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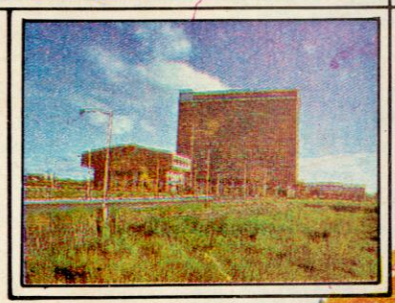

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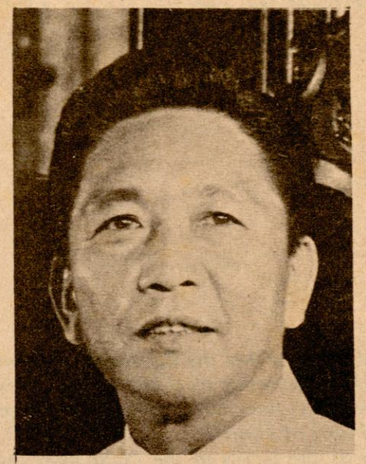

We have launched the Balik-Bayan Project to provide Filipinos abroad with a convenient means of seeing for themselves how much better the Philippines is today compared not only to the Philippines that they left years ago but even, perhaps, to the adopted country that they are now settled in.

One of the basic assumptions behind the Balik-Bayan Project is that in the majority of cases, a citizen, regardless of his race, nurtures a natural longing to return to the land of his birth. There is no place like home, but oftentimes circumstances, financial or otherwise, hinder the homesick citizen from returning home. The Balik-Bayan project was conceived as an inducement to such Filipinos abroad. I am hopeful that our brother Filipinos in foreign lands will avail themselves of this unique opportunity to visit with us and enjoy the numerous activities that are being prepared for them.

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President of the Philippines

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM



I am deeply gratified to learn that the Balikbayan committee of Quezon City has published a colored brochure depicting places of interest in the city and carrying a list of commercial establishments that have agreed to honor the hospitality cards distributed by the Department of Tourism.

Quezon City is one of the places in the Philippines that are extremely rich in historical and cultural values, which both local and foreign tourists will surely savor. In truth, this capitol city has the distinction of being the "cradle of the Revolution," for it was at Pugad Lawin, in one of Quezon City's barrios, that the revolution started on August 23, 1896.

The listing of commercial firms that participate in the government's "Operations Homecoming" will indeed be very useful to our returning overseas kababayans. It is my hope that these establishments will truly reflect the great sense of hospitality we Filipinos are quite noted for.

My warmest congratulations and best wishes therefore go to the QC Balikbayan committee for its ardent efforts to make our homecoming program a real success.

JOSE D. ASPIRAS
Secretary of Tourism

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

11th FLOOR CITY HALL, QUEZON CITY



Through this brochure, may I greet our homecoming countrymen – "Welcome Home!" Your arrival has made the celebration of Christmas doubly significant for now the whole nation can celebrate the Holidays in oneness and in peace.

Your decision to come brings joy not only to your relatives and friends but to the entire Filipino people who now feel that the New Society's blessings are for all of us to enjoy even as we look forward to more fruitful and happier years ahead. You should share not only in this season's merry-making but also in a more enduring rejoicing in an atmosphere of national solidarity and progress. After all, no matter where you are and will be, you are essentially part and parcel of this country – its people's heritage and heart.

Indeed, it's heartwarming to know that you are with us, even only temporarily, for at least you have demonstrated by your homecoming that you still care for and love our country and people.

Again, welcome, to you all.

November 21, 1973

JOSE A. RONO
Secretary
Department of Local Government and Community Development

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

QUEZON CITY

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR



Through this brochure which has been prepared for visitors, tourists, city residents and for all who desire information about Quezon City, I take much pleasure in greeting the Balikbayan visitors. Welcome back to the home country!

We are happy that you have availed of the Homecoming Season as an opportunity to come home to be with relatives and friends and to see and feel actually for yourselves the conditions and changes being instituted for a better way of life and future of our people under the New Society. We invite you also to include in your itinerary, Quezon City, the Capital of the Philippines.

Quezon City observed its 34th Foundation Anniversary last October 12 of this year. Within a span of thirty-four years, it has progressed and developed rapidly and has potentialities of further growth and development. It is being transformed into a center of culture, learning, commerce and industry. For this reason, it has become the converging and melting pot where people from all parts of the Philippines have established their business or the practice of their professions and have transferred residence. We invite you, too, to settle here should you decide to come home and stay permanently.

In our sincere desire to make your stay in our City enjoyable, memorable and fruitful, the Quezon City Balikbayan Committee composed of a core of hardworking Chairmen and members, has prepared a program of activities with highlights focussed on the revival of the old, beautiful Filipino customs and traditions to stir nostalgic memories of the past and to recapture that feeling of pride for being a Filipino.

Mabuhay, welcome home and a pleasant sojourn!

Quezon City, November 21, 1973

N.S. AMORANTO
City Mayor

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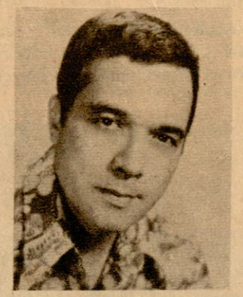
QUEZON CITY

CITY COUNCIL



WELCOME HOME!!!!!

In my capacity as Chairman of the Balikbayan Hospitality Committee of Quezon City and in behalf of all residents of Quezon City, may I take this opportunity and privilege to welcome home all overseas Filipinos who are now in the Philippines under the auspices of the "Operations Homecoming." I am very sure that this feeling of welcoming them with an open arms and open hearts is being shared by every Filipino particularly the relatives and friends of Balikbayan participants.

With the preparation of the Government in welcoming homecoming overseas Filipinos with a 'red carpet" reception and with the countless activities scheduled for their enjoyment, I am certain that Operations Homecoming, not only in Quezon City but all over the Philippines, would be very successful.

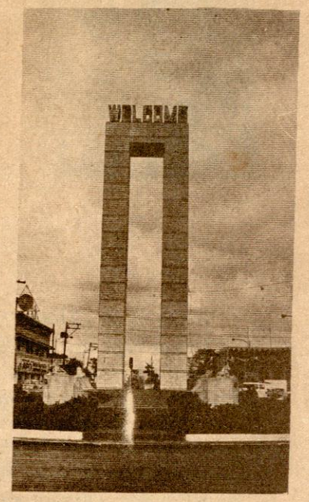
Through this Souvenir program, may I also take this opportunity to thank all Quezon City officials, civic, social and business leaders, and all those who in one way or the other made their contributions to make "Operations Homecoming" a success.

