

Hearing Set on Refugee Problem

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KEY WEST, Oct. 16 (AP) — A Negro protest and a call for a congressional hearing came today as Cuban refugees continued to swell south Florida's exile colony.

Small boats and Coast Guard craft brought to Key West nearly 100 new refugees. One had started out swimming.

Nineteen-year-old Ricardo Alvarez said that when he was turned away from Camarioca, exile embarkation compound in Cuba as a draft-age male, he slipped into the water and swam a quarter-mile to a departing boat.

(In Washington, the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Inter-American Affairs said it would hold a hearing Tuesday on the refugee problem.

(Testimony will be taken on proposed agreements relating to entry of additional Cubans. The committee wants to learn what safeguards to this country are provided in such agreements. The United States and Cuba have been in correspondence through the Swiss government about arrangements for the entry of refugees into the United States.

Security of the economic sort was the theme of a Miami NAACP official in a letter to President Johnson and Florida officials.

The NAACP official, Donald Wheeler Jones, said the United States "must exercise its responsibilities toward the economically oppressed of this community as well as toward



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Cuban refugee children, who arrived at Key West at dawn yesterday, frolic on the deck.

the politically oppressed of Cuba."

Jones said earlier-arrived

Cuban refugees already have displaced Miami Negroes from many waiter, doorman, bellhop, maid and similar jobs.

Gov. Haydon Burns of Florida could not be reached for comment, but soon after

Premier Castro let down the bars to immigration. Burns told Mr. Johnson that the refugee impact on south Florida would be distressful and urged that relief checks be withheld from exiles who refuse resettlement.