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### STATE SANITATION ENGINEERS VIEW RAT CONTROL DEMONSTRATION

Chief state sanitation officials will witness a demonstration of rat control methods here tonight at the invitation of Secretary of the Interior J. A. Krug.

"We have planned this demonstration," Krug stated, "so that sanitary officers in state health departments will be even better able to assist local municipalities participating in the National Urban Rat Control Campaign. Most state health departments are already giving valuable technical aid to the 450 cities of 10,000 or more population now conducting anti-rat drives.

The demonstration has been arranged to coincide with the annual meeting of the Conference of State Sanitary Engineers now taking place in Washington. Secretary Krug's invitation to the engineers was made through state governors in early March when the national campaign against rats first got under way.

Washington, D. C., National Demonstration Center for the Campaign, will show off to the visitors the operations and the results of its rat control program which has been operating for several years. Demonstrations by District health department personnel will cover methods for inspection to detect rat infestation, for closing buildings to keep out rats, for garbage and trash disposal to remove rat nesting places and food sources, and for killing rats by poisoning, trapping and gassing.

The demonstration will take place at the Georgetown Rat Control Laboratory of the D. C. Health Department, 3246 P Street, N. W. at 7:30 p.m.

A list of the state sanitary officials attending is attached.

CHIEF STATE SANITARY ENGINEERS ATTENDING RAT CONTROL DEMONSTRATION

ALABAMA: Arthur M. Beck  
ARIZONA: George W. Marx  
ARKANSAS: F. L. McDonald  
CALIFORNIA: E. A. Reinke  
COLORADO: James A. King  
CONNECTICUT: Warren J. Scott  
DELAWARE: R. C. Beckett  
FLORIDA: David B. Lee  
GEORGIA: L. M. Clarkson  
IDAHO: H. C. Clare  
ILLINOIS: C. W. Klassen  
INDIANA: B. A. Poole  
IOWA: A. H. Wieters  
KANSAS: Dwight F. Metzler  
KENTUCKY: F. C. Dugan  
LOUISIANA: John O'Neill  
MAINE: E. W. Campbell  
MASSACHUSETTS: Arthur D. Weston  
MICHIGAN: John M. Hepler  
MINNESOTA: H. M. Bosch  
MONTANA: H. B. Foote  
NEBRASKA: T. A. Filipi  
NEW HAMPSHIRE: Leonard W. Trager  
NEW YORK: C. A. Holmquist  
NORTH CAROLINA: J. M. Jarrett  
NORTH DAKOTA: Jerome Svor  
OREGON: Curtiss M. Everts  
RHODE ISLAND: Walter J. Shea  
SOUTH CAROLINA: J. H. Stephens  
SOUTH DAKOTA: W. W. Towne  
TENNESSEE: R. P. Farrell  
UTAH: Lynn M. Thatcher  
VIRGINIA: Richard Messer  
WASHINGTON: Emil Jensen  
WEST VIRGINIA: John B. Harrington  
WISCONSIN: L. F. Warrick  
WYOMING: L. O. Williams

Names of representatives from some states are not yet available.

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