MARIO MONTENEGRO
Overall Chairman
Balikbayan Committee for Q.C.

WELCOME TO QUEZON CITY

Welcome to Quezon City. The capitol city. A city carved out of a dream in the mind of a beloved president in whose honor it has been so named. A city envisioned by then President Manuel L. Quezon to be a workingman's paradise — a place provided with all the facilities for comfortable, pleasant living: streets, parks and playgrounds, markets, schools, hospitals, transportation, water and lighting facilities.

The translation of this dream to reality actually went beyond the city planners expectations. For today, Quezon City is more than just a workingman sparadise. It is a burgeoning metropolis. The permanent seat of the Philippine government. And like any other world capital at its infancy stage,, Quezon City is fast becoming a model city. Not unlike Washington, the American capital city which was a stretch of swampy land before it became the seat of the United States government. Not unlike Brazilia, the ultra-modern capital of Brazil which was inaccessible mountain forest before it was converted to what is to become the most-modern city in the world.



THE FOUNDING OF THE CITY

Out of Pres. Quezon's dream, the National Assembly enacted Commonwealth Act No. 502 creating the city of Quezon on October 12, 1939. This law defined the city's boundaries giving it a total land area of 7,300 hectares carved out of the towns of Caloocan, San Juan, Marikina, Montalban and San Mateo. The area consisted mainly of rolling lands, rice paddies, forests and creeks. On July 17, 1948 Pres. Elpidio Quirino signed into law R. A. No. 333 making Quezon City the capital of the Philippines. This act altered the boundaries of the new city increasing the land area to 15,600 hectares. On June 16, 1956, R.A. No. 1575 again modified the city's boundaries reducing its area to 15,106 hectares, which is its present area. Even then, Quezon City was already considered the third largest in the country, five times larger than Manila, the erstwhile capital, and surpassed only by Zamboanga and Davao.

GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION

Nestled at the foot of the Sierra Madre ranges, Quezon City is ten kilometers east of Manila and is bounded at the west by the hilly town of San Juan; at the south by the town of Pasig; at the east by the mountain town of Marikina; and at the north by the town of San Jose del Monte, the province of Bulacan and the city of Caloocan. Average altitude is about 35 ft. above sea level in the rolling lands, while in the hilly terrain, about 55 ft. above sea level.

CLIMATE

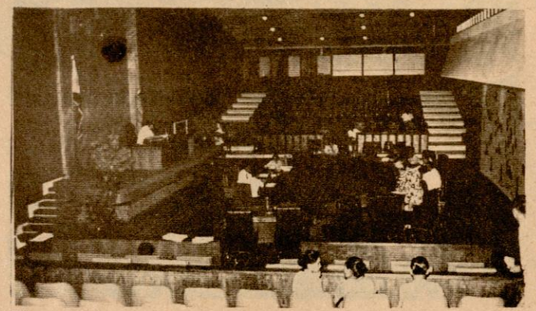
The climate all year round is salutary (cool and dry) This is mainly due to the merging of the cool breeze coming from the Manila Bay and the mountain breeze coming down from the Sierra Madre ranges.

THE PEOPLE

Quezon City is a melting pot of various ethnic groups, but all typically Filipino. For in this new city are settled people from nearly all parts of the archipelago. Its original inhabitants of pre- Spanish times were Tagalogs, the area being part of the Tagalog region. With the establishment of the housing projects for government employees (a total of seven housing projects), people from all parts of the country established residence in the new city and they were to form the basic population which now stands at 958,670. The proliferation of plush subdivisions and private communities has also considerably contributed to the population growth of the capitol city.

HISTORICAL NOTES

While Quezon City is relatively new, it is not entirely devoid of any historical significance in the building of the nation. A number of significant events that occurred within its perimeters are mentioned in the pages of our history. Foremost of these is the barrio of Balintawak where in August 1896 the first cry of the Filipinos against the oppression of the Spanish colonizers was first heard. It was here where the Katipuneros, led by the Great Andres Bonifacio tore their cedulas (residence certificates) symbolizing the breaking of the country's vassalage to Spain. It was also here that the preparations for the first battle between the Spanish and Filipino forces (staged in the neighboring town of San Juan in a barrio now called Pinaglabanan) were made, participated in by some 800 local katipuneros. Similarly, when the Filipinos staged their defiance of American colonization, it was in the barrio of La Loma in February 5, 1899 where the first salient of the Philippine defense position was attacked by the American forces. More recently, the imposing 14-storey City Hall was the scene of the historic signing of the Philippines new constitution. It was in its august halls in November 19, 1972 where the Constitutional Convention approved the historic document.



The Session Hall — biggest and most modern in the Philippines.

THE GOVERNMENT

The city government is autonomous from the national government although it started with an appointive mayor, Don Tomas Morato, one of the closest friends of Pres. Quezon. Shortly before the Japanese occupation in 1942, the city was annexed to the Greater Manila area. It was only in January 2, 1947 that it regained its separate corporate existence by virtue of R. A. No. 45. Three other persons were successively appointed mayor of Quezon City after Don Tomas Morato decided to run for the congressional seat in the province of Quezon. The present mayor, the Hon. Norberto S. Amoranto was first appointed in 1953. With the amendment of the city's charter in 1959 providing for the election of city officials, Mayor Amoranto won convincingly and thereafter won three succeeding elections, his length of service as chief city executive now entering its third decade. Serving with Mayor Amoranto in the city government are Vice Mayor Carlos S Albert and 16 councilors representing the four districts of the city. They are (1st District) Ronald S Kookooritchin, Precioso R. Perlas, Stephen N. Sarino and Danilo B. Roces; (2nd District) Andres V Genito, Jr., Melencio M Castelo, Eulalio L dela Cruz, and Emeterio M Gonzales; (3rd District) Jose J Paculdo, Estanislao G Alinea, Jr., Eduardo T. Paredes, and Mario Montenegro; (4th District) Alfredo A Francisco, Jesus P. Perlas, Jr., Honorio M. David, and Jose Vera Perez.

