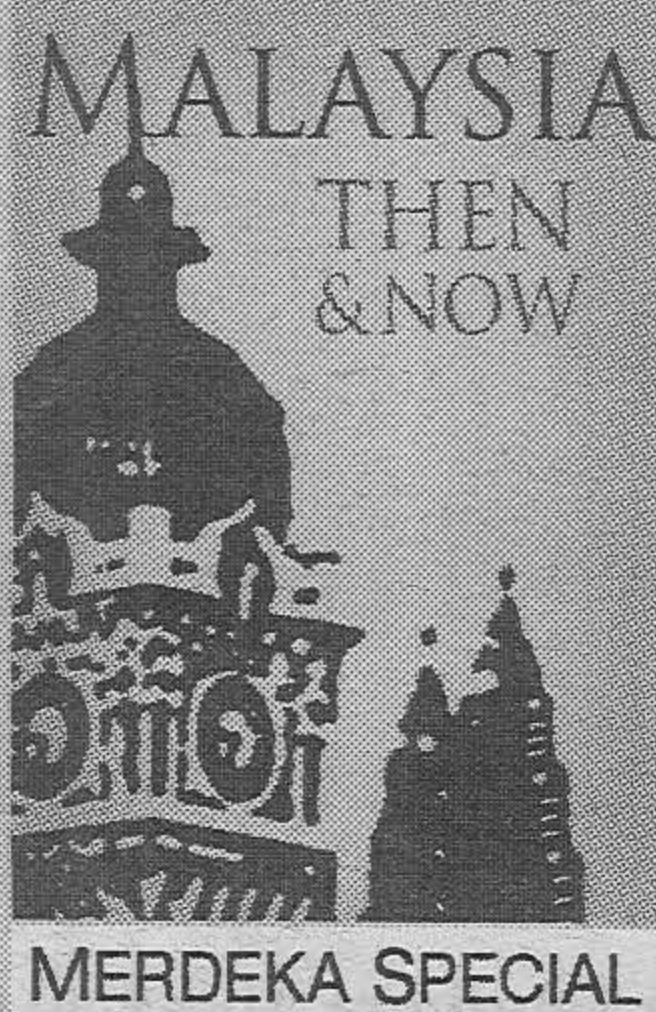
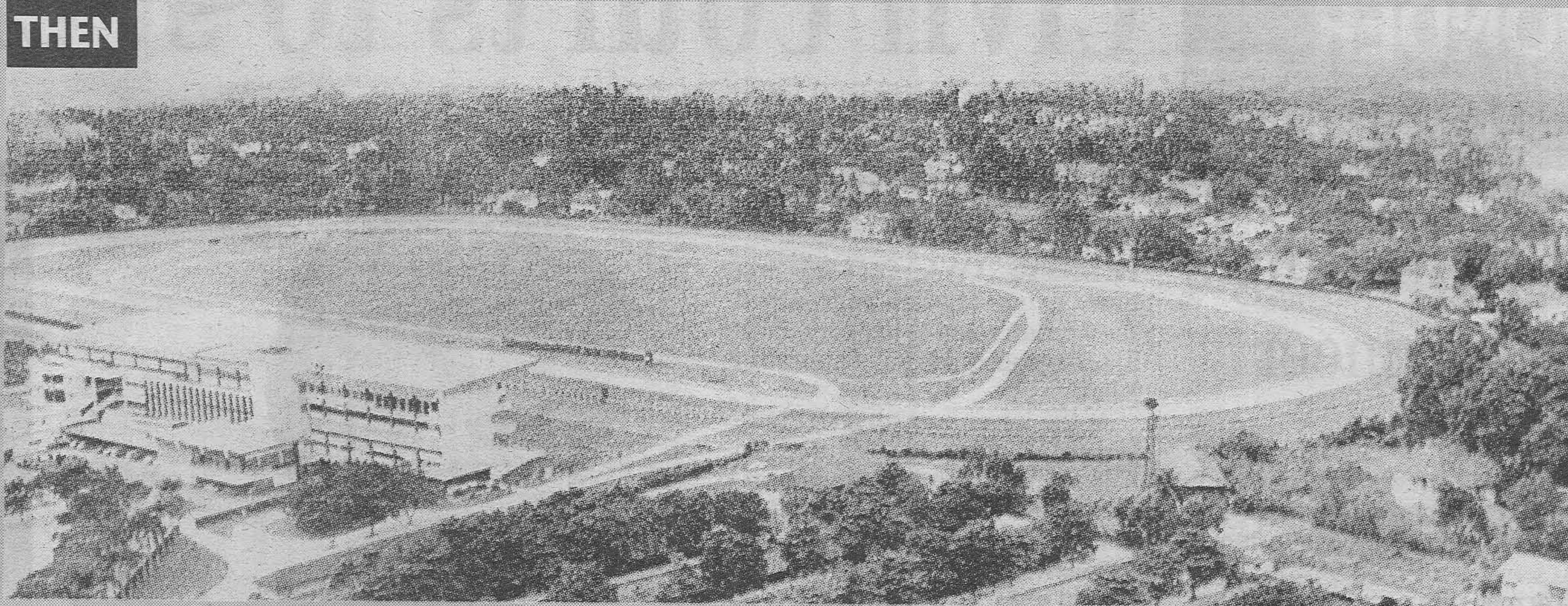


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From turf club to Twin Towers

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THE Petronas Twin Towers has become so much a part of the Kuala Lumpur landscape that we forget that it used to be the home of the Selangor Turf Club.

The club had its beginnings in the 1800s when it was called the Selangor Gymkhana Club.

In 1896, it became the Selangor Turf

Club under the patronage of Sir Frank Swettenham. The first race meeting took place in March that year.

The Selangor Turf Club was where the cream of society met up to enjoy a day at the races.

During World War One, races were often run to raise funds, but no races were held during World War Two.

By 1956, the old attap shed which was the original clubhouse was replaced by a modern grandstand. Three years later, races were moved to Sundays.

The last race at the Jalan Ampang location was run in 1992. Two years later, the new Selangor Turf Club opened in Sungai Besi.

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