

Egyptian Sudan, Kenya Colony, Egypt, Rhodesia, Nigeria, and other parts of tropical Africa.

Two large shipments from central and southwestern China, presented by the Botanic Garden Division of the Sun Yat-Sen Tomb and Memorial Park Commission, Nanking (Nos. 114700-114823; 116115-116157), were recorded during this period. These represent seeds of 166 species, largely trees and shrubs, many of which are being introduced for the first time. In climatic requirements these range from subtropical to north temperate, coming as they do from widely differing regions, and for that reason will be tested in various parts of the South and the Southwest.

Rice breeders will benefit from the introduction of 121 lots of seeds (*Oryza sativa*, Nos. 116332-116452) presented by the Rice Research Station, Department of Agriculture, Yanco, New South Wales. These represent recent promising crosses made at that station.

The Department is indebted to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics for several shipments of plant material, among which three deserve special mention. The Zhitomir Plant Breeding Station presented roots of 22 special types of hops (*Humulus lupulus*, Nos. 115107-115128); these are to be tested in the Northwestern States for disease-resistance and for comparison with commonly grown types. The Director of the Botanic Garden at Samara sent in seeds of 149 Russian varieties of vegetables, including beets, peppers, cucumbers, watermelons, tomatoes, beans, and peas (Nos. 115141-115289). These have been developed in regions of low winter temperatures, so will be particularly useful to our government plant breeders. The third shipment, presented by the Institute of Plant Industry at Leningrad (Nos. 115320-115416), consists of local selections of forage plants, including both leguminous plants and grasses, obtained originally from all parts of the Soviet Union.

The botanical determinations of seeds introduced have been made and the nomenclature determined by Paul Russell, who has had general supervision of this inventory.

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