PEACE AND ORDER

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There has been a very marked improvement in the peace and order condition of Quezon City during the first year of martial law. The crime rate has decreased by as much as 66% mainly because of a relentless drive conducted by the police against criminal elements in coordination with the PC–METROCOM and NAPOLCOM The Police Department has been rendered more effective by the dismissal of corrupt and incompetent members, the boost in a morale due to higher pay, the augmentation of the police force from 966 officers to its present strength of 1,119 and a continuing program to keep policemen abreast of the latest techniques of crime investigation and detection. As such, Quezon City today is one of the safest places anywhere in the country.

INSTITUTIONS AND FACILITIES

Water Supply

The entire Greater Manila area derives its water supply from the Balara Filters situated in the eastern outskirts of the city. This is actually the purefying stage of the water supply coming from the La Mesa Dam, located in barrio Novaliches, north of the city. Another water reservoir for the Metropolitan area is located in Horseshoe Drive, south of the city.

Education

The country's premier seat of learning, the University of the Philippines is found in Quezon City. Here was graduated most of the country's leading practitioners in their respective fields, foremost of which is President Ferdinand Marcos. The country's first Nuclear Research Institute is also located in Quezon City.
There are a total of 64 elementary schools and 20 high schools operated by the city government. In addition, private schools including colleges and universities for outnumber the government-subsidized institutions.

Religion

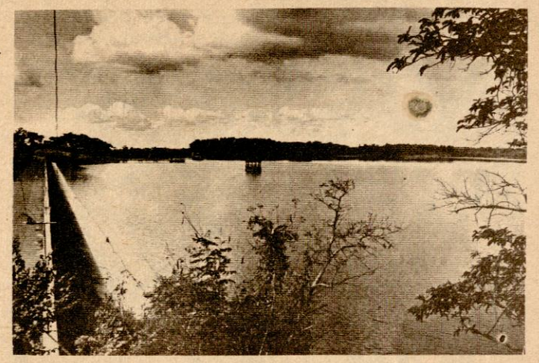
Churches of all denominations serve the city s religious needs. But the population is predominantly Catholic as is the rest of the nation *

Communications

Three major broadcasting networks in the Philippines are based in Quezon City. These are Kanlaon Broadcasting System, housed in the multi-million Broadcast Center; Republic Broadcasting System; and Inter-Island Broadcasting Corporation. These three networks have a combined total of four television channels and more than a dozen radio stations.

Hospitals

The Quezon Institute, a sanitarium for tubercular patients is located in Quezon City, primarily because of the area s excellent weather conditions. Similarly, a number of big hospitals, both public and private have been established in the city.



La Mesa Dam in Novaliches — picnickers' paradise.

Military installations

There are two military camps in the city. The first is Camp Aguinaldo, headquarters for the Philippine Armed Forces. The second is Camp Murphy, headquarters for the Philippine Constabulary. Military schools for both men and women can also be found in the city.

Business Establishments

A total of 27,000 business establishments are operating in the city ranging from small department stores to manufacturing and construction companies. The business center is in the Cubao area which has often been dubbed the "Quiapo of Quezon City, comparing it to the commercial center of Manila. The Araneta complex in the heart of Cubao is notably the front-runner in the establishment of the city s business district. Here can be found all kinds of commercial establishments catering not only to city residents but also those of neighboring cities and towns. Factories have mushroomed in the outskirts of the city providing employment to thousands of residents.

TOURISTS SPOTS AND FACILITIES

Parks and Picnic Areas

The Quezon Memorial Circle in the heart of the city is one big park which has been the site of the historic mass officiated by His Holiness Pope Paul VI on Nov. 29, 1970. This is an excellent park considering its wide expanse and clean surroundings. Small parks also dot the city providing recreational facilities for the residents.

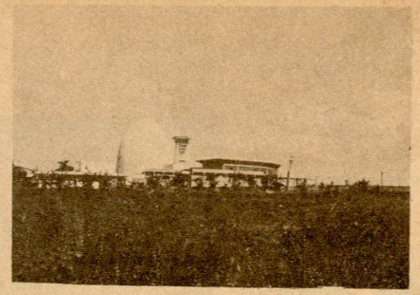
The La Mesa Dam in Novaliches and the Balara Filters in Diliman ara also excellent picnic and recreational areas with their compliment of pavilions, swimming pools and recreational facilities and a wide expanse of rolling picnic grounds over-looking the scenic neighboring mountain towns.

The Parks and Wildlife Office Nature Center near the Quezon Memorial Circle is a haven for nature lovers. Here can be found rare flora and fauna including the famous monkey-eating eagle which has been the object of conservation drives.

Himalayang Pilipino is a memorial park but it is considered a tourist spot because of its magnificent landscaping and the monuments installed in the park including the memorial to Melchora Aquino, more popularly known as Tandang Sora, one of the heroes of the revolution. Similarly, other memorial parks in Quezon City also boast of well manicured lawns and beautiful gardens.

Recreational Facilities

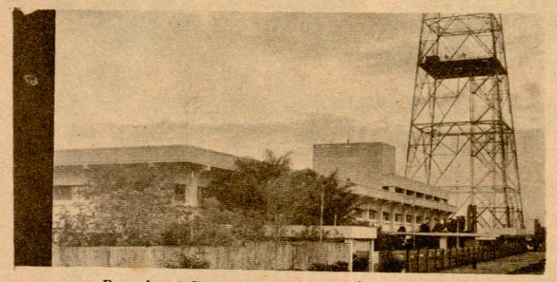
There are three golf courses within the city boundaries. These are Aguinaldo Golf Club, Capitol Hills Golf Club and the UP Golf Club. Bowling Lanes are also strategically located in various areas of the city with a number of links offering ten pin bowling. Tennis and pelota are offered in private clubs. Basketball is an all-year sport activity with each district holding their own tournaments.



The atomic Research Institute



The Oblation — symbolic landmark at the University of the Philippines



Broadcast Center — one of Asia's most modern

The Araneta Coliseum, reputedly the biggest domed coliseum in the world has been the site of a variety of international shows ranging from musical concerts to athletic events. Entertainers from all over the world have performed in this majestic coliseum whose inaugural presentation saw the capture of the Philippines first post-war world boxing title by the now famous Gabriel "Flash Elorde. Basketball tournaments of national and international tones have also been staged in this coliseum. More recently, it was the site for the First Philippine International Chess tournament participated in by grandmasters from the United States, Romania, Czechoslovakia, Mexico, Denmark and Argentina and international masters from the Philippines, Italy and Indonesia.

