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AUSTRALIA

STATE PREMIERS POSTPONE DECISIONS ON DRUG LEGISLATION

Canberra THE AUSTRALIAN in English 22 Jun 81 p 3

[Text]

THE legalisation of marijuana is further away than ever following the Premiers' Conference at the weekend.

The conference deferred a decision on a recommendation of the Commonwealth Royal Commission into drugs — known as the Williams Report — that the laws relating to legalisation of marijuana be considered in 1990.

The Prime Minister, Mr Fraser, and most of his ministers — particularly the Minister for Education, Mr Fife — are extremely conservative on

the issue of legalising the drug for any purpose.

The conference also deferred consideration and decisions on other aspects of the Williams Report although about 100 of its proposals have been implemented by State and Federal governments since being tabled in March last year.

Other recommendations deferred included access to the taxation and financial records of people suspected of drug running being given to police.

Official sources said yesterday that Federal health authorities had no proposals be-

fore them to legalise marijuana for medical purposes.

This is because clinical tests are still being conducted into the value of using the drug to minimise nausea suffered by cancer patients while being treated with other drugs.

Official sources said the legalisation of marijuana is as far away now as it ever was.

The Commonwealth Government is responsible for legislation regarding the importation of the drug while State governments have legislative powers regarding manufacture and distribution.

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AUSTRALIA

INTERNATIONAL POLICE OPERATION RESULTS IN HEROIN SEIZURE

Sydney Arrest

Canberra THE AUSTRALIAN in English 12 Jun 81 p 1

[Article by David Hancock, John Mulcair and David Rowley]

[Excerpt]

A TWO-MONTH international police undercover operation ended yesterday in a violent shoot-out and seizure of more than \$1 million worth of heroin in Sydney's northern business centre.

A man armed with a Luger pistol was wounded by shattering glass when police fired a shotgun through the windscreen of a parked car in Mount Street, North Sydney.

Motorists and shoppers ran for cover as more than 15 heavily-armed police, some disguised as street sweepers, swooped.

On the back seat of the car, NSW Drug Squad detectives found two big paper bags containing 1kg of pure heroin, with a street value of more than \$1 million.

Officers from the elite Special Weapons and Operations Squad, wearing bullet-proof vests, were also involved in the operation.

The seizure ended a two-month operation involving Australian drug squads and Interpol.

Last week, in simultaneous raids in Melbourne and Sydney, two people were arrested and charged with possession of heroin.

In Melbourne, more than \$120,000 worth of the drug was seized.

Yesterday's secret seizure operation was carefully planned.

It was conducted by the NSW Drug Squad in conjunction with the Victorian and Federal Police.

Court Appearance

Canberry THE WEEKEND AUSTRALIAN in English 13-14 Jun 81 p 3

[Excerpts] A man allegedly had two pistols and \$270,000 worth of heroin in his car when he was arrested by armed police.

Graham John Henry, 29, a truck driver, of Dundas, an outer Sydney suburb, appeared in court with his right eye heavily bandaged.

Henry was charged on two counts of supplying and one of possessing heroin, at North Sydney, on Thursday.

Pistol

He was also charged on two counts of having an unlicensed pistol and with using a pistol to prevent arrest.

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AUSTRALIA

THREE JAILED FOR SMUGGLING CANNABIS IN FURNITURE

Canberra THE WEEKEND AUSTRALIAN in English 13-14 Jun 81 p 3

[Text]

THREE men who were arrested after cannabis valued at \$3.5 million was found hidden in furniture imported from Thailand were sentenced to jail yesterday in the Sydney District Criminal Court.

The sentences ended one of the most successful drug investigations in Australian police history.

Federal and State drug police and customs officers combined in a delicate operation which, on July 23 last year, led them to a house in Mona Vale, a north Sydney beach suburb.

They arrested American-born Darrow (Sean) Kieron Erlin, 35, and David Ferguson, 32, and seized 333kg of cannabis in the form of Thai sticks.

Two weeks later Craig Leroy, 32, of Newport, was arrested and charged as an accomplice.

On April 1 of this year Erlin and Leroy were convicted of conspiring to import cannabis, while Ferguson was found guilty of possessing cannabis.

Yesterday in the Sydney District Criminal Court, Judge Bell sentenced Erlin to seven years jail for conspiring to import cannabis and six years for possessing the drug. The two sentences will be served concurrently with a non-parole period set until July 23, 1983.

Leroy was sentenced to six years, and will not be eligible for parole until September next year.

Ferguson was sentenced to four years' jail, but will be eligible for parole on January 23.

Custom officers found the cannabis when a computer check raised doubts about a consignment of soft furnishing.

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AUSTRALIA

FORMER CUSTOMS OFFICER HELD ON HEROIN CHARGE

Melbourne THE AGE in English 18 Jun 81 p 15

[Text]

A former customs officer and another man yesterday were remanded in custody on conspiracy charges allegedly involving "a number of millions" of dollars worth of heroin.

The two men are charged with having conspired to import heroin and having conspired to bribe a Commonwealth officer.

Lawrence Henry Slater, 45, unemployed, of Seaford Road, Seaford, and Raymond Bernard Hepner, 30, bricklayer, of Fleetwood Crescent, Frankston, appeared before Mr Kevin O'Connor, SM, in Melbourne Magistrates Court. They are alleged to have conspired to import 21 kilos of heroin at Melbourne between 1 January 1977 and 14 September 1979, and 18 September 1979 and June 1981. They are further alleged to have conspired to bribe a customs officer between 1 January and 13 June.

Detective Senior Sergeant Roger Middleton, of the Federal Police's drug unit, told the court that Mr Slater had helped import large quantities of heroin in his capacity as a customs agent. Mr Middleton said that police alleged that 21 kilos of heroin valued at "a number of millions" dollars had been imported.

He said Mr Slater had become involved with a group of people who were trying to import heroin into Australia. He said that as a customs agent Mr Slater had ensured the heroin could pass through Melbourne airport without going through the usual procedures.

Mr Middleton said police had tape recordings of telephone calls made by Mr Slater to people overseas. Mr Slater had spoken of his actions in these recordings.

Mr Hepner had been involved as an organiser in the alleged conspiracy and had made overseas phone calls from Australia to organise heroin deals, Mr Middleton said.

Mr O'Connor refused the men bail. He said the charges were some of the most serious to come before courts. "In view of the gravity of the offence there is an unacceptable risk," Mr O'Connor said.

The two were remanded to next Thursday.

