



This will be the South Coast Botanic Garden 7,000-square-foot auditorium. Main entrance (not seen) will be from the right.

PROGRESS REPORT

A VISIT TO SOUTH COAST early last month revealed considerable progress in the construction of the new buildings. Size, cost, and other basic facts were reported on in our previous issue. An interesting aspect of the construction is the huge sheet of plastic permanently placed underneath the entire auditorium building and going part way up the sides to serve as a barrier against the vapors of methane gas, a product of trash decomposition. It is remarkable, incidentally, to see near the adult education vegetable

plots a few small fissures from which gas vapors are noticeably escaping and at the same time see the 8-foot-high corn, the pole beans, the cucumbers and squashes ready to offer a rich harvest. We also learned that the distance from what will be the main entrance off Crenshaw Boulevard to the administrative building is just under two-tenths of a mile. At the time we were measuring this distance in photographer Bill Aplin's diatomaceous-dust-covered Ford, trenches were being cut for the electric cables that will energize the floodlights that will illuminate the entire entrance road.



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