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CONVENTION FOR LIMITING THE MANUFACTURE AND
REGULATING THE DISTRIBUTION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS OF 13 JULY 1931
AS AMENDED BY THE PROTOCOL OF 11 DECEMBER 1946.

CANADA

SEIZURE OF 42.52 GRAMMES RAW OPIUM, 7.09 GRAMMES YEN SHEE AND
1.6 GRAMMES OF OPIUM PILLS AT VANCOUVER, B.C., DECEMBER 13, 1946

Report No. 4 communicated by the Government of Canada,
June 26, 1946.

Note by the Secretary-General

In accordance with Article 23 of the Convention for Limiting the Manufacture and Regulating the Distribution of Narcotic Drugs of 13 July 1931, as amended by the Protocol of 11 December 1946, the Secretary-General has the honour to communicate the following report on the above mentioned seizure to the Members of the United Nations and to the other parties to the Convention.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND WELFARE

1. Name of person or persons implicated: Yet Ah Sin; Chinese Alien
(b. 10.3.1904)
2. Date of Seizure: 13.12.45.
3. Place of Seizure: Vancouver, B.C.
4. Kind and quantity of drug seized: 1-1/2 ozs. (42.52 grammes) Raw
Opium
1/4 oz. (7.09 grammes) Yen Shee
25 grs. (1.6 gramme) Opium Pills
5. Act and Section under which charged: O. & N.D. Act. Sec. 4(d) "Possession of Opium"
6. Result of prosecution:
 - (a) Date sentenced: 17.12.45.
 - (b) Where sentenced: Vancouver, B.C.
 - Sentence: 6 Mos., fined \$200 or 10 days in default of payment.
7. Remarks:

Yet Ah Sin was a crew member of the S.S. "Empire Paragon" which sails under the Canadian-Australasian Line and had arrived at Vancouver direct from Sydney, Australia.

The ship was boarded by a Search Party and in a cabin, occupied by five Chinese, and concealed behind a cupboard at the head of the bunk

occupied by Yet Ah Sin were found two packages, one containing 1-1/2 oz (42.52 grammes) Raw Opium, in the other a quantity of Yen Shee (approx. 1/4 oz.(7.09 grammes). Several Opium Pills (25 grs.(1.16 grammes) were also found in a match box hidden in Yet Ah Sin's locker. While the search of the area adjacent to his bunk was proceeding, Yet Ah Sin made an attempt to leave the cabin. He was duly warned and, later on, arrested and charged.

Nothing came out during the trial to indicate that any attempt had been made to smuggle Opium ashore and the accused, who pleaded Guilty to the charge, was sentenced as stated.

This is the first case in recent years of a narcotic seizure being made on ships entering the Pacific Coast Harbour.

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