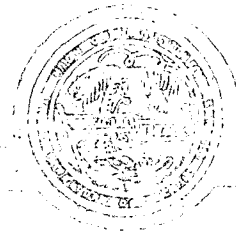


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HAWAIIAN ENTOMOLOGIST CONDUCTS TRUST TERRITORY RAT ABATEMENT TRAINING COURSE

SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS (August 6)...Fred A. Bianchi, principal entomologist for the Hawaiian Sugar Planters Association, has been employed by the Trust Territory Government to conduct a six-week rat abatement methods training session at the Trust Territory Farm Institute in Ponape, as part of the agriculture program, according to Paul L. Winsor, newly-appointed Assistant Commissioner, Resources and Development.

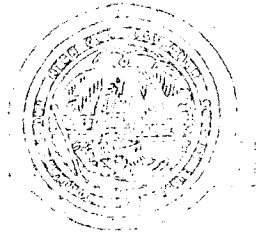
Eight Micronesian agriculture extension agents and assistants from the Marshalls, Truk and Ponape as well as 22 trainees from all districts now at the Farm Institute are attending the course which began August 2.

Mr. Bianchi is an eminent entomologist in the field of biological control. For the last 10 years he has directed an extensive rat control program conducted by the Hawaiian Sugar Planters Association in cooperation with the sugar cane plantations in the Hawaiian Islands.

The training program will cover identification of rat species; their habits and ecology; types of traps; types of poison baits and their dispensers and methods of employing them; rat population

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density checks before and after application of abatement measures. The course will also include instruction in/cultivation methods for effective rat control.

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This six-week training course is the first phase in establishing a rat abatement program for the island areas of the Trust Territory where rats are a serious agricultural pest, according to Trust Territory Director of Agriculture Manuel M. Sproat.

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