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36 DRUG ADDICTS ROUNDED UP IN VILLAGE OF MEGUI

Rangoon THE WORKING PEOPLE'S DAILY in English 9 Jun 77 p 4

[Text]

MERGUI, 4 Jun—Altogether 36 drug addicts and five drug pedlars from a village in Mergui West Township have been rounded up by the Township People's Council.

Acting on information that there was widespread use of smuggled heroin No 3 at Kyatchaung and Yekantaung villages in Mergui West Township Township People's Councillors led by executive committee member U Kyee Shein visited the two villages, investigated the matter and exposed the drug addicts and pedlars.

Action is being taken against 36 men and women

drug addicts from Kyatchung village under the Narcotic Drugs Law.

Action is also being taken against heroin No 3 traffickers Daw Aye Thin Kyi, Ma Myint Sein, Ma Me Doke, Ma Than Myint and Ma Mya Yi of Kyatchaung village and Daw Chit Lay of Yekantaung village under the Narcotic Drugs Law.

A police party from Myoma Police Station yesterday seized seven packets of heroin No 3 when they searched the house of Ko Chit Maung and Ma San Myint of Kyaungnge Quarter, Mergui.—(240)

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CROP SUBSTITUTE PROGRAM IN PHAKHON

Rangoon THE WORKING PEOPLE'S DAILY in English 4 Jun 77 p 1

[Text]

LOIKAW, 30 May—The State is giving aid to peasants in Phaikhon Township of Southern Shan State for cultivation of paddy, oranges, coffee, groundnut, sugarcane, potato and *thanatphet* (leaves for rolling cheroots) in fields where opium poppy cultivations had been destroyed.

An aid of K 60,000 has been granted for bringing 300 acres of land under cultivation, K 5,000 for cultivation of *thanatphet* on 100 acres and K 20,000 worth of fertiliser.

The Party and Council functionaries together with

members of the opium substitute cultivation committee and departmental workers visited Narhee, Nawnglon, Yilonyikan, Kayin, Yiphwai and other villages in Phaikhon Township and gave talks to the peasants.

They explained to the peasants the dangers of narcotic drugs to the whole nation and the advantages of cultivation of food crops and fruit trees. They told the peasants that the State would distribute to them seeds and saplings of fruit trees and fertiliser free.—(084)

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MENTAL THERAPY FOR ADDICTS EMPHASIZED

Rangoon THE WORKING PEOPLE'S DAILY in English 4 Jun 77 pp 1, 4

[Te RANGOON,, 3 Jun —
Chairman of the Drugs
Addiction Treatment Body
Deputy Minister for Health
U Khin Nyein this mor-
ning visited the cartoon
exhibition depicting the
dangers and evils of narco-
tic drugs in the east wing
of the Bogyoke Market.

He was accompanied by
Director (Laboratory) of
Health Department U Mahn
Soe Myint, Medical Super-
intendent of the Psychiatric
Hospital Dr Ne Win and
party.

U Khin Nyein and party
were welcomed and shown

round the exhibition by
Pabedan Township People's
Council Chairman U Kyaw
Sein, Party Unit Secretary
U Than Lwin and exhibi-
tion management committee
members.

Members of the Drug
Addiction Treatment Body
held a round of discussions
on matters relating to pre-
vention of drug abuse and
treatment of drug addiction.

Speaking at the discus-
sion, U Khin Nyein pointed
out that in giving treatment
to drug addicts, physical

as well as mental therapy
were needed. He urged the
Party and Council functiona-
ries to arrange chess games,
table tennis and encourage
reading habit for the
benefit of drug addicts who
are receiving treatment.

Pabedan Township Party
and Council functionaries
reported the work being
carried out for prevention of
drug abuse and difficulties
encountered. Members of the
Drugs Addiction Treatment
Body then replied to points
raised by those attending
the discussion.

More than 7,000 working
people and students vi-
sited the exhibition to-
day the fourth day
and more than 40,000
people have so far visited
the exhibition.

The exhibition is open
from 8 am to 6 pm daily
up to 9 June.—NAB

MALAYSIA

SWEDISH GIRL SENTENCED IN MALAYSIA ON HEROIN CHARGE

Hong Kong AFP in English 1254 GMT 17 Jun 77 BK

[Text] Kuala Lumpur, 17 June (AFP)--A Swedish girl, Annica Carrson, 21, was today sentenced to 2 and a half months jail for possession of heroin.

Four Malaysians (words garbled) sentenced with her after all of them pleaded guilty to a charge of possessing two tubes of heroin weighing 0.06 grams on 11 April this year.

The court was told that a police party, acting on information, raided a house near here and found the five persons smoking heroin. After the search they found two tubes of heroin, four empty straws and some other articles.

Counsel for Annica told the court in litigation that she was lured into visiting Malaysia by two Malaysians in Sweden and fell into bad company here.

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SINGAPORE

BRIEFS

DRUG TRAFFICKER SENTENCED--In the district court a 23-year old [word indistinct], (Lim Ngee Son), was jailed for 5 years and ordered to be given five strokes of the rattan for illegal trafficking and consumption of drugs. He was found guilty of having 0.18 grams of heroin at Prince Philip Avenue last February. He also pleaded guilty for consuming morphine on the same occasion. [Text] [Singapore Domestic Service in English 1130 GMT 17 Jun 77 BK]

DRUG TRAFFICKERS SENTENCED--In a district court today, a 22-year old foreman, (Lim Pik Chuan) and a 36-year old stevedore, (Tan Ah Chai), were each jailed 5 years and ordered to be given five strokes of the rattan for trafficking in 0.08 grams of heroin. [Text] [Singapore Domestic Service in English 1130 GMT 23 Jun 77 BK]

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THAILAND

THAI MONK'S DRUG REHABILITATION CENTER TO BE REOPENED

Bangkok NATION REVIEW in English 20 Jun 77 pp 1, 12 BK

[By Pansak Piriyanon]

[Text] Saraburi--The country's best known drug addict rehabilitation center, Tham Krabok, which closed down earlier this year when its funds dried up, will reopen before the end of the year. Abbot of Tham Krabok, Magsaysay Award winner Phra [monk] Charun Panchan, said in an exclusive interview with the NATION REVIEW yesterday that two major contributions, amounting to more than 200,000 baht, will provide him with sufficient resources to revive his services to drug addicts.

Prof Dr Uthit Naksawat, representing the Public Relations Association of Thailand, had handed over 100,000 baht while the East Asiatic Co had contributed 160,000 baht.

"Although the total sum is not huge, I hope, with more donations from other sources, our services to cure and rehabilitate drug addicts will resume before the end of this month," he said.

Phra Charun closed down his Tham Krabok treatment center on 11 April, this year, when the 1-million-baht fund earlier handed over by the Public Health Ministry ran out, with no further voluntary contributions from any other sources.

Phra Charun, who won last year's Magsaysay Award for his initiative in operating the drug addict rehabilitation center, said he hoped donations would also come in the form of clothes for patients.

"The original 1,200 articles have mostly been worn out," he said.

More than 4,000 drug addicts sought treatment at Tham Krabok in the past year, he said.

He said that, although he had been in receipt of the new donations since early this month, he had decided not to resume services immediately: "Because I don't want people to swarm in all at the same time, since that

kind of rush would make our treatment not as effective as we would want it to be."

Abbot Phra Charun said that, despite the official closure notice, about 20 patients had been coming to seek treatment daily in the past months.

"We couldn't take them, so we advised them to go to various hospitals," he said.

When the center reopens at the end of this month, Phra Charun said the daily admission rate would be two per day at the most.

"If more people come on any given day, they will have to draw lots," the abbot said.

He said a private company had offered to build a new building in the temple to accommodate foreign addicts. The new building is expected to be completed towards the end of next month.

"When it is finished, about 30 to 40 foreign addicts could be accommodated at any given time," he said.

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THAILAND

THAI POLICE INTERCEPT HEROIN FROM NORTH THAILAND, RAID FACTORY

Bangkok BANGKOK POST in English 16 Jun 77 p 3 BK

[Text] Chiang Rai--Police Tuesday night intercepted a tour bus and found 2.1 kg of No 4 high-grade heroin hidden in a paper box. Two drivers and an assistant were taken into custody for questioning.

The heroin was valued at about 200,000 baht local price.

Acting on a tip-off that an unknown quantity of heroin would be transported to Bangkok from this province via a tour bus, a team of policemen headed by the provincial superintendent, Pol Col Suphan Phongthong, rushed to a highway checkpoint in Tambon Mae Lao, Muang District.

At about 1930 a King tour bus approached the checkpoint and was stopped and searched by the policemen, who found three packages of No 4 heroin bearing the Double Lion trademark hidden in a Mekhong paper box.

A bus assistant who was questioned by police said that the box was taken onto the bus by an unknown person and [everyone] denied having any knowledge of the drugs.

All passengers on the bus disclaimed ownership of the box, which did not bear names and addresses of either the sender or the receiver. Drivers Somsak Sichandi and Chana Saisuthi as well as the assistant, Sawat Kaeosup were, however, detained for further questioning.

Meanwhile in Phitsanulok late Tuesday night, a team of police raided a house believed to be a heroin processing plant and seized 5 kg of cooked opium as well as 41 items of equipment and chemicals.

Five persons who were in the house in Ban Nongha, Tambon Phongsanthong of Muang District, cooking the opium at the time of the police raid, were detained for questioning.

The five men were identified as Lun Chanwong, Ampan Maiwong, Sombun Maiwong, Khuan Chanthabut and Somchit Butdi.

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THAILAND

400 KILOGRAMS OF CONFISCATED HEROIN TO BE BURNED NEXT MONTH

Bangkok MORNING EXPRESS in English 16 Jun 77 p 1 BK

[Text] The Public Health Ministry will burn 400 kg of heroin worth more than 12,000 million baht (\$600 million) early next month. This is only the first amount of confiscated heroin to be destroyed.

Mr Phon Tamprathip, secretary to the Narcotics Destroying Committee told the EXPRESS yesterday that abundance of heroin has been confiscated since 1973 and that it has been kept in stockpile at the Public Health Ministry's specially-built storeroom.

Part of them was reportedly used for medical purposes.

Mr Phon did not disclose the exact quantity of the heroin confiscated. However, he said, all the heroin has been divided into six amounts to be burned down one after the other.

The first batch will be destroyed at the shooting range of the Police Department in Bangkok early next month. Mr Phon said 300 to 400 kg of heroin will be burned at this time.

"The amount [is] worth more than \$600 million in the U.S. or Western markets," he said.

There will be witnesses from several government units on the spot where the heroin will be burned.

Mr Phon said the committee has closely checked the stocks of all confiscated narcotics being kept at the Food and Drug Control Division of the Public Health Ministry. "The quantities must be exactly what the confiscation records said," he told the MORNING EXPRESS.

The burning of confiscated heroin next month will be the first destruction since 1973.

However, several other types of narcotics such as marihuana and raw opium are not included in this destruction.

THAILAND

RAID IN CENTRAL BANGKOK NETS 1.4 KILOS OF HEROIN 7 JUNE

Bangkok BANGKOK POST in English 9 Jun 77 p 5 BK

[Text] Narcotics police arrested four men and seized 1.4 kilograms of No 4 high-grade heroin in front of the New Light Coffee Shop in Siam Square on Tuesday night.

The four men were identified as Udom Chongrachen, Wichai Hongswatdi, Chumsap Kunnarunatwanit and Huai Sae Chung.

Having been tipped that a narcotics deal would take place in front of the restaurant, a team of plainclothes policemen was placed in the restaurant vicinity, and at about 2100 a Toyota Crown sedan entered the car park and a man was seen getting out of the car holding a paper bag in one hand.

