

INDIA TAKES OVER GOA

In Panjim Harbour the only sign of war was a sunken Indian fishing boat. Otherwise the Portuguese had nothing to show. Their colony of Goa fell to the victorious Indian army, like the flame of a taper blown out by a gentle breeze. There was rejoicing throughout India, consternation in Portugal and righteous indignation in many countries.

Panjim and the little colony of which it is the capital have been Portuguese for 450 years. When the British left India, Goa stuck out like a sore thumb. Now it is part of the Republic of India, after just about the easiest conquest on record. The Portuguese abandoned their arms, knowing they could not make any show against the 30,000 invading troops.

The Governor General's Residence is now the headquarters of the Indian Military Governor, Major General Candeth. At a press conference after the 36-hour war he explained that the Indians came not as conquerors, but as protectors. India's Patience had been exhausted. The Portuguese officers and men taken prisoner were told by a Lt.Colonel of the victorious army that they were now under Indian orders. A Portuguese officer passed on the information to the luckless 4,000 in captivity. Whether or not the Indian invasion was justified ~~XXXXXXXX~~ is being hotly debated. Meanwhile Goa belongs to India.