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The Commission requested the Secretariat to prepare a world estimate of the medical needs of raw opium, which, before the war, amounted to some 350-400 tons. Circumstances had changed radically. Whereas the use of prepared opium had diminished, the demand for the derivatives of raw opium have increased; for instance, the figures for codeine had doubled in many countries. A further factor implying caution in these calculations was the rapidly increasing use of synthetic drugs as substitutes for morphine. Moreover, morphine manufactured from poppy straw was replacing to a considerable extent morphine manufactured from raw opium.

The Commission approved the memorandum and draft questionnaire on the limitation and control of the cultivation and harvesting of the coca leaf.

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