The policemen then made the swoop and found four packages of heroin wrapped in plastic bags. All four men in the car were taken into custody.



The four suspects at the Police Narcotics Suppression Bureau yesterday. The men are, from left to right, Chumsap, Huai, Udom and Wichai

THAILAND

BRIEFS

ARREST OF JAPANESE WITH HEROIN--A Japanese, allegedly in possession of heroin and two pistols, was arrested at Don Muang Airport this morning. The suspect, Ezaki Eiji (55), was waiting for a Thai flight to Osaka when he was nabbed by customs officials and crime suppression police. At the time of the arrest Eiji allegedly had a kilogram of No 4 heroin and two 7.65 mm pistols with 21 rounds. According to officials, undercover agents were tipped off that Eiji would be trying to smuggle the drug and pistols out on flight tg 600 scheduled to depart Bangkok at 10 A.M. He was apprehended and searched. [Text] [Bangkok BANGKOK WORLD in English 10 Jun 77 p 1 BK]

JAN-APR FIGURES ON DRUG CASES--A total of 4,581 drug cases have been reported for the period of January to April this year. Police Maj Gen Phao Sarasin, secretary general of the Police Department's Narcotics Suppression Centre, said of the drugs seized throughout the country in that period, 46 kilograms were heroin, 51,672 kilograms were marijuana, 134,194 grams were opium and 19,239 grams were morphine. Police Maj Gen Phao also reported that the program to encourage opium-growing farmers in the north to switch to coffee had been highly successful. The project, which started 4 years ago, began on an experimental basis in five villages. The scheme has later covered wider areas with positive results, he said. [Excerpt] [Bangkok NATION REVIEW in English 12 Jun 77 p 2 BK]

POSSIBLE EXECUTION OF TRAFFICKERS--Metropolitan Police Commissioner Lt-Gen Wichian Saengkeo said yesterday that he would recommend the Police Department to propose the use of article 21 of the constitution on three alleged heroin traffickers arrested recently and confessed rapist-killer Atsawin Phuntao. He pointed out that the two cases fell into categories which permit police to make a recommendation for heavy penalties to be levied against wrongdoers. But he noted that the final decision will depend on the cabinet and the Prime Minister's Advisory Council. The three drug traffickers, identified as Pibun Sae Tang, Somsak Udomchaisap and Mrs Suri Songcharoen, were arrested at the end of last month with 4 kilograms of No 4 heroin in a Wisutkasat House in Bangkok. Wichian said he had assigned senior police officers to closely supervise the investigation of both cases, and their findings will be submitted to the Police Department with appropriate recommendations

immediately after they are completed. Commenting on the current drug problem in Thailand, the commissioner said police have arrested many traffickers and seized a large quantity of narcotics "but we are still not satisfied because drug trafficking has not declined." He disclosed that the Police Department is now considering a police special command with the direct responsibility of suppressing narcotics drugs, their use and drug trafficking. [Text] [Bangkok BANGKOK POST in English 4 Jun 77 p 3 BK]

MEETING ON NARCOTICS--Members countries of the Colombo Plan in cooperation with the Thai Government will hold a regional meeting in Thailand to find effective ways and means to control illicit drug traffick, drug advisor of the Colombo Plan Mr Pio A. Abarro told the EXPRESS yesterday. Members of the Colombo Plan [discussed] with Thai narcotics officials about sponsoring such a regional conference in Thailand in order to encourage cooperation among countries in the region. The conference will also deal with drug abuse and a program to provide fellowships to officials of Thailand to learn about drug control, treatment and rehabilitation in the Colombo Plan countries, he said. Mr Pio A. Abarro did not elaborate when the meeting will be held. "We are planning some activities in Thailand in coming months, including a program to sponsor the participants from Thailand to attend the Asian-Europe drug conference to be held in Brussels, Amsterdam and Auckland," Abarro added. "Since I visited Thailand in 1973, Thai Government has consistently continued to progress in controlling drug abuse. I have been impressed that Thai airport officials are efficient in their attempts to control drug abuse," Mr Abarro said, praising the Thai government authorities. Drug advisor of the Colombo Plan Mr Pio A. Abarro is here as guest of the chief of the Narcotics Suppression and Prevention Centre. He is on his way from Sri Lanka to the Philippines. [Bangkok MORNING EXPRESS in English 13 Jun 77 p 1 BK]

WOMEN WITH HEROIN ARRESTED--Customs officials this morning detained a 44-year-old woman at Don Muang Airport when they discovered about 2 kg of No 3 heroin hidden in her suitcase. The alleged trafficker was among 27 members of a tour group to Hong Kong. The drug would fetch about 10 million baht in Hong Kong, customs official told the WORLD. The woman was identified as Rerai Wetchanukhro. She was to leave for Hong Kong on Korean Airlines flight No KE-602 at 0900. The tour group was organised by Ta Keng Tour Company. Customs officials Prayut Konchanwan, Wibun Anantasin and Supsak Pongsuseni, were suspicious when they spotted Rerai carrying a heavy suitcase into the departure lounge. They intercepted her and searched the case but found nothing. Later when officials used sharpened steel rod to pierce through the unusual thickness of the cover of the suitcase heroin powder flew out. They tore off the cover and found 2 kg of heroin. [Text] [Bangkok BANGKOK WORLD in English 15 Jun 77 p 1 BK]

DRUG ARREST--Bangkok, 14 Jun (AFP)--Thai police arrested 5,590 people in Bangkok on drug charges during the first 5 months of this year. Metropolitan police commissioner, Pol Lt Gen Wichian Saengkaeo, said that among the arrested 293 were charged with drug trafficking, 5,170 with possession of drugs and 127 with drug consumption. Meanwhile, the secretary to the Narcotics Suppression Centre, Maj Gen Phao Sarasin said 51,632 kg of hashish, 19,239 g of morphine and 46 kg of heroin were seized during the first 4 months of this year. [Hong Kong AFP in English 0802 GMT 14 Jun 77 BK]

POLICE HUNT FOR AUSTRALIANS--Police are hunting for four Australians and a Thai woman, arrested on charges of drug trafficking, when it was learned that the land title deed posted as bond to bail them out was a fake. The land title deed, worth 2 million baht, was posted and accepted in exchange for the temporary release of the four. A Mrs Bunnak Sutsa-nguan, 50, was supposed to have posted the bond. The four Australians had their passports returned by police and "disappeared." The court yesterday instructed Chana Songkhram Police Station to rearrest the five, since the land title deed had been falsified and the supposed guarantor, Mrs Bunnak, was found to be 70 years old--not 50 as earlier claimed. Donald Ian, 30; Alan Brown, 29; Robert Bartley, 28; and Richard Ian Hortan, 32, police said, were arrested on 10 February for possession of 107,052 sticks of marihuana, weighing 250 kg, estimated to be worth about 2 million baht. Ian told police that he was a manager of an import-export firm in Hong Kong and the other three were his employees. They were taken to the criminal court a few days later. [Text] [Bangkok NATION REVIEW in English 21 Jun 77 p 1 BK]

THREE AMERICANS ARRESTED--A police squad swooped down on a hut in a shrimp field in the Bang Pu area of Samut Prakan Province and seized about 500 kilograms of hashish last night. They also arrested 11 persons including three American nationals. The police squad, led by Samut Prakan police chief, Col Suphat Thantawanit, surrounded the shrimp field in village group 4 around 2100. When the police searched the hut, they found 20 tangs and 10 gunny bags containing the hashish, which was valued at 540,000 baht in Thailand. Police said their investigations showed that the hashish apparently was brought from Udon Thani province for sale to the three Americans. About 100,000 baht has apparently been paid in advance. Police also said they found 80,000 baht in the bag of one American suspect, identified only as "Stephens." [Text] [Bangkok BANGKOK WORLD in English 21 Jun 77 p 2 BK]

EXTENSIVE DRUG RING BROKEN--Two Australian nationals, who formed part of a recently broken international drug distribution ring, will be extradited this week to face trial, a reliable police source disclosed yesterday. Police said that the two Australians, Miss Sonia Gloria Turner (44) of Perth and Peter Lawrence Muller, alias Trevor Gordon Kennedy, had absconded from Western Australia while on bail and arrived in Bangkok at the end of last month. Both reportedly had disguised themselves to avoid police arrest. However, they were spotted by immigration and metropolitan police narcotics agents on 13 June at Don Muang Airport while attempting to board a Thai international plane for London. Both were then taken to the Immigration Police Division for detention pending an extradition order. The police source said that the duo had smuggled over a ton of marihuana from Bangkok to Australia in their yacht between the 27th and 30th of January. The Australian Government last week announced the arrest of a 25-year-old Sydney resident who proved to be the key to the elimination of the drug ring which had spread across Australia, embraced New Zealand and doubled back to Singapore and Thailand. [Text] [Bangkok BANGKOK POST in English 20 Jun 77 p 3 BK]

ARGENTINA

FORMER PERONIST BODYGUARD ARRESTED AS TRAFFICKER

Buenos Aires TELAM in Spanish 1630 GMT 14 Jun 77 PY

[Excerpts] Bahia Blanca, 14 Jun--Jorge Nelson Dominguez, alias El Macho, an individual who had close connections with the last Peronist government, under whose protection he amassed a large fortune and also acted as one of Peron's bodyguards, will be tried as one of the principal traffickers and consumers of hard drugs who operated in the cities of Puerto Madryn, Trelew and Rawson in Chubut Province and who have been discovered and captured by the national border police.

The persons involved in the transport and delivery of narcotics and in facilitating the crimes punishable under Narcotics Law no. 20,771 are: Jorge Nelson Dominguez, his son Jorge, Carmelo Pascual Espinoza, Jose Carlos Abitu, Jose Ricciardi, Luis Vicente Murphy, Marta Graciela Sanabra, Jose Luis Fernandez, Ana Maria Castano de Estevez, Angel Giraudo, Raul Alberto Conti, Laura Beatriz Alonso, Ruben Rafael Rivero, Salvador Bargas, Fernando Raul Hermida, Else Noemi Fernandez, Raul Sarmiento, Ruben Omar Marquinez, Alejandro Abraham, and others.

Although some testimony is that an individual known as Don Jose was Dominguez' distributor, there is also the possibility that the gang of traffickers received the drugs from overseas and used the connections of young people living in Madryn, Trelew or Rawson and studying in La Plata City, to make deliveries or receive drugs from that center.

Those investigating the case suspect that the organization has attracted and corrupted youth with the plan of using them in subversive activities.

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ARGENTINA

BRIEFS

DRUG TRAFFICKERS ARRESTED--National police have seized more than 435 kg of coca leaves in operations near the Bolivian border in Jujuy Province. The following persons have been arrested: Laura M. Gallardo, Marcelina Mamani de Flores, Isaac Guerra, Roberto Banega, Simon Raful, Juana B. de Diaz and Eulogia Mamani, all of them Argentine, and Carlos E. Choque, Bolivian. [Buenos Aires LA RAZON in Spanish 14 Jun 77 p 8 PY]

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BOLIVIA

BRIEFS

COLOMBIANS SMUGGLE COCAINE--La Paz, 26 May, UPI--The Office of Narcotics revealed today that "a new and ingenious form" of trafficking in cocaine was discovered in the city of Santa Cruz which led to the detention of the members of a network of Colombian narcotics traffickers. According to the official version, those implicated in the case perforated cans of food in the middle of the can; after carefully removing the label, they emptied the original contents and substituted cocaine, later carefully closing the opening with adhesive tape and gluing the original label over it. An explanation of the procedure was offered by the national director for the control of dangerous substances, Col Ovidio Aparicio, who said that this case is another one of those that used original methods of trafficking in cocaine, such as modeling forms for women, oxygen tubes and others. The police official added that the principal figure implicated in the case of the cans of food was a Colombian, Teresa Restrepo Gomez de Vasquez. [Text] [Bogota EL TIEMPO in Spanish 31 May 77 p 3-A] 9015

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CHILE

POLICE SEIZE TWO COCAINE LABORATORIES, BREAK UP GANG

Santiago EL MERCURIO in Spanish 25 May 77 pp 21, 29

[Text] Members of the Valparaiso Brigade of Narcotics have succeeded in dismantling a dangerous and powerful gang of narcotics traffickers who were operating two cocaine laboratories.