Dining and Entertainment

First class restaurants and day and night clubs dot the city's entertainment row comparable to Manila's Roxas Boulevard. Leading entertainers perform nightly in these places all year round. Native and foreign cuisines are offered with specialty houses catering exotic and gastronomic delicacies. The city boasts of 14 first class theaters the biggest of which is the Araneta Coliseum which has recently been converted into a cinema house. Local and international films are exhibited in these theaters at prices consideredthe lowest in the world.

Accommodation

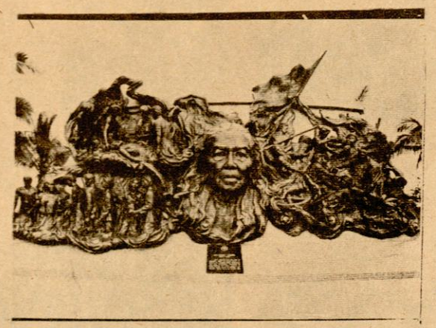
While the city has only one first class hotel, this is considered one of the finest in the country. The Sulo Hotel offers the only acquatic show in the country and boasts of an excellent location owing to the near perfect weather condition of the area. Quezon City, however, is only a few kilometers away from Makati which boasts of the ultra-modern Intercontinental Hotel and Manila, with its first class hotels and motels.
Accommodation is not really a problem in Quezon City owing to the traditional hospitality of the residents and it is not surprising for a homecoming Filipino or tourist to be invited to stay with their families. Housing projects and plush subdivisions offer permanent residences to those who decide to stay.

Transportation

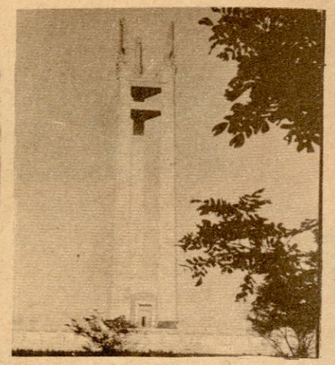
The city offers excellent driving conditions with its modern network of highways and boulevards. The Clover Leaf Interchange in Balintawak is one of the most beautiful in the country and remains the only overpass/underpass complex that can compare with those in other countries. Taxicabs, jeepneys and buses ply regular routes within the city and suburbs. Private cars can also be rented at considerably low prices.

Shopping

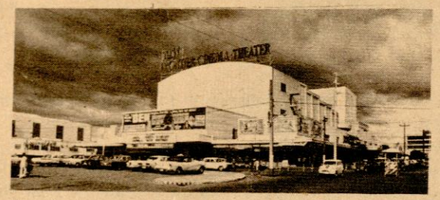
Quezon City is literally a shopper's paradise, with its array of stores offering a limitless number of goods. Antique shops, galleries, handicraft and woodcraft shops cater to tourists and taxes are very minimal.



Tandang Sora Memorial in Himlayang Pilipino — a tribute to a heroine.



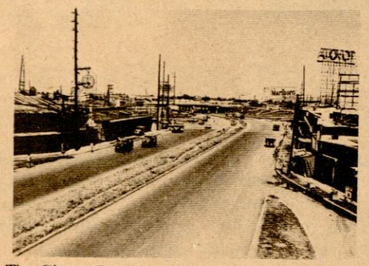
Quezon Memorial Circle — site of historic papal mass on November 29, 1970.



The Araneta complex of stores, restaurants and theaters — the commercial district.



Monkey-eating eagle at Parks & Wildlife Office Nature Center — a vanishing specie.–



The Clover Leaf Interchange in Balintawak — comparable to those in foreign countries.



Banks are strategically located in the city.

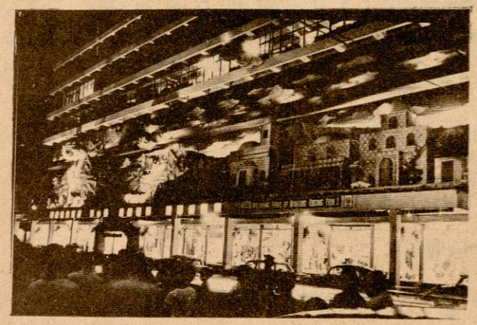


The city has three excellent golf links.



Araneta Coliseum — world's biggest domed coliseum.

WELCOME BALIKBAYAN PARTICIPANTS





The spectacular animated display at C.O.D Department Store

The capitol city opens its doors to homecoming Filipinos this Christmas. In keeping with the national effort to make your stay in the country most enjoyable and memorable, the city has lined up several projects which we are sure will implant in your hearts the thought that there is indeed no better place to stay but in one's native land. And what better place to stay but in the capitol city.

Maligayang Pasko at Manigong Bagon Taon!

The city turns back the time to revive the old traditional Filipino way of celebrating Christmas. And more than that. Quezon City, as it has always been, will be a romantic blending of the modern and the past this yuletide season. As such, the city will be transformed into a typical Filipino community with the familiar faces and places and the real atmosphere of a mostalgic "pasko."

No effort has been spared by the city government under the supervision of the Balikbayan Hospitality Committee headed by Councilor Mario Montenegro. Months of preparations will ensure the success of this undertaking. To start with, all residents have been enjoined to display the traditional "parol in their homes. Business establishments will decorate their offices and facades with Christmas displays and lights. Already, the biggest display has been set up at the C.O.D. Department Store in Cubao. This display, an annual undertaking of this prestigious store, depicts the birth of Christ in Bethlehem. Constructed on the balcony of the store fronting the busy Araneta business center, the display has been drawing crowds nightly. Other big firms have also constructed spectacular displays elsewhere in the city.

