

E A S T E R N M O V I E S

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Subject: Shooting incident on Indo-Goa Border.- Satygrahis March Halted.

Footage: 400. Date: August 14-15th, 1955. Light: Cloudy & Bright Sun.

Continuing their Goa Liberation Movement through non-violent means, the unarmed Satygrahis (those who participate in a passive resistance demonstration) marched into Goa border on August 15th, Indian Independence Day. At Banda a mass meeting was held where Satygrahis were seen singing dancing and raising anti-Portugal slogans. Leaders of the movement addressed the gathering and an Indian Tricolour was also unfurled. School children and local population took a keen part in the meeting. It was decided that several batches of Satygrahis should enter Goa territory from various points. The batch proceeding to Goa Border Post of Patradevi was the largest, well over a thousand Satygrahis. The march started from Banda and the procession crossed Indian Border in very high spirits. Passing through no man's land, the Satygrahis entered Goa territory. No sooner than they did so, the Portuguese soldiers at the border post, opened fire on the unarmed and non-violent procession of Indian Satygrahis, killing and injuring several of them. ~~Some~~ Satygrahis, knelt down and crawled forward but the continuous volley of fire prevented them from attaining any further progress. Casualties were carried away by Red Cross volunteers.

Belgaum, last Indian railway station, where Satygrahis, alight from an in coming train. Banda, where Satygrahis assemble and make plans for entering Goa territory. They have high spirits, singing dancing and raising slogans, They have fun this way. School children and local population of Banda join the Satygrahis in a mass meeting. Leaders address the meeting. Indian Tricolour was unfurled. The march is on and the Satygrahis, proceed to the border. ~~They pass through India~~ They leave ~~India~~ Indian territory and enter no man's land.

No sooner than they step into Goa soil, the Portuguese soldiers at the border post of Patradevi, open fire on the unarmed and non-violent procession. Satygrahis crawl forward with flags of the Indian Union still high up. Firing continued for a good half hour. According to Radio Goa, the official mouth piece of Portuguese Administration, " 14 of the raiders were killed and dozens injured. No one can enter the sacred soil of Goa. God has delivered us today from an attack of bandits."