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AUSTRALIA

BRIEFS

DRUG FORCE SUCCESSES--The joint federal-NSW task force on organised crime and drug trafficking has broken up five groups importing heroin and four groups supplying the drug. The Minister for Administrative Services, Mr Newman, said yesterday the task force had also arrested 66 people, broken a ring supplying morphine and seized 718.5g of heroin. Mr Philip Ruddock (Lib, NSW) had asked about the force's progress since it was set up after the Williams and Woodward royal commissions into drugs. Mr Newman said the Commonwealth had supplied \$380,000 to the force this financial year as well as 15 federal police and three administrative officers. The group was investigating allegations that the failed Nugan Hand banking company was involved in drug-trafficking. [Text] [Canberra THE AUSTRALIAN in English 11 Jun 81 p 4]

MARIHUANA JAIL TERMS--Three men described as being among the biggest marihuana dealers in the Newcastle Hunter Valley area had "lost the gamble and the price must now be paid," a judge said in the District Criminal Court yesterday. Two of the men were sentenced to eight years' jail each and the third to four years. Last month, in Muswellbrook, Gordon Robert Newton, 34, farmer, of Mitchells Flat, via Singleton; Thomas John Somerville, 30, steel fabricator, of Third Avenue, Booragul; and Raymond William Lewis, 29, farmer, of Hickey Street, Cessnock, were found guilty of conspiring at Paynes Creek, between January 1, 1976, and June 29, 1977, to supply Indian hemp. Newton and Lewis were also found guilty of conspiring at Cooks Hill between May 18, 1975, and September 15, 1978, to supply Indian hemp. They pleaded guilty to conspiring at Glennies Creek, between April 1, 1978, and February 9, 1979, to supply hemp. The court had been told that in a raid on the Glennies Creek property in 1979, 20,000 kilograms of marihuana were found. [Excerpts] [Sydney THE SYDNEY MORNING HERALD in English 12 Jun 81 p 13]

TWO ON HEROIN CHARGE--Two Sydney men were remanded in custody when they appeared in the Magistrates' Court yesterday charged with having conspired to import heroin. Barry Lionel Wootten, 38, truck driver, and John Arthur Willard, 37, unemployed, both of the Great Western Highway, St Marys, were not required to enter a plea to the charge when they appeared on a provisional warrant. The Crown Prosecutor, Mr J. A. Logan, said it would be alleged that Alan Henry Mitchell was arrested in Melbourne and charged with possession of heroin with an estimated street value of \$700,000. Mr Logan said further inquiries had led to the arrest of Wootten at Mudgeeraba on June 13. Willard voluntarily

surrendered himself to Australian Federal Police yesterday morning before his court appearance. The police are expected to seek the two men's extradition to Melbourne when they next appear in court on June 18. Mr Greenwood, Senior SM, remanded both men in custody. [Text] [Brisbane THE COURIER-MAIL in English 16 Jun 81 p 11]

DETECTIVES ON DRUG CHARGES--Committal proceedings involving four detectives and a woman facing conspiracy charges are due to begin in the East Perth Court on Tuesday. The preliminary hearing, before Magistrate T. Syddall, is expected to last a minimum of six days and about 30 witnesses could be called by the prosecution. The detectives are all charged with conspiracy to pervert the course of justice and conspiracy to obtain drugs. The woman, 31-year-old Aloma la Donna Pelham, of Stirling Street, Perth, is charged with conspiring to obtain cannabis. The detectives charged are Det-Sgt Kerry John Tangney (36), Det-Sgt Laurence Edward Butler (31), Detective Robert John Stephenson (32) and Detective Dean James Lewitzka. On Wednesday and yesterday four prosecution witnesses gave depositions to the East Perth Court on matters relating to the charges. Mr Syddall described the proceedings as a preliminary hearing and said that, under the Justices Act, what the four people said could not be reported. [Excerpt] [Perth THE WEST AUSTRALIAN in English 19 Jun 81 p 13]

HEROIN IN PANTY GIRDLE--A detective told the Central Court of Petty Sessions yesterday that a woman admitted to importing a large quantity of heroin from Bangkok inside her panty girdle. Detective Senior Constable Rodney Harvey, of the CIB, said the woman had been under surveillance by police after leaving an overseas flight at Sydney Airport. Before Mr B. Cook, SM, in the Central Court of Petty Sessions were: Florence June Knox, 38, pensioner, of Victoria Road, Parramatta; Peter Fulcher, 41, labourer, of The Esplanade, Cronulla; Glen Richards, 24, carpenter, of Auckland, New Zealand; and Eric Ronald O'Connor, 37, assistant manager, of Eden Place, Caringbah. They were all charged with conspiring with each other and with other persons to import heroin at Sydney and at other places between September 1 and December 13, 1980. Fulcher, Knox and Richards are further charged with supplying heroin at Rydalmere on December 12, 1980 and Knox is also charged with importing heroin into Australia on December 12, 1980. Detective Harvey told the court that at 10.20 pm on December 12 police had been watching a house in Victoria Road, Parramatta when a white Valiant car entered the driveway. He and other police had gone to the house. Inside, he told the defendant, Knox, she had been observed outside Ermington Hotel where the defendant, Fulcher, had obtained a large quantity of heroin from her. The hearing continues today. [Text] [Sydney THE SYDNEY MORNING HERALD in English 23 Jun 81 p 10]

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BURMA

BRIEFS

TWANTE OPIUM SEIZURE--On 2 June, a local police force led by Twante Police Station Officer U Tun Shwe raided the house of Ko Khin Maung on Mayangon-II Street, Zethit ward, Twante. The police team found 6 ticals [one tical equals .036 lb] of black liquid opium, equipment used for consuming and processing opium, and syringe and hypodermic needles for black liquid opium. Action has been taken under Sections 6.B and 10.B of the Narcotics Drugs Law. [Rangoon MYANMA ALIN in Burmese 4 Jun 81 p 6 BK]

WUNTHO OPIUM SEIZURE--On 15 May, a search team from Shwewun Thida sub-region found 33 ticals [1 tical equals 0.36 lb] of opium at the railway station in Wuntho. [Excerpt] [Rangoon MYANMA ALIN in Burmese 25 May 81 p 6 BK]

MANDALAY HEROIN SEIZURE--On 18 May, police station officer U Khin Kyi and his team from the Mandalay No 9 Police Station searched the house of Daw Hla Yin in Bitan quarter of Mandalay Southeast township. The search yielded seven packets of heroin--each worth 20 kyats. Daw Hla Yin was arrested under Sections 6.B and 10.B of the Narcotic Drugs Law. [Text] [Rangoon BOTATAUNG in Burmese 25 May 81 p 5 BK]

MYITKYINA HEROIN SEIZURE--Myitkyina, 22 May--Under the guidance of the Myitkyina township people's council, people's police force personnel headed by No 2 Police Station Officer U Maung Maung and Subinspector U Aye Myint, together with people's council members who officiated as witnesses, yesterday raided the residence of Daw Kyi at Aung Nan Yeiktha ward. Buried underground under the bed of Daw Kyi were about 25,000 kyat worth of heroin in a "Horlicks" bottle--15 ticals [about .54 pounds] of heroin, 16 packets of heroin worth 10 kyat each, and 3 packages of heroin each valued at 100 kyat. Houseowner Daw Kyi and guests Maung San Hin and Maung Kyaw Myint of Namti were charged under Sections 14.D, 6.B, 10.B and 11 of the Narcotic Drugs Law by Police Station No 2. [Text] [Rangoon MYANMA ALIN in Burmese 29 May 81 p 6 BK]

THATON OPIUM FIND--Thaton, 7 Jun--At 2200 on 5 June, acting on suspicion, a police squad led by Thaton Police Station Officer U Tin Aung, Subinspector U Tun U and Sgt U Ba Way stopped and searched a Mazda Familiar sedan proceeding to Moulmein from Rangoon. The search uncovered 3.25 viss [1 viss equals 3.6 pounds] of raw opium hidden under the rear seat of the sedan. Four persons in the car--Zaw Min Than of Myopat road, 9th ward, Kalaw; Maung Thaung Tun of Mya Yagon Street, Mingala-Taungnyunt, Rangoon; Maung Myint Thein of Kyaukmyaung ward, Rangoon, and Ma Omma of Khine Mala Street, Phaungdaw-u, Pegu--were arrested. Charges were filed under Sections 6.B, 7.B and 10.B of the Narcotic Drugs Law. [Text] [Rangoon MYANMA ALIN in Burmese 15 Jun 81 p 6 BK]

