

Smuggling of Narcotics Among Chief Mid-East Trouble Sources

Cairo - (UPI) - Smuggling of narcotics—mainly hashish and opium—provides the Middle East with fewer headlines but almost as many troubles as the area's hopelessly of political rivalries.

And today, as in ancient times, one of the main carriers of the smuggled goods is the legendary "ship of the desert," the camel.

Patched battles on the desert between fast-striking patrolmen of the Camel Corps and Bedouin smugglers are a frequent occurrence in Egypt. But the smugglers are shrewd and know many tricks, and the traffic continues on an amazing scale.

One trick of the desert smugglers is to feed bars of the narcotics to camels in waterproof sacks. When the shipment reaches its destination, the animals are slaughtered and the narcotics recovered.

Stiffest Penalties

Although the Egyptian narcotics law carries probably the stiffest penalties in the world, Egypt is the biggest victim of the traffic in the Mideast, with an estimated 600,000 addicts. Peddlers face up to life imprisonment, and fines run to \$30,000. Addicts are treated only slightly less leniently, with prison terms ranging up to 15 years.

Despite the risks for sellers and users alike, it is said that in the illegal narcotics trade, "all roads lead to Egypt."

According to the Egyptian director of the Arab League's permanent anti-narcotics bureau, Maj. Gen. Abdel Aziz Safwat, Turkey, Lebanon, Syria and Israel contribute either as sources or as "channels" for the smuggling of narcotics to Egypt.

One-Fifth Seized

Government records show that 11,406 kilograms (25,093 pounds) of hashish were seized in Egypt in 1957. But, as Safwat said, only one-fifth of the total amount of narcotics smuggled into Egypt was seized.

Safwat estimates that drug addicts in Egypt spent \$41,000,000 on hashish alone last year.

The big wheels operating this baleful racket in the land of the Nile are the smugglers with international contacts, and the traffickers who control the local marketing of the narcotics. The dirty work is done by the carriers of the drugs across the borders to the interior, and by the retailers and peddlers.

An impressive array of government forces is used in Egypt in the anti-narcotics fight. Operating all over the country, and cooperating whenever necessary are the Coast Guard, the Camel Corps and the Cairo-based Anti-Narcotics Squad.

Narcotics are smuggled into the country from countless points along Egypt's Red Sea and Mediterranean coasts and in the Sinai Peninsula.

Whether the narcotics are brought overland or by sea, the camel is the preferred means of transporting the loads to the cities across the vast desert stretches separating the clandestine entry points from the Nile Valley.

For days, sometimes, Government troops chase smugglers across sand dunes and flats. But the fierce engagements, with dead and wounded on both sides, do not always result in the capture of the entire party of smugglers.

As likely as not, a reduced party of the smugglers succeeds in getting away. The desert is vast and easy to lose yourself in.

The Azores, a part of the republic of Portugal, was an allied air base in the Second World War.

TV Cartoon Characters Under Close Censorship

By VERNON SCOTT

UPI Hollywood Correspondent

Hollywood—(UPI)—Real actors can swear, get drunk, beat women and commit murder before the TV cameras, but cartoon characters—innocent little rabbits, birds and dogs—are the most strictly censored performers in history.

Walter Lantz, creator of Woody Woodpecker and a dozen other cartoon characters, has daily battles with the blue pencil boys to prevent Woody from corrupting the morals of youthful televiewers.

"It's getting worse every year," says the mild-mannered cartoonist. "Violence is the basis of cartoon humor, now they're cutting it out."

Harris Blames Only Adams

Washington—(UPI)—Rep. Oren Harris said Tuesday that Sherman Adams and "no one else is to blame" for the difficulties which prompted him to resign as the President's top assistant.

The Arkansas Democrat rejected Adams' complaint that the House influence-investigation subcommittee, which Harris heads, had participated in a "campaign of vilification" against Adams.

It was the House group which first publicized Adams' gift-exchanging relations with New England industrialist Bernard Goldfine. In his resignation speech Monday night Adams accused the subcommittee of airing "irresponsible testimony."

The subcommittee "is not responsible for Mr. Adams' difficulty," Harris told a news conference. "He brought it on himself. He has no one else to blame, however good his intentions were."

"The same audience that watches our Woody show tunes in on 'Wyatt Earp' and other westerns and horror shows. The heroes can drink red-eye whiskey, but Woody isn't allowed to drink cider.

Dialects Censored

"And that's not all. We can't show a cow's udders. All dialects are censored and that old standby, the navel, is taboo.

"Most of the films on our show were seen in theaters years ago. But they are strictly censored for TV.

