

Following westernization the use of haschish and opium tend to create social problems. The Royal Afghan Government has recently started to investigate the present conditions and they are presumably aiming at achieving a solution based on the Turkish model. If an efficient ban in Afghanistan is enforced, new problems will arise, one of these being that the cultivators will need a profitable substitute for poppies. Perhaps the most important question is: Will a controlling action in reality have any effect on the illegal trade in opium and what will happen to the thousands of addicts finding their traditional relaxation criminalized by international conventions?

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