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MEETINGS LAUNCH URBAN RAT CONTROL DRIVE

Secretary of the Interior J. A. Krug today met with the National Committee for Rat Control, representing civic and industry groups vitally concerned with rat control problems, in its first full membership meeting. At the same time, 40 technical rat control advisors, including 26 consultants temporarily borrowed from state health departments and universities by the Fish and Wildlife Service, met to map plans for providing aid to the cooperating cities and communities of more than 10,000 taking part in the program.

"We are now technically equipped to launch our drive to rid our cities of rats," declared Hamilton M. Warren, chairman of the National Committee and vice president of the National Carbon Company of New York. "In the past few months we have marshalled the technical know-how, the supplies, and the information which the communities need to do the job."

"Requests are coming in fast from cities that have created local rat control committees at Secretary Krug's invitation. I am pleased to see the public is organizing to stop rats from stealing two billion dollars a year out of our pockets when we can ill afford it," Warren said.

The 40 technical advisors will return to the 26 districts into which the country has been divided for the campaign to aid cities in preparing, organizing and following-through in the National Urban Rat Control Campaign during March and April.

Lists of those attending the meetings are attached:

National Consultants:

- Dr. David E. Davis, Research Associate, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland. General consultant for technical biological problems.
- Mr. E. B. Buchanan, Deputy Commissioner of Health, Health Department of City of Cleveland, serving as general consultant for technical legal and civic problems throughout the nation.
- Miss Marie Fortunati, Director, Health Education Service, Boston Health Department, Boston, Mass. General Consultant for educational and publicity problems throughout the nation.
- William B. Herms, Professor Emeritus of the University of California and consultant on Entomology to the California State Board of Public Health, Berkeley, Calif., serving CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA.
- Harry Barry, Supervising Sanitarian, Kentucky State Department of Health, Louisville, Ky., Serving NORTH CAROLINA AND KENTUCKY.
- Homer Tate, General Inspector, Mississippi State Plant Board, State College, Miss., serving ALABAMA, TENNESSEE, AND MISSISSIPPI.
- Effie J. Sylvester, Director, Louisiana State Health Department, New Orleans, La., serving LOUISIANA AND ARKANSAS.
- Henry F. Shaper, District Sanitarian, Texas State Health Department, San Antonio, Texas, serving TEXAS.
- Edward H. Loker, formerly Agriculturist Area Director, Extension Service, USDA at Manhattan, Kansas, serving KANSAS AND OKLAHOMA from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
- Clyde D. Flynn, Supervisor Rodent Control Section, Jacksonville Health Department, Jacksonville, Florida, serving FLORIDA, GEORGIA, AND SOUTH CAROLINA.
- John N. Petrick, Jr., Investigator, Pennsylvania State Department of Health, Harrisburg, Penna., serving Western PENNSYLVANIA.
- Abbott A. Mongeau, Manager/Pied Piper Pest Control Service, Farnumville, Mass., serving Eastern PENNSYLVANIA from Philadelphia, Penna.
- Jesse D. Straitiff, Supervisor of Rat Control, Department of Health, Akron, Ohio, serving OHIO and part of PENNSYLVANIA.
- George C. Petry, Chief Food Inspector, Division of Health, City of Cleveland, Cleveland, Ohio, Serving OHIO.
- Robert M. Borg, Insect and Rodent Control Specialist, Springfield, Mass., serving NEW JERSEY, from New Brunswick, N. J.
- John A. Ludeman, Foreman, University of Massachusetts Bait Mixing Station, at Amherst, Mass., serving MAINE, VERMONT, AND NEW HAMPSHIRE from Portland, Me.
- Edwin M. Knights, Inspector City of Providence, R. I., Department of Health, serving CONNECTICUT AND RHODE ISLAND, from Providence, R. I.
- Gordon J. Leversee, Vice-President Capital Forestry Co., Inc., Schenectady, N. Y., and in charge of the Pest Control Division of the Company, serving MARYLAND, VIRGINIA, AND DELAWARE from Baltimore, Maryland.
- Miss Frieda E. Schicht, former Executive Secretary of Rat Control Program of the City of St. Louis Department of Welfare, Lafayette, Ind., serving INDIANA AND ILLINOIS.
- Donald J. Little, Public Health Inspector in charge of Rodent Control, Division of Public Health, City of Minneapolis, Minn., serving MINNESOTA AND WISCONSIN.
- Joseph C. Caldwell, former County Extension Agent, University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo., serving MISSOURI AND IOWA.
- Palmer L. Olsen, General inspector, Department of Health, Milwaukee, Wis., serving MICHIGAN, from East Lansing, Mich.
- Specialist serving New York State to be announced.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR RAT CONTROL

CHAIRMAN: Mr. Hamilton M. Warren, Vice President, National Carbon Co., New York, N. Y.

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Mr. Howard T. Jones, Executive Secretary, Distilled Spirits Institute, Washington, D. C.

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Mr. Stanley M. Buckingham, President, National Association of Building Owners and Managers, Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. Herman Fakler, Director, Millers' National Federation, Washington, D. C.

Mr. H. N. Old, Secretary-Treasurer, Conference on State Sanitary Engineers, Washington, D. C.

Mr. Robert C. Woodworth, Director, National Grain Trade Council, Minneapolis, Minn.

Mr. A. Herberger, Secretary-Treasurer, Society of Municipal Public Health Engineers, Mineola, New York.

Dr. E. K. Fretwell, Chief Scout Executive, Boy Scouts of America, New York, N. Y.

Mr. Reginald Atwater, Secretary, American Public Health Association, New York, N.Y.

Mr. Edward V. Lahey, President, U. S. Brewers Foundation, New York, N. Y.

Mr. L. S. Hitchner, Exec.-Secy., Agricultural Insecticide and Fungicide Assoc., New York, N. Y.