

interior of the nest should be used. This usually requires about 1/3 pint of solution.

2. *Prevention of future infection.*

Dead wood on the trees provides an entrance for the insect, so care should be taken when pruning. When a branch is removed the cut should be made, preferably with a saw, as close as possible to the point of origin of the branch so that no part is projecting. The wound should be covered with a protective coating. If pruning

is carried out correctly, callus tissue will grow over the wound and thus prevent entry of the termite.

Once initial control has been gained, it can be maintained by ensuring that pruning operations are carried out correctly, and that all nests are treated as they are found. It is important to remember that *Neotermes* will attack the shade tree, *Leucaena glauca*, as readily as cocoa, and remedial and preventive measures should extend to these as well.

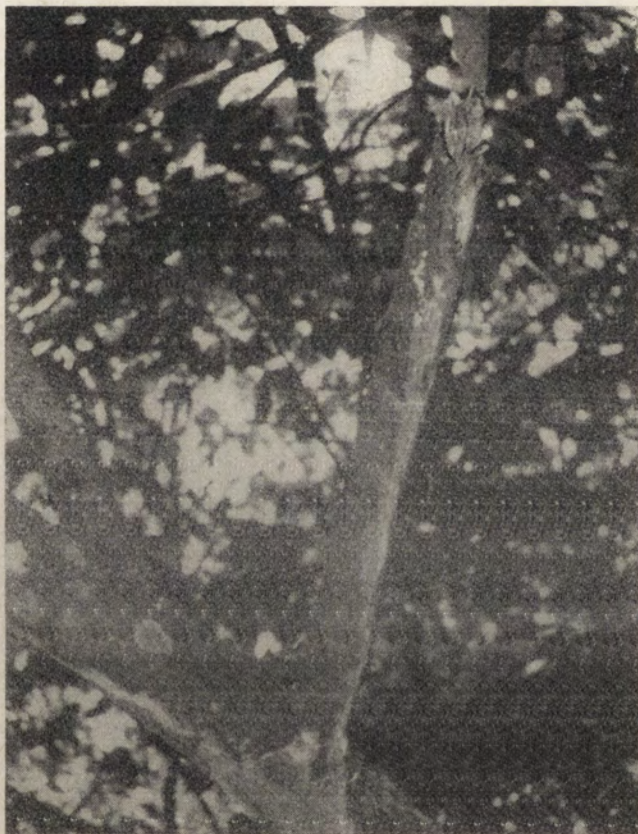


Plate II.—A badly pruned branch of cacao which has been attacked by *Neotermes*.