

**Lucky Millinder Was
Alias Punjab Millandy**



NEW YORK (IPS)—Lucky Millinder is fond of the luxurious mode of living and once balked at staying over at a dilapidated hotel because the town's other inns discriminated against the colored race. So he wrapped an expensive towel around his head—pinned in what appeared to be a huge ruby right in the center—and marched stiffly into the town's swankiest hotel, followed by a similarly decorated lackey (his valet) who announced Punjab Millandy, Indian potentate. Millinder stayed a week, was fussed over and petted, until one night, a rumpus was heard in his room, and attendants came dashing up and broke in. Millinder was asleep but shouting in his sleep and tossing about. He was cussing in good old unmistakable Harlemaese—and the masquerade was over.

**A Letter to the
Editor**

Contrary to our usual policy of publishing the name of the writer of any letter we print, we are printing this letter minus the name of the sender. This is done for obvious reasons. Although the person who sent this "Letter to the Editor" did so in good faith and we are sure with an idea of helping to cure such conditions as prompted the writing, we withhold the name to protect the writer from harm, both socially and physically.

Oct. 5, 1944.

Portland Inquirer,
Portland 12, Oregon.

Dear Editor:

On Sunday, Oct. 1, 1944, the servicemen and civilians of Portland, Oregon had the privilege of being entertained by the famous "Delta Rhythm Boys" at the Williams Avenue USO.

After the performance a disturbance began to grow up between a youth of Portland and a Civilian



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Left to right: Mr. Oliver; Governor John W. Bricker, Republican Vice-Presidential Candidate, shaking hands with Ralph H. Faulk, Editor of The Portland Inquirer; Mr. Joe L. DeCarzo; Mr. Eugene Moseley, Portland business man; Mr. James W. Kennedy, Mr. G. Abner, Rev. James W. Kennedy, Republican Committeeman; Mr. Richard Harris, Portland business man; Mrs. Ralph H. Faulk, business manager Portland Inquirer, and Governor Earl Snell, Governor of the State of Oregon.

Police of Portland. It then led on to an argument with the "Delta Rhythm Boys," which gave them the opinion that they were not welcome. One of the Rhythm Boys said—and I quote—"We come here to do a treat for the soldiers and you want to beat us up for it. It's not that we have to come here but that you want us and I'll be damned if we ever come back to this place." Unquote.

I believe that since Portland doesn't have much entertainment of its own—and that it is hard for us to get outside entertainment that the least we can do is to make them welcome and happy. I really believe that Portland owes the Delta Rhythm Boys an apology for their ignorance.

Sincerely yours,

B. E. M.

As soon as we read the above letter, we started trying to get the exact facts of the matter. We found out that the affair did no occur within the USO. As one official

stated, "The unfortunate thing is that these men who are capable of drawing Two to Three Thousand Dollars weekly had to be subjected to such insults and their lives threatened (a gun was drawn by this member of the Civilian police) after doing a bit of charity work and on the corner where the USO is located." He pointed out that it could have happened on any corner but that at any rate they are sorry it had to happen here.

We agree with the writer, Portland does owe the "Delta Rhythm Boys" an apology and a public one at that.

Vanport City News

Mr. Irons has organized the Portland Chapter of the Elite Social Club. He was assisted by a staff of fine young men. They have planned a nice program for the winter and want all members to attend regular.

**NAACP OFFICIAL
EXPOSES MISTREAT-
MENT OF SOLDIERS**

Grant Reynolds, Administrative Assistant of the Washington Office of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, has resigned his post in order to be free to protest against the mistreatment of Negroes in the Armed Forces.

Mr. Reynolds said it is his feeling that "On November 7th, America will have its last opportunity to correct the gross injustices to the Negro soldier, by voting to put in office a Republican Administration."

Mr. Reynolds, a Congregational Minister, served two years as a captain of Army Chaplains. As a result of his own Army service and through information and complaints received by him in the Washington office of NAACP, he has become an authority on the widespread abuses to which Negro troops are subjected.

He served as chaplain at Fort Huachuca, Arizona, the only camp in the United States at which exclusively Negro troops are stationed where, he states, "30,000 troops are maintained in a condition of degradation and cruelty."

"Fort Huachuca is generally referred to as being a combination of the horrors of a prison camp and a military camp in Africa where black colonials are trained. Long sentences meted out to Negro soldiers as a result of false charges, unprovoked assaults by white officer upon Negro enlisted men, segregation of Negro officers into squalid quarters, attempted suicide by Negro soldiers because of intolerable conditions, statements by the commanding general referring to his 14,000 "niggers", jeerings by the colored troops of their division commander, and the maintenance of a white supremacy caste system over all the Negro person-

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nel, both enlisted and commissioned, are some of the un-American practices which make Huachuca the most infamous camp in America. This condition is made more shocking because Huachuca is the bottleneck through which the only Negro combat divisions, namely: the 92nd and 93rd, have gone to the fighting fronts, namely: the 92nd to Italy, and 83rd to the South Pacific."

Mr. Reynolds is now associated with the Baltimore Afro-American for which he will write articles concerning the mistreatment of Negroes in the Armed Forces.

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"Bill"
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