The following persons were placed in the custody of the Quilque Criminal Court yesterday charged with processing, trafficking and possession of pure cocaine:

Oscar Pavlon Viacava, known in the world of crime as "El Pablito," 50, who admitted trafficking and processing cocaine; Mario Edgardo Becerra Villar, 23, a homosexual accused of trafficking in this narcotic; Maria Olivia Barrera Ovalle, 57, who rented her home as a laboratory for the manufacture of cocaine on three occasions; Jose Raul Barrera Ovalle, 46, who rented a room in his house for the manufacture of the drug for \$25,000; Alberto Federico Arancibia Novion, 30, who received two kilos of chlorohydrate of cocaine for transporting to Brazil; Elba del Carmen Guarrenton Jorquera, 45, who accompanied to Pudahuel Airport another trafficker identified as Olivia Santibanez, the latter acting as the contact of this organization with the United States, and Carmen Aguilera Aguilera, 50, who had 2 kilos of cocaine in her possession that was recently processed and had been delivered to her by the above-mentioned Oscar Pavlon.

In dismantling this complete network of narcotics traffickers, the plainclothesmen confiscated 2 and one-half kilos of cocaine, plus 811 grams of a substance used as an additive. It should be pointed out that the drug had a value of \$75,000.

At the same time the Narcotics Brigade confiscated a Chevrolet Camaro, license no GPJ-16, of Valparaiso, valued at 700,000 pesos, which the gang used to transport the drug. Also recovered were \$5,000 in cash, representing money that Oscar Pavlon received for processing chlorohydrate of cocaine.

Finally, two complete laboratories were confiscated with the following equipment: a new precision scale, with its respective weights, an alcohol meter,

two funnels, two hoses, four bottles of ether, 20 bottles that had contained ether, one lamp, 10 liters of alcohol in bottles, another 22 bottles which had contained alcohol, three containers with ammonia, two glass containers of 10 liters capacity, a plastic bucket of 20 liters capacity, two imported suitcases and an abundance of waxed paper for making packages.

To sum up, these are the articles that are used for the processing of chlorohydrate of cocaine.

The Facts

Investigations made by the Fourth Brigade of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs showed that on 19 April of this year Olivia Edelmira Santibanez San Martin had been detained in the airport at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; when apprehended she was carrying 2 kilos of cocaine, which she planned to take to the United States. It was established that the drug belonged to the international trafficker and homosexual, Raul Arancibia Novion, who provided the capital for the organization and is still at large.

After arduous investigation that embraced the entire Valparaiso area, some of the facts obtained from Olivia Santibanez were confirmed and a trafficker and processor named Oscar Roberto Pavlov [sic] was detained. This man resided in Africa, where he covered up his criminal activity by working as a taxi driver. When he was interrogated by the police, he confirmed that he was the processor of the chlorohydrate of cocaine that the homosexual, Raul Arancibia Novion, sent to the United States.

Pavlon confessed that the first time he worked in clandestine laboratories was in January 1976, when Raul Arancibia Novion obtained 1 kilo, 600 grams of pure cocaine to take to the United States. In July of the same year the moneyman hired Olivia Edelmira Santibanez San Martin to transport 2 kilos of cocaine to the United States, which arrived at its destination.

In April of this year the woman was discovered and arrested in Brazil. The cocaine that she had was processed by Pavlon in the home of a woman named Maria Odilia [sic] Barrera Ovalle, located at 4457 Calle Larga in Los Andes.

The processed cocaine was sent for safekeeping to Eliana del Carmen Aguilera Aguilera, who lived at 661 Calle Gregorio in the El Belloto section, where the drug was confiscated.

The brilliant work done by the police of the port city permitted the recovery of materials valued at 2,283,680 pesos, besides the drugs.

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CHILE

BRIEFS

DRUG COURSE FOR STUDENTS--The training of new monitors among the teachers to counsel students in primary and junior high school in the various schools in the metropolitan area in the face of drug and narcotics abuse began last Monday. This course, like those given previously, stems from an agreement signed between the Ministry of Education and the Carabineros, which is supplying experts from its Department of Criminal Prevention, O.S.7. According to information given to the press by Carabinero Lt Col Luis Fontaine, chief of O.S.7, "The course will last 2 weeks and through it the teachers will be trained to offer in their respective schools the proper counseling, since the consumption of drugs is a permanent concern not only to the authorities but also to the students themselves." [Text] [Santiago EL CRONISTA in Spanish 26 May 77 p 15] 9015

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COLOMBIA

FUND RAISER FOR ANTI-ADDICTION FIGHT

Bogota EL TIEMPO in Spanish 27 May 77 p 4-B

[Text] Next Sunday, 29 May, the first Walk for Knowledge will take place for the purpose of collecting funds for the Prometeo Foundation. The walkers will start from the National Park, continue north on Seventh Avenue, then take 15th Avenue up to 72d Street to the Unicentro.

The minimum donation will be 100 pesos, and the event will be enlivened with raffles and prizes.

The foundation started amidst the marked increase in the use of drugs in present-day society. It was opened to the public on 5 December 1975 and since then, despite financial obstacles, has lent assistance to close to a thousand individuals with drug problems.

Treatment is based on the type of drugs used by the patients and always according to the diagnosis of several physicians and psychologists. The majority of cases are youths who consume all kinds of stimulants, although older persons also appear with a growing addiction to barbituates.

Treatment covers not only psychological guidance but also the area of prevention and counselling. This is done through talks to parents and teachers trained to prevent drug addiction among their students.

Although it is not a free clinic, the cost of consultations is very low. However, they do not cover the costs of the foundation, where people come every day and are running the risk of not being helped because of the lack of means. Tickets can be purchased at No 59-52 Fourth Avenue, Bogota.

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COLOMBIA

MORE ON 'WORLD'S LARGEST' MARIHUANA PLANTATION

Bogota EL ESPECTADOR in Spanish 26 May 77 pp 1-A, 9-A

[Text] It would take a veritable army 3 months to destroy the immense marihuana plantations discovered by the National Police in La Guajira.

This estimate, seemingly somewhat exaggerated, was made by one of the officials who took part in the operations that resulted in the confiscation of enormous crops and the capture of 20 individuals who were found working at the illegal plantation.

The same source said that according to the studies and calculations made in connection with the case, the destruction of the existing plants in the 1,500 hectares detected will cost 20 million pesos.

Harvest in 2 Months

The urgency in adopting some measure to achieve this end is due to the fact that within about 2 months the harvesting of the weed can be started, the sale of which could produce exorbitant profits in the black market in the United States.

With very good reason the police fear that the chiefs of the powerful gangs operating in the department may try to carry out the harvesting work with the realization that they would not be molested by the authorities because vast areas are involved which are very difficult to control either by air or land.

The plants are in different stages of growth. In some sections the seeds are just beginning to germinate while in others the plants are advanced.

The extent of the cultivation is so great that the police officials traveled 22 kilometers by automobile before bringing their inspection to a halt, concluding that they could not finish it within a week. Therefore, it cannot be considered an exaggeration to state that this is the largest plantation ever discovered in Colombia and even in the entire world.

Exhausted from traveling on the ground, the officials flew over the area in a small aircraft, a trip which took 45 minutes without covering the entire plantation.

An Extraordinary Technique

Those who had the opportunity to take part in the official visit to the Guajira territory were greatly surprised by the advanced technique being employed to obtain a high yield in the harvest.

They said that irrigation is being carried out by means of gasoline pumps, despite the normal aridity of La Guajira. At the same time the ditches appear to have been laid out with a transit, judging from the endless straight lines observed.

According to statements made by the authorities, the crops are well financed by the underworld organizations of narcotics traffickers operating in North America, which have invested fabulous amounts in the various regions along the Atlantic Coast.

They said that influential people in La Guajira appear to be involved in this criminal activity, against whom it has not been possible to obtain evidence. Nevertheless, almost everyone in the department knows who they are, but no one dares to testify against them before a judge.

Imitating Fuenteovejuna

Just as in "Fuenteovejuna," the famous comedy by Lopez de Vega, the authorities have not been able to shed light on the principal culprit or culprits of the marihuana plantation; thus, the 20 prisoners have pleaded guilty, but they steadfastly refuse to inform on the person or persons who hired them to look after the plants.

The 19 men and 1 woman under arrest have been coached to such an extent that all agree in that they arrived in the department just 3 to 5 days ago.

"All that you say is true. We were taking care of the marihuana when they apprehended us, but we do not know the name of the man who hired us. We do not know where he lives or where he can be located," is the story that these people have been invariably telling the police.

The authorities think that this attitude is due to the so-called "rule of silence" which is common throughout almost all the Guajira territory and whose violation means death.

Some of the prisoners have openly admitted that they have been subjected to coercion to employ their land for the cultivation of marihuana, but none has dared to mention the names of the culprits.

One of those who made such statements was Patrona Barros, who confessed to having planted 30 hectares of her property in marihuana, but with the excuse that she did so following threats made to her by the "chiefs" to the effect that they would kill her and her children or destroy her crops if she defied their instructions.

Search for a Balanced Formula

The central government, which started to take a hand in the matter yesterday, is trying to find a balanced formula that will solve the problem confronting La Guajira, which hardly is new.

The first task is the destruction of the 1,500 hectares of marihuana discovered by the police. To this effect two methods are being considered: 1) using tractors and men to plow up the plants and burn them and 2) putting down chemicals over the area in order to obtain the destruction desired.

Both formulas, however, have disadvantages since in the first instance there is the undeniable risk that any dispersed seeds will germinate easily since this is a highly fertile plant which resists all the vicissitudes of nature.

In the second alternative it is claimed that the chemical compounds could sterilize the land they are used on.

Another measure the government may adopt is to begin gaining control over rural areas with the object of preventing marihuana's cultivation from continuing its alarming spread.

In addition, other sources of income for the Guajirans are being studied since they lack industries and do not have the means to live decently.

Several of these proposals are being formulated by the high command of the National Police through normal Ministry of Defense channels.