Mini-Trade Fair

Highlight of the Christmas festivities in Quezon City will be the mini trade fair in the new City Hall compound. Locally produced items particularly handicrafts and other cottage industries will be displayed and sold at the fair. Various activities and exhibits have been programmed all designed to highten the visitor's appreciation of the countrys heritage. Among these are:

1. An acquarium displaying the different kinds of fish found in the Philippines;
2. A gallery for Philippine sea shells including rare varieties;
3. Numismatic exhibits featuring old and rare coins both local and foreign
4. A philatelic exhibit featuring the private collections of Quezon City residents;
5. Booths for fortune tellers;
6. Booths for the internationally-acclaimed Filipino faith healers;
7. A traditional "belen."
8. An ermita (small chapel) to house the 400-year old Sto. Niño. the patron saint of the Philippines;
9. The holding of a tupada (cock fighting);
10. Candy trees within the fair;
11. Continuing cultural presentations featuring the world famous Pangkat Kawayan, the pride of Quezon City.

Amusement rides will also be available in the fair and booths will be set up for the purpose of selling native delicacies such as puto bombong, bibingka, calamay, suman and other Filipino dishes.

Tilbury rides will also be offered to Balikbayan participants along Elliptical road. On December 23, a tilbury race will held at Araneta Avenue sponsored by one of the city's leading supermarkets.

Balikbayan participants will be met at the airport by the Quezon City Balikbayan Chapter reception committee headed by Councilor Mario Montenegro. Shuttle jeepneys will be stationed at all entrances to the city to ferry the visitors to the trade fair site and to other points of interest.

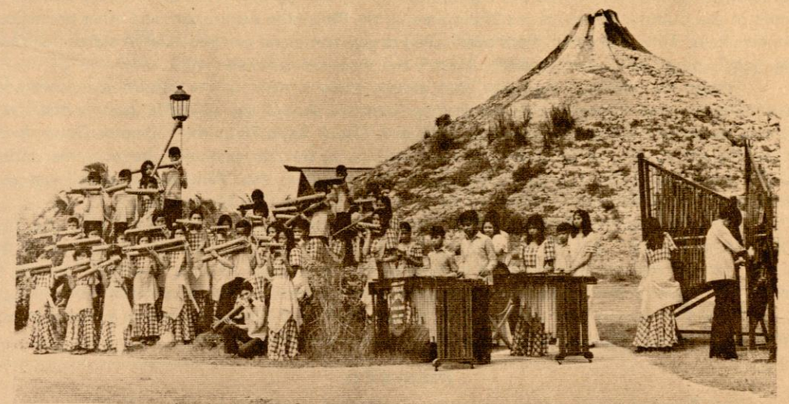
For the visitors who may want to shop in Quezon City, they will be given hospitality cards which will entitle them to discounts in any establishment within the city. Likewise, service establishments such as sauna baths, massage clinics, barber shops, beauty salons, restaurants and entertainment houses will also extend discounts to Balikbayan participants.

Activities for the Balikbayan participants actually extend beyond the Christmas season. The mini trade fair will be open for several months and other activities have also been lined up. In March, Glo-ri's Supermarket, one of the biggest in the city, will sponsor another Tilbury race in celebration of its anniversary. Other activities include a bicycle race, various Filipino games such as palo-sebo, sack race, etc. to be capped by an amateur singing contest. On the whole, the city has spared no effort to make your stay in Quezon City most memorable. In so doing, we are only too proud to claim that our city is indeed the perfect place to live in. Not only because it is the capitol city but because it is a dream city turned to reality.

THE PANGKAT KAWAYAN

(Singing Bamboos)

The Pride of Quezon City



The "Pangkat Kawayan" otherwise known as the "Singing Bamboos" of Quezon City is the first tuned-up "Musikong Bumbong" in the Philippines and perhaps the only concert bamboo orchestra in the world today. One can but proudly claim that this bamboo band is most indigineous to our country and people.

Early Beginnings

This unique band was born in Aurora A. Quezon Elementary School, Quezon City on September 6, 1966 through the initiative of Miss Laura R. Gorospe, then incumbent principal of the school with the four-fold objective of reviving and vitalizing an almost dying musical institution (the "Musikong Bumbong") of arousing in our people love for music which is truly our own, of developing and utilizing the musical talents of the young and of encouraging the worthy use of leisure hours.

Organizational Set-Up

The "Pangkat Kawayan," a Quezon City Government and Department of Tourism – assisted cultural group, is composed of 50 musically talented elementary and high school students residing in Quezon City with ages ranging from 8 to 16 years. It is under the baton of its young and very creative Musical Director Mr. Victor (Chino) Toledo, who also arranges the musical scores and trains the children. Executive direction management and control are handled by Miss Laura R. Gorospe and Miss Elena C. Carlos, while auxiliary services are provided by the "Pangkat Kawayan Parents Organization."

Instruments

Most of the 100 instruments used by the band are made from half-a-dozen general of the versatile bamboo which come in various sizes, shapes, and designs. These instruments consist of the musical tubes or "bumbong," the native marimba or "talunggating," the bamboo harp or "tipangklung," the Moslem-style native xylophone or "gabang," the bamboo flute or "tulali," the bamboo clapper or "bungkaka, the bamboo knockers or "kalatok." Non-bamboo instruments are the bass drum, snare drum, the cymbals the gong, the triangle, and the "kulintang."

The "talunggating" of four octaves and the "tipangklung" two and half octaves produce the melody or the contrapuntal parts. The "bumbong" or bamboo tubes which are chromatically scale to two octaves and which produce standard tones compose the sustaining power of the band. These instruments are basically used to provide the harmony but may at times play the melody.

The "bungkaka," the "kalatok," the triangle, the gong, the drum, the cymbals give either accent or rhythm to the composition

All of these instruments were made by Mr. Pacifico Nestor Toledo, a pharmacist by profession, a musician by avocation and the father of the conductor of the "Pangkat Kawayan."

Repertoire

The forte of this band is native Philippine airs mostly folk melodies from the different regions of the country. However, it can also come up with a wide variety of foreign music and may even surprise its audience with a Bach, a Tchaikovsky or a Strauss.. As of today, it has already cut four stereo long-playing records which might be considered cultural rather than commercial.

Performances

Since its organization, the band has performed extensively for concerts T.V. and radio audiences. In coordination with the BTTI (now Department of Tourism), it has made repeated performances in Greater Manila Area, Clark Air Base, Subic Base, Tagaytay, Pagsanjan and other tourist spots. It has appeared in many cultural programs sponsored by educational institutions and socio-civic organizations and has been providing musical fillip at national and international conferences held in plush hotels and convention halls in the country. It has performed a number of times in the Cultural Center of the Philippines, at the Philamlife Auditorium and other prestigious concert halls. Time and again it has been called to give command performances in Malacanang and Nayong Pilipino for President and Mrs. Marcos and their distinguished guests.

