

### DISCUSSION

*Chairman :*

On behalf of this Symposium I wish to thank Messrs. Kasasian and Seeyave for their interesting paper. I now invite discussion.

*E. Gooding (Barbados) :*

Mr. Chairman, Mr. Kasasian just put forward a most interesting idea, that yams could be used in rotation with very severe herbicide treatments even when these are used for very long term weed control. I did not quite hear, however, what he suggested one could apply to yams to control nutgrass.

*L. Kasasian (Jamaica) :*

The two treatments are bromacil, which you may know as Hyvar-X and terbacil, which is known under the name of Sinbar. I must say that we have only done work on these two compounds for one year, but all the other work we have done on yams has shown that they are likely to withstand anything we put on. I think there is every chance that it would be quite safe to use these herbicides.\*

*Chairman :*

Any other comments or questions? In the absence of any further contributions I now declare this session closed, thanking all the major participants and also those who contributed from the floor.

\* A subsequent herbicide trial in Trinidad has shown that terbacil and bromacil at 3 lb/acre/pre-emergence were highly toxic to yams cv. Oriental.