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STORY : SIKHS OF INDIA AGITATE FOR A
SEPARATE STATE.

LOCATION : NEWDELHI. 1st AUGUST 1960

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For the several months, SIKHS, the martial class of Northern India have been making a demand for a separate Sikh State to be called ' PUNJABI SUBA ' (The state where Punjabi language- the mother tongue of Sikhs - is official language) In India there is already a state ' THE PUNJAB ' but the Sikhs insist for a separate Sikh State. The Government of India has refused to accept such a demand and as a protest against this the Sikhs have been agitating in all parts of India. With the opening of the Parliament this morning and with the announcement of special concession for the Naga state (in Assam) the Sikh agitation was on high pitch this morning when a large number of Sikhs (more than one hundred at the time of dispatch) were arrested by the Police. The Sikhs had collected in large number inside their shrine ' Rakab Gang ' and they shouted slogans from the entrance gate. They asked ' WE WILL HAVE PUNJABI SUBA ' WE DEMAND PUNJABI SUBA and PUNJABI SUBA IS OUR RIGHT.

In connection with this agitation several thousand sikhs have been arrested in all parts of India. In today's demonstrations thousands of Sikh men, women and young children participated. Only those who came out of the shrine area and shouted slogan were arrested. The Police is not supposed to enter the shrine area and therefore the Sikhs shouted slogans from there. Many were standing on the boundary wall of the shrine Rakab Gang. There were women and children who raised their fists and demanded PUNJABI SUBA. The Police arrested all those who came on the road.

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Shots of the Sikh men and women raising slogans outside the Sikh Shrine ' GURDWARA RAKAB GANJ '

Shots of Sikhs holding placards making demand for Punjabi Suba

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coming out of the shrine and being arrested by the police
Several shots of the police and those arrested.

Several shots of the men and women standing on the boundry wall of the shrine, shouting slogans.

Several shots of men standing on the entrance to the shrine shouting slogans. Their movements sometimes were like a Rock & Roll number.

Shot of shouting slogans framed through ~~ix~~ standing policemen.

Shot of Police van in foreground, people shouting from the boundry wall of the shrine.

Several shots of the ~~XXXXX~~ Delhi police squatting on the pavements but ready to meet any action. The Police policy was to let the things happen. But they were not lenient if any one broke the law. They immediately arrested those who came in defiance of the law and shouted slogans ~~xxx~~ for the PUNJABI SUBA.

Several more shots of people being arrested. Over a hundred were arrested at the time of despatch. Several thousand sikhs have been arrested since the start of the agitation.

Shot of the Govt of India's main Secretariat building with the Police cordon - with ropes- in the fore ground.

Several more shots of shouting the slogans and shots of arrested Sikhs being brought in by the Police.

The film is being shipped with in moments after the coverage. Hope it will be in time for the make up deadline.

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