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LOUISIANA 100 PERCENT FOR RAT CONTROL

All ten of Louisiana's cities of more than 10,000 population have joined the National Urban Rat Control Campaign to make the State the first to reach 100 percent goal, Secretary of the Interior J. A. Krug announced today in wiring his congratulations to Governor J. H. Davis.

Local rat control programs have been initiated in New Orleans, Shreveport, New Iberia, Alexandria, Baton Rouge, Bogalusa, Gretna, Lafayette, Lake Charles, and Monroe.

Spearheading the drive to win first place for Louisiana is Graves J. Grant, Chief of the Sanitation Service Section in the States Health Department, assisted by R. B. Deen, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service Rat Control Advisor for that area.

"I salute Louisiana, its governor and its Health Department," said Hamilton M. Warren, Chairman of the National Committee for Rat Control and vice-president of the National Carbon Co., of New York. "Indications are that other states will be quick to follow her lead. Over 100 cities are now actively participating in fighting rats and reports of new cities continue to come in daily."

Shreveport was named earlier as the rat control demonstration center for Louisiana and is now operating a permanent city-county program under the direction of Dr. J. W. Sandidge. New Orleans has long been conducting a rat control program under Dr. John M. Whitney, Superintendent of Public Health. The smaller Louisiana cities are either expanding existing programs or starting rat control operations for the first time.

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