A Two-Edged Sword

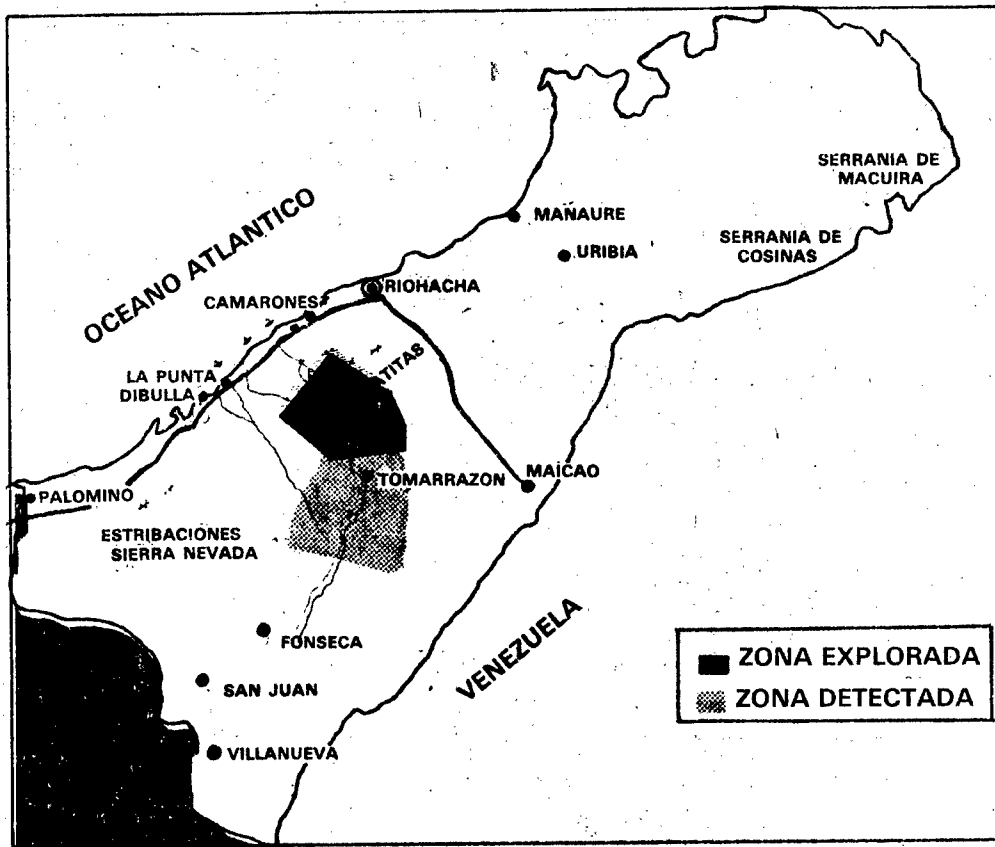
The increase in the cultivation of marihuana has resulted in the growing circulation of dollars in the Guajira territory, to the extent that one functionary remarked to us that: "In front of the particular window of the bank of the Republic in Riohacha a line a block and a half long can be seen of people waiting to change dollars. The circulation of this currency is such that, unlike the rest of the country, they are exchanging it there at the rate of 30 pesos."

Simultaneously with this apparent bonanza, a scarcity of foodstuffs has become common because the traditional crops are being abandoned for marihuana, whose sale produces very juicy profits.

The scarcity of food also is explained by the fact that the workers on the farms and ranches close to La Guajira are catching the new "green fever" produced by the cultivation of marihuana.



Several of the individuals captured when they were discovered on the immense marihuana plantations in La Guajira. In the center is Petrona Barros, owner of one of the tracts planted with the weed. With the prisoners are several members of the National Police, as well as 3 of the gasoline pumps used to irrigate the plants, 5 sacks of marihuana and tin and glass containers used to guide pilots who picked up the "merchandise" by night with the aid of lighted oil flares.



This map, based on data from the National Police, shows the region of La Guajira where the giant, specialized marihuana plantation was discovered. The top shaded portion is the area that was inspected, and below that is the area presumed to contain enormous plantations. Yesterday it was stated that a veritable army would need 3 months to destroy the immense quantity of marihuana found. The authorities are preparing emergency measures in the face of the magnitude of this problem.

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COLOMBIA

ANTI-MARIHUANA CAMPAIGN INTENSIFIES

Bogota EL TIEMPO in Spanish 8 May 77 p 10-A

[Text] The authorities on the Atlantic Coast scored another victory in their fight against drugs when they struck four hard blows against the growers and traffickers of marihuana.

More than a score of persons were detained.

This occurred a few days after the National Police revealed the discovery in the Gujira of the largest marihuana plantation in the world.

It was reported from Sincelejo that the police discovered a plantation of 20 hectares of the hallucinogen and succeeded in capturing three individuals. The strike at the cultivators of the weed happened almost by accident when the authorities were combating an invasion.

Our correspondent in Cartagena, Narciso Castro, reported that on a farm near the city of Mompos a large marihuana plantation valued at several million pesos was found. Seventeen persons were arrested at the place.

In Barranquilla, and also aboard the vessel Ciudad de Manizales of the Gran Colombian Merchant Fleet, 17 sacks of "export type" marihuana were discovered. The cargo is valued at over three million pesos according to the dispatch from correspondent Gustavo Vasquez.

In the municipality of Achi also on the Atlantic side, the police discovered a plantation of 6 hectares of the evil weed.

The National Council on Drugs said last night it had assigned a delegate to travel to the Atlantic Coast to begin an investigation and to advise on the penalties due for the crimes.

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ECUADOR

DRUG TRAFFICKERS ARRESTED IN MACHALA

Quito EL TIEMPO in Spanish 2 Jun 77 p 24

[Text] Members from provincial headquarters of narcotics and INTERPOL of El Oro have apprehended several narcotic distributors in a raid which took place in Pasaje. They turned out to be one of the most active groups in this part of the province.

The arrest of Mrs. Mercedes Pucha Santos was the key to information concerning several strategic camouflaged areas where large quantities of cocaine and marihuana were found.

Gonzalo Alfredo Rubio followed the lead in the INTERPOL raid, and immediately apprehended Jose Miguel Munoz Beltran, one of the most well-known heroin traffickers.

The drug traffic continues despite the efforts of the official organization, because this area is a vital crossroads with the countries where coca is grown on a huge scale for international consumption, particularly on the U.S. market.

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ECUADOR

POLICE SEIZE COLOMBIAN DEALERS, COCAINE

Guayaquil EL COMERCIO in Spanish 1 Jun 77 p 22

[Text] The seizure was made in Guayaquil of 22 kilos of cocaine paste in the possession of an international ring of drug dealers that was found to be operating in the country. The narcotics traffickers -- four Colombians and an Ecuadorean -- are now behind bars.

The national director of criminal investigation, drugs, and INTERPOL reported that the operation was well planned in advance, making it possible to follow the tracks of the traffickers, who had managed to evade the efforts of justice for several days previously.

The Colombian traffickers were followed by INTERPOL agents from the moment they entered the country, in an operation designed to find out where they were acquiring drugs.

The narcotics traffickers reached Guayaquil, where they were arrested at the very instant they purchased the narcotics.

In addition to the material to be used as evidence in the case, the close questioning to which the five members of the ring were subjected established that they were operating at various levels and in several countries.

Those Arrested

The national director of criminal investigation, drugs, and INTERPOL, Col Pazmino Fierro, was assisted by subordinate officers and agents in the efforts made to imprison the narcotics dealers, who are listed as Arbit Leon Nora, Jorge Enrique Cuero, Alirio Mejia, and Rosalba Rendon -- Colombians -- and Constante Mora Ramirez -- Ecuadorean.

All five were placed in the custody of the competent judges for trial and sentencing. The illicit business consisted in the sale of 22 kilos of cocaine paste, which were confiscated.

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AUTHORITIES DESTROY STOCKS OF CONFISCATED DRUGS

New Provisions for Destruction of Drugs

Guayaquil EL UNIVERSO in Spanish 22 May 77 p 10

[Text] Quito--Three hundred kilos of cocaine and marihuana were destroyed in the presence of the minister of public health and of police and judicial authorities in accordance with recent legal provisions to prevent the accumulation of drugs. The event took place in the patios of the Leopoldo Izquieta Perez Institute of Hygiene.

Confiscated Narcotics

The official report states that large quantities of drugs seized from narcotics traffickers since 1970 were destroyed. Previously, this could not have been done until after those accused on charges of trafficking in drugs had been sentenced. A decree was issued last February that orders that any confiscated drugs be destroyed immediately, with only a sample to be set aside for utilization in the corresponding laboratory test and attested to in certificates to be used in the respective judicial process.

A considerable quantity of cocaine was withdrawn from the vaults of the Central Bank where it had been kept and transferred to the patios of the Izquieta Perez Institute of Hygiene. Destruction of the drugs was not begun until the quantities set forth in the documents presented by the judges had been verified. The marihuana, ready for consumption, was incinerated, and the cocaine was diluted with water and flushed down into the sewer.

The holder of the public health portfolio, Dr de la Torre, explained that the ministry in his charge intervened to bring about amendments to the law on the traffic in narcotics in order to facilitate action in court cases and permit the immediate destruction of hallucinogens.

He explained that although the ministry has not succeeded in controlling the problem, there is unshakeable determination to do so through measures that are being applied in coordination with other state institutions.

Additional Destruction of Cocaine

Quito EL COMERCIO in Spanish 1 Jun 77 p 22

[Text] Cocaine paste in the amount of 137 kilos was incinerated last month on orders of the authorities.

The cocaine paste, in the custody of different criminal court judges in Pichincha Province, had been confiscated from a number of narcotics traffickers in the course of various sweeps carried out by INTERPOL, headed by police Major Homero Lopez.

Present at the incineration were the INTERPOL chief, Maj Homero Lopez; Dr Vinicio Moreno, national director of the Department for the Control and Investigation of Narcotics; Dr Julio Falconi, representative of the national director of health; Dr Jose Castro, representative of the provincial health chief; and representatives of Pichincha criminal courts.

Signing of Certificates

Following the incineration of the cocaine paste, the authorities signed the corresponding certificate and at the same time ordered the withdrawal of drugs that had remained in the custody of the criminal court judges up to the time this recent decision was taken.

Almost 300 kilos of cocaine paste that were also in the custody of criminal court judges were burned recently.

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MEXICO

HEROIN, MARIHUANA SEIZURES IN SEVERAL STATES

Mexico City EXCELSIOR in Spanish 17 May 77 p 24-A

[Article by Alfredo Jimenez R.]

[Text] The federal Attorney General's Office, through an official spokesman, has announced the seizure within the last 24 hours of more than 27 tons of marihuana, 1.25 million amphetamines and 340 grams of heroin, as well as the arrest of 11 narcotics dealers, in Oaxaca, Sinaloa, Chihuahua and Baja California.

He indicated that the campaign against the sowing, cultivation, harvesting and traffic of marihuana "has produced outstanding results throughout the country."

Regarding the campaign in the state of Oaxaca, in only 24 hours 21 tons of marihuana--pressed, bagged and in the rough--as well as 180 kilos of seed, 3 pistols, other weapons and a press for processing the marihuana have been confiscated.

In addition, the grower, Bartolo Mendoza Vicente, was arrested near the village of Tuxtepec. Other places searched in the state of Oaxaca are: Palomares, Santa Maria Chimalpa, Rosalia and Ramos Millan, as well as the banks of the Corte River. In Villa Matamoros, Chihuahua, near the Durango boundary, judicial agents found a clandestine landing strip, where they arrested Roberto Cazares Ramirez and Natividad Garcia Gonzalez, who had 3 tons of marihuana and some high-powered weapons.

Heroin in Mazatlan

In addition, the Press and Public Relations Office of the Attorney General's Office released a bulletin announcing the arrest of Raul Barroso Guerrero and Alberto Gomez Chaires, in whose possession they found almost a half kilogram of heroin. The two men were staying at the Hotel Internacional on their way through the state of Sinaloa. Their stock truck was impounded.

In addition, it was announced that an individual riding in a private vehicle at Constitution and Third, in Tijuana, Baja California, was arrested with 1,250,000 amphetamines in his possession. Jose Ortega Lopez was turned over to the MPF [Federal Public Ministry], along with the drugs, pending investigation.

