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AUSTRALIA

COURT HEARS CHARGES AGAINST 11 FOR SMUGGLING HEROIN

Sydney THE SYDNEY MORNING HERALD in English 8 May 81 p 12

[Text] A man who had already been charged with supplying heroin allegedly gave an air ticket and \$1,000 expenses to a woman who intended to return to Australia with heroin, a court heard yesterday.

Mr K. Waller, SM, was hearing charges in the Central Court of Petty Sessions against 11 people allegedly involved in conspiring to import heroin from South-East Asia.

Ten of those charged are William Andrew Conino, 44, storeman, of William Street, Granville; Patricia Louisa Smith, 41, invalid pensioner, of William Street, Granville; James Robert Copland, 34, motor dealer, of Jacaranda Drive, Georges Hall; Mary Blanch Copland, 27, of Jacaranda Drive, Georges Hall; Suzanne May Hall, 22, of Durham Street, Carlton; Terrance William Whatley, 29, labourer, of Pymont Bridge Road, Camperdown; Paul Michael O'Connor, 35, storeman, of Rawson Road, Guildford; Jeanette O'Keefe, 25, of Anglo Road, Campsie; Andrea Jean Henderson, 33, entertainer, of Durham Street, Carlton; Warren Austin Richards, 30, company director, of Edenholme Road, Abbotsford.

These people were each charged with conspiring with each other and other persons to import heroin at Sydney and elsewhere between November 1, 1980, and April 9 this year. Richards is also charged with having \$2,478 which is suspected of being stolen or unlawfully obtained.

Also in court was Dennis Walter Cox, 30, labourer, of Durham Street, Carlton, who was charged with being knowingly concerned with the importation of heroin between January 31 and April 9 this year.

It was alleged in an earlier hearing that James Copland was the principal in a conspiracy to import heroin by mail and hidden on the bodies of women.

No plea have been entered. [as published]

Mr J. Deakin, for the Crown, told the court yesterday that Andrea Henderson had been arrested at Sydney after returning from Hong Kong, and had admitted that the purpose of the trip was to buy drugs. He said she admitted that Copland had provided her with a ticket and \$1,000 for expenses, and that she intended to return to Australia with heroin.

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AUSTRALIA

CHARGES DROPPED AGAINST ONE OF SEVEN IN HEROIN HEARING

Melbourne THE AGE in English 7 May 81 p 17

[Text] All charges against a man allegedly involved in selling \$1.6 million worth of heroin were withdrawn in the Melbourne Magistrates Court yesterday.

Mr Anthony Ellis, SM, ordered that all charges against Stephen Alex Taylor, 28, of no fixed address, be withdrawn at the request of the Crown Prosecutor, Mr D. W. McLeod.

Mr McLeod produced a document signed by the Attorney-General, Mr Storey, indemnifying Mr Taylor against criminal proceedings already filed.

Objections from defence counsel were overruled by Mr Ellis.

Seven people are appearing before Mr Ellis charged with having conspired to sell and traffic a drug of addiction between 1 December 1979 and 1 December 1980.

They are Robert Maxwell McClure, 35; Cheryl Joy Cornish, 27; Donna Lee Morphett, 24; Ingreda Kornouchovs, 19; Cheryl Lee-Anne Heinrich, 24; Wayne Anthony Buttery, 21; and Mr Taylor, all of no fixed address.

The court was told that Mr Buttery and Miss Cornish had taken orders for heroin under assumed names, and delivered to customers.

John Hyatt Spendlove, 28, hairdresser, of Anchor Place, Prahran, told the court that he had "scored heroin" from two people he knew as 'Mandy' or 'Cheryl' and 'Shane.' Mr Spendlove identified Miss Cornish and Mr Buttery as the two.

Mr Spendlove said his girlfriend Maureen McManamny, 27, librarian, also of Anchor Place, Prahran, had introduced him to a woman named "Cheryl" at Fitzroy Street, St Kilda in May last year.

He and his girlfriend had regular contact with Miss Cornish and Mr Buttery to buy heroin from them. They met at the South Yarra post office, the Trak' arcade in Toorak, Windsor and Ripponlea railway stations and the corner of High Street and Williams Road in Prahran.

Mr Spendlove said they bought one "cap" of heroin at each meeting for \$50. They met about three times a week for two months. He said Prahran police had told him that if he and Miss McManamny cooperated with them they would not be charged with anything. The hearing is unfinished.

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HONG KONG

BRIEFS

DRUG ADDICTION FIGURES--The total drug addict population in Hong Kong is in the region of 40,000 to 50,000, according to the Commissioner for Narcotics, Mr Peter Lee. About 64 per cent are above 30 and fewer than four per cent are under 20. The proportion under 15 is minimal--less than 0.2 percent. There are also encouraging signs that more drug addicts are seeking treatment voluntarily. About 6,500 drug addicts visit methadone treatment centres a day. [Text] [Hong Kong SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST in English 21 Apr 81 p 18] 9070-E

DRUG SEIZURE STATISTICS--Police action against illegal gambling establishments, vice dens and drug divans resulted in the arrest and prosecution of 1,881 people last month. Police also seized 803.3 grams of heroin, 357.2 grams of opium and small quantities of morphine and cannabis and rounded up 535 people. [Excerpts] [Hong Kong SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST in English 27 April 81 p 5] 9070-F

NEW DRUG BUREAU HEAD--A policeman with expert knowledge of the workings of the international narcotics rings will soon take over the Police Narcotics Bureau. He is Chief Superintendent John Morris who served for several years as the Royal Hongkong Police representative at Interpol headquarters in Paris. In this role, Mr Morris, who is fluent in Spanish and French as well as Cantonese, gave advice to the police forces of the Western world on the underworld trade in drugs. Under his direction the strong links Hongkong police have with drugs-fighters overseas will continue to bear fruit. [Text] [Hong Kong SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST in English 27 Apr 81 p 8] 9070-E

RAW OPIUM TRAFFICKING--Two unemployed men were sent to prison for trafficking in raw opium when they were convicted by a jury in the High Court on Thursday. Mr Commissioner Jones sentenced Chan Yung-hoi (32) to prison for four years. He was convicted of trafficking in 3,568 grams of raw opium on July 25 in Kowloon, and of possession of the drug for trafficking on the same date and place. Wong Yau-leung (40) was convicted on the trafficking charge and was sent to prison for seven years. The jury took two hours to reach their verdict. [Text] [Hong Kong SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST in English 18 Apr 81 p 7] 9070-E

TRIAD BOSSES HELD--Triad Society Division detectives yesterday made a pre-dawn swoop on 23 addresses on both sides of the harbour and served summonses on 11 top officials of Hongkong's largest triad society. The 11 were summonsed to police headquarters for interrogation. Among them were the chairman, treasurer and incense master of the estimated 28,000-strong Wo Sing Wo triad society, whose

members are known to dominate areas in Western District, Shamshuipo and Tsun Wan. The triad officials were interrogated by detectives. Informed sources said that detectives found that a triad official, who claimed to be unemployed, had \$180,000 in his account. Detectives found on another official a small quantity of heroin. Ten of the 11 officials were released after questioning. The other is expected to be charged with possessing dangerous drugs. [Excerpts] [Hong Kong SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST in English 22 Apr 81 p 1] 9070-E

