(8-11-30-44.) A dignified Hindu character. This man is more of a typical
Hindu of this area possessing the more mongoloid characteristic. There has
been such an inroad here of Indians from all parts of this country that the
original type is a rarity. During the time required to adjust the camera
this Hindu had formed several prespiration beads on his forehead probably
due to his infrequency contacts with white man. The mormally dark hair
was shared by 50 percent white ones which made him rather distinguished
in appearance. This Hindu had his hair cropped in the typical Western
style. Hair styles are vaied. In this area it is mainly a problem of
keeping it short enough to keep it out of their eyes and to reduce that haz-
ard of creating a rats nest. A recognizalbe style is undiagnosible. In
some areas they remove the hari from a part of the head in front, over the
temples and neck and grow it only in the center. Others shave or clip
the head leaving only a few uncut strands of hair that trail behind. Some
shave their heads and then turn right around and grow a beard. Hindus are
not supposed to grow beards but at the same time I find many who, like
myself, take the more comforting liberty of not shaving. The more religious
individuals do not cut their hair at all but coil it into a crestin imitation
of the God Shiva. Also the Sikhs never shave or cut their hair and as a
result look much like a woman. According to their religionsthey must keep
the hair covered in public and this is done by wearing a closely fitted
turban. They feel that if a razor or anything sharp touches their face or
body it is considered sacroligious. These Sikhs appeal to me as being the
most fashionably dressed of the bunch. Most of the women have beautiful
black hair which they wear long and parted in the middle. Most of the young
girls, particularly in the large cities have pigtails either single or doub-
le. I have watch Indian women wash their long hair for as long as 20 minutes
by consective application of soap and then rinsing. A beautiful job results.