

## Questions put to the British Delegation

## A. By the American Delegation.

Dr Tenney:

1. Referring to the statement concerning the amount of Malwa Opium now on hand (page 6, par. 30 of Report on India): in the opinion of the British Delegation would the fiscal difficulty in India be increased or diminished by shortening the period within which Opium may be exported from India to China, in view of the fact that Opium cultivation is still continuing and the stock of Opium accumulating ?

Dr Hamilton Wright:

2. Is it possible for the Government of India to prevent the passage across British Indian Territory to the sea of Opium produced in the Native States ?
3. With the gradual suppression of poppy growth in the Bengal Agencies to meet the lessened exportation from Calcutta, could any means be taken to prevent an increased growth in Cashmir and Nepal ?
4. Is there or is there not an Agreement between the British Indian Government and the Nizam of Hyderabad which prevents the growth of poppy in that State, and could not similar Agreements be made by the British Indian Government with other Native States in which the poppy is grown and opium produced for export ?

## B. By the Chinese Delegation

Mr T'ang:

According to existing arrangements made between the Chinese and British Governments, will the reduction annually for ten years by 5100 chests of Opium from the total Indian export mean that a corresponding reduction in the import of Indian Opium into China is assured, irrespective of the conditions of demand in China ?

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