MORPHINE SMUGGLER SENTENCED--A hawker was sentenced to six years' imprisonment by Mr Commissioner Jones in the High Court yesterday for smuggling \$600,000 worth of dangerous drugs into Hongkong. The drugs--414.82 grams of a mixture of salts of esters of morphine--were concealed in a secret compartment in a bag carried by Mok Yiu-kau (38). Mok pleaded not guilty to a charge of possessing the dangerous drugs for unlawful trafficking. But a jury found him guilty after deliberating for 1 1/2 hours. Evidence had been given that on August 30, Mok returned from a trip to Bangkok and Kuala Lumpur. While he was waiting for a taxi outside the airport terminal, customs officers searched his bags and found the drugs in a false bottom of one of them. Mok said in his defence that he did not know of the presence of the drugs in the bag. [Excerpt] [Hong Kong SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST in English 23 Apr 81 p 15] 9070-E

MORPHINE TRAFFICKER JAILED--A ballroom manager was sentenced to seven years' imprisonment by Mr Justice Garcia in the High Court yesterday for possessing \$1 million worth of dangerous drugs for unlawful trafficking. The defendant Wong Kam-hung (30) had pleaded not guilty to possessing 2,498 grams of a mixture of salts of esters of morphine. But a jury after five minutes' deliberation returned a guilty verdict. Wong was intercepted by customs officers on November 3 in Oad Street, Kowloon, when he was about to board a taxi. He was at that time carrying a briefcase containing 106 packets of dangerous drugs. [Excerpt] [Hong Kong SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST in English 24 Apr 81 p 21] 9070-E

FOUR FACE DRUG CHARGE--Two Chinese and two Thai merchants appeared at Causeway Bay Court yesterday charged with conspiracy to traffic in about 12 kg of esters of morphine worth \$7.2 million in the retail market if converted into No 3 heroin. No pleas were taken and Mr Alex Lau adjourned the case to May 1. The four were remanded in jail custody. They are: Wong Ho-him (55), Chong Ming-sing (39), Saman Tosompak (53) and Surachat Tantisangaroon (47). It is alleged that they, on or before April 12, conspired with other people not in custody and others unknown to traffic in about 12 kg of esters of morphine. It is also alleged that Wong possessed the amount of drug in a taxi on April 12. [Excerpt] [Hong Kong SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST in English 25 Apr 81 p 7] 9070-E

DRUGS SMUGGLED FROM BANGKOK--A 33-year-old man who smuggled \$675,000 worth of dangerous drugs from Bangkok was sentenced to six years' imprisonment yesterday. Yuen Wing-man pleaded guilty before Mr Justice O'Connor in the High Court to possessing 501.64 grams of a mixture of esters of morphine for unlawful trafficking on August 30. Crown counsel Miss Jane Plumtre told the court that on August 26 customs officers saw Yuen meeting three men in a restaurant in Shamshuipo. Later that afternoon he appeared at the departure lounge of Kai Tak airport carrying a traveller's bag. On August 30 customs officers saw him walking out of the arrival hall of the airport carrying what appeared to be the similar bag. When

intercepted, he put up a struggle but was overpowered and taken to the customs investigation office. There his bag was searched and a layer of white powder was found at the bottom. Yuen had seven previous convictions, but none of them was related to drugs. Defence counsel, Miss Corinne Remedios, said in mitigation that Yuen was a mere courier and had been promised \$3,000 and certain entertainment in Bangkok. [Text] [Hong Kong SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST in English 29 Apr 81 p 17] 9070-E

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NEW ZEALAND

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HEROIN SEIZURE--Detectives have seized 15 grams of what they believe to be heroin in the biggest drug haul in Wellington for some time. The street value for heroin is \$1200 to \$1500 a gram--putting the weekend seizure at around \$22,000. Two men have been arrested. They will appear in court this week on charges related to the raid. [Excerpt] [Wellington THE EVENING POST in English 4 May 81 p 1] 9071-E

POLICE DRUG RAIDS--Quantities of cannabis, LSD, and heroin, with an assessed street value of \$70,000 were seized today by police in a series of dawn raids on 40 houses in Wellington and Manawatu. By mid-morning, 50 people had been arrested in the largest drugs operation in Wellington for many years. Today's massive operation started at 6am when 225 police swooped in Wellington, Hutt Valley, Porirua, and Manawatu. They found large quantities of cannabis and LSD and smaller amounts of heroin. The operation leader, Detective Inspector Brian Hartley of Wellington district CIB, said most of those arrested had been or would be charged with serious drug-dealing offences, including heroin, LSD, hashish, and cannabis. Most came from Wellington and will appear in the District Court tomorrow. [Excerpts] [Wellington THE EVENING POST in English 6 May 81 p 1] 9071-E

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BRAZIL

BRIEFS

LARGE MARIHUANA SHIPMENT SEIZED--The truck was apparently carrying a load of lumber, but under the two-by-fours and planks were concealed 484 kilos of marihuana, being transported from Pedro Juan Cabalero, in Paraguay, to Rio de Janeiro, for delivery to a man known as Antonio Bras. The seizure of what was considered one of the largest shipments yet discovered by the police in the interior took place on Monday night, in Tupa, when five members of another drug traffic ring were arrested. At about 1200 hours on Monday, the highway police stopped a Chevette, License No IA-5583, of Ponta Pora, for speeding. When the three occupants of the car protested, the police decided to take them in to the Tupa police station to make a statement. They finally confessed that they were making the run--as "lookouts"--for a truck carrying marihuana, which was following a few kilometers behind them on the same road. At 2200 hours, an Alfa Romeo truck from Presidente Prudente passed the highway patrol post and Egidio Santos and driver Jose de Souza Lima were arrested. Inside the truck were 484 kg of marihuana. This was the second shipment transported by Egidio and would have earned him 400,000 cruzeiros. He received 100,000 cruzeiros for the first shipment. In addition to these two men, "lookouts" Nivaldo do Oliveira Souza, Gilber Ponte Silva and Cesar Sataiva were also arrested. [Text] [Sao Paulo O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO in Portuguese 8 Apr 81 p 9] 6362

MARIHUANA PLANTS BURNED--Sao Luis--In the small village of Copa Setenta, at Km 29 on Federal Highway 222 (Santa Luzia-Acailandia), federal police confiscated 137,000 marihuana plants, growing in 37 clearings, a stock of 250 kgs put up in bags for sale, and 3.5 kgs of seed to expand the business. Five truckloads of marihuana were carried away and burned by federal agents in the furnace of a steam engine in Imperatriz. In an action taken in Acailandia in March, nine people were indicted, three of whom had been arrested in flagrante. Federal Police Superintendent Valdomiro Lawrynhuk said the agents did not arrest more growers because the "cipo" (a sort of jungle telegraph, spreading the warning of the police presence by word of mouth) still operates efficiently in the region. According to the superintendent, the investigation was conducted on foot. The agents spent 8 days in the jungle, covering almost inaccessible regions until they found the 37 clearings in a 20-hectare area. According to Lawrynhuk, who recently assumed the superintendency in this capital, despite the success of the antidrug operation, "just as soon as the marihuana is eradicated in Maranhao, more plantations are started, with new camouflage techniques. Nowadays marihuana is even stored on river bottoms, protected by plastic bags," he said, noting that the drug goes out by every route--land, water, etc.--and goes everywhere in the country and abroad, mainly to the Guyanas, whence it goes to Europe and the United States. [Text] [Sao Paulo O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO in Portuguese 8 Apr 81 p 12] 6362

STUDENT ARRESTED WITH COCAINE--Student Ivaldo Antonio Martins, aged 19, was arrested at 0930 hours yesterday on Rua Francisco de Moura, Botafogo, with a "packet" of cocaine. He was arrested by PATAMA (Tactical-Motorized Patrol) squad 520021, led by Sgt Joao Batista de Lira Filho, which took part in a "raid" by the 2d Military Police Battalion. The student was taken to the 10th Police Precinct in Botafogo, where he was booked by officer Werter Losso. Martins said he had bought the packet with money his father had given him before he left to travel in the interior. He added that he did not know the name of the person who sold him the cocaine. Martins showed signs of needle marks on his arms. [Text] [Sao Paulo O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO in Portuguese 11 Apr 81 p 12] 6362

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COLOMBIA

NORTHERN TASK FORCE SEIZES MARIHUANA ON TRAIN

Bogota EL TIEMPO in Spanish 26 Apr 81 pp 1-A, 2-A

[Article by Walter Martinez P.]

