of the new narcotics law known as the dangerous drugs law since the old law which was issued by the Supreme Council of Rulers in 1971, is no longer adequate to meet the present situation of narcotic cases." Khalid exclaimed, "Could you imagine that in the case of the drug pushers Krishna and Francis the convicted men were sentenced to only 3 years in prison!"

"We need to be more stern and firm in dealing with drug pushers. They are more damaging to the society than an epidemic and more dangerous than a disaster since they destroy the spirit of a man," Khalid added.

The head of Narcotic Bureau said, "I have recently read an article in a newspaper which stated that a number of hippies in Britain, who are known as the most addicted group in the European society have requested that they be allowed to establish and license a society of their own so that they may practice their rituals without any interference from the authorities." He added, "It is surprising that the kingdom of Nepal is the only country in the world which permits drug use free from controls and restrictions. It is a place considered by addicts as their peaceful paradise. They travel to Nepal on long "trips" through "hits" of hashish and "snuffs" of opium.

Interpol Warning

A recent report of the narcotics bureau of Interpol in Paris expressed deep concern about the increase of the activities of drug pushers and the rise in the number of addicts in the world. A statistical report of the Bureau indicated that the percentage of addicts in Britain has doubled three times in less than 5 years. The number of addicts registered with the rehabilitation centers in London alone has reached 37,000 men and women in 1979. The report also referred to the increase of deaths among addicts due to the excessive use of strong drugs such as opium derivatives, heroin and other substances. The report described drug addiction as one of the worst byproducts of western civilization which has spread in a dreadful way throughout the western nations as a result of family disunity, loss and sexual permissiveness.

Four Categories for Four Types:

Since there are numerous types of substances which may be listed under the category of drugs, the world's narcotic bureaus classify drugs into four groups based on the effects each group has on the addict. These groups include the tranquilizers which slow down the mental alertness, the stimulants which arouse the nervous system and the hallucinogenic drugs which have a negative effect on the senses. There is another independent group, hashish. The use of small quantities of it leads to passivity of the nervous system. The use of large quantities of hashish by the addict leads to hallucinations.

The tranquilizers are: opium and its derivatives such as morphine, heroin and codeine. These are derived from plants while barbiturates are chemically processed from plants.

The stimulants are: cocoa, and amphetamines and their derivatives which are made chemically.

Also there are drugs which cause hallucinations and the destruction of the senses which are found in some plants such as "Ish El Ghourab" (crows nest) and "Majd al-Sabbah" (morning glory) seeds. Synthetic forms may also be prepared in the laboratory such as "Mythel terbetamine" (phonetic) DMT and others. Hashish is the product of a plant called Cannabis Sativa and is found in the flowers of the plant or in the resinous exudation of the flowers.

Also included in the category of narcotics are medicinal tranquilizers, sedatives and the vapours of chemicals such as petroleum, glue, ether and others.

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AUSTRIA

BRIEFS

HEROIN SMUGGLERS--Vienna police have arrested two Yugoslav citizens--45-year-old Sefki Alili and 27-year-old Mitat Sabedini--and Alili's wife, 25-year-old CSSR citizen Renata Aliliova, after discovering 16 kilos of pure heroin hidden in their BMW car. The heroin, worth 80 million schillings, had been smuggled into Austria from Turkey. Police believe that the shipment was to be delivered to buyers in the FRG and northwest Europe. The passports of the two arrested men show that they had made frequent trips between Turkey and the Benelux countries. [AU212112 Vienna WIENER ZEITUNG in German 17 Jan 80 p 5]

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ICELAND

BRIEFS

PCP-TRAFFICKING CASE--An investigation of an extensive narcotics case that began in September and conducted by the Narcotics Squad in Reykjavik, is almost finished. The investigation disclosed the import and distribution of a new and extremely dangerous type of drug, PCP or [Angel Dust] "englaryk" as it has been called in Icelandic. This is a hallucinating drug which has been compared with LSD and had become popular among drug users in the United States recently. According to information received from Gudmundur Gigja, representative of the narcotics squad, about 160 people were suspected in this case. Most of those have been questioned and about 10 people were in custody for some time during the investigation. The import of 10 kilos of hashish, was disclosed, as well as about 100 grams of PCP and some lesser quantity of cocaine and LSD. Not enough quantity of PCP was confiscated to confirm through chemical analysis that it was PCP. Money and narcotics worth about 20 million kroner were confiscated. As mentioned before, angel dust is a hallucinating drug. If it is taken in certain doses, its effects are similar as the effects of LSD. The user hallucinates; has fits of rage and often has no idea of what he is doing. Recently the use of this drug has increased greatly among users in the United States and in other countries, for example in Sweden, which has been of great concern. [Text] [Reykjavik MORGUNBLADID in Icelandic 20 Dec 80 p 48] 9583

