

## TORO-PACIFIC OPENS SANTA ANA BRANCH

GARDENA, CALIF.—A new branch operation, carrying a full line of Toro irrigation equipment, has opened in Santa Ana, Calif. by *Toro-Pacific Distributing*, Los Angeles, one of five major distribution centers owned by The Toro Company of Minneapolis.

Roy T. Baril, vice president and general manager of Toro's Distributing Division, said the new facility, occupying 4,000 square feet at 2010-D Eastwood Street in Santa Ana, has been established as a convenience to irrigation equipment installers and contractors in the area.

"It reflects," he said, "the rapidly growing market for Toro automatic underground irrigation equipment in the southern California area."

It is the second irrigation equipment branch outlet for the Gardena-based operation. The other is in Riverside, where Toro's Irrigation Division has its headquarters. A third branch, in San Diego, carries all of the Toro lines ranging from consumer and institutional mowing equipment to automatic irrigation systems.

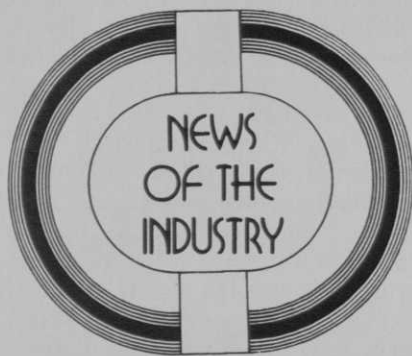
## CUTRINE OK'D BY EPA

MEQUON, WIS.—*Applied Biochemists, Inc.*, has been granted Environmental Protection Agency registration for Cutrine Granular, a copper complex algicide specifically formulated to control chara, nitella and other forms of bottom-growing algae.

The product is simply a granular form of Cutrine, which is registered for use in potable water reservoirs; fish, fire and farm ponds; lakes and fish hatcheries. Cutrine Granular drops rapidly to the bottom and then releases the copper ions directly around and onto the algae.

Chara is particularly difficult to control with liquid algaecides. It is a hardy plant, most often encrusted with lime, thus the common name of "stonewort." By applying Cutrine Granular, the active ingredient can be put in direct contact with the plant.

Cutrine Granular is applied at the rate of 100 pounds per surface acre



of water to be treated, and can be dispersed by using a dry spreader or by hand. The material will also be effective against filamentous algae at the time the plant is developing at the water bottom.

## PRO GOLF SERIES FIRST EVER SANCTIONED BY PGA SECTION

CRYSTAL RIVER, FLA.—Professional golfers will vie for \$640,000 in a series of tournaments that began here May 11 and 12 at the Plantation Hotel and Sports Resort.

It is the first time that a PGA Section has sanctioned such a program for golfers who do not regularly participate in Tournament Players Division events.

"Most important," said Les Frisinger, president of the approving Florida Section, "it's currently the only opportunity in the country for hundreds of talented golfers to sharpen their skills in pressure-packed big money competition under the direct supervision of a PGA section."

In addition to strict supervision of all tournament rules and regulations, the Florida Section officers will create a series of seminars and discussions on PGA orientation for tournament players. Included are special programs on pro shop management, merchandising, constitutional interpretation, maintenance and other important areas that will provide a more thorough knowledge of all aspects of golf.

The Florida Section's 16-week program will be conducted in two eight-week series of 36-hole events. Weekly winners will pocket some \$7,000 with approximately \$33,000 divided among the next 49 finishers each week.

The tournament is open to all

Florida Section PGA members, those in the apprentice program and golf professionals who are not affiliated with the Section or the PGA. Pro golfers who won over \$10,000 on the 1972 PGA tour will not be eligible to participate.

Entry fee for each eight-week series is \$3,000 for which the player receives housing on tournament days at the Plantation Hotel, breakfast, club cleaning and storage, use of the golf course, electric cars on tournament days, use of the driving range and a supply of golf balls for each tournament.

Home course for the 16 events is the par-72 Plantation GC. Designed by Florida architect Mark Mahannah, the layout stretches nearly 7,000 yards for championship play. "Mark did a fantastic design job with the 160 acres allocated for the course," said Danny Bertine, general manager at Plantation.

"From the white tees our residents and resort guests enjoy a most pleasurable test of their golfing ability," he said, "but from the blue markers the pros will find water coming into play on 11 different holes. Many of the 50 bunkers and large, mature pines and oaks become much more hazardous when approached from the back tees."

Bertine pointed out that even though all 16 events will be contested on the same layout, the combatants will have little opportunity to get accustomed to the best strategy of play.

"Variations in weather conditions make a whale of a difference at Plantation," said Bertine. "Prevailing breezes are from the south but we're so close to the Gulf that winds can swirl in almost from any direction."

Plantation Hotel and Sports Resort is located in the heart of Citrus County, 70 miles north of Tampa. The complex is on the headwaters of the famed Crystal River, which travels seven miles northwest to the Gulf of Mexico. The hotel itself overlooks Kings Bay, home of the giant manatee and a scuba diver's paradise known the world over for its warm, clear waters. More than three million gallons of fresh water per hour rise