[Text] Santa Marta, 25 Apr--The Northern Task Force seized 2,500 bundles of marihuana during a bloody shoot-out while it was being transported on three railroad cars.

The narcotics squad's action was carried out this morning in the "Don Jaca" sector, by the sea, and during this operation two railroad employees were injured and seven narcotics traffickers, whose names have been withheld, were arrested. They also seized three automatic pistols, four 38-caliber revolvers, one Magnum and one carbine, in addition to three Ranger vehicles and 200,000 pesos contained in an attache case.

During the police raid Alfredo Pena Camargo and Henry Cuellar, both locomotive engineers of the railroad company, were injured. According to the information provided by Col Humberto Arbelaez, the commander of the Coastal Narcotics Group, headquartered in Santa Marta, the marihuana was transported to the site in railroad cars by railroad company employees, including those who were injured. It is not known what the point of origin was of this large shipment, which was going to be transshipped from its point of discovery on the Santa Marta coast, near the Simon Bolivar Airport. The marihuana's value was initially estimated at 300 million pesos.

The authorities said that this is the most spectacular seizure effected by the Northern Task Force, as well as the one with the highest cash value. This is the first time, in the many years that the government has been combatting narcotics traffic, that use has been made of the technique of transporting marihuana by rail to the place where it is to be transshipped for export to foreign markets, where this drug is highly prized.

Col Arbelaez told the press that the locomotive and railway cars will not be returned to the railroad company until the investigation of this unique and surprising case has been completed.

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COLOMBIA

RAILROAD EMPLOYEES INVESTIGATED AS TRAFFICKERS

Bogota EL TIEMPO in Spanish 28 Apr 81 p 8-A

[Article by Walter Martinez]

[Text] Santa Marta, 27 Apr--Col Humberto Arbelaez, commander of the Northern Task Force, announced today an investigation to determine whether there is a link between National Railroad employees and drug traffickers in this region of the country.

This officer suspects that, in addition to the two locomotive engineers implicated in the shipment of 300 million pesos worth of marihuana that were seized aboard three railroad cars last week--both of whom were injured--other employees of the staterun railroad may have served as contacts for collecting and transporting the marihuana.

Col Arbelaez revealed that in the course of the investigation already 19 persons have been arrested, including a Cuban.

The list of those arrested is as follows:

Ricardo Perez, a Cuban citizen; Manuel Blanco Salcedo, Daniel Suarez Borje, Ezequiel Salcedo, Edilberto Ortega, Antonio Cotes Riascos, Juan Ramon Amador, Manuel Julian de la Cruz, Rafael Rubiano Ibarra, Carlos Parejo, Pedro Gregorio Vargas, Martin Chuiquillo Mejia, Orlando Jose Atencio, Anacreonte Romero, Jorge Gutierrez Lozano, Jose del Carmen Barrios, Javier Eduardo Uribe, Alfredo Pena Camargo and Henry Cuellar.

The latter, along with Alfredo Pena, received bullet wounds. Both of them, as well as Juan Ramon Amador and Antonio Cotes, are railroad employees.

The police indicated that the railroad cars containing the marihuana were being pulled by locomotive number 744, which is now in the possession of the authorities investigating the case, as is also a boat in which it is assumed that the marihuana was going to be transshipped to a vessel that was to pick it up at some point along the coast of Santa Marta.

Colonel Arbelaez opened an investigation to establish the possible connection that other railroad employees may have with the owners of the marihuana, because there still is no explanation as to why the convoy left the railroad yards to take on the

marihuana and transported it to the transshipment point. It is believed that the owners of the drugs are part of a well-organized international drug traffic ring, because they operated with modern radio communication gear, automotive vehicles, automatic weapons and all the equipment necessary for this type of criminal activity.

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COLOMBIA

ACTIONS OF POLICE ANTINARCOTICS GROUP SUMMARIZED

Bogota EL ESPECTADOR in Spanish 25 Apr 81 p 20-A

[Text] The Antinarcotics Group, organized by the National Police to combat the mafia organizations operating in the country, has had significant results from its operations since the time that it began operating on 20 December of last year.

Bearing in mind that the Atlantic Coast is the area where organizations specializing in drug traffic are most active, the General Direction of the Police established the group's headquarters in the city of Santa Marta and subdivided it into seven companies, with bases in Riohacha, Maicao, Santa Marta itself and Valledupar. It also established other companies in the Western Plains, the Department of Meta, and in Leticia, the capital of Amazonas, a city which was also chosen by the mafia organizations as their center of operations.

A Series of Hits

During the few short months that it has been in operation, the specialized organization's units have conducted successful hits against organized crime and have arrested more than 200 of its members, including a good number of foreigners.

The total amount of drugs seized by the group in various parts of the country, especially along the Atlantic coast, is valued at \$638,100,000, while the number of clandestine airstrips that have been discovered and rendered useless amounts to 800; the mafia organizations operated their airplanes from these strips to transport the drugs to the United States and other countries.

Two Other Companies

Early next month two other companies of the Antinarcotics Group will go into operation in the departments of Cauca and Narino, where an increase in drug traffic has been noted, especially of coca leaves and paste, as well as of the processed alkaloid itself.

The group is composed of commissioned officers, noncommissioned officers whose service records were carefully reviewed, and who took specialized courses on drugs under the supervision of professional experts in the subject.

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COLOMBIA

BRIEFS

POLICE TRIED AS TRAFFICKERS--Bucaramanga--Members of the San Martin police station charged with complicity with drug traffickers began trial at a court martial hearing. Policemen Carlos Buitrago Roa, Jose Gabriel Malpica Lizarazo, Jose del Carmen Hernandez Calderon, Luis Alejandro Prieto and Jorge Ortiz Chavez have been brought to trial before a court martial after a long investigation. The above policemen were caught red-handed with a shipment of marihuana appraised at 2 million pesos on the police station premises in September 1980, while they were assigned to the San Martin police station, in the municipality of Rio de Oro, south of Cesar. The court martial is taking place in the office of the commander of the Santander Police Department, under the direction of Capt Luis Alvaro Laserna, commander of the F-2 in this area of the country. [By Alonso Heredia Duran] [Text] [Bogota EL TIEMPO in Spanish 5 May 81 p 9-A] 9661