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NORWAY

POLICE COMMISSIONER: COUNTRY BECOMING DRUGS TRANSIT CENTER

Oslo ARBEIDERBLADET in Norwegian 11 Dec 80 p 1]

[Article: "Via Norway To Sweden: Increased Narcotics Smuggling"]

[Text] "Everything indicates that Norway is becoming an increasingly important transit country for narcotics smuggling to Sweden. So says Criminal Commissioner Nyberg of the narcotics section of the Stockholm police to ARBEIDERBLADET.

Recently, Norwegian and Swedish police seized 300 grams of heroin that was to be smuggled to Sweden via Kongsvinger. This is one of the largest amounts of heroin ever seized in Norway.

Neither the Norwegian nor the Swedish police have any illusions about this being a one-time affair. Everything indicates that the record seizure, 1.2 kilograms, made in Oslo about a month ago, was "addressed" to Sweden.

"Tips from the drug underworld in Stockholm indicate the same: The narcotics routes from the continent to Sweden go more and more often via Norway. Here the risk of arrest is smaller," says the criminal commissioner.

Greek Courier

The 200 gram seizure was made on 26 November, but was announced only yesterday because of the investigation. A Greek courier carried the drug from Brussels to Oslo. From here he took a train to Kongsvinger to turn it over to a Swedish woman, 41 years of age. She, however, had for a long time been under investigation by the Swedish narcotics police. She was shadowed to the meeting place in Kongsvinger and arrested with 85,000 kroner in her baggage before the Greek turned up. When the Greek courier returned to Oslo with his task unaccomplished he was shadowed by police from both countries. He was caught with the heroin sewed into a toilet case.

Investigation on the Swedish side has led to the arrest of several other persons last week.

Headquarters

Much indicates that drug dealing in Norway is directed by several large drug league headquarters in Stockholm. A large drug case now being dealt with by

the Oslo court of assizes was operated by Americans in the Swedish capital. Some of the drugs are probably smuggled into Norway, then to Sweden, and later back to Norway, the risk being minimal.

"The long border makes reasonable control impossible," says Criminal Commissioner Nyberg, who criticizes neither customs authorities nor the police of Norway.

The size of the amounts of drugs confiscated gives some indication of the narcotics league's interest in Norway. Thus for this year the Swedish police has seized 650 grams of heroin. In Norway the figure is 1,907 kilograms this year, as against 271 grams for all of 1979.

Kongsvinger

Many things indicate that Kongsvinger is an important center in the narcotics traffic between Norway and Sweden. The Kongsvinger police district has now increased its interest in drug crimes. Three weeks ago one one was assigned the duty of dealing with narcotics on a full time basis.

"Among other things, he is to watch suspicious-looking foreigners who come to town," says Chief of Police Ivar Gronland.

For many years the Kongsvinger police has cooperated closely with their colleagues across the border. This contributed greatly to the Greek and his Swedish contact being trapped at the end of November.

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NORWAY

POLICE ARREST TURKS, NORWEGIANS; HEROIN SEIZURE

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[Article: "Large Heroin Seizure--15 Arrested"]

[Text] Twelve Turkish and three Norwegian citizens were arrested Thursday in connection with a seizure of 1.5 kilograms of heroin. The police of Tonsberg and Oslo struck at the heroin band following several weeks of investigation and an exactly planned action. The heroin is the largest amount ever seized in Norway. Its street value is estimated at between 5 and 10 million kroner.

The rolling back of the heroin league started in Tonsberg at 1400 hours on Thursday when two Norwegians received 39 grams of heroin from two Turkish citizens. These four have been jailed with no mail or visitors permitted. The Norwegians were jailed for 6 weeks and the Turks for 12 weeks. Shortly after the arrests in Tonsberg, investigators of the Oslo narcotics police detained a young Norwegian woman on a street in central Oslo. She was carrying 500 grams of heroin. Later, a little over 1 kilogram of heroin was seized in an apartment in the outskirts of Oslo. Several of the Turks were arrested in the apartment, while others were apprehended elsewhere in Oslo.

