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'THE BEARD AND TURBAN MUST STAY'

These six men in the Akali Temple, Graham Street, are leaders of a group claiming Kuldeep Bains, a leading member of Victoria's East Indian community, committed a sacrilege against their religion when he suggested Sikhs shave their beards and wear hats. They claim they are true Sikhs because they wear symbols of their religion—the beard, turban, brace-

let and sword. They neither smoke nor drink, which is contrary to Sikhism. The bearded "warriors" attended a Sikh meeting in Vancouver over the weekend and ruled that Mr. Bains had insulted Sikhism. Left to right, Bhan Singh, Bhagat Singh, Bachan Singh, Mohindar Singh on dais, Battan Singh and Kartar Singh. (Times Photo by Bill Halkett.)