

Terminology

THE QUESTION of uniformity of terminology for the weed control field is beginning to receive the coordinated attention we think it deserves. About ten plant societies, including this one, have been formally contacted by the American Society for Horticultural Science with a general proposal for clarifying the terminology situation. The response to that society's proposal has been most gratifying. Each organization was very much aware of the problem and several had specific suggestions for procedure.

At this writing a possible course of action appears to be developing along the following lines: First, each society is to attempt to put its own house in order and is to have representation on a general committee. The general committee will attempt to resolve differences in terminology between societies. It will also work closely with the national advisory committee already functioning at the national and international levels with problems of terminology, toxicology, etc., in the entomology and pathology fields.

The Association of Regional Weed Control Conferences is studying the problem of terminology and gave it considerable attention at the meeting of its officials in Washington, D. C. in early May. Presumably each of the four member conferences will have representation on a committee. Then, through this committee, there will be representation on the general committee mentioned earlier.

Progress undoubtedly will be slow, but recognizing the problem and planning a general course of action usually is better than half the battle.