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FLASHES FROM EVERYWHERE.

Outside the Government Secretariat in New Delhi, Sikhs made a noisy demonstration, clamouring for independence. These turban-wearing visitors to the Capital represented the warlike people of northern India, who have provided heroes in several wars under the Union Jack. They seemed to be enjoying themselves as they shouted slogans, in the hope of winning support, if not impressing the Nehru government.

The noisier ones were arrested; and as that didn't stop the others, the police took more, till at the end of the day about 100 were inside. Apparently the wind of change is felt in India, as well as Africa. Independence is the political word of the moment.

The young man with 25-million fans, Pat Boone, had the sort of welcome that only a singer can get. Australian teen-agers showed they can go as joy-wild as any others, when one of their disc favourites turns up in the flesh.

25-year-old Pat has sold 18-million records. Now, he's touring Australia.

Vanguard, the Navy's biggest battleship, went aground at Portsmouth, as if resenting the sentence passed on her, to be taken to the Clyde and there broken up. Nine tugs nearly burst themselves trying to pull her off, the mid. 44,500 tons, costing nine-to-ten millions, Vanguard wasn't completed in time for the War, and as they say, never fired a shot in anger. After an hour or so she was free to continue on her journey to the break-up yard. What a inglorious end.