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OTOBED TO ATTEND ASIAN WEED CONTROL INTERCHANGE

Saipan, Mariana Islands, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands,

June 1 . . . Demei Otobed, Acting Assistant Entomologist stationed in

Palau District, has been selected to attend the Asian Pacific Weed

Control Interchange to be held from June 12 to 22 in Honolulu, Hawaii,

according to Manuel N. Sproat, Director of Agriculture. The Interchange
is sponsored by the Institute for Technical Interchange of the East
West Center and the College of Tropical Agriculture, University of

Hawaii.

The program will consist of a series of meetings on the subject of weed control techniques in various areas of the Pacific and Asia, combined with a series of demonstrations on the use of various herbicide for crops such as bananas, taro, pineapple, sugarcane, and vegetables. Part of the discussion and demonstrations will take place on the Island of Oahu and part on the Island of Kauai.

Mr. Otobed was born in Palau in 1939. He received his training at the College of Agriculture, University of the Philippines from 1901 to 1908. He is presently employed at the Entomology Laboratory in Palau. Upon completion of this special training he will work in the Mariana Islands District on the chemical control of truck crop pests and weeds.

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