Finally, it was announced that Pedro Payan Lazcano, Florentino Cazares Galadiz, Guillermo Bajo Gonzalez, Fermin Ortiz Ortiz and Jose Maria Baez Ortiz were arrested in Culiacan, Sinaloa, in a Volkswagen, and several samples of marihuana were confiscated. They told the MP agent that they were going to Mexicali, B.C., to contract for a shipment of marihuana.

The men confessed that they operated in a ravine near Crucesitas hill in the village of Surutato, Sinaloa, where the agents found 3 tons of marihuana in 149 sacks. The drugs and the men were placed in custody of the proper authorities.

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FLORES: NON-PROSECUTION INTENDED TO SAVE YOUTHS

Mexico City EXCELSIOR in Spanish 13 May 77 p 5-A

[Article by Alfredo Marron B.]

[Text] The decision by the federal Attorney General's Office [PGR] not to take action against 1,943 persons accused of crimes against health is "a measure intended to save hundreds of youths to whom prison, far from rehabilitating them, is harmful."

This was announced yesterday at a press conference by Oscar Flores, head of that agency, who gave assurances that the action undertaken by the PGR does not mean, in any way, that Mexico is legalizing the use of drugs.

The official added that it is a question of saving certain youths who have been suffering great damage to their morale in the country's prisons, knowing that they had to spend a minimum of 5 years in prison for possession of a minimum quantity of drugs.

He explained that from now on, persons found with minimum quantities of drugs will be brought before the MPF [Federal Public Ministry] agent who, after studying the case, will determine whether or not they shall remain free.

He explained that non-prosecution is to be used only in cases of possession of minimum quantities of drugs and not with respect to the sale, traffic, etc., which will continue to be criminal offenses.

Social Situation Considered

In addition, he said, in order to adopt this position the PGR took into account the present social situation in the world in the matter of drug use and the indifferent social attitude of many youths in Mexico with respect to the occasional use of less powerful drugs, such as marihuana.

This measure will also benefit drug addicts, who upon being freed will be given medical treatment by the administrative authorities of the Secretariat of Health and Welfare.

Mr Flores said that on instructions of President Lopez-Portillo his agency must continue to impart justice to the people and to respect individual rights, and the PGR has begun studies, reviews and investigations of previous trials and findings.

MEXICO

TAPIA: PRIVATE, PUBLIC CORRUPTION ENCOURAGES DRUGS

Mexico City EXCELSIOR in Spanish 13 May 77 pp10-A, 11-A

/Text/ "Public and private corruption in Mexico encourages drug traffic," asserted Deputy Augusto Cesar Tapia Quijada, demanding "energetic and well-coordinated action between federal and state governments to defeat drug addiction and narcotics traffic on all fronts."

The popular representative from Sonora said that "we deputies should not overlook the problem of corruption--in any of its forms--when it appears in Mexico."

Speaking before President Jose Lopez Portillo at the working meeting he held with legislators in the headquarters of the so-called Lower House, Tapia Quijada announced that congress is studying a bill proposed by the president to grant preparatory freedom to those sentenced for narcotics-related crimes against health.

He explained that "the interest that the president's proposal has aroused amongst House members is because of its connection with the serious drug traffic problem, the harmful social phenomenon of drug addiction and with the situation in our prisons."

He revealed that a group of deputies has been formed to study the topic "Reform of Article 85 of the Federal District Penal Code and of Federal Matters for the Whole Republic," as a permanent research and study group on these problems, so that the deputies may adopt decisions in a reasoned and objective manner.

Preparatory Freedom Is Not a Pardon

In his remarks, the Sonora legislator underscored the fact that "preparatory freedom" is not a simple pardon granted to criminals but a measure within the penitentiary treatment whose effectiveness is necessarily linked with the true conditions prevailing in the prisons."

Later he commented that a full analysis is being made of "the social effects of raising and trafficking in narcotics and of the effects of the energetic campaign undertaken by the Mexican government against these evils--especially measures that have been, or that can and should be adopted to achieve the substitution of other crops in the contaminated regions."

Likewise, he added, they are seeking information on the personal characteristics of the defendants and on those convicted of this kind of crime against health, as well as on the kinds of crimes committed.

"Personally, if you will permit me," said Tapia Quijada, referring to the president of the republic, "I think that there is not an equal degree of danger between the big-time drug trafficker who--forgetting his last shred of human dignity--exploits vice and corruption, and the student, who is a victim of those evils more than a victimizer.

"Or the peasant who, out of ignorance and need, is pressured into raising this kind of crop. Or the poor woman who--oftentimes still dominated by the concept of the husband's marital authority, which we must overcome--is surprised with a bundle of marihuana beneath her shawl."

Then he commented on the problem of generalized corruption that the country is experiencing:

"Corruption of judges, magistrates, judicial employees, Public Ministry and Judicial Police agents, state and highway police, and employees of the supervisors."

"Also, corruption of attorneys like ourselves, of doctors, paramedics and others who overlap in some way--all this encourages drug traffic in our country," he emphasized.

He said that the legislators are studying the possibility of making agreements within the Federal Executive, with the authorization of congress and the state governments, that would make it possible for all the departments and forces at our disposal to unite in an energetic and well-coordinated action to defeat drug addiction and narcotics traffic on all fronts.

In conclusion, he said that the foregoing was, in synthesis, the general picture of the work the federal deputies are doing on this matter, by reason of the presidential bill relating to reform of Article 85 of the Federal District Penal Code and of Federal Matters for the Whole Republic.

MEXICO

NO MORE PROSECUTIONS FOR 'PERSONAL USE' DRUGS

New Ruling by Attorney General

Mexico City EL SOL DE MEXICO in Spanish 11 May 77 p 8-A

[Text] The attorney general of the republic has ceased taking legal action against all those accused of crimes against health to whom small quantities of drugs have been given solely for their own personal use. The first 13 persons to benefit by the new ruling have already been freed.

Raul Solis Solis, 2d district judge of criminal proceedings in this city, informed Sergio H. Santibanez, director of North Prison, of the decision of the nation's attorney general so that the corresponding papers might be prepared for those concerned.

In an interview Raul Solis Solis, 2d district judge of criminal proceedings here, called the attorney general's ruling "a noble and humane gesture, treating drug addicts as sick persons and not as delinquents. I hope this ruling will be taken into account by those who have been freed, so that they may change their ways."

Additional Releases Announced

Mexico City EL SOL DE MEXICO in Spanish 12 May 77 p 8-A

[Text] Another 18 persons held for crimes against health have obtained their freedom through the attorney general's ruling that personal use drug cases will not be prosecuted.

The foregoing was announced by Raul Diaz Infante Aranda, who said the ruling applies only to those arrested with small quantities of drugs in possession and who demonstrate that they are addicts.

He noted that the ruling by the Attorney General's Office is for the benefit of drug addicts and not in any way intended to benefit drug traffickers.

Those released on this occasion are Javier Torres Chavez, Jesus Granados Guerrero, Raul Pescador Marin, Victor Manuel Keelegand, Pedro Balda Cedillo, Ceron Galindo Espinosa, Jose Carlos Romero Pena, Guadalupe Carlos Diaz Diaz, Isidro Ramirez Ramirez, Ignacio Saavedra Melesio, Raul Barajas Sierra, Ernesto Cosio Arciniega, Angel Esparza Cuevas, Arturo Barajas Guerra, Maximino Barajas Sierra, Francisco Alfonso Montero Alvarado and Julio Resendiz Diaz.

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MEXICO

CONDOR DESTROYS MARIHUANA, POPPY FIELDS

Mexico City EL SOL DE MEXICO in Spanish 11 May 77 p 1-A, 9-A

[Article by Sergio Candelas]

[Text] Felix Galvan Lopez, secretary of national defense, said yesterday after his meeting with President Lopez-Portillo that the army so far this year has destroyed 18,635 poppy and 1,423 marihuana fields and burned 85,820 kilos of processed marihuana, 1,105 kilos of marihuana seeds and 117 kilos of poppy seed.

The general said Operation Condor has been carrying out operations against the sowing, cultivation and traffic of these drugs in the mountainous area of Sinaloa, Chihuahua and Durango, with positive results.

The poppy fields destroyed were sown over an area of 3,926 hectares, with 686 million plants, while the marihuana fields contained 158 million plants.

In his report to the press just a few minutes after his meeting, he said that during the month of April Operation Condor, in its campaign against delinquency related to the cultivation and traffic of drugs, destroyed 22 poppy fields with 717,000 plants in an area of 52 hectares, and seven marihuana fields with an area of 359 hectares and 71 million plants.

Galvan said he has been going into the interior of the country, for example to Chihuahua, Ciudad Cuauhtemoc, Delicias and Torreon, for the purpose of seeing that orders given by his agency are carried out and to observe the degree of proficiency attained by military personnel.

In addition he said that in the 35 military zones of the country a "Plan for Assistance to National and Foreign Tourists," has been activated, in which 98 officers, 2,450 troops and 490 vehicles will participate to give assistance to travelers during the coming vacation period.

The secretary said he informed the president of the plan of rotating commands in the units of the Mexican Army and Air Force so that qualified people may exercise command of the combat and service units.

MEXICO

BRIEFS

ISRAELI TRAFFICKER INDICTED--Accused of attempted smuggling of 4 kilos of cocaine valued at 12 million pesos, Jaime Baron, an Israeli, 28 years of age, yesterday was formally declared prisoner in the district's second penal court. The foreigner was detained at the Mexico City international airport, where he was discovered en route from Panama concealing the drug in a double-bottomed suitcase. The suspect told Federal Judge Raul Solis Solis that he was unaware that the suitcase contained packages of cocaine, for it was not his and he was carrying it as a favor for someone who gave it to him in Panama. The federal agents who detained the Isareli said that he is one of the traffickers called "burros" who are entrusted to carry drugs from one place to another, and that most of the time they do not know the leaders of the gangs. [Text] [Mexico City EXCELSIOR in Spanish 15 May 77 p 31-A] 8631

MARIHUANA FIELDS DESTROYED --Federal Judicial Police Agents today located 150 fields of marihuana in the state of Oaxaca, with a density of 20 plants per square meter and a height of 3 meters each. During the campaign against planting, raising and trafficking in marihuana that yesterday included the town of Palomares, the municipality of Matias Romero, the hamlet of Vicente Guerrero, El Paraiso and the town of Cascarrillo, federal agents located 4,800 kilos of marihuana and 300 kilos of marihuana seeds. [Text] [Mexico City EXCELSIOR in Spanish 14 May 77 p 26-A] 8631

COCAINE TRAFFICKERS ARRESTED --Americans Robert Kevin Mullally and Jean Ann Wench were detained yesterday at the Merida International Airport in Yucatan, carrying 7 kilos of cocaine. The drug was worth over 25 million pesos. The above information was announced by the office of the Attorney General of the Republic, which indicated that the drug traffickers arrived at Merida en route from Guatemala. On searching their luggage, Federal Judicial Police agents found, in 2 suitcases, 14 bottles of various sizes, containing 7 kilos of pure cocaine. The suspects confessed to the Federal Public Ministry agent that this

was the second trip they had made to Mexico with cocaine, which they were transporting by land from Colombia via Panama, Guatemala, Merida, Mexico City and Tijuana, from which, via the same route, it was carried into the United States to be sold. [Text] [Mexico City EXCELSIOR in Spanish 14 May 77 p 26-A] 8631

