

not having been in the possession of the delegates, and, therefore, not having been placed before the Hindu community at their previous meeting. It was further pointed out that the East Indians had arranged to meet us at 2 o'clock, and that we wanted the meeting in the same place as the previous general meeting had been held, namely, the downstairs of the Sikh Temple building. It was simply a matter of their coming downstairs and listening to the report. Mr. Knapp undertook to go to the Temple to discuss the matter with Teja Singh. After an absence of a quarter of an hour, he returned and said the meeting must be held in the Temple. We had then been standing outside for an hour and a half, and had not got an interview with any recognized leader, and therefore decided to leave.

We had just reached the sidewalk when a messenger was sent after us to say that the East Indians had decided to come downstairs and listen to the report. It was almost four o'clock before they came down. It was explained to Teja Singh that all that was wanted was that the community should hear the report. He remarked that the leaders would listen to it, but I said that it must be the whole community. He then started to raise questions and discussions of various kinds. He devoted considerable time to insisting that if they listened to the report, it would be binding upon them. It was pointed out to him that the mere listening to a report could not bind anyone. He would not agree with this, however, and when Dr. Monro told him that his attitude on the subject was absurd, he proceeded to argue it was not. Mr. Knapp, his white friend, also told him listening to a report was not binding on anyone, but to satisfy him, I volunteered to sign a statement that by listening to the report, the community would not be committing itself to anything. Thereupon, he asked that I sign a further statement that the community was ready to meet us at 2 o'clock in the Temple, and that it was my fault there had not been a meeting. I, of course, refused, and another long discussion followed. During the discussion, Dr. Monro found it necessary to emphatically order Teja Singh to stop breaking into the conversation while I was explaining the purpose of the report to Mr. Knapp.

"You have no right to talk to me like that," replied Teja Singh, in a loud and defiant tone. Immediately, a number of Sikhs aggressively repeated their leader's remarks, and for a moment it looked as though it would not require very much to cause a display of physical force. However, matters quieted down, and the discussion continued of the many little points raised, one after another, by Teja Singh, until it became apparent that there was an absolute determination on the part of Teja Singh to prevent the East Indians hearing the real facts regarding Honduras. I therefore then withdrew.