Silencing Concerns of Pesticide Pollution in French West and Equatorial Africa

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Research Question:
What were the French agronomists’ primary concerns and what issues did they debate?

Conclusion: The immediate silencing of any person who brought up the potential safety hazards of pesticides and their effects on the people of West and Equatorial Africa is the most telling sign that French colonizers were aware of the problems posed by pesticide use. In several instances, convention chairs would abruptly interrupt a person who even skirted the disasters brought by pesticides. The research shows that silence is just as telling as speech.

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