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T.T. PLANT PATHOLOGIST TO ATTEND SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION CONFERENCE

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Saipan, Mariana Islands, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands,
July 7 . . . Trust Territory Plant Pathologist Dolliver Zaiger will
attend a South Pacific Commission conference on Plant Protection from
July 10-19 in American Samoa.

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Mr. Zaiger will present to the conference a paper on the
"Pingelap Disease of Breadfruit" in the Pacific Islands.

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The aims of the presentation, according to Mr. Zaiger, include
(1) the exploration of the need for quarantine measures that may be
instrumental in preventing the spread of the decline of the bread-
fruit tree; (2) explanation of characteristic symptoms to provide
better recognition by agriculture officers throughout the region; and
(3) discussion on the epidemiology of the breadfruit disease.

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The technical meeting will focus attention on the future role
of the South Pacific Commission in circulating information on and
assisting territories in undertaking extension work on prevention
and control of plant pests and diseases occurring in the Region.
In addition, there will be intensive discussion on the prevention
and control of specific pests and diseases of plants. The members of
the South Pacific Commission are Australia, France, New Zealand, the
United Kingdom, the United States, and Western Samoa.

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Some of the major recommendations made during the last South Pacific Commission conference of this nature were the circulation of information on measures for protecting and treating plants and extension of assistance to the territories, encouraging them to undertake work in connection with the prevention and treatment of plant and animal diseases.

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