MARIHUANA, WEAPONS IN SANTA MARTA--Santa Marta, 21 Apr--The Northern Task Force seized 1,200 packs of pressed marihuana in this city and in the Department of La Guajira. Three trucks with Venezuelan license plates, which were transporting 1,100 packs of marihuana were seized on the road between Valledupar and La Guajira. Six men were arrested and several weapons were confiscated. Antinarcotics Group officers seized 81 packs of marihuana which were about to be loaded on a yacht, aboard which its owners fled, in the Playa Blanca tourist sector, while another 20 packs, which apparently had been abandoned, were found at a site near Taganga. [By Walter Martinez P.] [Text] [Bogota EL TIEMPO in Spanish 22 Apr 81 p 9-A] 9661

MARIHUANA BURNED IN LA GUAJIRA--One hundred tons of marihuana of various qualities, which on the U.S. market would have been valued at approximately \$20 million, were burned yesterday in La Guajira by units of the police in the presence of the new director of police, Gen Francisco Jose Naranjo and of the director of the Antinarcotics Group, Col Reinaldo Martinez Diaz. The marihuana was transported in pressed form to strategic spots along the Riohacha-El Brasil and Maicao-Uribia roads, where the blocks were destroyed with machetes and set on fire with airplane fuel. These operations were ordered by judges in La Guajira. During the 4 months that the police have been combatting drug traffic in La Guajira, the Antinarcotics Group has been able to seize a total of 435,000 kilos (435 tons) of marihuana, 500 kilos of methaqualone (for making Jumbo pills) and 2,227,000 Jumbo pills ready for shipment to the U.S. In addition 236 persons have been arrested and 38 vehicles, 125 weapons and 3,400 rounds of ammunition of varying calibers have been seized during the same period. [Text] [Bogota EL ESPECTADOR in Spanish 23 Apr 81 p 11-A] 9661

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MEXICO

'OPERATION CONDOR' RESULTS FOR MARCH-APRIL CITED

Culiacan EL SOL DE SINALOA in Spanish 15 Apr 81 pp 1, 3

[Text] "We do not have the official report yet concerning the withdrawal of task force 'Operation Condor' from this state, but the Office of the Attorney General of Justice of the Republic will continue to battle the drug traffic through the coordinating entities that are established in the country."

This statement was made by Hector Aviles Castillo, coordinator for Zone 006 of the permanent campaign against drug trafficking, who assured this morning paper that the battle being waged by the entity to prevent the proliferation of these activities would continue relentlessly on its part.

Attesting to all the foregoing are the results accrued during March and thus far in April, a period wherein 140 persons connected in some way with the planting, cultivation, harvesting, production or distribution of drugs were captured.

One ton, 312,930 kilograms of marihuana, was seized, as were 1 kilogram of seed of that grass, 989 grams of poppy seed, 39 grams of opium gum, 242 grams of heroin and a total of 9,929 toxic pills. As for the weapons that were confiscated, Aviles Castillo said that six long-barreled and eight short-barreled weapons were seized, as well as 1,613 bullets of different calibers.

Two clandestine laboratories and processors of opium gum were destroyed, and 11 vehicles and one small plane, all used in some way for marketing drugs, were seized.

The Zone 006 coordinator also mentioned the destruction of plantations, reporting that 2,287 poppy plantations covering an area of 519,080 square meters were destroyed by fumigation, while 40 marihuana plantations on an area of 23,880 square meters were razed, as were 11 mixed plantations over an area of 11,700 square meters.

The manual destruction included 4,341 poppy plantations on an area of 3,180,737 square meters, and 99 marihuana plantations on an area of 92,240 square meters; while the mixed plantations which were destroyed numbered three, covering 3,625 square meters.

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MEXICO

DRUG PLANTATION DESTRUCTION ACTIVITY TO BE INTENSIFIED

Culiacan EL SOL DE SINALOA in Spanish 7 Apr 81 p 6

[Text] After stating that over 2,500 marihuana and poppy plantations were destroyed by Mexican Army forces during the first 3 months of the year, and 70 persons engaged in the growing, harvesting and marketing of drugs were turned over to the competent authorities during that period, the commander of the Ninth Military Zone, Brig Gen Javier Vazquez Felix, remarked that the action taken against those operations would be intensified to the maximum extent.

General Vazquez Felix also noted that the disarming campaign is still bringing excellent results, and that vehicles, tractors and other facilities used to engage in criminal activity have been seized.

The instructions issued by the secretary of national defense, Gen Felix Galvan Lopez, are strict to the effect that operation Canador (Cannabis-Opium Poppy) is to continue relentlessly, and that the columns of Army troops are to tour all possible areas of the Sinaloa mountains destroying any plantations that they discover on their route.

He added that the tours being made daily by columns of troops are taking place in the various locations previously traced by those in charge of coordinating the activities, so that the searches may be made and the goal attained without subjecting the troops to difficult journeys that will not actually bring any positive results.

Finally, he remarked that the starting points for the troops going to the mountains are assigned for each military station, set up in various settlements located therein; which is why the aforementioned results have been accrued, and as a consequence of which the activities are to be intensified, reinforcing them in an attempt to eliminate the activities as rapidly as possible.

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MEXICO

PJF RAIDS GUADALAJARA TOXIC PILLS LAB

Mexico City EL DIA in Spanish 7 Mar 81 p 8

[Text] On instructions from the Office of the Attorney General, agents of the Federal Judicial Police [PJF] in Guadalajara, Jalisco, have located and dismantled a clandestine laboratory for the preparation of the toxic pills known as mandrax.

The assistant commander of the Federal Judicial Police, Margarito Mendez Rico, reported that investigation into the case had begun 2 weeks ago, and that they had succeeded in arresting its owners, Baltazar and Esteben Tirado Escamilla.

They also arrested the general manager of the "laboratory," Rafael Tover Amezcuita, and the chemist Rafael Javier Pulido Valdivia, as well as the employees who acted as distributors, Clemente Martinez Garcia, Rafael Ojeda Torres and Arturo Lira Vidrio.

Mendez Rico stated that the laboratory in question was operating in a residence at 1677 Cipres St, in Fresno Colony of Guadalajara, Jalisco.

He added that inside the laboratory the federal agents confiscated nine plastic bags containing the substance for making up the toxic pills, which weighed 87 kg; four cardboard boxes containing 80,000 toxic pills; 2 kg of phosphate of codeine; 149.8 kg of avicel; 16.4 kg of methaqualone; 16.5 kg of stercate; 10 kg of diazepam; 16 doses in pill form; 17 long and 15 small doses; 16 quaalude-type doses; 15 mandrax type molds; 12 quaalude-type doses with 6 molds; 47 benzedrine-type doses; 4 quaalude type rollers for pressing. The agents also picked up a late model Datsun automobile which they were using to distribute the toxic pills.

The Federal Public Ministry, in charge of the Federal Judicial Police agents, arrived at the residence in question, and after carrying out appropriate formalities began an investigation of the case.

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MEXICO

REPORT ON ZONE 06 POPPY, MARIHUANA PLANTATION DESTRUCTION

Culiacan EL SOL DE SINALOA in Spanish 3 May 81 p 8

[Text] The intensification of activities to detect marihuana and poppy plantations, added to the fumigation thereof, has made it possible to achieve a considerable reduction in crops and the presence of stringent control in Zone 06 which, to date, has had 110 poppy plantations and nine of the injurious grass, which will be destroyed in 2 days of fumigation.

In making the foregoing statement, Hector Aviles Castillo, coordinator of the permanent campaign against the drug traffic which the Office of the Attorney General of the Republic has established, noted that the daily flights made by the Scanner aircraft throughout the length and breadth of the countryside, in addition to the reconnaissance flights made by the forces under his command, have made it possible to locate the plantations and proceed to destroy them.

