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POINT OF QUICK RETURN

TEACHER TOSSED TO SAFETY BY RHINOCEROS

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT

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Mr. M. S. Smit, a teacher, of Okahandja, South-West Africa, fell from a tree on to the head of a rhinoceros and was tossed uninjured back into the tree by the angry animal, states a report today in the Johannesburg *Star*.

The report says Mr. Smit and a Namib tribesman called Ludwig were walking on a farm in the Outjo district when a cow rhinoceros and its calf appeared from the thick bush. Ludwig climbed the nearest tree. Mr. Smit fired at the parent animal as it charged, but he had forgotten to load his rifle and he hastily joined Ludwig in the tree. The branch on which he clung, however, snapped under his weight.

After being tossed back into the tree Mr. Smit waited with the tribesman until the animals had gone away. Both men returned to the farm considerably shaken.