

## NARCOTIC DRUGS

*Exchange of notes at Washington June 29, August 7, and December 12 and 28, 1923*

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*Extended to the Philippine Islands and the Straits Settlements by agreement of October 22, 1927, and January 16 and November 15, 1928*<sup>1</sup>

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*The British Chargé d'Affaires to the Secretary of State*

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SIR,

I have the honour to inform you, in view of the great interest taken by the United States Government in opium questions and the work of the Opium Committee of the League of Nations, that, at its Fourth Session, held at Geneva from the 8th to the 14th of January, 1923, the Advisory Committee on the traffic in opium made the following recommendation, which was adopted by the Council on February 1st last:

"That the Governments be asked to extend the arrangement for the mutual exchange of information in regard to seizures to include information in regard to the proceedings and movements of persons who are known to the authorities to be engaged in carrying on an illicit traffic in drugs."

This recommendation has been accepted by His Britannic Majesty's Government and the Secretary-General of the League of Nations has been so informed.

His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies has addressed a circular despatch to the Governors of all Colonies and Protectorates, in which he expresses the hope that each of them will be able to cause this recommendation to be put into force so far as his own administration is concerned; and

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<sup>1</sup> *Post*, p. 470.