Moreover, he remarked that the marihuana problem is more serious in the state of Oaxaca than in this state; but he admitted that poppy growing is more widespread in both Sinaloa, Chihuahua and Durango; and therefore the vigilance must be carried out constantly, so that the plantations which are spotted may be immediately destroyed.

In commenting on the monthly statistics, Aviles Castillo said that only 16 kilograms and 420 grams of marihuana were seized during April, as well as 989 grams of poppy seed, 812 grams of opium gum and 242 grams of heroin, a palpable sign of the fact that the results accrued at present could not be better.

He explained that, last month, 64 individuals were remanded for crimes against health in their various degrees, and that three long-barreled weapons and six short-barreled ones (pistols), 344 useful rounds of ammunition, seven vehicles and one airplane were seized from them, as was a laboratory in which the opium gum was being processed.

With regard to the destruction of plantations, Aviles Castillo reported that 1,817 poppy plantations, 29 of marihuana and nine mixed ones were destroyed by fumigation; while the totals for manual destruction were 1,667 marihuana and 29 poppy, respectively.

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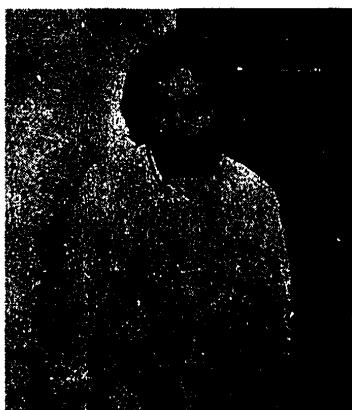
FEDERAL JUDICIAL POLICE DESTROY MARIHUANA PLANTATION

Piedras Negras EL DIARIO DE PIEDRAS NEGRAS in Spanish 23 Mar 81 p 2

[Text] Members of the Federal Judicial Police detailed to this town succeeded in locating a marihuana plantation in full production in the downtown area of the neighboring port of Ciudad Acuna, Coahuila.

The foregoing information was given yesterday to EL DIARIO by sources in charge of the Federal Judicial Police, who said that the investigations being conducted in Ciudad Acuna as part of the permanent campaign against drug trafficking resulted in the discovery of the plantation which Homero Juarez Beltran had in the backyard of his residence.

Juarez Beltran was caught as he was watering his plantation, at his residence at 150 East General Celeda. The marihuana plants were seized and taken, with the individual in custody, to the Federal Public Ministry agent, Xavier Elizondo. The subject under arrest was said to have a record of marihuana purchasing and distribution and, to prevent problems, he was harvesting it at his own residence. According to the reports and records kept at the federal office, this action took place the Sunday before last.



Homero Juarez Beltran was arrested by the Federal Judicial Police for having maintained a marihuana plantation at his residence.

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MEXICO

TRAFFICKER 'A LEGEND' IN UNDERWORLD

Mexico City EL SOL DE MEXICO in Spanish 22 Apr 81 p 9-A

[Article by Jose Vilchis Guerrero]

[Text] They call him "El Cochiloco" [the mad driver] and he has become a legend in the underworld of narcotics. To date they have not been able to catch him because of his ability to elude the police.

He is respected throughout the State of Sinaloa for his ability to carry out big narcotics transactions without having to meet the Federal Judicial Police face to face. He even lacks a criminal record.

It is possible that no one will know for some time who he is because even long-time associates deny knowing his identity. And they themselves say that it is better not to know him too well because otherwise it would go bad for them.

Four years ago, when an article appeared in this newspaper in which Sinaloa was described as a small replica of Chicago in the time of the great gangsters, he was very active although the Judicial Police did not know of his existence. "El Cochiloco" has kept his identity to himself since. He has had no problems with the law, and when he has, he has known how to hide or manage them, despite the legend that has formed around him through friends he knew in the big shoot-outs with the Judicial Police, who fancied themselves "Superman," because of the large caliber weapons they used in the struggle against the narcotics traffickers.

It is possible that "El Cochiloco" will never see the inside of a jail if he maintains his discretion, which until now has been envied by those of the underworld who have not possessed it and have ended up in a jail cell whenever they have had problems with the law.

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TRAFFICKER SUSPECTED OF KIDNAPPING CHILD

Mexico City EXCELSIOR in Spanish 21 Apr 81 p 26A

[Article by Eduardo Chimely]

[Excerpt] Guadalajara, Jal, 20 Apr--A man named Gastelum, who is implicated in narcotics traffic in the State of Sinaloa, is the principal suspect in the kidnapping and murder of a minor, Luis Alberto Perez Davalos, according to the police, who meanwhile have increased their watch over the home of businessman Juan Jose Rivas Diaz, kidnapped last Wednesday and feared to be in grave danger.

This morning agents of the Federal Security Office and the Judicial Police searched Gastelum's home in the Colonia Chapalita section and found a 9 mm automatic weapon and 500 rounds of the same caliber. According to the autopsy performed on the body of the dead minor, the latter died from six shots from a 9 mm automatic weapon. Gastelum has been connected with trafficking in narcotics in Sinaloa.

Benjamin Perez Davalos, father of Luis Alberto, owner of a pharmaceutical chain, and a moneylender, told police that Gastelum was a longtime enemy and at one time threatened to take revenge "in a way that would hurt me very much." At present, that individual, it was learned at his home, has been on vacation since last Thursday, the day the 14-year-old was murdered.

The police are also looking for a 1980 Chevrolet Caprice, in which the photo of Luis Alberto was taken--blindfolded and bound hands and feet--which the kidnapers left, together with a taped message containing the voice of the youth, in the mailbox at the Perez Davalos residence at 586 Terranova Avenue in Colonia Providencia.

Meanwhile, the police are questioning friends, enemies, and debtors of Perez Davalos and have requested assistance from the Sinaloa police, where Gastelum is believed to have fled.

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MEXICO

PRESUMED TRAFFICKERS' BODIES FOUND IN PLANE

Mexico City EL SOL DE MEXICO in Spanish 16 Apr 81 p 8-A

[Article by Jose Vilchis Guerrero]

[Text] Agents of the Federal Judicial Police have found a light airplane abandoned on a clandestine airstrip in the middle of the Sonora desert with the bodies of two presumed narcotics traffickers aboard, who are believed to have been victims of international gangsters.

The airstrip is located in an area known as Los Papagos in the Altar Desert of Sonora. It is here where the Cessna 182-P, registry No XB-YFO, was found, with the two corpses in a state of decomposition. There were residual traces of marijuana on the floor of the plane.

Upon investigation, the police established the identities of the bodies as those of Manuel Leopoldo Rodriguez Ramirez, of Nogales, Sonora, and Miguel Elzy, of Douglas, Arizona.

Meanwhile, the federal police learned that the aircraft had been reported stolen from the airport at Caborca, Sonora, and later was found in front of the offices of the airport in Hermosillo, Sonora.

Accompanied by a detective of the Public Ministry headquarters office, the local Federal Public Ministry officer recorded the facts, and it was indicated yesterday in the Attorney General's office that the investigation, which is in charge of the Federal Judicial Police, is still open.

Those responsible for the double homicide are being sought, as is the motive for the crime, which it is believed was brought about by a double-cross among the narcotics traffickers themselves in their struggle to gain control of the traffic in the northern part of the country.

