

## ZOOGEOGRAPHY AND EVOLUTION OF PACIFIC INSECTS

This project, organized by the Entomology Department, Bishop Museum, is an attempt to coordinate systematic and zoogeographic work on insects of the Pacific insects and other terrestrial arthropods from all Pacific islands at Bishop Museum. The history, present program, and aims of the project are discussed in an article "Zoogeography and evolution of Pacific insects (a review of the entomological program at the Bernice P. Bishop Museum)" by J. L. Gressitt and L. W. Quate (1958, Ent. Soc. Amer., Bull. 4: 124-6).

During 1955-58 field work was carried on in the Southwest Pacific by 16 entomologists (those asterisked collected during more than one year): W. W. Brandt\*, E. J. Ford, Jr., J. L. Gressitt\*, D. E. Hardy, C. P. Hoyt\*, C. R. Joyce, W. R. Kellen\*, N. L. H. Krauss\*, T. C. Maa\*, Borys Malkin, Elizabeth Marks, H. E. Milliron, L. W. Quate, C. W. Sabrosky, John Smart, and F. M. Snyder. In 1959 field work will be done by W. W. Brandt, J. L. Gressitt, N. L. H. Krauss, T. C. Maa, C. D. Michener, L. W. Quate, and C. M. Yoshimoto. During 1955-57 nearly one million specimens were collected, and during 1958 over one million were added. The areas covered in the field work include major areas from Tahiti to Ceylon and from Japan and the Bonin Is. to northern Australia, but special attention has been paid to the Solomon Is., New Guinea, southern Philippines, British Borneo and Malaya.