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TOWS RAFT 6 HOURS TO SAVE SEAMAN

HOLLYWOOD, Calif., Oct. 22 — A young naval ensign related recently how a powerful Negro mess attendant swam six hours through shark-infested waters, towing to safety a raft load of wounded seamen from a United States destroyer sunk by the Japanese off the Solomons.

The ensign was Robert N. Adrian, of Ontario, Ore. He was wounded in the engagement, he said in a radio broadcast, but despite his injuries he was able to cling to the side of the overloaded raft while the Negro inched his way shoreward.

The mess attendant was known to Adrian only as "French." Adrian was immediately hospitalized on reaching safety, and never was able to get the hero's full name.

The rescue occurred after the sinking of the destroyer Gregory by Japanese naval guns. Adrian, wounded in the legs and face, was drifting, aided by a seaman when they sighted one of the Gregory's rafts.

With Adrian and his companion clinging to its sides, the raft started drifting seaward. It was then that the messman stripped off his clothes and tied a line about his waist.

When Adrian warned him against chancing the shark-infested waters, the Negro responded: "I'm gonna tow this old crate in. Just keep telling me if I'm goin' the right way."

Six hours later a barge sighted the raft near shore, and the seamen were taken off.

ENGLISH LORDS DISCUSS NEGROES

London — For the first time in many generations, the House of Lords of the British Parliament here heard a brief discussion of the American Negro. The discussion arose over the adoption of a bill transferring to the United States Army crim-

inal jurisdiction over American Servicemen in Great Britain.

The Earl of Shaftesbury, descendant of a noble abolitionist who urged suppression of the African slave trade over a century ago, pointed out that there were American Negro troops in the British Isles, declaring, "There will be a lot of borderline cases in which difficulties will arise with serious consequences to our country."

From his seat on the woolsack, the Lord Chancellor, Viscount Simon, was cheered when he replied, "I do not suppose Lord Shaftesbury is proposing that any distinction should be drawn between white and colored soldiers. That is the last thing the British Parliament would tolerate for a moment."

The Lord Chancellor's wife, Lady Kathleen Simon, enjoys an excellent reputation as a champion of justice for the Negro people throughout the Empire.



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RACE DISCRIMINATION PROTESTED

OTTAWA—(CP)—Protests at racial discrimination within the British Commonwealth were expressed by the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees and Other Transport Workers in a resolution endorsed at the 19th convention.

The resolution dealing with racial discrimination read:

"Whereas there exists in the British Commonwealth of Nations, as well as in other parts of the world, a form of racial discrimination and intolerance, therefore, be it resolved that this convention go on record as deploring the existence of such conditions and instructs its executive to continue their efforts to champion equal rights of all human beings regardless of color, race or creed."