

## Colorado Applicators Asked To Back Proposed Weed Laws

In a keynote address before the 17th annual Colorado Applicators Convention and Short Course, held recently in Denver, Byron G. Allen urged Colorado applicators to support suggested state legislation in enactment of uniform weed and pest control laws.

He was referring to the pest control compact drawn by a committee appointed by the Council of State Governments and a uniform weed law written by the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture. Allen, who is an assistant to Department of Agriculture Secretary Orville Freeman, further said that the pest control compact was designed to forestall the spread of pests from state to state and each state would contribute to a fund with the federal government providing matching dollars to finance campaigns against plant pests in any area.

He said chemicals used against weeds and insects "bear watching" for possible harmful effects to humans and animals, but there is no need for a "fear complex" about their use. He urged the industry to combat adverse attitudes through public education.

Paul W. Swisher, Colorado Commissioner of Agriculture, noted that only the uniform weed law was being considered at this time. The act would require landowners to kill or control noxious weeds under a control authority to be set up in each state to enforce the measure. Failure to comply would result in the authority hiring the work done and assessing the landowner for the cost.

During a joint session of the Colorado Aerial Dusters and Sprayers Association and the Ornamental Spraymen, Jim Omura, a national director of the Associated Landscape Contractors of America, read a report on the movement to establish a national spraymen's association. The assembly voted to support the movement without a dissenting vote.



**Midwestern turf chiefs.** Here are 1965-66 officers of Midwest Regional Turf Foundation, elected during group's annual conference at Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind., last month. Left to right are Dr. W. H. Daniel, Purdue turf specialist, exec. sec'y.; Norman Kramer, Point O Woods Country Club, Benton Harbor, Mich., V-P; and Morgan Boggs, Bunton Seed Co., Louisville, Ky., president.

## Floridians Plan Best Turf Show Ever May 6-7 in Ft. Lauderdale

For the first time since its inception four years ago, the Florida Turf-Grass Trade Show will be held entirely in Fort Lauderdale. Scheduled to take place May 6-7, show activities will center in the newly opened Sheraton Hotel and the Plantation Field Research Laboratory.

A record number of registrants is expected to view the greatest number of turf product exhibits ever shown at the yearly affair. On display will be a wide range of equipment, chemicals, insecticides, herbicides, fertilizers and other products for use in Florida's \$130,000,000-a-year turf industry.

The show will open with the traditional tours of turf plots at the laboratory showing the extensive research projects conducted during the past year. Tours are directed by Dr. Evert D. Burt, assistant turf technologist at the laboratory and co-chairman of the show.

Guided tours will be conducted for lawn maintenance men; park, cemetery, and athletic field directors; sod growers; horticultural spraymen; golf course superintendents; etc.

Special demonstrations are

being added to the tours this year. These include demonstrations of sprayer-calibration techniques, methods used for measuring irregular areas for spraying and fertilizing purposes, and explanations of the various types of specialized spray equipment available to the professional sprayman.

Agenda for May 7 calls for an early morning start with an increasingly important business management clinic. Designed to assist the turf professionals in all phases of their business operation, the clinic will feature several speakers who will discuss the latest trends and thinking in business management with special reference to the turf industry.

During the course of the show several other groups will hold important business sessions, including the Florida Society of Golf Superintendents and the Horticultural Spraymen's Association of Florida (on May 7).

Additional information and preregistration forms for the show may be obtained by writing to the Florida Turf-Grass Assn., 4065 University Blvd. North, Jacksonville, Fla. 32211.