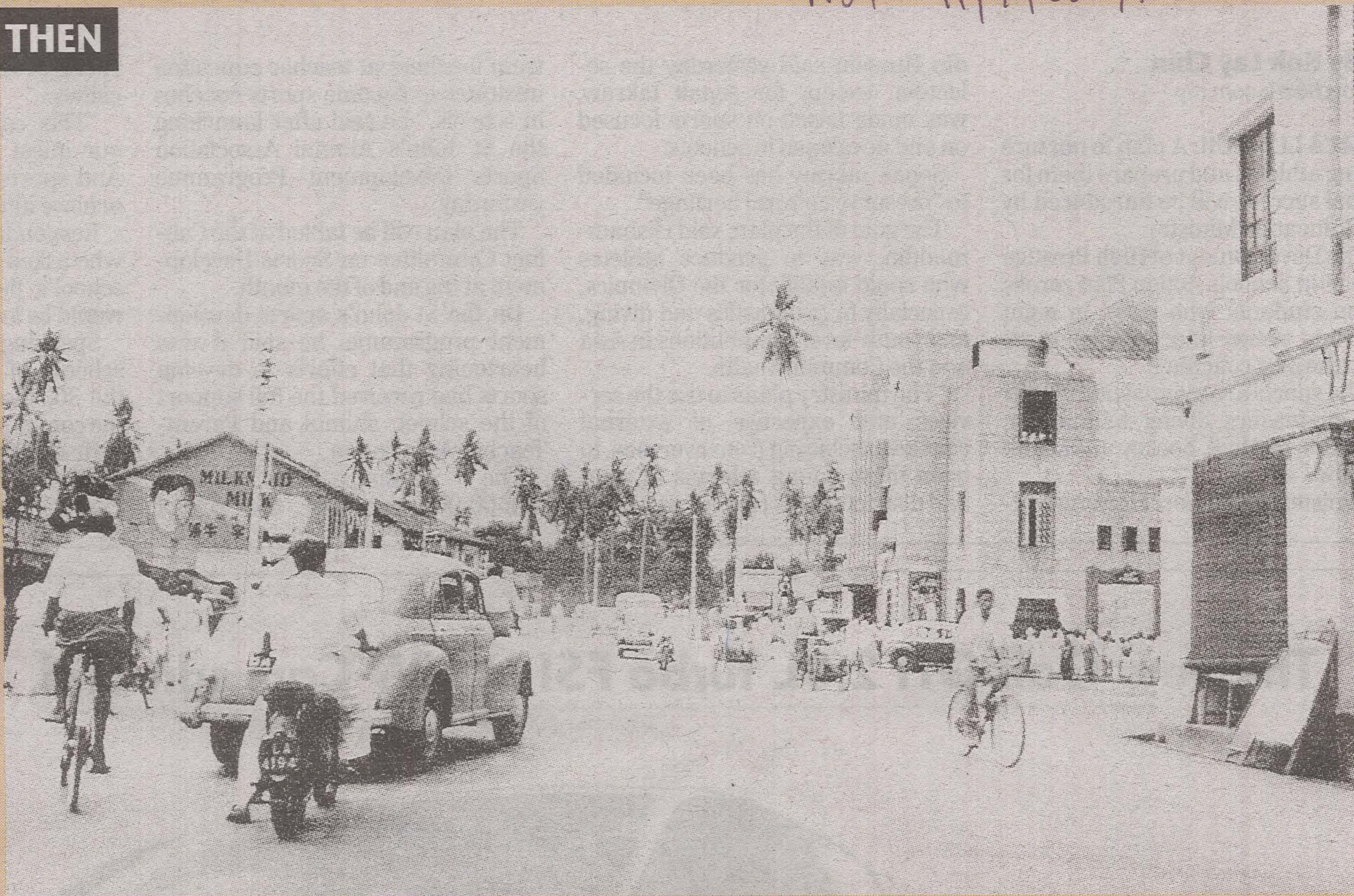


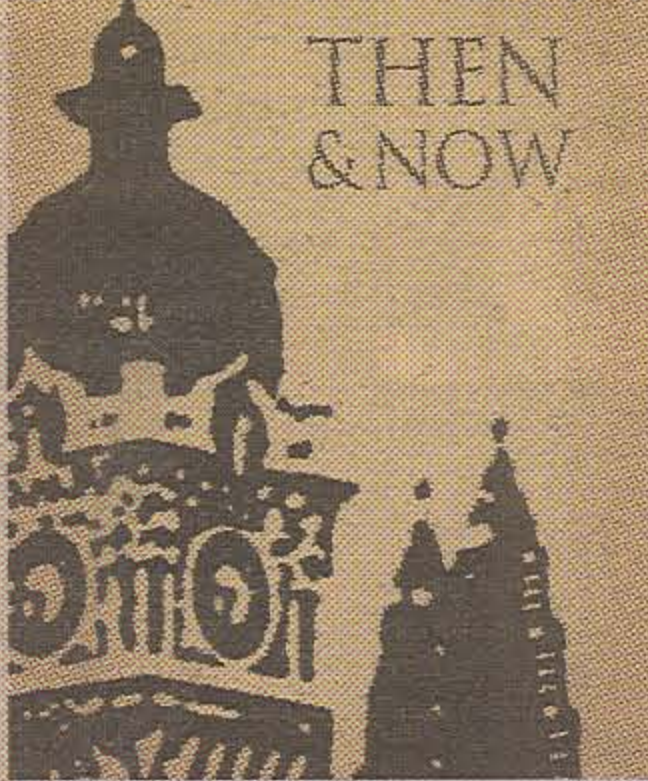
## Jalan Tuanku Abdul Rahman transformed

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## Where are the coconut trees?

MENTION Jalan Tuanku Abdul Rahman in Kuala Lumpur and some people immediately think of the sizzling steaks at the Coliseum Cafe & Hotel or reminisce about Globe Silk Store.

This stretch of road is much more than that, of course. Very much a commercial centre, the pre-war buildings — with their

facades preserved — house many shops.

Most people are shocked when they see the above picture taken in 1953. Imagine, coconut trees in Jalan Tuanku Abdul Rahman!

Back then, traffic was two-way and no building was higher than two storeys.

Today, there are glass and steel shopping malls and traffic goes just one way... with not a coconut tree in sight.

Still, a walk into any of the older shops along this street feels like a walk back into time. And that is the enduring charm of Jalan Tuanku Abdul Rahman.

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