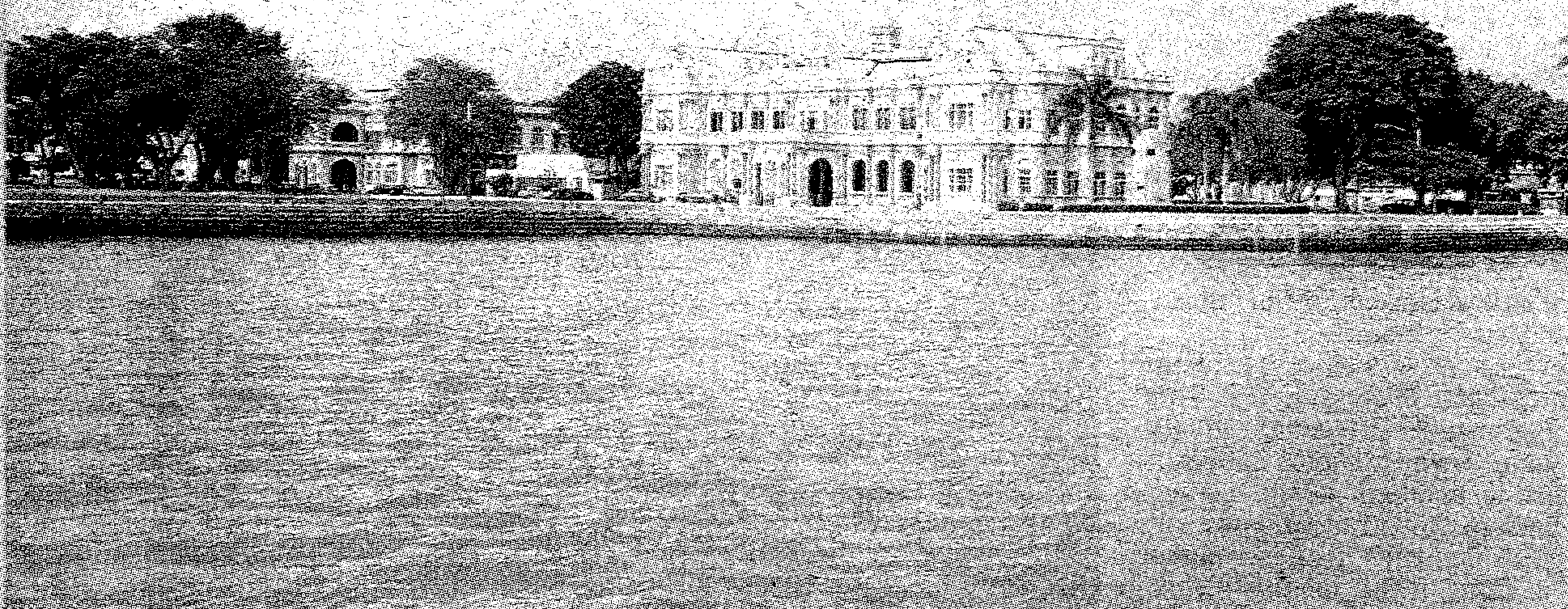
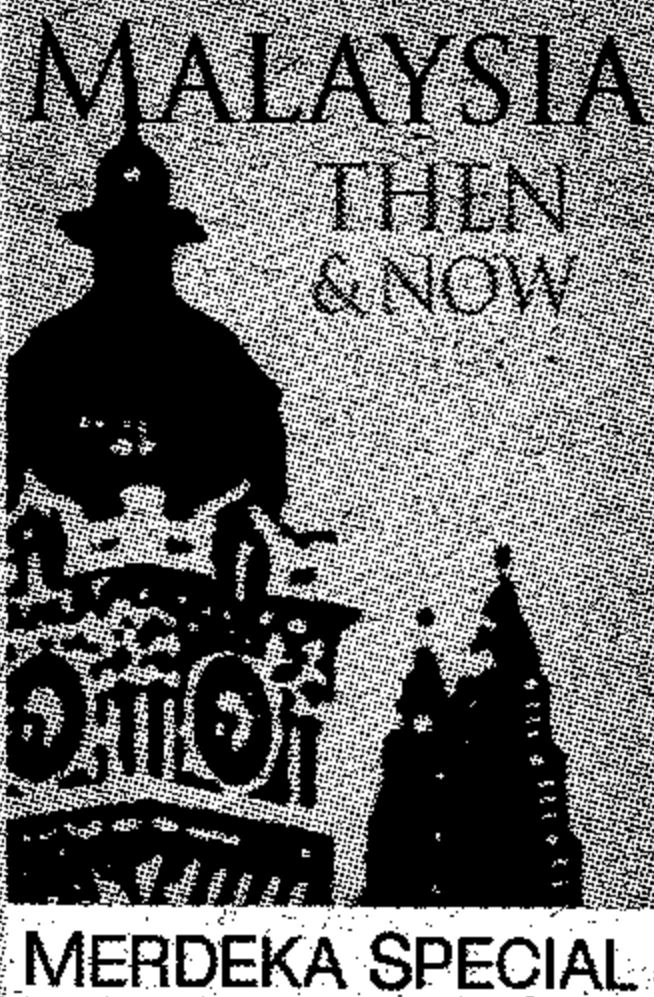


A stately view from the Esplanade

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Heart of the local council



MOST people are familiar with the Esplanade (known as Padang Kota Lama) in Penang.

This promenade is where you can go to "take in" the sea breeze.

The photograph above (taken in 1964) has a very interesting view of elegant

colonial-style buildings, located across the beautiful Esplanade.

Part of these stately buildings were converted into a college but today it is the seat of local government — the Penang island Municipal Council headquarters.

The picture below captures a closer look of this fine British Palladian architecture, featuring magnificent Corinthian columns and huge windows.

Located near the building is another interesting historical site, Fort Cornwallis.

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