MARIHUANA SEIZURE AT BENJAMIN HILL--Hermosillo, Son., 11 May. PJF [Federal Judicial Police] agents today seized 906 kilos of marihuana during an investigation in connection with the drug traffic. Three persons were arrested, one of them a woman. The incident took place at Benjamin Hill, on a freight train bound for Coahuila. The drug had been brought aboard at La Angostura, Sinaloa, by Antonio Angulo, who is still at large, and was to have been picked up by Manuel Sanchez. Those arrested are Rosario Mazon Soto, 22, Jose Nabor Hernandez, alias "El Nabo" [the turnip], 26 and Jorge Quintero Felix, 30. [Text] [Mexico City EXCELSIOR in Spanish 12 May 77 p 25-A] 8735

TRAFFICKERS ACCUSE DETECTIVES--Elements of the DIPD [expansion unknown] were denounced as "sellers of protection" by four alleged narcotics dealers who were turned over by the federal attorney general's office to the 3d district judge of criminal proceedings, to whom they made their preliminary statements and also the accusation. The four accused of crimes against health in the sale and possession of marihuana are: Gerardo Hernandez, Enrique Perez Salgado, Juan Carlos Monterrubio Salgado and Tomas Cabello Pineda, who were distributing the drug in building No 9 of the National Preparatory School, where they were picked up by PJF agents. Although those arrested did not identify their "protectors," it is known that the latter have already been fully identified by the commanding officer of the PJF and the agents in charge of the investigation. [Text] [Mexico City EL SOL DE MEXICO in Spanish 12 May 77 p 8-A] 8735

THREE ARRESTED--In new action in three states, in the permanent campaign against the narcotics traffic, the Attorney General's Office has announced it has seized 11 tons of marihuana and 2 kilograms of opium. Three alleged traffickers were arrested. The federal agency, saying that all units at its disposal are being activated to combat the narcotics traffic, added that very satisfactory results have been achieved in the action carried out. In Oaxaca, 9 tons of marihuana have been seized in several villages. Part of it was already pressed, and the rest was unprocessed. Two brothers, Juan and Guadalupe Hernandez Rivera, were arrested on the Durango-Mazatlan highway in a tank truck in which they were transporting 1 ton, 310 kilograms of the grass. Meanwhile federal agents stationed at the Pacific Railway station discovered a 1-ton shipment of marihuana en route from Guadalajara to Mexicali in boxes listed as cooking utensils. Finally, in Choix, Sinaloa, Jose Ricardo Gonzalez was arrested with 2 kilos of opium in his possession. [Text] [Mexico City EL SOL DE MEXICO in Spanish 11 May 77 p 9-A] 8735

HEROIN, WEAPONS, VEHICLES SEIZED--PJF [Federal Judicial Police] agents dealt another blow to the narcotics traffic during the last 24 hours. In four separate villages of the country police agents have seized drugs valued at 20 million pesos. During the resulting action, seven alleged narcotics dealers were arrested, and six firearms and three vehicles with U.S. license plates were confiscated. Those arrested are Juan Gonzalez Martinez, Roman MacLean Lucero, Guillermo Ayala Zarate, Rigoberto Rodriguez Perez, Hector Medina Valenzuela, Patricia Murray Duarte, an American, and Jose Dules Casta, alias "El Lolo." The alleged narcotics dealers had 2.78 kilos of heroin in various houses in Nogales, Sonora. The investigation began with the arrest of Jose Dules Casta, who after exhaustive interrogation finally disclosed the names of his accomplices and their whereabouts. In addition, 5 tons of marihuana was recovered in the village of Santa Maria Chimalpa, Oaxaca and in Tijuana. [Text] [Mexico City EL SOL DE MEXICO in Spanish 19 May 77 p 8-A] 8735

DRUG TRAFFICKERS ARRESTED--The Mexican police seized a shipment of pure heroin valued at more than \$130,000 and arrested seven drug traffickers, members of an international gang. The traffickers are believed to be the principal distributors of pure heroin in Nuevo Laredo. [Madrid EFE in Spanish 1242 GMT 18 Jun 77 PA]

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IRAN

INTERNATIONAL SMUGGLER GANG CAUGHT

[Teheran KEYHAN in Persian 10 May 77 p 34]

[Text] A gang of international smugglers of narcotics was arrested with 150 kilos of hashish by the police officials of the Narcotics Bureau. Some time ago the police officials of the Narcotics Bureau found out that a smuggler by the name of Kamal Salamat, who had previous records of smuggling and had been smuggling in different countries, was cooperating with some other smugglers in Teheran. Some time ago Kamal Salamat was also convicted and sentenced to 2 years of imprisonment by a Yugoslavian court, accused of carrying narcotics. A few months ago, Kamal Salamat was imprisoned in Mashhad, accused of carrying narcotics. After being released from prison, again he started smuggling narcotics. The police officials arranged a plan and made a deal with the smuggler. It was agreed that he would deliver 200 kilos of hashish to police officials in Babolsar Casino. But on the set date, he made them follow him to Abe-Ali and he sold 150 kilos of hashish to the police. Consequently, he was arrested. After his arrest, Kamal introduced three of his accomplices named Aqajan Aqajani, Reza Rastegar and Abbas Rastegar. After getting arrested they all confessed about smuggling narcotics and they were turned over to the judicial authorities. The seized hashish was delivered to the Narcotics Supervision Bureau.



The arrested accused

IRAN

DEALERS, ADDICTS, VARIOUS NARCOTICS

[Teheran KEYHAN in Persian 1 May 77 p 26]

[Text] The manager of Alborz Health Club, three employees and one musician addicted to heroin, opium and hashish, as well as some other narcotics addicts and dealers were arrested by the officials of the Drug and Narcotics Bureau of the Police Department. Among those arrested there was also an addicted women. Some of the arrested are given below: Karin Zenegani, 29, the manager of Alborz Health Club--at the time of arrest, he had 20 centigrams of heroin; Naser Kermanchi, 35, employee--at the time of arrest, he had some amount of opium; Jamshid Bozorg, 21, customs employee--at the time of arrest, he was carrying some hashish; Mohsen Razaqpur, 25, employee of Saderat Bank--at the time of arrest he had some heroin with him; Khosrow Tigh Navard, 35, hairdresser--at the time of arrest, he was carrying 20 centigrams of heroin and Mohsen Samari, 30,--at the time of arrest, he had some heroin with him.



Two of the arrested addicts

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IRAN

BRIEFS

THREE HEROIN SELLERS ARRESTED--1,100 centigrams of heroin were seized from three narcotics dealers by the research officials of the 16th Police Station of Teheran, Asqar Eskandi, Iraj Sharafi and Feraydun Sayfi, who had been distributing heroin among the youths on Farahabad Avenue, Shush Circle and Baqh-e Azari for a long time were arrested yesterday while they were carrying 1,100 centigrams of heroin. [Text] [Teheran KEYHAN in Persian 24 Apr 77 p 30] 9044

TEHERAN NARCOTICS SMUGGLING GANG--A GANG OF NARCOTICS SMUGGLERS WAS ARRESTED--Yesterday a gang of narcotics smugglers was arrested and imprisoned by the research officials of the 16th Police Station. The gang included 4 persons called: Ali Hojatoleslami, Mehdi Mola'i, Hasan Farhadi, and Naser Abdollahi. They were all equipped with daggers and poniards and were distributing narcotics by means of motorcycle in the different parts of Teheran. For a long time they have been busy providing heroin on Aliabad Avenue located at South Majdololeh Avenue. (Majedoldoleh-e Junubi) and distributing them among the youth. Yesterday they were arrested with 150 grams of heroin. [Text] [Teheran KEYHAN 5 May 77 in Persian p 34] 9044

MALAYER POLICE SEIZE OPIUM--The members of a big heroin gang were arrested in Malayer. The Narcotics Bureau of Malayer Police found 86 kilos of opium mixed with water, a ready solution for preparing heroin, 14.5 kilograms of acid powder, 4.5 kilos of heroin and 350 grams of special acid for preparing heroin from a house belonging to Gholam Harmabadi and four other smugglers named Farhang Darehe'i, Rahmatollah Dareh'i, Nur Ali Omid and Ali Omid Omid. [Text] [Teheran KAYHAN in Persian 7 May 77 p 34] 9044

MAHAN: 81 KILOS OPIUM--Police officials of Rein seized 81 kilos of opium from a Paykan sedan 40 kilometers from Mahan. The passengers of the sedan were arrested and prosecuted. [Text] [Teheran Keyhan in Persian 7 May 77 p 34] 9044

SEIZURE OF 1,420 KILOS OF OPIUM--Our KEYHAN reporter reports from Mashhad that as a result of efforts made by the police officials, 200 packages of opium with the weight of 1,420 kg were seized. The speaker (for the police's) public relations added: On 23-2-36 [13 May 77] the police officials of

Mashhad Regiment, under the command of 3rd Lt Ali Ahmadi closed the way on a tanker, license plate number 36226- Mashhad. While the officials were busy off loading opium from the tanker, a Peugeot with license plate number 83749- Teheran S was stopped next to the tanker. The police officials arrested the 3 passengers of the vehicle. One of them was Bizhan Taymuri the owner of the tanker. The other two who were arrested were Vali Mohammad Ezat Zehi and Ibrahim Ekhta. [Text] [Teheran KEYHAN in Persian 14 May 77] 9044

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THEFT OF DRUGS, FOOD FROM GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS SCORED

Kampala VOICE OF UGANDA in English 13 Jun 77 p 1

[Text]

THE Commanding Officer, Malire Specialist Reconnaissance Regiment, Lt Col Juma Ali has noted with great concern the rapidity at which government drugs are being stolen from hospitals by some individuals who want to spoil the good name of the military government.

Lt Col Juma Ali, who was addressing hundreds of people at Wobulenzi Township condemned the evil activities of the nine people at Wobulenzi who were caught with stolen government drugs.

He warned that those who are involved in this dirty activity will face the firing squad. He told the people of Wobulenzi not to blame the government when medicine is scarce in their area adding that the government tries its best to serve the people but due to some few selfish in-

dividuals, government efforts are frustrated. He also referred to smugglers and poachers.

He urged the people of Wobulenzi to desist from lawlessness as government will not tolerate people who don't abide by its laws.

At Nakaseke Hospital Lt Col Juma noted with dismay that blankets belonging to the hospital and food were being stolen.

He paid tribute to the police and army for the good work they were doing in Bulemezi District.

The commanding officer was welcomed by the District Commissioner, Bulemezi, Mr Chanji, who appealed to the people of Wobulenzi to come forward and join the rest of Ugandans in the double pro-

duction of crops campaign launched by Life President Amin two years ago.

Mr Chanji paid tribute to the commanding officer for the initiative he has taken to help the masses in the district. He warned them against engaging themselves in politics which he said has no room in the present regime.

He assured the commanding officer that he and his team were going to work day and night to ensure that bad elements are apprehended. The meeting was attended by senior army officers, police and government officials.

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CYPRUS

POLICE ARREST NARCOTICS DEALERS

Nicosia O FILELEVETHEROS in Greek 15 Jun 77 p 1 NC

[Text] The police have information according to which Cypriots have been working as narcotics salesmen for Lebanese smugglers of slow death.

According to the same information, the Cypriot salesmen used to travel by small boats to Lebanese ports from where they were taking delivery of the "merchandise" which they brought and stored in Cyprus and later sent to various places.

The investigations in this connection are being conducted by Mr Andreas Stefanou, a senior CID [Criminal Investigation department] officer, who heads a team of detectives.

The night before yesterday the police team searched at the Larnaca-Dekeleia roadblock construction worker Marios Kyriakou Pavlou, aged 30, of Liopetri and now a resident of Agios Dometios, and found in his possession a small quantity of hashish.

Later the police arrested fisherman Andreas Pavlou Rousou, aged 50, also of Liopetri, as being involved in the same case.

The two persons arrested were taken before the Larnaca District Court which issued an 8-day detention warrant to facilitate investigations into a case of possession of and trading in narcotics.

