

Business Newsletter . . .

Expansions and New Companies

A new Du Pont subsidiary in Great Britain will **manufacture substituted urea herbicides and explore possibilities** for sale and manufacture of other products. . . . Veterinary part of **Eli Lilly's \$3 million expansion program** in agricultural research will be closely coordinated with recently purchased Corn States Laboratories, Omaha. Lilly Agricultural research center will be 417-acre site at Greenfield, Ind. . . . Latest announced **pyrethrin plant: Belgian Congo plant at Goma** to process 2400 tons a year of dried pyrethrum flowers. Owner will be Trapak, a Congolese company. **U. S. Potash** is informing customers that it may **merge with Pacific Coast Borax**, which owns a major interest of U. S. Potash

Food Additives Legislation Stands Still

Legislation on control of chemical additives to foods is **not likely to advance** during this session of Congress. Following illness of House Interstate Committee Chairman Priest (D.-Tenn.), **Representative O'Hara (R-Minn.) suffered a heart attack** and was ordered to the hospital for at least six weeks. As these two men are cosponsors of the measures getting congressional attention, the whole matter probably will be put off until next session.

Spotted Alfalfa Aphid Spreads

The spotted alfalfa aphid, relatively new U. S. pest threatening western alfalfa crops, **now has been found in Florida**. Previously found only West of the Mississippi, it has inflicted heavy damage in Utah, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, with some infestations in Nebraska, Missouri, and Louisiana. California's estimated **cost last year: \$13 million**. Reports from Oklahoma say 50% of this year's crop may be lost.

Aphid Control Drive

A bill is being introduced into Congress calling for **\$15 million in federal money** to be used for insecticides to control spotted alfalfa aphid. Another \$5 million is requested for research on control measures. Immediate steps are being directed toward transfer of money from grasshopper control program. . . . University of California is breeding **three species of parasite wasps** for control of the aphid at Albany and Riverside, while USDA is rearing them at Moorestown, N. J.



- Until farmers generally own their own rigs to apply liquid fertilizer, dealers must exert sound management over their application services (p. 389)
- Urea-forms will probably become important factors in the fertilizer industry, but prices prevent bigger markets for the time being (p. 391)
- Extensive studies of the effects of pesticides on wildlife do not call for more restrictive legislation, urge more judicious use instead (p. 393)
- Regulations under the Miller Amendment make residue studies an important part of any program for developing new agricultural chemicals (p. 410)