"For instance, one of our six-minute cartoons depicted a grasshopper chewing tobacco and spitting. Network censors said it was bad for kids, so we were forced to hack out six scenes showing the spitting grasshopper.

"In other shows characters spit in one another's faces."

Lantz was chastized by the State Department for showing Mexican cartoon characters without shoes.

"I painted their feet black and called 'em shoes and we managed to get by," he grinned.

Sexy Scenes Banned

"There is no written code for cartoon censorship, so you can never tell what will upset the censors. It's all right for Woody to kiss another woodpecker, but he's not allowed to kiss a girl. Sexy scenes are absolutely out, naturally.

"When we played an old rerun of 'Three Blind Mice' we had to leave out dialogue about the mice being blind. Another time we had to delete a scene showing hospital attendants in white coats."

Lantz argues that children watch "adult" shows on TV regularly, including programs in which glamour girls appear wearing next to nothing.

"We aren't allowed to show a cartoon character in a bare midriff costume," he laughed, "navel or no navel."

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No Definite Goal By Science in Study Of Depths of Ocean

Lisbon - (UPI) - While some scientists have spent this International Geophysical Year hurling satellites into space, other dedicated men have been sweating out the I.G.Y. looking at the bottom of the deep blue sea.

What do they hope to find there? This is a question that the men most concerned—scientists aboard the 1,000-ton British Royal Research Ship Discovery II—hesitate to answer directly.

"Any chance of unearthing vast new reserves of metals down there?" a reporter asked M. N. Hill, geologist of Cambridge university, who is with the ship making a survey off the Portuguese coast.

"We are working in water much too deep for practical purposes like that," Hill answered.

"But one day perhaps science will be able to exploit such underwater ores?" the newsman persisted.

"I would rather not go into that," Hill said.

Lost Continent?

Do they expect to find the lost continent of Atlantis? Hill and his men are not dreamers. But they know that the Azores are merely the tops of mighty underwater mountains, and that the ocean bed of the Atlantic is studded with other mountain chains.

"We have found some that are 10,000 and 12,000 feet high," Hill said. "They are all deep and well below the surface. We noted some about 120 miles northwest from Oporto that might have once formed part of a protruding land mass."

The British scientists get their clues from rocks and mud and slime they haul up from the sea bottom in tubes rammed 21 feet into the sea mud, from magnetic surveys and from the study of temperatures at the sea bottom.

They have a cable rig 30,000 feet in length, plus modern sounding devices, and one of their number, Dr. A. S. Laughton, formerly of Cambridge, is a specialist in underwater photography. His flash-

Is That So?

By OLGA BURNS

Many a home in the Southwest and South has a Bird of Paradise bush in its yard, and doubtless the owners, like Cecil L. Willeke, of Phoenix, Ariz., have found it rather noisy when their pods pop.

And doubtless too most of them find it as beautiful as Willeke who describes its flowers as "looking like a peacock."

That is another of the many names for the plant, the commonest being the poinciana after M. de Poinci, a governor of the Antilles in the mid-1600s and a man with a great interest in botany.

But though the plant is common in the West Indies where it got its most widely known names, it is actually an invader of the Western Hemisphere. Its place of origin was possibly the lost continent of Madagascar, Mauritius, Reunion and a few others. In any case, it is native to those islands, western India and parts of East Africa.

While today it is regarded as an ornamental, in Gov. de Poinci's time it was considered important for other reasons.

Its leaves and flowers were thought to have important medical properties. They were extensively used in the treatment of fevers, a purgative, and externally, in the form of poultices, for the treatment of wounds.

Other Uses Found

Still other uses were found for it. Those were the days when people used quill pens and had to make their own ink, and it was soon discovered that a very effective ink could be made from the poinciana's pods. It was learned that a fine yellow dye could be made by combining its juices with aluminum or iron salts.

As to the noisy bursting of the pod when the seeds are shot out for several feet, that is the way in which the plant re-seeds itself. By throwing out its seeds, the poinciana seeks to extend its territory in the perennial struggle for survival against other plants.

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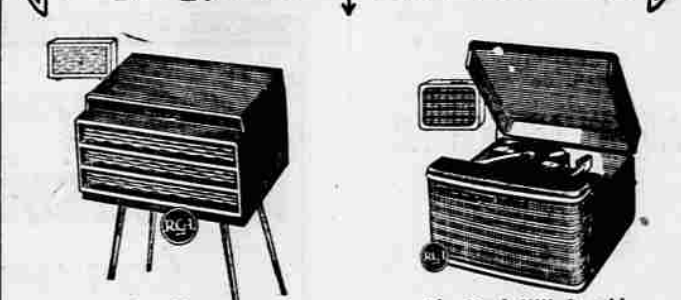
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