Meanwhile yesterday the police went to Liopetri and carried out very strict searches at various premises.

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FRANCE

DRUG SITUATION AT VINCENNES UNIVERSITY DISCUSSED

Paris LE FIGARO in French 31 May 77 pp 1, 4

[Article by Jean Paillardin]

[Text] Is it going to be necessary to close Vincennes Univeristy? That is the question that is beginning to be asked everywhere; that is the threat that was brandished by the hygiene and security committee of the university itself; that is without a doubt the only way out of a problem which appears to be insoluble. This is a serious problem: six students during the last 3 weeks had to be carried off the campus on stretchers. Tomorrow, perhaps, "the overdose" will be fatal.

The detonator of this entire affair, an affair which had been brewing for several weeks, was the arrest of a Nigerian "student," Henry Uloho, age 30, who is enrolled at Vincennes University in the cinema and music departments.

The arrest was made on two separate occasions. On 25 May, Commissioner Andre Soleres, chief of the vice squad, armed with specific information, decided to take action. He sent four inspectors and the chief of the narcotics group to the main entrance of the university on Minimes Road. After a long wait, the police officers saw Uloho exit carrying two bags. They seized him, but the Nigerian fought like a man possessed. He even succeeded in wresting the pistol of an inspector from its holster and aimed it at Commissioner Querry. Very fortunately for the latter, Uloho had forgotten the safety catch. The brawl intensified with the arrival of another Nigerian who entered the fray and more particularly when some 20 students and university teachers armed with bicycle chains came upon the scene. The police had to withdraw.

Uloho went back through the gates of the campus triumphantly waving the handcuffs which encircled only one of his wrists.

However, in the scuffle, he lost one of his bags and his wallet. In the bag, there were 2 kilos of hashish, in the wallet two dosage units of morphine ready for use. There was also an assortment of papers, including a driver's permit with his photo and a false ID.

The next day, Uloho was arrested on Davout Boulevard in an optician's shop where he had gone to purchase eyeglasses.

It was known for a long time that drugs were for sale openly at Vincennes University. On 26 May, Alice Saunier-Seite, secretary of state for universities, before the Senate, had described this campus as a "forbidden city where there is an open market for drugs."

But well before her, the hygiene and security committee of this university, in the minutes of its meeting on 2 May wrote: "The unrestricted sale of drugs, particularly hard drugs, linked to the possession of knives and firearms by certain traffickers, is a permanent danger for the security of persons, independent of all the other problems not the direct responsibility of the hygiene and security committee."

The Council of the University of Paris VIII itself noted on 18 May "the development of a large drug traffic which is tolerated, if not encouraged by the public authorities. Despite all of the fuss raised in the press over this distressing problem, the source of all of the possible provocations, even jeopardizing the survival of the university itself, the police have shown no reaction, taken no steps to stop at its source a traffic largely controlled by the milieu."

In the face of evidence of a practically wide-open drug market at this university and the seriousness of a situation which can escape no one, what is the attitude of the various authorities which the problem concerns: the government, police and staff of Vincennes?

The president of Paris VIII, Pierre Merlin, no longer known upon which saint to call. He reacted violently in a communique dated 27 May: "How is it possible if drugs concern her so much (Mrs Saunier-Seite), neither she nor any of her colleagues have taken the pains to make the slightest contact with the university authorities? How does she explain that, as late as the eve of her statement, the police forces had refrained from the slightest action aimed at stopping the traffickers outside of the university whose comings and goings could not escape them?"

The secretary of state is taking shelter behind the autonomous university law approved in 1968: "This law gives me no authority whatever to intervene in a sector which belongs only to the elected president, unless he calls upon me. Since he has not done so, such action on my part would not have failed to be interpreted as an infraction of the law...."

Free Zone for "H"

As for the police, they properly call attention to the fact that they are prohibited from intervening on campus because of the "immunity" enjoyed by university campuses (since Francois Villon).

"Several weeks ago," Commissioner Soleres told us, "in the course of an information meeting organized by the National Federation of School and University Officials, Rue Cabanais, I said that we could not act unless we were called upon. An intervention on our part in this 'free zone' would have been looked upon as 'police provocation.' You saw in the Uloho case just how far the reaction of the Leftist elements of this university could go.

"It was during this meeting that Mr Merlin, doubtlessly annoyed by the presence of newsmen, invited me to an almost clandestine meeting in his home, in Marais. I attended. I explained to the president of the university that the establishment of proof, which is indispensable for us, would require us to enter the university and to remain there without this being politically exploited. It was then up to the authorities of Paris VIII to assume their responsibilities and to say out loud that if the police were there it was they who had called them in. Mr Merlin seemed horrified by this thought.

"On 24 May, it was the turn of academy rector Robert Mallet, whom I had encountered in the company of Mr Merlin. Mr Mallet, while stating that he is deeply attached to the immunity tradition of the universities, felt that emergency action should be taken with respect to the present situation.

"But how can we suppress the supplying of drugs to the university while staying outside the gates? We have just arrested three traffickers in Levallois, Alain Juen, Remy Phillippe and Maurice Garnier who were taking hashish, heroin and cocaine into Vincennes; however, we needed 2 weeks of investigation and shadowing. Operations like that, by bits and pieces, have never restricted the sale of drugs on campus. We should go so far as to search all of the students who freely enter Paris VIII. That is unthinkable. I am convinced that the solution--if there is any left--cannot be attained by the university authorities themselves. They must at last have the courage to face up to their responsibilities.

Then, is Vincennes to be closed even before its transfer to Marne-la-Vallee scheduled for next year? If drugs claim new victims in this ungovernable university, it may well have to be....

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NETHERLANDS

AMSTERDAM FACES INCREASE IN DRUG-INDUCED CRIMES

Amsterdam ELSEVIERS MAGAZINE in Dutch 21 May 77 pp 25-27

[Article by René de Bok: "Shocking Case of Barbarism Goes Unpunished"]

[Text] In Amsterdam's inner city, hammerblows of crime fall daily, 2- robberies, rape in the streets, crimes of violence. The police are following the escalation of Amsterdam's crime with "concern." But nothing more tangible than "The matter has the attention of the proper authorities" comes of it. The citizens are the victims. ELSEVIER has experienced a barbarous example of big-city crime at close quarters.

A one-column report in the paper: "Woman Seriously Injured in Robbery." Nobody raises his eyebrows. The average newspaper reader has been softened up by the continuing stream of reports on the explosive development of big-city crime. His resistance and moral indignation have broken down; the brief reports of crime have had the effect of indoctrination. The newspaper reader regards crime as an inevitable ingredient of a hurried, jostling society that spares nobody and nothing, and for the sake of his own comfort he reads past the misery without noticing.

But those who have been confronted with hard criminality in their own persons will no longer put up with it. The middle class in the inner city has been beaten down and feels itself abandoned. Frits Harig, a well-known name in urban circles for 17 years, sees his livelihood in his café "De Spaanse Ruiter" (The Spanish Horseman) slowly but surely going to the dogs because of crimes committed by heroin addicts. Every day, to his great annoyance, he sees that the big city cannot see its way clear to arrest the criminal elements in the heroin trade. The Spaanse Ruiter lies a stone's throw from a receiving station for addicts, the HUK. Frits Harig invited us to listen over lunch to the complaints that circulate in the neighborhood about the activities of the heroin addicts.

Last week we went to talk with Harig and his wife Kitty. Other regular customers filled in the account of intimidation, robbery, and violence. The immediate reason for Frits Harig to sound the alarm was a recent attempted robbery in which his wife Kitty was the intended victim. The landlady of

the Spaanse Ruiter was attacked in broad daylight right outside the café, by a party well known in the slimy little world of automobile thieves and heroin dealers. Kitty was thrown to the street but resisted violently. Anton, Frits's son-in-law, saw what was happening outside from the café, jumped over the bar, and managed to free his mother-in-law from the attacker's stranglehold. The attacker took to his heels.

"That is the price you pay for trying to keep your business free of these criminal elements," Frits Harig says. "I have been in this business for 8 years, and I am not going to lose my bread and butter by letting all that kind of thing in. So far I have kept all heroin dealers out of my place of business. They just don't get in. But the result is that my family is always running the risk of being mistreated by hoodlums."

The day after the attempt to rob his wife, Frits decided to teach the culprit a lesson. He knew exactly what time the culprit would leave the HUK, where he was in the habit of taking his meals, and the route he would follow. Frits waited for the boy, and gave him to understand in no uncertain terms that from now on he should leave his wife alone. While he was at it, he twisted the boy's ears a time or two. The boy immediately lodged a complaint at the nearby Warmoestraat police station against the innkeeper. Officers from the Warmoestraat station got in touch with Harig for form's sake and gave him to understand that he was not to take the law into his own hands. Frits Harig reacted bitterly. "The only thing you are allowed to do is let them beat you up. The minute you raise your hands to protect yourself you are taking the law into your own hands. Then you get a black eye..."

There was little point in lodging a complaint for the attempt to rob his wife, the police felt. There were no witnesses; it wouldn't hold water.

According to the police, the assailant's complaint against Frits Harig was just an irritation. The boy was a regular customer at the Warmoestraat station; he had already been picked up 30 times for breaking into automobiles and for trading in drugs. Quite off the record, the police said Frits was right in laying hands on the boy, just as not one of the officers made any objection to Frits's keeping a police truncheon in reserve behind his bar "in case of emergency." And when Frits gave an negative answer to an investigator about whether he owned a weapon, the policeman in question said, "Just between you and me, you are crazy if you don't carry a gun."

The regular customers in the Spaanse Ruiter join in with Frits in his litany of complaints about the violence in the neighborhood. Nearly every one of them has a tale ready about a robbery with a knife at his throat or about vandalism, windows smashed in, or auto tires cut to pieces. We said to Kitty that she was lucky to have gotten off so lightly. "The attacker could just as easily have knocked her unconscious." Everyone in the café vouched for that. Outside, in front of the receiving center for addicts, the HUK, heroin dealers are standing around publicly selling their lethal wares. Passersby give them a wide berth.

Five days later a desperate Frits Harig called us up again. His wife had been mugged the evening before by the same attacker and treated so roughly as to be in danger of her life. She had remained conscious for a short while and positively identified the youth who had attacked her a few weeks before. Her son-in-law Anton said, "If the police do not arrest that kid soon enough I won't answer for the consequences. Frits will do him in if he gets his hands on him."

One day after the dastardly attack we visited the seriously wounded landlady together with Frits Harig. After lying in a coma for a day and a half, she was showing signs of life again. Frits was on the verge of a nervous breakdown; his two daughters Marjolein and Christa could not sleep at night any more and were taking librium. The whole neighborhood was involved. Neighborhood residents and old acquaintances constantly showed up at the café to inquire about the landlady's condition.

Although the suspect was quickly captured by the police, the atmosphere in the neighborhood remains explosive. Plans were laid to "cleanse" the HUK receiving center thoroughly "of criminal elements"; such cries as, "Run a flamethrower through there and you'd be rid of that lot," and "We ought to get a batch of bruisers in and make an end of that riffraff" can be heard regularly in the Spaanse Ruiter.

The neighborhood points an accusing finger at the receiving center. But the directors of HUK, too, are wrestling with problems that they cannot cope with. After the police of the Warmoestraat station tightened their grip on the Zeedijk and its surroundings, the criminal elements shifted their activities to other parts of Amsterdam's inner city. The Spuistraat and its surroundings are the new stage of crime, with the Spaanse Ruiter as a fateful incident at the center of the drug trade.