NAWNGHKIO OPIUM SEIZURE--A police squad from Nawkio Township in Northern Shan State raided the residence of Daw Hkam Mo n on 12 June. Raw opium weighing .85 viss [1 viss equals 3.6 pounds] and 95 small packets of cooked opium were found hidden under a pile of firewood and in the chicken coop. Charges were filed under Sections 6.B, 7.B and 10.B of the Narcotic Drugs Law. [Rangoon LOKTHA PYEITHU NEZIN in Burmese 23 Jun 81 p 7 BK]

MERGUI POLICE SEIZE OPIUM--West Mergui Township police on 9 June searched the residence of U Aw Yone, 62, in Mergui's Myitnge ward and found two small packets of cooked opium and opium smoking paraphernalia. Charges were filed under Sections 6.B, 10.B and 14.D of the Narcotic Drugs Law. [Rangoon MYANMA ALIN in Burmese 20 Jun 81 p 6 BK]

RANGOON HEROIN SEIZURE--On 29 June, acting upon reports received, a police squad and members of No 9 ward people's council of Latha township waited at a passenger service terminal near the General Hospital and searched Shan Gale alias Moe Lwin of Zepaing ward, Taunggyi. The search yielded 20 grams of heroin in a cigarette can. Charges have been filed under Section 6.B of the Narcotic Drugs Law. [Fangoon LOKTHA PYEITHU NEZIN in Burmese 1 Jul 81 p 7 BK]

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HONG KONG

BRIEFS

DRUG STORAGE SENTENCE--A 28-year-old woman who helped store \$6.6 million worth of dangerous drugs at her home and in a safe deposit box at a bank was yesterday sentenced to 12 years' imprisonment. Wong Yin-fung pleaded guilty before the Chief Justice, Sir Denys Roberts, in the High Court to two counts of possessing dangerous drugs for unlawful trafficking. The total amount of drugs seized at her home and from her safe deposit box was almost 10 kilos of a mixture, including four kilos of heroin base. Senior Crown counsel Ian Polson told the court that on February 19, customs officers intercepted Wong as she was coming out of a building in Prat Avenue, Tsimshatsui. She led officers to a flat on the third floor of the building, and on being told what the officers were after, she produced two plastic bags saying they contained heroin. The following day, she took the officers to a bank in Granville Road and from a safe deposit box another lot of dangerous drugs was removed. [Excerpt] [Hong Kong SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST in English 9 Jun 81 p 13]

MORPHINE TRAFFICKING CHARGES--A renovation worker and a gift shop proprietor appeared at Causeway Bay Court yesterday charged with possessing dangerous drugs for unlawful trafficking. No pleas were taken from Liu Chung-ming (25), renovation worker, and Ng Shusai (26), and Mr James Wilson adjourned the case for a week. The defendants were remanded in jail custody. It is alleged that on Monday, at Greig Crescent opposite Nam Fung Sun Chuen car park, Quarry Bay, and in a flat in Hillwood Court, Hillwood Road, Kowloon, Liu possessed about 0.5 kg and 0.25 kg of salts of esters of morphine respectively for unlawful trafficking. It is also alleged that in a flat at Nam Fung Sun Chuen, Ng had about three kg of salts of esters of morphine for unlawful trafficking. Ng is further alleged to have unlawfully manufactured salts of esters of morphine at the Nam Fung Sun Chuen flat. [Text] [Hong Kong SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST in English 11 Jun 81 p 14]

FOUR POLICEMEN CHARGED--A sergeant and three police constables were charged with conspiracy to pervert the course of justice following the disappearance of three packets of heroin seized during a raid, Victoria District Court was told yesterday. Judge Rhind was told the sergeant faced two charges and the constables three. Lam Hon-ching (39), a salesman, was sent to prison for 3 1/2 years for possessing dangerous drugs for unlawful trafficking. Crown counsel Ian Lloyd told the court that on January 1, two policemen waited in ambush at Shun Chi Court, Shun Lee estate. They kept watch on the car park and about 11.15 pm they saw Lam arrive and hand a brown paper packet to another man. When they arrested Lam and seized the packet, they found it contained 10 smaller packets of a mixture containing heroin. The street value of the drug was \$15,000. During the course of the police investigation it was alleged that three of the packets of drugs had disappeared. An

Independent Commission Against Corruption investigation was carried out and three police officers were charged with conspiracy to pervert the course of justice. Lam had signified that he was willing to give evidence in the trial of the policemen and had co-operated fully with the ICAC, said counsel. [Text] [Hong Kong SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST in English 11 Jun 81 p 14]

DRUG SYNDICATE RAIDED--Narcotics Bureau officers yesterday arrested five men and a woman during raids on a drug syndicate. They also seized a kilo of suspected No 3 heroin, worth about \$250,000, in the raids on premises in Mongkok and Shamshuipo. [Text] [Hong Kong SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST in English 13 Jun 81 p 8]

HEROIN POSSESSION SENTENCE--When three accused appeared on a drugs charge at Victoria District Court on Monday one of them gave evidence which caused the other two to be acquitted of the charge. Yu Yiu-tong (26), Siu Sing-keung (29) and his common-law wife, Kam Poyin (25), were charged with possessing heroin with a street value of \$30,000 for unlawful trafficking. Siu and his wife were acquitted after Yu had pleaded guilty and given evidence which cleared his co-defendants. Judge Ryan sentenced him to five years' imprisonment yesterday. [Excerpt] [Hong Kong SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST in English 17 Jun 81 p 22]

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NEPAL

FRG EXPERT SURVEYS DRUG USE INCREASE

Kathmandu THE MOTHERLAND in English 23 Jun 81 pp 1, 4

[Excerpt] Drug problem shows an upward trend in Nepal and will assume serious proportions in course of time, says a German expert currently studying abuse of narcotic drugs in Nepal and India.

Disclosing to the journalists details of his finding here yesterday, Berndt Georg Thamm said that there are five to seven hundred addicts of hard drugs in the capital at present. These are youth of 18-26 age group. Until three years ago the number was only 60, he added.

The number of Nepali youth taking drugs will be much more when other urban areas are taken into consideration. Likewise, there are about 60 foreigners, mostly from the west, living in Kathmandu who take drugs on a regular basis.

These addicts take heroin and morphine which are 10 to 15 times stronger than those available in the west, Thamm said and pointed out that drugs are illegally imported to Nepal through air as well as land route.

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PAKISTAN

SURPRISE RAID NETS LARGE MORPHINE HAUL

Islamabad THE MUSLIM in English 24 Jun 81 p 3

[Article by Muhammad Afzal]

[Text] Islamabad, June 23: In a surprise raid conducted by a special team comprising Pakistan Narcotics Control Board (PNCB) and police officials, morphine worth about Rs. four million was recovered from the Afghan Hotel, Railway Road, here this evening, and the police have rounded up three persons, including a British national, on the charge.

According to details, Ch. Iftikhar Ahmed Khan, Director PNCB, was tipped that a bid to smuggle morphine outside the country would be made and the persons involved were staying at the Afghan Hotel.

A raiding party was constituted to foil this attempt. They raided the hotel and arrested three persons--Abdul Qayyum, Abdul Hakim and a British national, Howar Rogers, and recovered the narcotic.

A case has been registered in the Cantt. Police Station and more arrests are expected. One of the alleged smugglers, Abdul Hakim, confessed that he brought the stuff from Shamroz Khan of Bara. He also disclosed that it was being smuggled to London.

Further investigations are afoot to haul up more persons involved in the racket.

