

Althea Gibson Wins French Tennis Meet

PARIS—(INS) — Althea Gibson of New York City won the seventh straight championship of her European tour when she defeated Angela Mortimer of Britain, 6-0, 12-10, in the finals of the French International Hard courts tournament.

The 28-year-old Negro star, eighth-ranking woman player in the U. S. last year, has been competing as a special emissary of the State Department in its program for sending representative American athletes aboard.

Miss Gibson completely overpowered her British rival, the defending champion, in the first set, but Miss Mortimer's cross-court placements and Althea's own errors on easy shots made the second set a marathon.

After a long baseline duel, Miss Gibson finally came to the net in the 2nd game to put away a winning smash and claim the title before 11,000 spectators in the bright sunshine at Roland Garros Stadium.