

To Name Liberty Ship For Robert S. Abbott

The Liberty ship "Robert Sengstacke Abbott" honoring the late founder, editor and publisher of the Chicago Defender, is now under construction in California.

In a communication this week the United States Maritime Commission notified John H. Sengstacke, president and general manager of the Chicago Defender, that the ship will be launched on or about April 4, and will go immediately into service, transporting men and supplies into the war zones.

Hundreds of friends of Mr. Abbott throughout the state are initiating a drive to raise over \$2,000,000 in war bonds and savings stamps to pay for the ship. This marks the first time such an attempt has been made by our group.

Mme. Margaret Joyner, chairman of the women's committee of service center No. 3 and national supervisor of the Walker Colleges, is heading the women's division. She will sponsor an Easter fashion show which will open the drive April 3, at Savoy ballroom.

Major Udell Turpin is directing the campaign for the Treasury department. The joint council of dining car waiters, of which Richard Smith is secretary, has pledged one half million dollars and announced that \$50,000 has already been collected.

Other groups participating in the drive includes the Joe Louis service guild, founded by Marva Louis, which will sponsor a cabaret bond party during April. All activities will culminate in a patriotic tea, April 30. Anyone interested in furthering the program may join by contacting the Chicago Defender.