

LUZ: SUN, SAND - AND SOMETHING ELSE

According to its architect, José Veloso, this centre of controversy was designed to be a centre of life for a village that is spreading in all directions. It was for this reason that the crossroads site was chosen. When construction is completed, Luz will have its own public market, selling fresh fruit and vegetables, meat and fish. New shops and businesses of all kinds. A second postoffice. A cinema. And 116 apartments and studios — with three elevators, a swimming pool, and a pool-level restaurant.

A project of this size is bound to create difficulties. Traffic congestion. Parking problems. An increased demand for essential services — water, electricity, sewage disposal, trash removal. Architect Veloso is well aware of this, for he has designed other large projects — including the remarkable, rambling Hotel de Lagos. In designing this new building he has tried to lessen some of these negative effects.

The principal entrances are to be located on the north and west. This should draw much of the traffic away from the main street. And there will be space for 160-180 automobiles in a large parking lot off the Espiche road.

There isn't much that José Veloso can do about essential services, but he has at least removed the spectre of 116 extra garbage cans lining the streets. The apartments will be provided with a system of chutes which will carry garbage and trash to



THE "RED RESTAURANT" OF "O JARDIM" AT LUZ BAY CLUB — ONE OF SEVERAL NEW RESTAURANTS IN LUZ THIS YEAR.

central collection areas.

Architect Veloso is unaware of any plans to build another high-rise in Luz. He says, in fact: "If I were asked to design another tall building for Luz, I would say no. I have already said no." But he is designing a group of 190 units to be built on land behind the old motel. These will be no more than two stories tall.

It seems that nobody wants to see another Torremolinos rising from the streets of Luz.

Whatever else might be said about "that building", there is nothing but praise for the new Centro Comercial, located on the ground floor of its now-completed

first stage. The Shopping Centre has added a lot of convenience to life in Luz.

Lisbon architect Rui Mendes Paula designed this group of shops, all of which open off a wide central hallway with entrances at both ends. The largest of these is Sr Batista's new Supermercado.

Sr. Batista, whose old supermarket was the first in the village, carries almost everything — including many imported items. Fresh meat arrives on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays and he has a freezer full of Mark Harman's English-cut pork, beef and lamb. There is a good assortment of cold meats, sausages and cheeses. And

if his selection of wines and spirits isn't the largest in the Algarve, it is surely close to it.

Next to the Supermercado is "Caçula", a combination livraria-papelaria-tabacaria. "Caçula" sells newspapers, books and magazines; writing paper, pens and pencils; cigarettes and pipe tobacco. Even cosmetics.

Across the hall is "Bugiganga". Here you can buy Portuguese pottery and ceramics; hand-made wooden toys and kitchen utensils; tools and fittings; fishing rods and reels; straw and wicker bags and baskets. Useful items of all kinds.

Boutique Sandra II is a branch of the Boutique Sandra in Lagos. It carries a wide variety of unusual ready-to-wear clothing for men and women, in a large range of sizes.

The Sandwich Bar offers coffee and cold drinks as well as sandwiches, hot dogs, and Portuguese cakes and sweets.

And if a shopper should suddenly be overcome by the urge to buy a house, he needn't even leave the Shopping Centre. There's a new branch office of Clark & Dodd, Lda., property consultants, right on the premises!

There's a lot going on in the village just now.

One of the new businesses coming to Luz this year is a company called "PLANINVESTE". It's the brainchild of Antonio S. A. S. Pontes and Architect Mario Dias da Silva. As they explain it: "Our plan was to put

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