### When the Chinch Bugs Struck,

## THEY CALLED A 'COPTER

Guy Tedesco, left, greens superintendent at the Country Club of New Seabury, Mashpee, Mass., found helicopter application of insecticide was quick, efficient, and economical in preventing chinch bugs from destroying two golf courses at the club. He is discussing the problem with Al Barufaldi, center, Bay Colony Helicopter, Plymouth, Mass., which provided the craft, and Richard Canning of Chemapco, Inc., the application division of R. F. Morse & Son, Inc., West Wareham, Mass., distributors of the insecticide.





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WHEN GUY TEDESCO, greens superintendent at The Country Club of New Seabury, Mashpee, Mass., on Cape Cod, diagnosed an infestation of chinch bugs, he knew he had a tough problem. The insects, about one-fifth of an inch long, black, with white patches on their wings, are well known for their ability to literally suck the life out of lawns by feeding on the juice of stems of grass.

Tedesco determined that chinch bugs had invaded both courses of the club—known as "The Pebble Beach of the East" because of its location on the southern shore of Cape Cod overlooking Nantucket Sound. Its Blue Championship course is 7,175 yards, par 72, and there is a less demanding, but sporty, Green Oak—Pine course.

Since the season was just beginning, Tedesco had to act fast. But how do you control the insects promptly, efficiently and economically over a wide-ranging 90 acres of golf courses involving greens, trees, fairways, and roughs?

Tedesco knew that Aspon 6 E® is specially formulated to kill chinch bugs but that still didn't solve his application problem. He talked it



over with Chemapco, Inc., the application division of R. F. Morse & Son, Inc., West Wareham, Mass., who came up with an answer: apply Aspon by helicopter.

The insecticide was sprayed over the entire 90 acres in a dilute mixture of 15 gallons per acre. Total application time was two hours.

After the application, the irrigation system of each course was programmed to wet down all treated areas to help drive the insecticide in the crowns of the turf. Tedesco got welcome help the next day when a series of showers soaked the roughs and other areas not covered by the irrigation system.

After a few days, a close inspection showed the chinch bugs invasion had been effectively checked.

Guy Tedesco was so pleased with the results that he recommended the aerial application program to other courses in the area. Soon after, Chemapco took to the air to spray Aspon on 50 acres at the Oyster Harbors Golf Club in Osterville, Mass. Results were equally good.

Because of the success of its helicopter application program, Chemapco plans to offer it as a special chinch bug control service in 1971.

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