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MEXICO

HEROIN TRAFFICKER SENTENCED TO 8-YEAR JAIL TERM

Nuevo Laredo EL DIARIO DE NUEVO LAREDO in Spanish 30 Apr 81 Sec B p 5

[Text] The federal offender Ernesto Garcia Garcia was found guilty of a crime against health in the degree of heroin possession and, yesterday, the second district judge, Cayetano Hernandez Valencia, imposed on him an 8-year prison sentence and a fine of 20,000 pesos or, in default thereof, an additional 60 days of incarceration.

According to the information in the possession of the district judge who brought proceedings 238/980 against him, Ernesto Garcia Garcia was arrested by members of the Federal Judicial Police detailed to the port of Reynosa.

The Federal Police had been given a "tip" concerning a heroin purchase and sale transaction that was about to take place at Porfirio Diaz and Morelos Streets.

They posted a guard on that site and, at 1500 hours on 21 July 1980, they captured Ernesto Garcia Garcia, along with Antonio Nuncio Flores, both of whom were in a 1969 Plymouth station wagon, driven by the first-mentioned individual.

Under one of the seats, the federal agents discovered two "receptacles" containing brown-colored heroin.

Garcia Garcia confessed that he had been provided with the drug by someone in McAllen, and that he intended to sell it to two Americans for the sum of \$5,000.

The drug trafficker told the authorities that Antonio Nuncio was merely going to act as his interpreter, and for that reason, he was acquitted.

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MEXICO

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TRAFFICKERS AMONG STUDENTS ARRESTED--A ring of drug traffickers was discovered this weekend in a student boarding house in the Roma Colony and in Copilco, in the vicinity of the University City, and the two main suppliers were arrested. The Federal Judicial Police, in reporting this, explained that the arrest and discovery of this ring of drug sellers was made possible by the cooperation of the neighbors in Roma, who reported that quarrels frequently went on in that place. Therefore, the police began inquiries, leading to the arrest of Alvaro Martinez Vazquez and Agustin Mendez Alvarez, who apparently have connections with other criminals who distribute marihuana and toxic pills among the students who live in Copilco next to the University City. The arrest was made by the PJF in a house at Colima and Tonalá Sts in the Roma Colony. Juan Manuel Barron Favela was also arrested, with a polyethylene bag containing 1/2 kg of marihuana, a glass bottle with 40 toxic lysergic acid pills, a small packet with more acid, a package of paper for making cigarettes and a strip of 20 toxic diazepam tablets. [Text] [Mexico City EL SOL DE MEXICO in Spanish 9 Mar 81 p 8-A] 8131

PRISON OFFICIAL ARRESTED--Puebla, 11 Mar--The chief of security for the local penitentiary, Fernando Romero, "El Cura," was arrested today by agents of the Federal Judicial Police [PJF], and charged with being one of the main traffickers in drugs in the prison. El Cura has held his post for 24 years. He is undergoing intensive interrogation from the PJF. It was reported that large quantities of marihuana in cigarettes and packets, toxic pills, and alcoholic beverages had been introduced into the prison by various persons. After a thorough investigation, it became clear that Romero was the main supplier of the drugs. [Text] [Mexico City EXCELSIOR in Spanish 12 Mar 81 p 29-A] 8131

COLOMBIAN TRAFFICKERS SEIZED--A gang of Colombian drug traffickers who had made Mexico their center of operations for the United States and Canada was discovered yesterday, when two of its members were arrested with 4 kg of pure cocaine valued at 155 million pesos in the black market. The arrest was made by the judicial police, thanks to an informer's tip, which as on other occasions produced good results, alerting the police to the illegal activity of drug traffickers. On this occasion, the two Colombians reported that at first they operated only in that country, but that later on they observed that because of Mexico's geographical location it could be turned into a distribution center for North America; and so approximately a month ago they were sent by their boss, a certain Jairo Vergara, to study the activity at certain hours in customs at the Mexico City

International Airport. The arrested men explained today that once this first step was completed, they reported to their boss that everything was ready to start up business in our country, and that initially operations would be carried out from a hotel, where they would package 3 kg of cocaine for shipment to New York and San Antonio, Texas. The arrested men, Jesus Orlando and Alfonso Leon Ortiz, aged 20 and 22 respectively, were taken into custody inside the Hotel Ejecutivo in this capital, along with two suitcases containing the cocaine and 96 polyethylene bags, as well as a small set of scales. [Text] [Mexico City EL SOL DE MEXICO in Spanish 10 Mar 81 p 8-A] 8131

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PERU

PIP STEPS UP OFFENSIVE AGAINST DRUG TRAFFICKERS

International Rings Captured

Lima EL COMERCIO in Spanish 1 Apr 81 p 45

[Text] Three drug trafficking organizations made up of Colombians, Canadians and Peruvians, connected with an international network which had its base of operations in Montreal and Bogota, were broken up by the Peruvian Investigations Police [PIP].

In these antidrug operations 12 traffickers of raw, washed paste and hydrochlorate of cocaine were caught, and drugs worth 200 million sols were seized from them, stated PIP General Berly Baca Valdivia, national director against illegal drug trafficking.

At Jorge Chavez International Airport, two Canadian citizens, Danielle Clerq, 21, and Andres Richard, 27, were arrested as they were trying to transport 300 grams of PBCL in polyethylene bags taped to their bodies.

Subsequently an Italian citizen, Josip Muhvic Pintar, 34, the organization's leader, and 700 grams of raw, washed cocaine paste were confiscated from him.

Continuing with their investigations, the PIP arrested Miguel Estuardo Lastre Roncayulo, 22; Arnulfo Villon Roque, 38; Luis Felipe Pedemonte Manrique, 35; and Alejandro Armando Zapata Moron, 29, who, taking advantage of their jobs as supervisors of freight, luggage and employees at CORPAC (Airports and Commercial Aviation Corporation) extracted 4 kilos of PBCL from a suitcase shipped as freight to Bogota.

In addition, personnel from PIP's Division Against Drug Consumption broke up a band of Peruvian and Colombian traffickers in San Juan de Miraflores that concentrated on marketing hydrochlorate of cocaine.

In this operation PIP agents arrested Carmen Rosa Ramirez Zapata, 24; Nancy Cristina Banda, 26, and Toribio Condori Tipula, 28, as they were getting ready to sell 2 kilos of hydrochlorate to a Colombian who escaped, together with the group's leader, Juan Carlos Milla Sotelo Riquelme.

Cocaine Laboratory Seized

Lima EL COMERCIO in Spanish 3 Apr 81 p 49

[Text] In an elegant building in San Isidro members of an international gang had set up a secret laboratory to manufacture hydrochlorate of cocaine, which they were selling abroad.

Three members of the gang were arrested by PIP agents after a rapid operation.

Six months ago the gang members had rented apartment No 1001 on the 10th floor of a building on Anchorena Street in San Isidro. Also found in the apartment was a whole arsenal of modern arms and 2,000 cartridges of ammunition, including 400 Dum Dum bullets

The persons arrested are the North Americans John Weesley Cooper and John Christi Hages and a Colombian, German Escobar Pardo. Those still at large are the "chemist" Manuel Loyola Leon or Cesar Ayala, the Peruvian businessman Larry Slater and a third North American named Clin Donovan.

Information about the activities and operations of the drug traffickers was disclosed yesterday by the chief of the second region PIP, Gen Oscar Chuquisongo.

