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The 870th meeting of the Hawaiian Entomological Society was called to order by President James Ikeda at 2:02 p.m., June 13, 1978, in the Conference Room, Bishop Museum.

Members present: B. Brennan, Chun, Furumizo, Howarth, Hu, Ikeda, Joyce, Kitaguchi, Komatsu, Megens, Mills, Nishida, Radovsky, Sengbusch.

Visitors: Wool, C.H. Sengbusch, D'Araujo, Furman, J.M. Brennan.

Membership Committee: Stanley T. Seo, ESDA, was unanimously approved for membership.

Editorial Committee: B. Brennan reported for Jack Beardsley that the latest Proceedings of HES, 22(3), are mostly distributed. Dick Tsuda is taking care of exchanges.

New Business: A draft notification was received from the State Department of Natural Resources regarding the proposal, "Conceptual plans and guidelines for selecting tree planting sites for industrial wood production." The draft was turned over to the Liaison Committee for consideration of its environmental impact.

Announcement: Dr. Ray Joyce, program chairman, announced that the July 10th meeting would be held at the University of Hawaii. An open house will be held for visitors to view the new Agricultural Sciences Entomological facilities in the new building.

NOTES AND EXHIBITIONS

Perkinsiella saccharicida (Kirkaldy): Mr. Bianchi exhibited a sample from a swarm of sugarcane leafhoppers which had invaded an apartment on the 12th floor of a building near the east end of Kalakaua during the evening of May 17. The sample consisted of 174 males and 76 females and had been collected by the owner of the apartment, who reported that the swarm covered the entire ceiling of his large living room. The insects had appeared about 9 o'clock in the evening and had entered the well lit apartment through a wide doorway which faces the ocean in a S.W. direction. As "Kona Weather" with mild southwesterly to northwestwesterly winds prevailed at the time, it can be assumed that the insects had been brought by the wind from the nearest sugarcane fields fifteen miles away at the Oahu Sugar Plantation.

Before 1920, when *Perkinsiella* was made scarce by its introduced parasites, swarming occurred frequently on all the islands, but has not been reported for many years on Oahu. There is no previous record of a swarm ever reaching the city of Honolulu. **F.A. Bianchi.**

Chrysobothris indica (Castlenau and Gory): F.A. Bianchi exhibited a buprestid which he had found crawling on the sand at Tong's Beach, Honolulu, on June 6. Comparison with named material in the Bishop Museum and the State Department of Agriculture shows the specimen to be *Chrysobothris indica*, a species which was first found in Honolulu in June 1946 but has been collected only a few times since then. According to E.C. Zimmerman (Note, Proc. Haw. Ent. Soc. XVI(1):19) the species is widespread from India to Indonesia and is known to bore in *Anogeissus*, *Mysistica*, *Mimusops*, and *Acacia*; but its host plant in Hawaii is not known.