Today, the "Pangkat Kawayan" has already made a mark in the cultural scene not only nationally but also internationally. Its first performance abroad was in Osaka, Japan when it was sent to participate in the celebration of Philippine Day at Expo 70 by the Philippine Government under the sponsorship of the Board of Travel and Tourist Industry and upon the recommendation of the First Lady, Mrs. Imelda R. Marcos. In this occasion, the "Pangkat Kawayan" was also designated "Ambassador of Goodwill to Japan" by the Quezon City Government.

Crowning the orchestra's musical career was its recent participation with the first "Balikbayan Troupe" sent by the Department of Tourism to Hawaii and the West Coast of the U.S.A. for the purpose of presenting cultural shows that would lure the Overseas Filipinos to revisit their country thus spearheading the government's project – "Operations Homecoming."

Plans are underway for another tour to the U.S.A. and Canada. Hopefully a European or a world tour may yet materialize for the group in the not-too-distant future.

Raison d'Etre

The' 'Pangkat Kawayan" is a struggling musical group without resources of its own and lives on a shoe-string budget. But it has to be maintained if only to preserve a musical innovation which has already gained national and international fame and prestige, and which will invariably go down in our national history as a part of the cultural heritage of our country and people.

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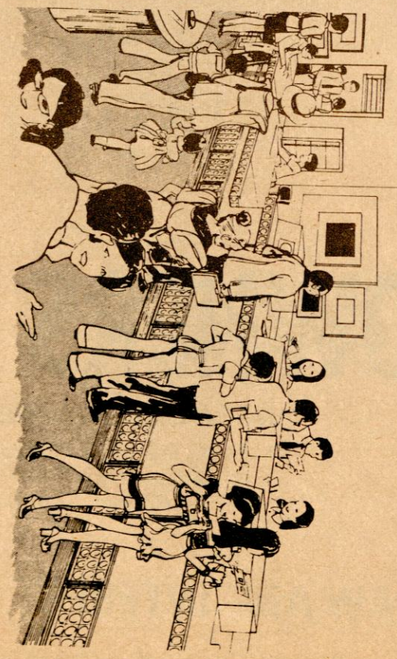

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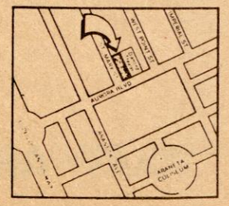

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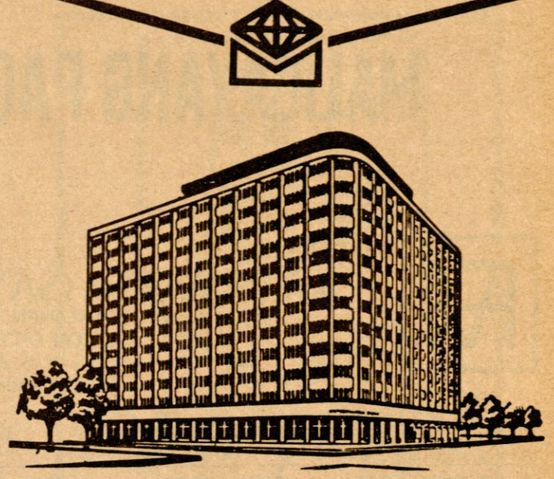

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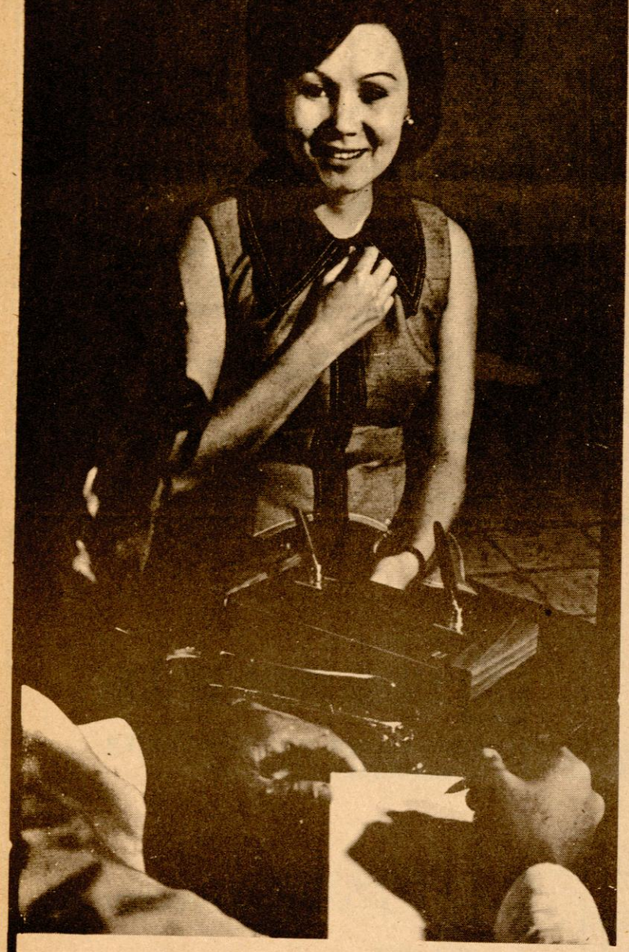



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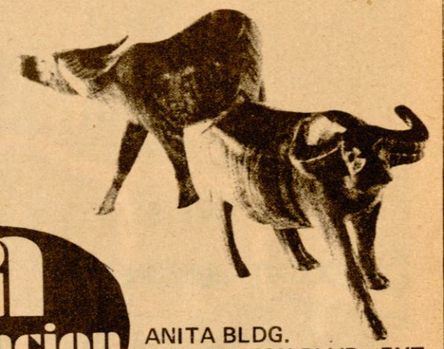

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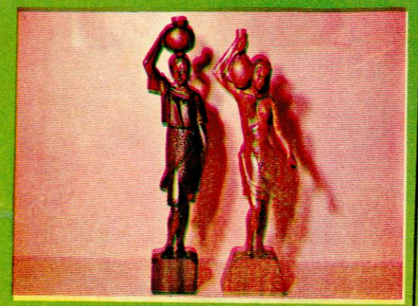



