ADDENDUM

THE ASSOCIATION BETWEEN THE OCCURRENCE OF MAJOR FIRES AND A SYNTHETIC SOIL MOISTURE INDEX

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In the article by Robin (1957) one point needs clarification. From Figs. 3 - 6 it would appear that fires during January 1954 occurred during a month when the soil moisture indices were relatively high. In reality these fires developed on 10 January whereas the first rainfall for the month was recorded on the 18th and 19th. In Figs. 5 and 6 the synthetic soil moisture indices for December, 1953 were virtually zero and it may be presumed that they remained at zero when the fires broke out on 10 January. This feature was described briefly in Fig. 2 but not explained in the text.

Also, in Figs. 5 and 6 the arrows below January 1949 should, of course, be deleted.

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