Police said the three accused would be presented before the Ilaqa Magistrate, Mr. Tawana, tomorrow, for physical remand.

The alleged smugglers were due to leave the country by a PIA flight for London.

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PAKISTAN

BRIEFS

OPIUM SEIZED FROM TRUCK--Rawalpindi, 5 Jul--About six maunds of opium worth over Rs four lakh was today intercepted by the Customs Anti-Smuggling Mobile Unit from a truck after 30 minutes hot chase of a smuggler party near Attock. Collector Customs Mumtaz Ali Khan had been tipped that a large quantity of opium will be brought from Afghanistan to smuggle out to India. The smuggler party when appeared at the road was asked to stop for checking by the Customs men. The speedy vehicle of the smugglers neglected the Customs party and sped away. The Customs men, however, arrested one Zarmat Khan and recovered a large quantity of opium after chasing the speedy vehicle. The truck driver made his escape. Further investigation is in progress. [Text] [Karachi DAWN in English 6 Jul 81 p 7]

CHARAS SEIZED FROM KOREA--BOUND VESSEL--Yet another big haul of charas weighing nine maunds was made by the Drug Enforcement Cell staff from a PNSC vessel anchored in the open sea near Baba Island, yesterday. The contraband 'charas' is valued at about Rs 30.5 million in the international market. On a tip-off the customs men rummaged the ship VM "Sutlej" now undergoing repairs at the mooring and found the contraband charas hidden in the hatch of the ship. The ship is scheduled to sail for Korea in a couple of days, according to customs. But what has stunned customs intelligence men is the fact as to why the hashish was concealed in this ship. They, however, strongly believe that the "smugglers" who failed to deliver their goods to American Flag ship "Black Wing," now said to be in the vicinity of Churna Island, chose to take the contraband by "Sutlej" for delivery at some other port to their 'contact' while on way to Korea. This is the third seizure of contraband charas within a fortnight, destined for the States. A case has been registered under the Customs Act and efforts are afoot to locate the 'local links' as well as the 'suppliers.' [Text] [Karachi DAWN in English 6 Jul 81 p 8]

QUANTITY OF OPIUM, HEROIN--Quetta, 28 Jun--Rs 21 crore worth of heroin and opium were seized on Friday night by customs authorities near Muslim Bagh in what is claimed to be the biggest haul of its nature in the country. It was being carried in a truck, which was abandoned by its occupants when challenged by customs men. Although it could not be ascertained as to where the truck was coming from yet it was suspected that the vehicle carrying the huge quantity of heroin and opium had come from Landikotal area. [Text] [Karachi DAWN in English 29 Jun 81 p 6]

15KG OPIUM SEIZED--The Excise Staff (South) seized 15 kg opium from Karachi area and arrested a man. The accused, identified as Fazal Karim, according to Excise Staff, was trying to smuggle out opium through some ship from the Karachi Harbour. The drug is valued Rs50 lakh in the European countries. The Excise Staff is interrogating the arrested man for his links. [[Karachi DAWN in English 3 Jul 81 p 16]

POLICE SEIZE DRUGS--CIA [Criminal Investigation Agency] police of Harialo raided a narcotics den and recovered three sackfuls of cannabis. One person was arrested. [GF111905 Karachi MASHRIQ in Urdu 9 Jul 81]

MIRPURKHAS DRUGS HAUL--The local excise inspector has stated that during the past 6 months 64 kg of hashish, 600 grams of opium and the equipment for brewing 10 gallons of indigenous wine were seized. [GF111905 Karachi MASHRIQ in Urdu 9 Jul 81]

HEROIN SEIZED--The excise officials in Karachi on 9 July seized 3 kg of heroin at Mangopir near Karachi about to be shipped for Turkey. The seized heroin is valued at 10 million rupees. Two persons, Naik Mohammad and Miandad, have been arrested in this connection. [GF121930 Karachi JANG in Urdu 10 Jul 81 p 2]

HAUL OF OPIUM, HEROIN --Quetta, June 27: The customs staff has hauled up the biggest quantity of contraband opium and heroine worth over Rs. 21 crore from a truck seized at Muslimbagh, about 85 miles from here last night. The contraband was hidden in specially made cavities which were properly painted and decorated to misguide the customs hounds. The quantity recovered included 13.2 kilogram heroine and 71 kilograms of opium which would have fetched about Rs. 21 crore in the international market. He presumed that the truck loaded with the contraband was coming from Landikotal and was attempting to smuggle out the narcotics. However, inquiry is in progress and some revelations are expected to be made soon. -APP [Text] [Peshawar KHYBER MAIL in English 28 Jun 81 p 1]

OPIUM SEIZED--An attempt to smuggle 230 kilograms of opium and 6,000 yards of foreign cloth worth about Rs. 50 lakh was foiled in an operation here on Saturday. A truck was seized on Warsak-Shabqadar road and the contraband goods were recovered from its secret cavities. The opium and cloth were reportedly being smuggled to Karachi. [Text] [Peshawar KHYBER MAIL in English 21 Jun 81 p 6]

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PHILIPPINES

BRIEFS

DRUG TRAFFICKING--PC-INP [Philippine Constabulary-Integrated National Police] chief Major-General Fidel Ramos, in a report to Defense Minister Juan Ponce Enrile yesterday, revealed that international syndicates engaged in drug trafficking continue to use the Philippines as a transshipment point of their contraband. This was shown by the recent arrest of several foreign drug smugglers. Ramos said that the smuggling of dangerous drugs by foreigners coming to the country as tourists appeared to have become rampant last month. The PC chief noted that the illegal entry of dangerous drugs was apparently undetected because of the relaxed inspection of tourists' luggage at the Manila International Airport. Ramos also revealed that the Philippines is now a marijuana source country of Japan. He said this was shown by the arrests of several Japanese attempting to smuggle out ground marijuana. [Text] [HK150058 Manila FEBC in English 2330 GMT 14 Jul 81]

MARIHUANA BURNED--Camp E. Aguinaldo, Q.C., 23 Jun--Pelagio A. Cruz, commissioner of the Finance Ministry Intelligence Bureau (FMIB) ordered the burning of some 10,000 marihuana plants which were seized a week ago at a mountain barangay in Nueva Ecija. Believed to have a value of close to P1 million, the marihuana plants were uprooted by operative of the PC anti-narcotics unit, Army, and the Civilian Home Defense Force (CHDF) following the discovery of a big marihuana plantation at Tabuyan creek, Delcay, in Pantabangan, Nueva Ecija. Carlos Flores, FMIB region II director, told Cruz that the raiders found it very risky to haul the seized stuff, in big bundles, due to the treacherous terrain. Flores led local FMIB men in the surveillance of the prohibited farm prior to the raid. [Text] [Manila BULLETIN TODAY in English 24 Jun 81 p 5]

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THAILAND

BRIEFS

MAJOR NARCOTICS HAUL--Bangkok, 18 June--Thai narcotics officials have seized 95 kilos (209 lbs) of raw opium, morphine bricks and heroin base in one of the biggest raids in years, officials said today. Specialists said the haul would have been worth tens of millions of dollars on the streets of New York. The Office of the Narcotics Control Board (ONCB) said five people had been arrested yesterday when agents uncovered the drugs in trucks at a gas station near Chiang Mai, 800 kilometres (480 miles) north of Bangkok. Officials said the suspects were transporting 50 kilos of raw opium, 20.5 kilos of heroin base and 22 kilos of morphine. Thai narcotics officials are still hunting for one other suspect in connection with the seizure in Bangkok two months ago of about 58 kilos of heroin base.--NAB/AFP [Text] [Rangoon THE WORKING PEOPLE'S DAILY in English 19 Jun 81 p 5]

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BAHAMAS

ROUNDUP OF DRUG ARRESTS OVER PAST 2 MONTHS GIVEN

Record Weekend Haul

Nassau THE TRIBUNE in English 9 Jun 81 p 1

[Article by Marcia Bethel: "Biggest Seaborne Drug Bust Made"]

[Text]

WITH the largest seaborne drug bust in Bahamian history made over the weekend, over \$130 million worth of marijuana - 290 tons in all - 96 persons and 24 boats have been apprehended in Bahamian waters by members of the Bahamas Defence Force in the past two months.