In recent months heroin prices have shown no signs of dropping. To get the daily ration of heroin some of the 7,000 heroin addicts in Amsterdam have resorted to theft, as for example breaking into automobiles.

The approach to the heroin problem is fragmentary and the citizens who have the misfortune to get into the center of the heroin trade reap the fruits.

Mayor Samkalden has recently said that the heroin problem has "no prospects." During this mayor's term the municipal government has managed to avoid all the big problems with which the metropolis has been confronted. But the question remains whether even a *failing* municipal government can be held to blame for the escalation of heroin crime.

Citizens like Frits Harig, his wife, and his children have a voice in the matter only if they stand eye to eye with crime. But even then their catastrophic experience is worth no more than a brief report on an inside page of the paper. An embittered Frits Harig said, "A lot of people will have to be killed before the authorities wake up."

In January last year a worker at HUK told ELSEVIER, "It will not be long

in Amsterdam before some heroin addict stands shaking and sweating in front of you with a revolver. A person like that is capable of anything. It is your money or your life, as Amsterdam will find out tomorrow."

That threatening prospect, which has made so little impression on the Amsterdam municipal government, is now a part of the baffling reality.

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TURKEY

BRIEFS

FAVORABLE POPPY CROP--Suhut (Special)--It is reported that the opium poppy yield is expected to be rather high this year in Suhut district and surrounding area which is the highest producing area within the Afyon region. Producers are demanding that the price of opium poppy stalks be designated at least at 35 TL per kilogram this year. It is reported that the 7,963 producers in Suhut district and surrounding area have a total of 35,765 decares planted in poppies. [Excerpts] [Istanbul AKSAM in Turkish 19 Jun 77 pp 1, 7]

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HUNT FOR 'LEADER' AS DRUGS GANG IS JAILED

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[Text] Four French Canadians involved in an international drug-smuggling ring were trapped in London as they carried cannabis valued at 100,000 pounds from India to Canada.

Yesterday they were jailed for terms of up to four years but police throughout the world are still hunting the man said to be their leader Luke Beausoleil, a Canadian. Robert Desautels, 27, Pierre Gauireau, 27, and Michael Pedneault, 28, were each jailed for four years at Reading Crown Court and 30-year-old Gilbert DuCasse was sent to prison for 30 months.

The four, from Quebec, admitted smuggling 21 kilos (about 46 lbs) of cannabis resin into Heathrow Airport, on April 5.

Mr Paul Hampton, prosecuting, said the four joined Beausoleil in Montreal, then travelled to Delhi by different routes. From Delhi they went to Kashmir, where Desautels, whose father is planning director for the Montreal Urban Community, bought the cannabis.

It was discovered at Heathrow packed in the false bottoms and sides of suitcases.

Mr Hampton added: "Beausoleil left Delhi before the others, arriving in London on March 29 and staying in an hotel overnight, continuing his journey the next day. As the organiser of the group, he left without any drugs, at an earlier date."

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DRUGS TEAM OFFICER SUSPENDED

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[Text]

A MEMBER of Scotland Yard's drugs squad, Det. Sgt. Michael John Carrington, has been suspended after allegations that cannabis seized by police had filtered back into the hands of a drug pedlar.

Scotland Yard said yesterday that investigations had been going on for several months under the direction of the Yard's complaints branch.

I understand that inquiries began after a packet of cannabis was seized by a Home Counties police force which was investigating a drugs smuggling operation.

Police scientists found that the package had already received laboratory fingerprint tests.

It was established that the package had previously been seized by another force and put through fingerprinting tests by that force.

Inquiries were started to find out how a package of illegal drugs in police possession could get out back to a drug pedlar and be seized in another area.

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TRIADS RUN HEROIN TRAFFIC

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[Article by Frank Robertson]

[Text]

SCOTLAND YARD estimates that 75 per cent. of the increasing amounts of illegal heroin now reaching Britain are controlled by criminal members of the Triad Society, the centuries-old secret Chinese organisation now making a startling impact on international organised crime.

The deadly drug heroin has for the first time brought to Western attention the "Men of Heaven and Earth," as Triad members also style themselves.

Only recently Scotland Yard has established an intelligence sub-section to deal with the British branches of the society, although at least one of these has flourished in this country for almost a century.

It must be stressed that most members were and are law abiding, using the branches as benevolent associations—and as courts of justice to avoid police scrutiny, thus keeping the various Chinese communities almost outside the law. The oldest British branch is the Chi Kung Tong, in Nelson Street, Liverpool.

But while most members are not criminals, the secrecy imposed by the society's 36 oaths of initiation, coupled with the native clannishness of overseas

Chinese communities, provides an almost impenetrable cover for the criminal minority. Scotland Yard men have no idea how many Triad members are living in Britain.

Murderous battle

In the West, British police are not alone in taking an urgent interest in the Triads, however tardily. In America where Mafia bosses so long have been the masters of organised crime, a senior Justice Department official said recently that in some aspects the Triads were considerably more "effective, efficient and sophisticated" than the Sicilian brotherhood.

The United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs has announced that heroin seizures in Western Europe in 1976 were 130 per cent. higher than in 1975. This figure simply indicated that more heroin got through police and customs nets, for it is admitted that at least 90 per cent. of the drug still is undetected.

For several years Mexico has been supplying most of the opium for the vast North American heroin market. Yet this is not true of the largest single sector of that market, New York City, where more Far Eastern heroin of the 999 and other brands is consumed.

HEROIN SMUGGLING GANG MEMBERS ON TRIAL

Linked With Triad

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[Text] The Chinese secret society Triad was said to have been behind a heroin smuggling racket centred on Soho, a judge at the Old Bailey said yesterday.

After arrests in Britain by Scotland Yard drug squad officers, one alleged trafficker was said to have told police that the Triad would kill him if he revealed information.

Judge Edward Clarke, summing-up at the end of the two-month Chinese heroin trial, told the jury:

"We have heard about Triad. It is an organisation, as far as we know, that deals with the importation and supplying of heroin in this country.

"There is no doubt that heroin is imported from Malaysia and the Far East. One of the main centres of distribution for contracts for supplying heroin in London is Gerrard Street in illegal gaming clubs."

The judge told the jury: "It may be mysterious, but it is not attractive. You are not dealing with a minor offence, but with something that is a real scourge of civilisation in the world."

'Smuggling Easy'

The judge said that it was comparatively easy to smuggle heroin into this country.

"When you realise that a pound of it, compared with a pound of sugar, is worth tens of thousands of pounds, you see how easy it is to bring in that small amount without being apprehended."

The jury had heard earlier from Mr Michael Hill, prosecuting, that the import and supply of heroin on a large scale in Soho and Liverpool was smashed by undercover police.

In the dock are Syed Abu Bakar, 30, of no settled address; Toh How Lim, 23, student, and Teng Poh Oh Hai, 21, unemployed both of Heathheld Park, Cricklewood; Tony Lim, 44, of Cotswold Gardens, Cricklewood; Leonardo Elarte, 34, a club owner and restaurant manager and his brother Giles, 24, both of Florence Street, Hendon.

Kin Wah Cheung, 34, unemployed, of Gerrard Street, Soho, and Foong Foh Cheong, 26, male nurse, of Fencepiece Road, Ilford.

All except Cheung are accused of conspiring together and with others unknown between January and August, 1976, unlawfully to supply Chinese heroin, a class A controlled drug. They plead not guilty.

Bakar, Toh How Lim and Hai deny charges of smuggling Chinese heroin.

Bakar, Tony Lim and Cheung plead not guilty to unlawfully possessing Chinese heroin with intent to supply.

Giles Elarte pleads guilty to unlawfully possessing Chinese heroin and cannabis with intent to supply on July 17, 1976.

Change of Plea

During the trial, Kok Liam Ng, 25, businessman, of Gloucester Terrace, Paddington, changed his plea. Said by the prosecution to be one of the chief operators, Ng now pleads guilty to the conspiracy charge and to smuggling heroin and possessing it with intent to supply.

Tony Lim has also pleaded guilty to possessing a prohibited weapon--a gas pistol and ammunition.

The judge said it was Leonardo Elarte who was said to have told police that Triad was involved and that he would be killed and his wife and child put in danger if he gave information.

The trial was adjourned until Monday.

Jail Terms of 3-12 Years

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[Text]

SEVEN "peddlers of death," members of a £10 million heroin gang, linked with the ruthless Chinese secret society, the Triad, were jailed at the Old Bailey yesterday for terms of three to 12 years.

The ringleaders, who included a member of a millionaire Malaysian tin mining family, were also ordered to pay fines totalling £65,400 with alternatives of additional imprisonment.

Passing sentence Judge EDWARD CLARKE, Q.C., told them they were peddlers of death for profit. "You played for high stakes and lost," he said.

The Crown said that the drugs ring involved a total of 26lb of Chinese heroin. And the court was told yesterday, that by the time the drug had reached the addict at street level and had been diluted to 10 per cent of its original purity it would fetch £472,500 per lb.

Undercover police

The seven "peddlers of death" were brought to justice as the result of Scotland Yard's Drug Squad mounting "Operation Templar" last summer. Its target was Gerrard Street, Soho, and the twilight world of heroin. The operation involved use of undercover detectives. Detective Supt Frederick Luff, became known as "The Unwashables" because the were required to wear dirty, smelly old clothes, to enable them to infiltrate Soho drug haunts without arousing suspicion.

Judge CLARKE said: "Although unlike the Far East where the penalty for trafficking in heroin may well be death, it is regarded in this country as a very serious offence.

"It must be perfectly clear that as far as death is concerned the people who have been responsible for facilitating death in this court are yourselves.

"You have peddled death to people who required this drug and could hardly keep away from it and in return you made enormous profits.

"It is an unfortunate characteristic that those people who peddle this drug for large profits are seldom, if ever, addicts themselves.

"They know the effects which are almost indescribable and yet go on making money out of the torture of other people."

The ringleaders

The judge dealt first with two ringleaders.

KOK LIAN "JASON" NG, 25-year-old son of a Malaysian tin mine millionaire, was jailed for a total of 12 years and fined a total of £50,000 for smuggling in up to 17 lb of heroin worth an estimated £7 million—plotting to supply and possession the drug with intent to supply.

SYED ABU BAKAR, 29, a logging contractor from Selangor, Malaysia, described as Jason's chief courier, was jailed for a total of 10 years and fined a total of £10,000.

Five-year sentences were passed on four others convicted of being concerned in the plot to supply heroin.

They were: TOH HOW "DAVID" LIM, 22, and TANG POO OFF HAI, 21, both students of Heathfield Park, Cricklewood; LEONARDO ANTONIO ELARTE, 34, Hongkong-born club manager, of Florence Street, Hendon; and TONY LIM, 44, of Cotswold Gardens, Cricklewood.

In addition, TONY LIM was fined £5,000 for being in possession of heroin with intent to supply, or in default a consecutive six-months in jail; and fined a total of £400 for being in possession of a gas pistol and ammunition with an alternative of 12 months consecutive imprisonment.



Kok Lian "Jason" Ng



Syed Abu Bakar

GILES ELARTE, 24, a croupier, who admitted one charge of being in possession of heroin was jailed for three years.

Det. Supt. LUFF said that David Lim had become involved in the ring as a result of meeting "Jason" who asked him to deliver drugs to clients. When he wanted to get out he was prevented by fear.

"We have heard in this trial about the Triad organisation and we have had instances in this country of serious assault on persons who do not follow the doctrine of that organisation, and I can only think that that is what influenced David Lim," he said.

At the end of the trial Judge Clark commended Supt. Luff and his men for their work and asked that it be brought to the attention of their superiors.