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FWS SCIENTISTS TO ATTEND NEW ZEALAND SCIENTIFIC CONGRESS

Dr. Clarence Cottam, Assistant Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, left Washington on January 28 by air for New Zealand to represent the Service at the Seventh Pacific Scientific Congress, Director Albert M. Day announced today.

Dr. Cottam was one of a group of American scientists designated by the United States National Research Council as an official member of the Congress which is scheduled to be held in Auckland and Christchurch, New Zealand, during the month of February.

Dr. Herbert W. Graham, oceanographer for the Service's Philippine Fishery Program, stationed at Manila, will also attend the conference.

At one of the sessions Dr. Cottam will deliver a paper on the management of migratory waterfowl, with special reference to game species. He will also present three or four motion pictures showing wildlife and fisheries work in America. Dr. Graham expects to read two papers, one on oceanography of the Sulu Sea and another on the general aspects of the Philippine Fishery Program and its accomplishments to date. The oceanographic paper will contain a report on the results of the extensive surveys of the Sulu Sea made by members of the Biological and Oceanographic Section of the Philippine program during the past year and a half.

Auckland University College and the Auckland Institute and Museum, and Canterbury University College and the Canterbury Branch of the Royal Society are the host institutions for the Seventh Pacific Science Congress. The sessions of the first period, from February 2 to 8, will be held mainly at the Auckland University College, Auckland. This will be followed by excursions in the North Island of New Zealand from February 9 to 16. The Congress will resume in Christchurch from February 17 to 23.

Dr. Cottam is scheduled to return to Washington on March 6.

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