Since April 9 to June 9 nine separate arrests have been made by the Bahamas Defence Force in waters off New Providence, Andros, Acklins, Bimini and the Berry Islands with the latest arrest having been made on Sunday.

According to CID officials the HMBS Marlin, under the command of Lieutenant Amos Rolle apprehended a freighter - believed to be a drug mother ship - in waters off Chub Cay in the Berry Islands. Ten Colombians and one American were arrested along with 825 bales of what is alleged to be marijuana - the largest drug haul made at sea this year.

And in a separate incident at

Sandy Point, Abaco, a 50-foot ship - also believed to be a drug mother ship - ran aground two miles off Sandy Point with ten Colombians aboard.

According to the Commissioner at Sandy Point, the ship Pexie Four, was brought into Sandy Point around 6 pm on Saturday afternoon. The engine room of the ship had been completely destroyed by fire.

"Nothing was found on the ship, except the ten Colombians, who are presently being processed in Marsh Harbour," said Commissioner Harrison Thompson this morning. "The captain of the ship stated that they were trying to get to land, they spotted Sandy Point and on their way in ran aground on a reef about two miles from Sandy Point. He claimed that something went wrong in the engine room causing the fire."

Commissioner Thompson said that the ship is docked at Sandy Point and that the

Defence Force craft HMBS Abaco arrived in Sandy Point on Monday and checked out the boat.

On Thursday April 9, the Defence Force vessel, HMBS Inagua, under the command of Lieutenant Jackson Ritchie, apprehended a mother ship and ten Colombians near Great Stirrup Cay, the Berry Islands. 600 bales of marijuana, each weighing 200-250 pounds was also found on board the 100 foot steel-hull cargo vessel, Cordobes.

On Monday April 13, 360 bales of marijuana and ten Colombians were arrested by police officers stationed in Andros. The arrest was made on Little Stirrup Cay the Berry Islands, by Sgt 383 Fines, Corp 249 Josey and Corp 972 Farquharson and other officers.

On April 23, the HMBS Marlin, under the command of Lt Amos Rolle, discovered 250 bales of marijuana on Samana Cay, northwest of Acklins Island along with three

Colombians. The 250 bales of marijuana were estimated to weigh 25,000 pounds.

Thirty-nine bales of marijuana, weighing 250 pounds each, one Colombian and two Americans, including a female, were apprehended on April 27 by the HMBS Abaco under the command of Lt Rodger Rolle, in waters off Turtle Rocks, southeast of Bimini.

The HMBS Inagua, under the command of Lieutenant Jackson Ritchie, apprehended 150 bales of marijuana, four Cuban Americans and two Colombians off Billy's Island,

near western Andros on Monday, May 4.

On Thursday May 14, 122 bales of marijuana and two Colombians were arrested in their vessel Carbrerita II just off Samana Cay. The arrest was made by the Defence Force boat HMBS Marlin, under the command of Lt Amos Rolle.

On Saturday May 2, three Cuban Americans and 24 bales of marijuana were apprehended in water off Billy's Cay by the HMBS Exuma, under the command of Commander Blatchette Lafleur.

And during the week-end of May 23/24 five boats, eleven

persons and 230 bales of marijuana were apprehended in two separate incidents by the HMBS Inagua and Abaco, under the command of Lieutenant Jackson Ritchie and Lieutenant Rodger Rolle. In one incident near the Bimini chain four boats were apprehended and one boat was apprehended in waters off Delaporte Point.

In the arrest made on Sunday, the rusty iron freighter "Rio Delta", the men and the drugs were brought into Nassau late Sunday afternoon. The men are expected to be charged in court tomorrow. /

[Photo caption] The Rio Delta arrested by Defence Force vessel Marlin on Sunday near Chub Cay with 10 Colombians and one American on board. 825 bales of what is believed to be marijuana were found on board--the biggest seaborne haul ever in Bahamian history.

Further Arrests

Nassau THE TRIBUNE in English 10 Jun 81 p 1

[Text]

EIGHTEEN Americans and six boats were arrested by the Bahamas Defence Force at Chub Cay on Sunday and two new "runabout" 27-foot Defence Force vessels saw action for the first time.

No announcement has been made about the new Defence Force vessels which have joined the fleet since the sinking of the 103-foot Flamingo by Cuban MiG fighters off Cay Santo Domingo on May 10 last year.

The vessels are believed to have been connected with the drug ship Rio Delta arrested by the Defence Force vessel Marlin off Chub Cay Sunday with 825 bales of marijuana aboard - having a street value of nearly \$50 million.

Two expensive Cigarettes (valued at around \$50,000 apiece) and two Scarab Sports (valued at around \$25,000 apiece) were brought in by the Defence Force, together with two large 40-48 ft cabin cruiser yachts.

Guns and about \$35,000 in cash were found aboard one of the Cigarette boats and guns and ammunition were found on all the boats. All the persons aboard the vessels were arrested and were to be charged in Nassau.

In the past two months Defence Forces have netted over \$130 million worth of marijuana - 290 tons in all - 96 persons and 24 boats - all arrested in Bahamian waters in connection with drug trafficking.

[Photo captions]

Two scarab sports being escorted into Chub Cay harbour by one of the new 'runabout' 27-foot Defence Force vessels in Sunday's arrest of six boats and 18 Americans. The new Defence Force craft have joined the fleet without any announcement.

Arrested boats tied up by Defence Force marines at Chub Cay after being searched and a quantity of arms and ammunition was found. Boat at left, a twin diesel Cigarette, also had an estimated \$35,000 in cash aboard.

Arrested cigarette being escorted into Chub Cay harbour Sunday following a Defence Force check which netted six boats and 18 Americans arrested over having arms and ammunition aboard. The men and boats were brought to Nassau.

Bail Denial for 11

Nassau THE TRIBUNE in English 11 Jun 81 p 1

[Excerpt]

TEN Colombians and an American, charged with being in possession of 825 bags of marijuana, weighing an estimated 33,000 pounds, were refused bail yesterday when they were charged before Magistrate Shirin Edun.

They were arrested on Sunday, June 7, in waters off Chub Cay in the Berry Islands.

Charged are Pedro Christopher, 28; Carlos Bent, 32; Gustavo Garcia, 25; John Hernandez, 25; Oiden Torres, 21; Orlando Sanchez, 33; Pedro Pandoles, 33; Luis Prada, 44; Jose Martini, 26; Thomas Fishback, 32, (American); and a 15-year-old Colombian.

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BAHAMAS

MARIHUANA RUNNING, ARRESTS REPORTED

Several Drug Arrests

Nassau THE TRIBUNE in English 25 May 81 p 1

[Text] Five boats were apprehended, eleven persons arrested and 230 bales of a substance believed to be marijuana were seized in two separate incidents by members of the Bahamas Defence Force over the weekend.