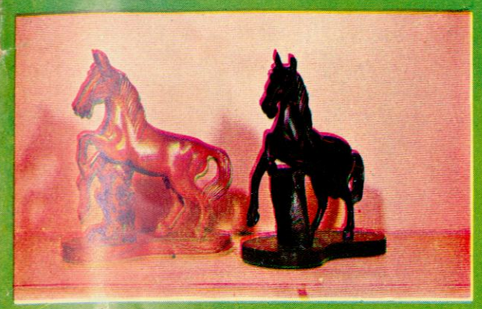







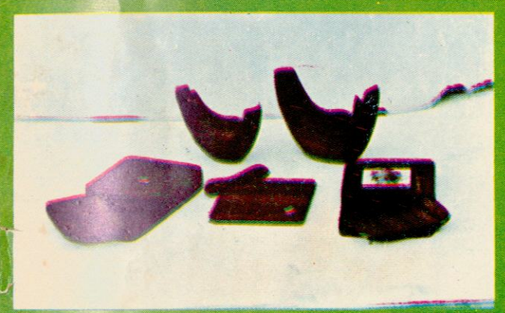

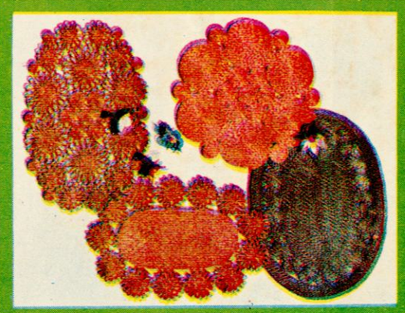

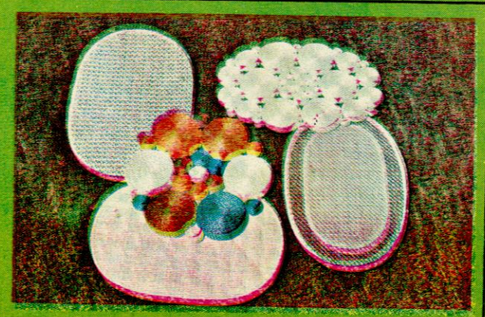





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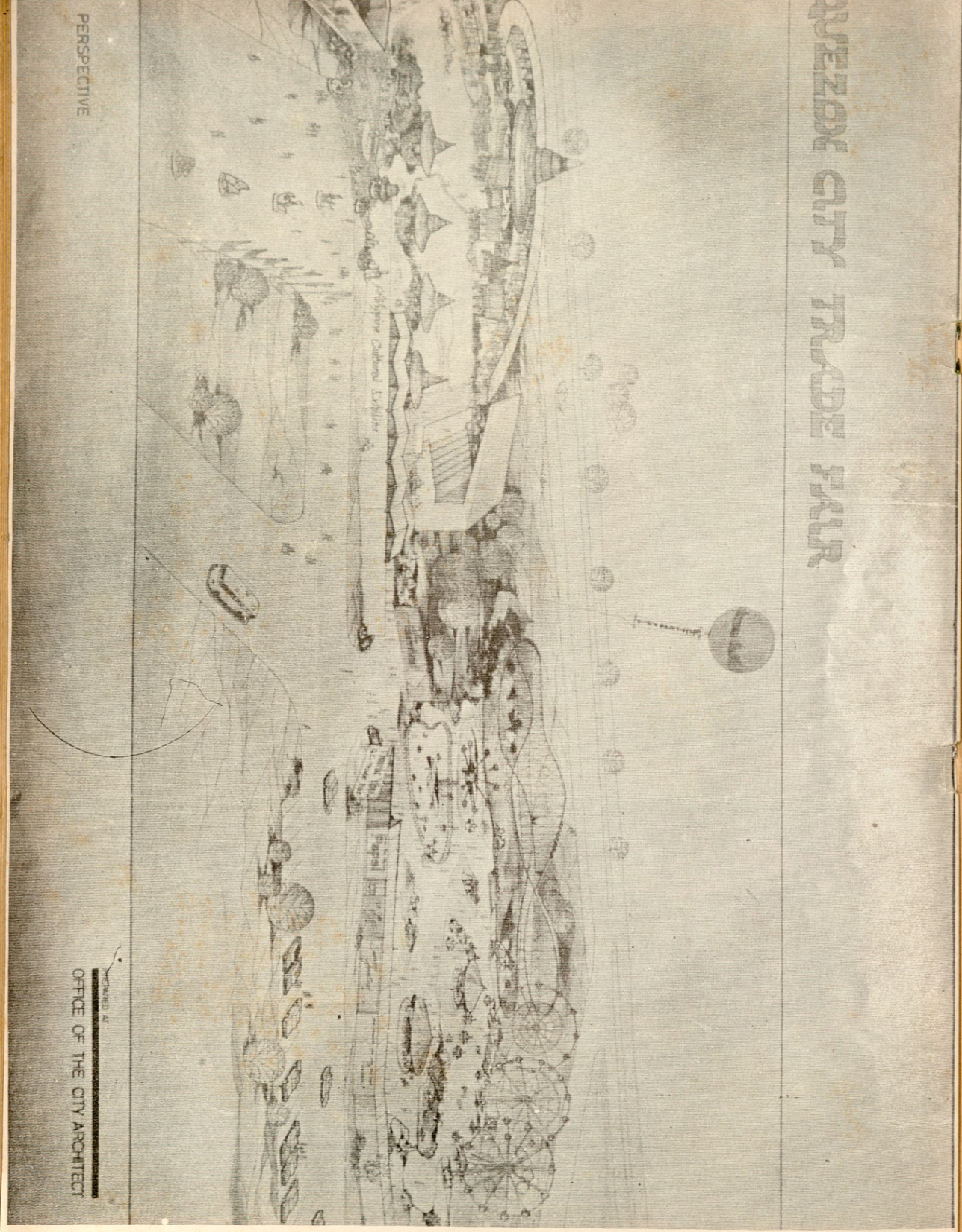

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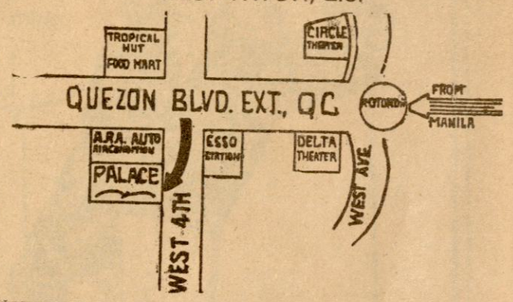

