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Promised demonstrations including threats to burn down theatres showing the pic greeted national release last Friday (28) of "Gandhi" in India, according to dispatches from New Delhi.

Those critical of the Richard Attenborough production include the so-called "untouchables" of low caste who claim the film distorts history and the campaign to improve their lot. Some members of Premier Indira Gandhi's ruling Congress party are urging her to ban the film, and at least one party nabob says he plans a hunger strike, according to the reports.

The government, meantime, last week awarded Attenborough the Padma Bhusan, an annual honor normally given only to distinguished Indians.

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