On Friday afternoon; four boats were apprehended by Defence Force Patrol boat Inagua under the command of Lieutenant Jackson Richie in the Bimini chain in waters near Orange Cay and on Saturday afternoon a boat was apprehended in waters off Delaporte Point by the Defence Force boat Abaco.

It was reported that the Inagua was on routine patrol in waters near Orange Cay when the officers spotted what appeared to be a drug exchange involving five boats. The Inagua managed to apprehend four of the boats, two 60-foot crafts, "Lucky Lady" and "7 Mares," a Cigarette boat "Carrera" and an unnamed vessel with Florida registration FL 7346 AH. Another boat got away.

It is reported that 20 bags of the substance believed to be marijuana were found on the boat "7 Mares" and nine men, believed to be Cuban-Americans, arrested. Some 20-30 bags of the substance were also found on the Cigarette boat. The men and the drugs were brought to Nassau along with the boats. The men were being processed today.

In the second incident two Bahamians are reported to have been cruising in the waters just off Delaporte Point when they were threatened by two men on a boat.

Defence Force boat Abaco, acting on information, went to the area and apprehended a boat with two Americans, a father and son.

The Americans are also expected to be charged this afternoon.

Cuban-Americans Arrested

Nassau THE TRIBUNE in English 26 May 81 p 1

[Excerpts] Three Cuban Americans arrested by members of the Bahamas Defence Force on May 22, aboard the 60-foot vessel "Seven Mares," were given bail totalling \$75,000 cash by Magistrate George van Sertima yesterday.

The men were charged with being in possession of 253 bags of marijuana at Orange Cay, in the Bimini chain and also of possession with intent to supply.

Charged were Rene Ferrer, 42, Ruben Perez, 42, and Emillio Buchellio, 49.

Another six Cuban Americans, arrested aboard the "Lucky Lady," a 60-foot vessel by members of the Bahamas Defence Force, were released from custody when no charges were preferred against them.

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BRAZIL

BRIEFS

BOLIVIAN OFFICER ARRESTED IN BRAZIL--Rio Branco (O GLOBO)--Federal police agents from Acre state detained in Rio Branco the night before last Bolivian army non-commissioned officer Aleuandro Villanueva with 1 kg of cocaine estimated at 1.5 million cruzeiros. Villanueva lives and serves at the army garrison of Cobija, and was detained in front of the Hotel Chui when he had passed the drug to Brazilian Raimundo Nonato Ribeiro Maciel. According to Eliud Goncalves, federal police superintendent in Acre state, the arrest of the Bolivian officer confirms that this state has become the alternative cocaine route since the officials tightened the control on the region between the border of Bolivia and Mato Grosso state. [PY100323 Rio De Janeiro O GLOBO in Portuguese 4 Jul 81 p 6]

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JAMAICA

BRIEFS

FOUR IN COCAINE ARREST--Four people, including an American, were arrested and a quantity of cocaine and over \$8,200 counterfeit American currency seized in a raid carried out by the Montego Bay police at Montego Bay Club on Saturday, June 20, police reported. Arrested and charged with possession of cocaine were Beverley Rodney, 26, of Tower Hill; Millicent Whyte, 17, of Tucker; and Phyllis Brown, 18, of Austin Avenue, all in the parish of St. James. The American, Roy Dixon, 38, of 525 N.W. 198th St., Miami, has been charged with possession of cocaine and forged currency. According to reports, the police, acting on a tipoff, swooped down on the hotel about 11.30 a.m. where the four were cornered in a room. A search was carried out and the cocaine and counterfeit currency in \$100 bills recovered. They are remanded in custody to appear in the Montego Bay Resident Magistrate Court today. [Text] [Kingston THE DAILY GLEANER in English 25 Jun 81 p 22]

BAR ON GANJA SMOKING--The ambivalence of the law against ganja-smoking, whereby smoking of weed "as a sacrament" or at a "peace concert" or at the funeral of a celebrity is tolerated, yet the individual who smokes a "spliff" or chillum pipe in his yard or in a public place is sentenced, has been criticized by the Council of the Jamaican Bar Association. The Council's view was expressed on June 15 in a resolution it passed, and a copy of which has sent to the Minister of National Security and Justice. In the resolution the Council called on the Government and the Legislature "to lay down unequivocally and clearly by Acts of Parliament what exemptions to the Dangerous Drugs Act (beyond those already defined therein) are legal, if any." [Excerpt] [Kingston THE DAILY GLEANER in English 27 Jun 81 p 1]

SUSPECT PLANE--A twin engine piper airplane of American registry, believed to be on a ganja mission, crashed at the Reynolds Jamaica Mines airstrip in Claremont on Monday. A white man was seen running from the aircraft after it crashed and a search has been launched for him, the Police Information Centre said. Sixty rounds of .38 cartridges were found in the plane which had the markings N5581Y on it. [Text] [Kingston THE DAILY GLEANER in English 1 Jul 81 p 9]

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MEXICO

OFFICIAL REPORT ON MEXICAN EFFORTS TO COMBAT DRUGS

Nuevo Laredo EL MANANA in Spanish 22 Jun 81 pp 1, 2

[Text] Mexico City, 21 Jun (Lemus)--The Mexican Government has assigned over 10,000 forces from the Secretariat of Health and Assistance, the Mexican Center for Studies on Drug Addiction and the Army and Air Force, as well as from the Office of the Attorney General of the Republic, to the battle against drug production and trafficking.

Thanks to this effort, there has been success in nearly eradicating the areas planted with marihuana, and in reducing to a minimum the trafficking of heroin to the United States from Mexico, according to the statistics and documents turned over by the Mexican congressmen to their American colleagues during the recently held intercongressional meeting.

The document, which was read by Senator Mario Carballo Pazos (which was not made public and of which we obtained a copy), stated that despite this permanent battlefront against the production and trafficking of drugs, there is an increasing battlefront which is even larger and more powerful, owing to its numbers and the economic resources at its disposal, to confront the elements combating them and to keep the flow of drug supply required for their illegal market with constantly heightened drama.

To demonstrate our government's determination to combat the drug traffickers, and its cooperation with other countries, particularly the United States, Senator Carballo Pazos cited the precedents attesting to this: first, the convention at The Hague, in the Netherlands, in 1912, which established cooperation for the registration of narcotics as a matter of international law, and the bases for their international control, limiting the production and commercial systems for narcotic drugs to those essential for medicinal uses; the Geneva convention of 1925, which required the participating governments to prepare annual statistics on the registration of narcotic drugs that are produced for medicinal purposes, for the Permanent Central Office of Narcotics, which was created. Mexico signed this commitment at the 1931 convention, also held in Geneva.

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MEXICO

RING OF YOUTHS SMUGGLING MARIHUANA CAPTURED

Nuevo Laredo EL MANANA in Spanish 19 Jun 81 Sec B p 5

[Text] Agents of the Federal Judicial Police under orders from Comdr Jose Siordia Jimenez and group chief Benito Estrada Villagomez detected and broke up a ring of presumed drug traffickers who had been taking small shipments of marihuana into the United States through an "ant" type operation.

The individuals who admitted their illegal activities are Pedro Hernandez Garcia, Antonio Montoya Sosa, Juan Francisco Gonzalez and Jesus Torres Perez, from whom two suitcases containing 20 kilograms of cannabis indica and another plastic bag filled with the same plant were seized.