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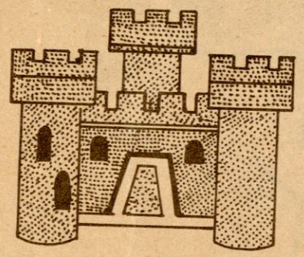

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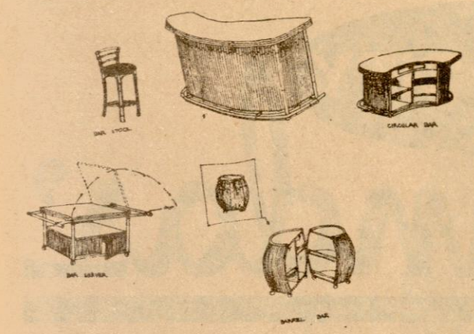

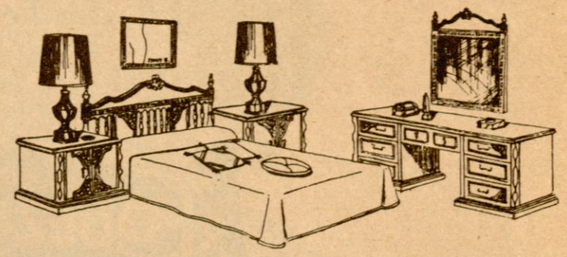

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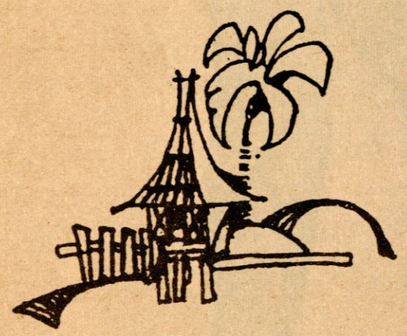

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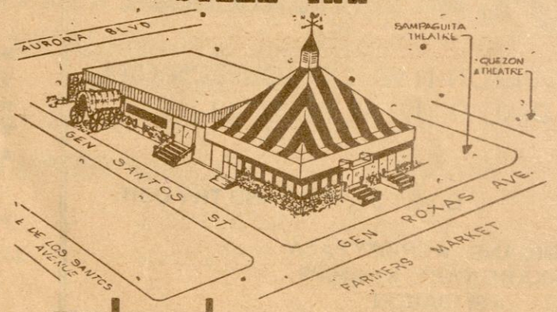

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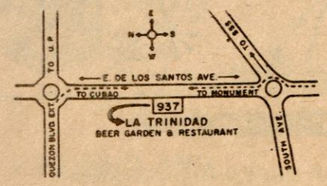

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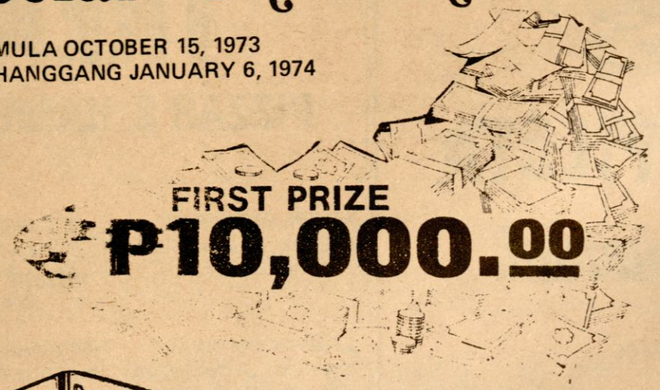

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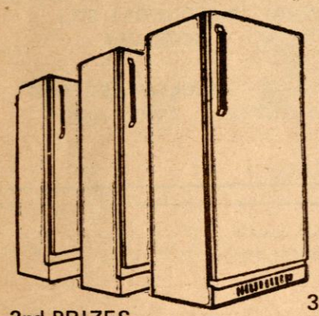

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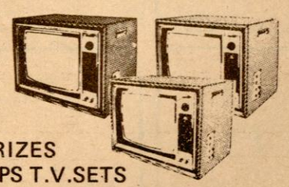

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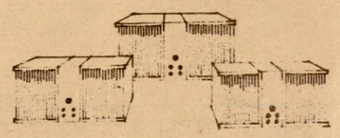

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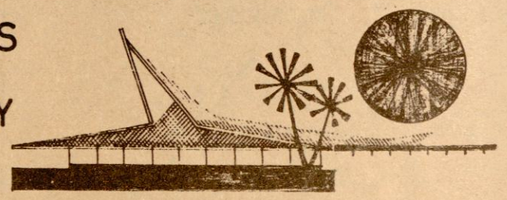

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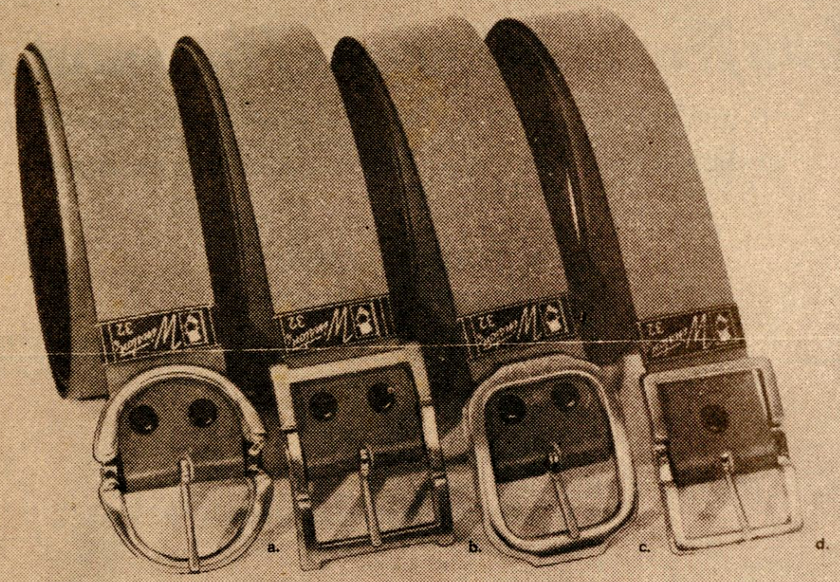

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