

FARMERS BATTLE CROP MENACE

Wind born from the Continent Colorado beetles threaten the nation's food. Thirty of the black and yellow striped potato killers are found in a third of an acre in Buckinghamshire.

In the vale of Aylesbury the farmer's C.I.B. (teams of agricultural experts possessing the latest knowledge on how to combat the invader) are hunting out the beetle. Their method is to spray more than 20,000 acres with chemicals.

Lead arsenate is used to destroy the beetle. D.D.T. sprayers are also being called into the battle. Operation Colorado is on. At stake, are Britain's one-and-a-half million acres of potatoes.

Exceptionally mild spring weather assisted the Colorado invasion, and, there may be another battle in July. If the gentleman pays you a call, just hand him to a policeman.