When questioned regarding his ties with the drug traffic, Pedro Hernandez confessed that he was responsible for forming his ring, and that he often made personal trips to Oaxaca, where he purchased moderate amounts of grass, taking it to this town, from which he exported it to the United States with the aid of his accomplices.

As for the suitcases containing marihuana which were seized, Hernandez Garcia admitted that he had bought the shipment in Oaxaca and carried it to this town.

Also confiscated from those in custody was a 1967 Ford pickup truck with Texas license plates, as well as a 1972 Dodge car.

They stated that they had used these vehicles to export the marihuana, which they concealed in various compartments prepared in advance.



Despite their age, the youths Juan Francisco Gonzalez, Jesus Torres Perez and Pedro Hernandez Garcia had joined together to purchase and export marihuana to the United States. The Federal Judicial Police seized two suitcases filled with cannabis indica from them.

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MEXICO

FUGITIVE FROM U.S. JUSTICE CAPTURED IN MEXICALI

Mexicali LA VOZ DE LA FRONTERA in Spanish 19 Jun 81 Sec B p 14

[Text] Mexicali--The agent for the Virreyes development in this capital, Mario Rafael Solorio Cosio, aged 24, who is a fugitive from justice in the United States, was arrested by Federal Judicial Police agents, on charges of being a middleman in a marihuana purchase and sale transaction which took place in February of this year.

The agent of the Federal Public Ministry in this jurisdiction, Jose S. Reta Diaz, reported that Solorio had been arrested by the United States police in Calexico, California, for possession and trafficking of heroin and cocaine, and was arraigned by a San Diego court, from which he was released on bail. He was currently a fugitive from justice in that country, hiding in this Baja California capital.

Reta Diaz said that Solorio Cosio was identified as agent for the Virreyes development upon being questioned by agents of the Federal Judicial Police under orders from Comdr Pablo Garcia Martinez.

According to the information supplied by the official from the Office of the Attorney General of the Republic, on 17 February of this year Mario Rafael received 60 pounds of marihuana at his residence in the Virreyes development.

That same day, he turned over the drugs to Jose Antonio Lopez, aged 28, a Dominican residing in the United States, who was supposed to deliver them to another contact in Orange, California.

Mario Rafael delivered the marihuana completely pressed and concealed in the spare tire compartment of a 1969 Chevrolet car, with license plates 939-UDW, in which it was carried by Jose Antonio.

The latter was arrested by the United States migration authorities at the checkpoint in Calexico.

Solorio Cosio, who had followed the Dominican in his own car, at a cautious distance, noticed that his accomplice had been caught by the authorities, and left the scene. He had previously told his companion that he could not cross over to the United States because they might arrest him, since he was due to be tried in San Diego, California, for heroin and cocaine trafficking. Reta Diaz said that samples of the marihuana were obtained through the Mexican Consulate in Calexico, and the capture of Mario Rafael Solorio was ordered, and was carried out in accordance with the legal requisition.

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MEXICO

MARIHUANA, PILLS SEIZED FROM TRAFFICKERS

Nuevo Laredo EL MANANA in Spanish 26 Jun 81 Sec B p 5

[Text] The Federal Judicial Police seized toxic pills, marihuana and two vehicles which were being used to carry drugs to the United States from the presumed drug traffickers Juan Ceja de Leon and Manuel Hernandez Barron.

The capture of these individuals took place on Monday, and yesterday Carlos Aguilar Garza, coordinator of the campaign against drug trafficking, released the report on the results of the investigation conducted by the Federal Judicial Police.

Both had been associated in the purchase and sale of drugs, their business consisting of the exporting of drugs which they purchased on Mexican territory.

At the time of their arrest, 450 grams of marihuana, 90 toxic pills known as Ionamin, and two bottles containing 16 capsules of pills called Darvon were seized from them.



Manuel Hernandez Barron had been associated with another trafficker for the purchase and sale of marihuana and toxic pills.

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MEXICO

MIGRATION CARD FORGERS CAUGHT WITH PILLS

Nuevo Laredo EL MANANA in Spanish 26 Jun 81 Sec B p 5

[Text] A bold, shameless couple who were engaged in both the sale of drugs and the making and forging of all types of migration papers, using primitive systems, were arrested on Tuesday by Federal Judicial Police agents under orders from Comdr Jose Siordia Jimenez and group chief Benito Estrada Villagomez.

They are Alfredo Landin Infante, alias "El Pini," and Irene Garcia Quezada, alias "La Chaparra," who made full confessions of their illegal activities.

Confiscated from the former were 15 counterfeit passports, as well as a crude press for making the local cards. Irene Garcia had in her possession 11 forged papers ready for sale, as well as 58 toxic pills of the type called Neo-Percodan.

The woman stated that she sold each pill for 50 pesos.

Both forged migration papers, first procuring the cards which were stolen by various criminals from whom they were purchased by the couple, who later removed the original photographs from them, so as to insert the photo of the interested customer. They had already been engaged in this illegal business for several months.



Alfredo Landin Infante, alias "El Pini,"
bought local cards that were stolen, to
alter them.

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Irene Garcia Quezada, alias "La Chaparra,"
sold psychotropic substances and counter-
feit local cards.

MEXICO

BRIEFS

TRAFFICKERS FELL ANTIDRUG PLANE--Camionera, Chihuahua, 24 Jun (ANPE)--In a remote mountain area of Guadalupe and Calvo, on the Sinaloa boarder, a small plane which was engaged in reconnaissance maneuvers over poppy plantations crashed. The aircraft belonged to the Office of the Attorney General, and its crew was serving with the antidrug campaign. The case is being investigated, because it is presumed to have been shot down by drug traffickers. [Text] [Piedras Negras EL DIARIO DE PIEDRAS NEGRAS in Spanish 25 Jun 81 p 1] 2909

TRAFFICKERS CAPTURED, TWO KILLED--After a gory gun battle in which two drug traffickers were killed, the Federal Judicial Police succeeded in capturing, in Oaxaca, Amador Vazquez Pacheco, owner of several marihuana plantations in various municipalities of Choapan, in that state. A total of 250 kilograms of "grass" and 30 seeds thereof were seized from him. Also participating in the action were members of the State Judicial Police. To date, there has been no report on the identity of the traffickers who were killed in the confrontation in which Pedro Santiago Clemente and Wensceslao Santiago Clemente were captured. The investigation which led the agents to the discovery of the marihuana plantations began when Vazquez Pacheco was captured in Tuxtepec, Oaxaca, and was found to have 500 grams of cannabis indica in his possession. After close questioning, the drug trafficker confessed to his illegal activity, and, in the vicinity of the La Lona River, turned over 250 kilograms of marihuana and 30 seeds of the same "grass" which were ready to be marketed. He also admitted to being the owner of several marihuana plantations located in the town of Francisco Villa, municipality of Choapan, Oaxaca. When the agents went to that location, they were driven back by gunfire from those responsible for the crops, who were eventually killed in the gun battle. [Text] [Culiacan EL SOL DE SINALOA in Spanish 27 Jun 81 p 2] 2909