It is estimated that the gang marketed cocaine worth 500 million sols, which was brought in as raw paste from Huanuco and converted into hydrochlorate of cocaine in the San Isidro building. Then the drug was taken to Madre de Dios, from where it was sent abroad, probably in small airplanes that landed on hidden fields.

Personnel from the district PIP office in Lima, including three policewomen, participated in the arrests.

Weesley Cooper, who was found with modern gold tracking equipment, is thought to be a mining student. John Christi Hages escaped from a jail in Los Angeles, California.

Cocaine Gangs Arrested

Lima EL COMERCIO in Spanish 8 Apr 81 p 45

[Text] The PIP district headquarters in Junin and Huanuco have broken up six international gangs of drug traffickers from whom 200 kilos of raw cocaine paste were seized, along with orders, instruments for manufacturing cocaine, several million sols in cash, several houses and three vehicles, for a total value exceeding 1 billion sols. Altogether 50 persons have been arrested.

The Junin PIP broke into a building on Avenida Libertad (Sapallanga, Huancayo) where they found two concrete pits where coca leaves were mashed, which later were converted into raw cocaine paste. There they arrested Justa Vila Lavado, 22, who was working as a carrier.

Later, in the suburb of Incho (Tambo, Huancayo) PIP agents arrested a whole family, identified as: Pablo Vilcahuaman Colonio, 60, and his children Claudio, 27, Justina, 24; and Luis Vilcahuaman Hilares, 20. They were found in possession of 20 kilos of PBC, a large quantity of arrobas of coca leaves and false stamps.

Finally, in the suburb of Racracancha, in the province of Andahuaylas, Sixto Pomaila Quispe and Juan Flores Tello were arrested. They had in their possession a large quantity of raw cocaine paste. Subsequently the following persons were arrested: Eleuterio Leon Yauri Bastidas, Mauro Socualacha Cerron, Arturo Cipriano Mandujano and Zozimo Camilo Torres Rafael.

Authorities from PIP district headquarters in Huanuco, under the direction of PIP Colonel Mario Anamaria Ortega, continuing with its Operation Cocaleca, have arrested Pablo Perez Maiz and Ignacio Aranda Cabrera in Cerro Azul--Tingo Maria. In Santa Rosa de Shapamguilla and in Castillo Grande, PIP authorities arrested Marino Cervantes Fernandez, Eliseo Fernandez Cervantes and Luis Gonzales Inocencio.

Later, in the hamlet of Sortilegio and in Balle Alta de Tingo Maria the following persons were arrested: Dario Vasquez Frucros, Jose Bonifacio Avila and Jose Ambicho Alvarez, who had in their possession nearly 100 kilos of raw cocaine paste, several tons of coca leaves and four secret factories.

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VENEZUELA

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COCAINE TRAFFICKERS ARRESTED--Caracas, 4 May (AFP)--Canadians Guilio Cesari, 28, and Francesco Ianuzzi, 21, were arrested here today by Venezuelan police. They were found with 4 kg of cocaine on arrest at Caracas' international airport. [PA261530 Paris AFP in Spanish 2126 GMT 9 May 81]

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IRAN

TEN NARCOTICS SMUGGLERS EXECUTED 13 MAY

LD141340 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 14 May 81

[Text] According to the Central News Bureau, 10 narcotics smugglers were executed yesterday in Tehran, Kazvin, Karaj and Gorgan on the order of the Islamic Revolution Courts. The following list of those executed and the charges against them has been issued by the antinarcotics court:

(Mostafa Baba'i), son of (Mohammad), charged with possession of 745 grams of heroin and with selling and (?hiding) narcotics.

(Qasem Alamdeyzi), son of ('Ali), professional trader of contraband in Urumiyeh, charged with having contact with [as heard] 43 grams of heroin and with having a narcotics record.

(Ya'qub Kashi), son of (Rajab), charged with being in contact with 43 grams of heroin and having 12 previous convictions for selling and (?hiding) narcotics.

(Hoseyn Chelekchi), son of (Mohammad Ebrahim), charged with selling and distributing heroin and with possession of 3.5 grams of heroin. He had eight narcotics convictions.

(Jamshid Rostamzadeh), son of (Seyfollah), charged with selling 7 5-centigram packets of heroin. He had 10 previous convictions, 2 of which were after the revolution.

(Safar Ja'fardokht Shahpu'i), son of ('Ali), charged with possession of 1000 grams of heroin. He had three previous narcotics convictions.

(Yurof Qadimi), son of (Mohammad), charged with possession of 20 5-centigram heroin packets. He had five previous narcotics convictions.

(Qolamhoseyn Mahi), son of (Yusof), charged with possession of 500 grams of heroin. He had 17 previous narcotics convictions.

(Mohammad Hasan Qoliabadi), son of (Mohammad Taqi), charged with being in contact with 1075 grams of heroin. He was one of the famous smugglers in (Torkamanestan).

(Sha'bani 'Ali Mirza'i), son of (Mohammad 'Ali), charged with being in contact with 1075 grams of heroin. He was one of the main vendors of narcotics in (Torkamanestan) and was arrested in connection with (Mohammad Hasan Qolfabadi).

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IRAN

BRIEFS

DRUG SMUGGLERS EXECUTED--According to a report by the central news unit, the public relations office of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps 'Aliabad has announced that two smugglers named Mohammad Hasan Qoliabadi, alias Hasan Taghar, and 'Ali Neyrava'i were sentenced to death after a trial on charges of narcotics peddling at the special court of the center. The sentence was carried out yesterday in 'Aliabad by the Guards Corps of this town. Also, according to a report by the PARS NEWS AGENCY, with the efforts of the antinarcotics personnel and the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps of Sistan and Baluchestan 2 kg of heroin were seized from a smuggler and were confiscated. [Text] [LD160544 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 16 May 81]

OPIUM SEIZURE--According to the central news bureau, the Islamic Revolution Court of Borujerd and Nahavand announced: The antinarcotics squad of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps of Nahavand seized 364.5 kg of opium from a truck loaded with watermelons. One person was arrested in this connection and is being legally prosecuted. [Text] [LD240403 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0730 GMT 23 May 81]

SHIRAZ DRUG HAUL--The Shiraz antidrug squad has recovered 60 kg of (?antipyrine) used in the manufacture of heroin, 261 grams of hashish, 2 kg of snuff and some prepared heroin. The violators have been arrested. [GF240350 Shiraz Domestic Service in Persian 1500 GMT 23 May 81]

ESTAHBANAT TRAFFICKERS ARRESTED--The Estahbanat Islamic Court sentenced two persons for carrying and distributing more than 1.013 kg of opium and 20 centigrams of heroin to 15 and 16 years imprisonment respectively. [GF240350 Shiraz Domestic Service in Persian 1500 GMT 23 May 81]

SHIRAZ NARCOTICS FIGURES--During the period 21 April-21 May 1981, Shiraz police recovered 10 kg of heroin, 6.9 kg of burned opium, 139 grams of opium residue and 315 grams of hashish. [GF251924 Shiraz Domestic Service in Persian 1500 GMT 25 May 81]

OPIUM SEIZED--According to a report by the Central News Bureau, due to the efforts of the personnel of the Nurabad gendarmerie a total of [figure indistinct] kg of opium juice was discovered in an orchard in Nevazabad village. According to the same report the Revolution Guards in 'Ali-Godarz discovered 2.3 kgs of heroin from a narcotics band near Azna and also arrested three Pakistanis in this connection. They have been prosecuted. [Text] [Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 12 May 81 LD]

