

controlling stocks: Malling VII, Malling-Merton 106, and Malling IX.

It remains for the consumer to decide whether the apple market presently dominated by Delicious shall be limited to varieties of solid red coloration. Controllers of the mass apple market are apparently convinced that the red peeling, generally destined for discard, is of more importance to apple buyers than flavor or fruit quality.

17th International Horticultural Congress

The theme for the 17th International Horticultural Congress, to be held in conjunction with the American Institute of Biological Sciences at the University of Maryland on August 11-20, 1966, will be "The Plant; The Environment; Man."

The Congress is sponsored by the International Society for Horticultural Science, with headquarters at The Hague, and is being arranged by the American Horticultural Society and the American Society for Horticultural Science.

The scientific sessions of the Congress will be held from August 15-20, 1966, and will be preceded by business sessions, miscellaneous symposia and special events on August 11-13, and by an excursion on August 14.

In keeping with the theme, two days of the Congress will be devoted to "The Plant" (genetics, breeding, the whole plant, inherent mechanisms); two days to "The Environment" (light, temperature, water relations, nutrition, climatology, plant regulators), and two days to "Man's Relation to Horticulture" (economics, engineering, education, art, beautification, social implications of horticulture, human nutrition, food supply).

Plenary sessions will be held each forenoon on the theme for the day, to be followed by sectional meetings in scientific related areas—fruits, vegetables, flowers, ornamentals, tropical and subtropical plants, economics, engineering.

Officers for the Congress are: Dr. H. B. Tukey, Michigan State University, President in charge of program; Dr. F. P. Cullinan, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, Vice-president in charge of arrangements and finances; Dr. Russell Seibert, Longwood Gardens, Vice-president in charge of travel arrangements, tours, special events and film festival; and Dr. R. S. Leisner, A.I.B.S., Executive-Secretary. Headquarters are at the American Institute of Biological Sciences, 3900 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20016.—*R. M. Brooks, Univ. of Cal., Davis, Cal.*

Burmosa Plum in Massachusetts

Although Burmosa, a Japanese type plum, was developed by the California Agricultural Experiment Station, it looks promising at Amherst, Mass. J. F. Anderson, of the University of Mass., reports in Fruit Notes that Burmosa makes a small productive tree. The fruit is yellow, with red blush, freestone, and good in quality. It may be biennial.

According to information released by the Apple Committee of the N. Y. State Canners and Freezers Association, 12 New York processors still prefer a number of the older apple varieties for sauce, slicing and freezing. Varieties like R. I. Greening, Twenty Ounce, Northern Spy and Baldwin continue to have high priority.