POLICE SELLING DRUGS SENTENCED--Yesterday, a ring of municipal policemen who were taking advantage of their jobs as custodians in the Federal Public Ministry agency in Reynosa, Tamaulipas, to traffic in marihuana that they were stealing from the drug shipments which the federal agents seized from drug traffickers, was sentenced by the second district judge. They are Santiago Lara Aleman, sentenced to 8 years in prison; Juan Vela Alanis, sentenced to a 7-year jail term; Cesareo Lerma Martinez, who was given the same sentence as the foregoing individual; and Juan Cervando Payan Montemayor, who will serve a prison sentence of 7 years and 6 months. A fine of 10,000 pesos was imposed on all of them. The second district judge found all of them penally guilty of committing a crime against health in the degree of marihuana possession, supply and trafficking. On 28 May of last year, Federal Judicial Police agents first arrested Juan Vela Alanis, who was engaged in selling joints of marihuana. Several containers of marihuana were found in his possession, and he confessed that he had been given them by his friend, municipal policeman Juan Cervando Payan. The latter subject was arrested, and admitted that the two bags of cannabis indica that he had in his possession, and the drug which he had given to Vela Alanis, had been purchased by him from Santiago Lara, who was a municipal policeman, assigned to the agency of the Federal Public Ministry. [Text] [Nuevo Laredo EL MANANA in Spanish 18 Jun 81 Sec B p 8] 2909

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IRAN

BRIEFS

OPIUM JUICE SEIZED--According to PARS News Agency, the public relations office of the gendarmerie of the Islamic Republic of Iran has announced in a statement that the officers of Gurband gendarmerie post in (Gurkhan), Minab region, attached to the Bandar 'Abbas gendarmerie, found 139 kg of opium juice while searching a car. Two persons were arrested and handed over to judicial authorities in connection with this. [Text] [LD030224 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0730 GMT 2 Jul 81]

FIGHT AGAINST DRUGS--According to the Central News Bureau, the gendarmerie of the Islamic Republic of Iran announced in a report that the gendarmerie officers of various regions of the country during the first week of this month in their fight against counterband discovered more than 3,244 kg of opium, 17.6 kg of hashish, 150,526 packs of foreign cigarettes, 1,159 kg of tea, 29,641 bars of soap, 18,474 metres of fabric, 70 radios, TVs and video cassette player/recorders and also 20,350 clothes items. The gendarmerie officers arrested 171 persons in this connection who were prosecuted. [Text] [LD100011 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0730 GMT 9 Jul 81 LD]

NARCOTICS SENTENCES--According to a report by the Central News Bureau, the Public Relations Department of the antinarcotics prosecutor's office has announced: In the past week the first and second branches of the antinarcotics Islamic revolution courts, chaired by Messrs Mohammadi-Azar and Zargar, held sessions and dealt with the cases of 207 people accused by the antinarcotics public prosecutor's office. In accordance with verdicts issued by these branches, 34 convicts have received from 1 to 10 years, one 15 years, one 20 years and one has received a life sentence, two convicts have been sentenced to death. Their cases have been sent to the Supreme Judicial Council for confirmation. As a result of investigation into the cases of the accused, some were sentenced to less than 1 year's imprisonment and some were released on bail. [Text] [Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 11 Jul 81 LD]

NARCOTICS SEIZURE--According to a PARS News Agency report, the public relations office of the gendarmerie of the Islamic Republic of Iran has announced: On 9 July of this year, by controlling the roads at both ends, the personnel of the gendarmerie post of Kameh, the Torbat-e Heydariyeh Company, managed to seize from two occupants of a car 54 kg of opium which had been placed inside the car's seats. The owner of the car was arrested and handed over to the authorities concerned. [Text] [LD120314 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 11 Jul 81 LD]

NARCOTICS DISCOVERY--According to PARS News Agency, 15 grams of heroin, more than 5 kg of opium and 2 kg of hashish were discovered in Qom during the past few days. The Qom Islamic Revolution Court announced: the antinarcotics officers of the city, while searching suspicious passengers with the cooperation of the brothers in the guards and the police, discovered the said narcotics stashed away. According to this report, 22 persons were arrested in this connection and handed over to the revolution court. [Excerpt] [LD140244 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1730 GMT 13 Jul 81 LD]

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AUSTRIA

BRIEFS

HEROIN DEALERS ARRESTED--The police have broken up a drug dealers' ring which was involved in smuggling heroin from Istanbul to Vienna and selling it there. A total of 1.6 kilograms of heroin with a black market value of 5 million schillings was found under a double bottom in a suitcase which had been brought by plane into Austria by a 35-year old Austrian. Altogether five people were arrested. Further investigations are in progress. [Text] [AU091122 Vienna Domestic Service in German 1000 GMT 9 Jul 81]

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POLICE SEE INTERNATIONAL GANGS TARGETING COCAINE TO YOUTH

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[Text] Backers of large, international drug organizations are presently preparing a grand "sales drive" directed at the Danish market in order to turn a completely new group of "nice young people" into drug addicts. The sales drive will introduce the drug, cocaine, which is known as the "high class" drug, as opposed to heroin which is the drug for addicts of the "proletariat." The purpose of flooding the market with cocaine is to accomplish a kind of production development of the drug business which, in this manner, can ensure a new and more affluent group of drug addicts.

The drug police in Copenhagen have received this information through international sources, and the fears of a great cocaine drive in Denmark were recently made real when almost 3 kg cocaine, meant for the Danish market, were seized abroad. The sales price for the 3 kg is close to 3 million kroner, and this confiscation is three times bigger than the quantities which the police confiscated during the entire last year. Together with the police's other seizures in Copenhagen, the total for this year alone is more than 4 kg, which is more than four times the cocaine seized during 1980.

Cocaine Explosion

Chief Inspector Bent Ejlerskov Peterson of the Police's drug division: "Right now it is difficult to say whether the surge in the seizures of cocaine is an expression of a heavy increase in the cocaine market or, if the police have simply been lucky in striking some of the large shipments."

"We have, however, received messages from abroad about mafia-type drug organizations in South America where the cocaine is produced, which presently are exchanging 2 kg heroin for 1 kg cocaine in southern Europe, even though cocaine and heroin as a whole are sold for the same price per gram. They are striving to produce large quantities for a sales drive which is to establish cocaine as the new drug in Europe by making drug addicts out of a new group of youths," chief inspector Bent Ejlerskov Petersen says.

Pinstriped Police Force

As a consequence of the increased sale of cocaine and information about a cocaine drive in Denmark, the police are seriously considering changing the staffing of its drug division. So far, however, it cannot be established whether the reorganization

will mean that the police in Copenhagen are establishing a "pinstriped patrol" which can infiltrate jet-set and disco-communities where the cocaine is being marketed.

As opposed to heroin, which is injected into the veins, cocaine is "sniffed" through the nose and gives a brief high. The drug does not cause any visible withdrawal symptoms; however, people become psychologically dependent on it. Cocaine as such is much more dangerous than heroin because it attacks the central nervous system. It can cause people who are already psychologically unstable to go insane for life after only a few cocaine sniffs, and only very few people can use cocaine regularly over a longer period of time without getting very serious and lasting psychological damage.

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HEROIN GANG BROKEN UP--The police in Copenhagen feel that with the arrest of four men and two women it has broken up another drug ring which deals in hard drugs. The backer, a 34-year old unemployed man, was yesterday taken into custody at the court house for 4 weeks, charged with importation of and dealing in a large quantity of heroin. The 34-year old man has himself been abroad to pick up the drugs which he thereafter sold to a well-developed net of dealers. Through the arrest of the six people, the police confiscated a total of 200 grams of heroin and 200,000 kroner in cash. The ringleader's close "business contact," a 30-year old man, was also jailed for 4 weeks, while the two other men were placed in custody for 2 weeks. The women, who are 29 and 25 years old, were jailed for 3 days. The 25-year-old woman is the wife of the ringleader. [Copenhagen BERLINGSKE TIDENDE in Danish 24 Jun 81 p 2] 9667

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