ISRAEL

BRIEFS

HASHISH IN YAFO--Two men in a motorboat yesterday noticed a floating plastic bag in the water off Yafo Port. After fishing it out of the water and finding that it contained hashish, they handed it over to the police. There were about 35 kilograms of hashish, though most of it was wet and rotten. The police estimate its dry worth at tens of thousands of shekels. They believe it had been in the water for some time, and was probably part of a smuggling attempt originating in Lebanon. [TA180540 Jerusalem JERUSALEM POST in English 17 May 81 p 2]

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SYRIA

BRIEFS

DAMASCUS NARCOTICS ARREST--Members of the antinarcotics branch of the Criminal Security Department in Damascus captured a British truck carrying license number SRB 748 R with 460 kg of narcotics which were hidden in a corner of the truck. They confiscated the narcotics and arrested the driver of the truck, (Patrick Andrey McGrory), carrying British passport No 605766. A source from the anti-narcotics department said the confiscated narcotics' value amounts to 5 million Syrian pounds. [Text] [JN182050 Damascus Domestic Television Service in Arabic 1700 GMT 18 May 81]

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NETHERLANDS

REPORT ON DRUG PROBLEM IN AMSTERDAM

Rotterdam NRC HANDELSBLAD in Dutch 6 May 81 pp 1, 2

[Article: Heroin Use Starts at Increasingly Earlier Age]

[Text] Amsterdam, 6 May--One of the conclusions of an investigation by the Foundation of Scientific Research of Alcohol and Drug Use (SWOAD) is that in Amsterdam the use of heroin is apparently beginning at an increasingly earlier age. The foundation worked with 632 clients of the City Health Department. It appeared that 45 of them have been using heroin since the age of 13 or 14.

The SWOAD report, the first with carefully obtained and applied data on the nature and intensity of drug addiction, also states that the average addict needs 1,550.00 guilders per week to obtain the necessary doses.

The group under investigation alone turns over 1 million guilders per week, money which has to be obtained largely through criminal action (theft or sales by the addicts themselves). In view of this amount further research into the use of drugs, which is also costly, ought not to encounter many objections, according to SWOAD. It recommends giving priority to young addicts so that they can be treated at an earlier stage.

It appears that addicts seek help only when they are about 18 years old; addiction is then long established.

SWOAD is also asking for urgent attention to children of addicts. One-fourth of all addicts, who are mainly between 22 and 29 years old, are married and a not inconsiderable number of them have children.

Although it is often assumed that heroin users have not had much education, SWOAD found out that more than half have completed their education. However, in spite of this reasonable level of education, and the fact that more than half the patients have a profession, only 18 percent claim to have a job. "Because most patients do not work it seems reasonable to assume that many of them qualify for social benefit payments. Nevertheless, 30 percent receive no benefit payments," according to the investigating team.

It is also remarkable that the current image of the addict from a broken home, with no place to lay his head, is not supported by the statistics; three-fourths of the group under investigation live independently, with family or friends.

Also contrary to current ideas it appears that two-thirds of the group have not broken off relations with parents and family. These figures are probably influenced by the many Surinamese addicts, since their family ties are usually much stronger than those of the Dutch.

The Surinamers, who comprise more than half of the group under investigation, use the most heroin per addict, i.e. 7.6 grams per week. Their methods also deviate slightly from the normal pattern of drug consumption: they often smoke heroin or sniff heated vapors ("chinesing").

As far as the future is concerned G. Sijbing, author of the SWOAD report, notes with a measure of anxiety that the Surinamers do not stick to their own Srefidensie foundation. Without this foundation, the Jellinek clinic, and other helpful organizations it is impossible to give them the help they need.

The group under investigation consists of heroin addicts participating in the Amsterdam Health Department's methadone program. The investigators conclude that there is a great need for an easily accessible distribution program.

Seventy percent of those under investigation have a police record, the main offenses being theft and possession of drugs.

Only since 1979 has the Health Department been confronted by the first addicts who obtain the funds they need by way of prostitution. This is a group with no help, or hardly any, from other organizations.

Sixty-six women and 45 men who reported to the Health Department were prostitutes or involved in prostitution. More than 20 percent appeared to have children and more than 30 percent were married. One-third of the so-called heroin whores appeared to have a second job.

SWOAD will conduct three similar research projects. The foundation is also waiting for data from Utrecht and Haarlem.

Because of the large number of Surinamers in the group under investigation, it is difficult, according to SWOAD, to compare the figures for Amsterdam with the situation in the country as a whole.

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CAMPAIGN AGAINST HASHISH IN SCHOOLS--Forty youngsters in new drug tangle. Thanks to strong parental commitment the criminal police in Huddinge have been able to break up a drug gang, which since last summer has distributed a large amount of cannabis among students in Salem. Last weekend 19 young persons were seized, of which 14 were arrested on Monday. According to Gunnar Helligren, Inspector, about 20 more young addicts and dealers will be seized later. Hashish abuse among teenagers in the Salem residential area has spread like an avalanche and the Huddinge police have received many pleas from parent groups and other organizations. Since the County Drug Squad in Huddinge was heavily burdened by other investigations, the chief of the criminal department had to disengage six men from the Burglary Division to take up drug investigations in the affected area. Last Friday, when the first seizures were made, it was confirmed to the police that some addicts and dealers made frequent trips to Sodertalje and Stockholm to buy cannabis that was sold and distributed among teenage gangs. Thefts and other crimes have resulted from the abuse. The police have seized an increasing number of youngsters in the age group 16 to 22 and on Monday 14 were arrested. It has been confirmed that some of the most severely incriminated have sold drugs outside schools. The students have bought drugs and then been affected during classes. Four of the arrested are suspected of having sold several kilograms of cannabis as well as more limited amounts of amphetamines. It will probably be requested that they be jailed. According to Inspector Helligren, the investigation is still at an early stage, but it is certain that some 20 more youngsters will be seized. The police also hope that those youngsters that are co-operative during questioning will give the police information enabling them to hit the big dealers in Sodertalje and Stockholm. Last Monday, the local Salem branch of a political party invited to a discussion about drug abuse and one representative of the police force was sent there to report on the serious situation in the residential area. [Text] [Stockholm DAGENS NYHETER in Swedish 5 May 81 p 12]

TOUGHER CANNABIS SENTENCES--This Wednesday 10 persons are facing trial at the Gothenburg District Court for possession of between 0.1 to 0.3 gram cannabis. The unusual thing is that the lawsuits in all cases are classified as drug felonies - not misdemeanors. Consequently the prosecutor intends to ask for jail sentences for the violations. The reason is that the confiscations were made among the inmates of a penitentiary--Dkogome--outside Gothenburg. "This is a very serious problem and we have to start a discussion about it," Christer Folelberg, the prosecutor, says to TT [Press Wire Service, Inc.]. The drug problem in the penitentiaries is

severe. The prosecutor now wants to test the regulations presently in force. "It can never be considered a minor crime to have drugs in prisons. The inmates who want to get away from drugs must have an incentive to say no. It is not sufficient when possession is classified as a misdemeanor, only resulting in fines. They have to feel that it is too expensive to continue handling drugs." "The drug trade in the prisons is based on the principle of decentralization. Deliveries are made regularly and frequently. As soon as the drugs are inside they are divided and distributed in very small portions," Fogelberg says. [Text] [Stockholm DAGENS NYHETER in Swedish 22 Apr 81 p 11] 9608

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