Police Inspector Arne Huuse of the Oslo narcotics section says to AFTENPOSTEN that the rolling up of the narcotics league can be seen as connected with the unmasking of a Yugoslav who was arrested about a month ago with 1 kilogram of heroin hidden in the ventilating duct of his automobile. At this time, however, Huuse does not wish to give further details of the case because of the investigation underway, but points out that the unmasking of the heroin league was the result of careful preparation, including long investigation, and with important efforts by the policemen who took part in the investigation. Police Inspector Huuse further states that the seized heroin originated in the Middle East, from where comes most of the heroin found today in the European market, and that it was probably intended for sale in the Oslo area. "Heroin smuggling is today carried on on a high, professional level, and this seizure underscores the worrisome development of a constantly increasing availability of drugs in the illegal narcotics market.

The problem is particularly grave in Oslo. In 1979, 270 grams were seized nationwide. In Oslo alone, more than 3.5 kilograms have been seized thus far this year, clearly showing how extensive narcotics sales are today," says Huuse.

- It is difficult to give an exact estimate of the value of the heroin, but the price per gram varies from 3,000 to 10,000 kroner per gram depending upon supply and demand. This quantity suffices to give approximately 15,000 heroin addicts a daily dose, said Huuse to the NTB [Norwegian Telegram Bureau.]

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NORWAY

POLICE GET EXTENSION IN LAW ALLOWING DRUGS CASE PHONE TAPS

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[Text] The provisional law allowing phone taps in connection with investigations of narcotics offences has been extended to apply until the end of 1985. This took place in the Odelsting (Lower House) yesterday, and only Stein Ørnhei of the Socialist-Left Party voted against the extension.

Stein Ørnhei said that a 5-year period is far too long and proposed instead that the law be extended until the end of 1981 only. The Socialist-Left Party opposes every attempt at making the arrangement permanent, and Stein Ørnhei said that the reason was the fear that the use of phone taps might become extended to apply to other areas.

Stein Ørnhei, moreover, said that the costs of phone taps may become too big.

Minister of Justice Oddvar Berrefjord answered that, considering this form of crime and the harm it does, especially to young people who become victims of narcotics, the costs of phone taps used in the arrest of the criminals are modest.

Jan P. Syse (Conservative Party), who is the spokesman for the group proposing the extension and who is also chairman of the judicial committee of the Storting, said that phone checks and phone taps have proved effective in fighting narcotics crimes. Jan P. Syse said that, although phone tapping constitutes a serious encroachment on the rights of the individual person, one has got to weigh this against the extremely serious types of crime with which one is here faced. In the survey of the number of cases in which the law has been applied, it is pointed out that, in all cases, the approval of the court was obtained before phone taps were started.

In 1978, phones were tapped in 15 recorded cases, and the duration of the phone tapping varied from 1 week to 6 months. In 1979, phone tapping was used in 29 recorded cases, 15 cases of which belonged under the Oslo police station. Here, the duration of the wire tapping varied from 1 week up to 3 months.

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UNITED KINGDOM

CUSTOMS INVESTIGATORS EXPECT INCREASE IN HEROIN TRAFFIC

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[Article by T. A. Sandrock]

[Text] The illicit importing of heroin into Britain is expected to increase in 1981 because of a bumper crop of opium poppies in South-East Asia, Customs investigators said yesterday.

Although cocaine has taken over from heroin in London as a "more acceptable" drug this situation could drastically change in the next 12 months, they say.

Mr Peter Cutting, Customs Chief Investigation Officer, passed on the warning after announcing that drug seizures this year had reached a record value of more than 52 million pounds.

Heroin seizures were slightly down on last year when 10,726,000 pounds' worth was intercepted. Cocaine seizures increased by 61 per cent; increased to almost 6 million pounds' worth. "Sniffing cocaine is not as socially unacceptable as injecting heroin," Mr Cutting said.

Abundant New Crop

But intelligence reports indicated that after two years of poor opium poppy crops in the "golden triangle" of South-East Asia--previously the main supply source of heroin--the current crop was abundant.

In this period the Middle Eastern countries had taken over the supplying of heroin and seizures from this source had increased markedly, with the exception of Iran.

A record number of 2,474 seizures of all types of drugs had been made and arrests rose to 1,350 this year from 1,162 in 1979. Three times as much cannabis was seized this year compared with last in herbal, resin and liquid forms and the estimated street value was 40,625,000 pounds.

There was also a disturbing increase in seizures of morphine, indicating "a new source of supply we have not yet traced."

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UNITED KINGDOM

BRIEFS

COCAINE IMPORTING CHARGE--Three men will appear at Crawley, Sussex, today, charged with illegally importing more than 6 1/2 lb of fresh cocaine, valued at over 500,000 pounds. Customs officers seized quantities of the drug at Gatwick airport on Monday when they stopped three Bolivians on their way to Amsterdam from La Paz. [Text] [London THE DAILY TELEGRAPH in English 31 Dec 80 p 1]

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