

Central Market does its bit for heritage

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YOU can have fun and do your part to help preserve the country's heritage at a special function to be held at Kuala Lumpur's Central Market on Feb 28. Called the Spirit of Heri-

tage Night, the event is the Heritage of Malaysia Trust's major social event.

It is also the Trust's first fund-raising project for this year.

Guests will be treated to a gala evening complete with side shows, raffles, quizzes

and other fun activities in a setting that will transport them back to the old days.

"The Trust wanted to organise an event to celebrate its achievements so far — a night to show the public that preserving the country's heritage can be fun as well," or-

ganising chairman Tunku Abdullah ibni Almarhum Tuanku Abdul Rahman said.

It would also be the first time the Central Market would be holding a big party, he added.

It was the Trust which helped save and turn the former fish-vegetable market into a centre with a growing reputation for culture and entertainment.

Trust council member Peter Bostock said the Trust hoped to raise \$100,000 from the gala event.

"We will hold similar projects to raise funds to help preserve historic buildings in the country," he said.

He added that through such activities, more people would eventually come to "appreciate the heritage" as part of their living culture.

"The historic buildings in this country are in great danger.

"If no positive and sustained action is taken, Malaysia will lose those few architectural relics of the past that

can never be replaced," he added.

Mr Bostock also said the Trust was now studying ways to preserve the Kota Ngah Ibrahim fort in Matang Tai-ping, Perak.

This was its next preservation venture, he added.

"The fort is eroding, and vandals are carting away chunks of stone from the site. If this continues, the fort will soon disappear," he said.

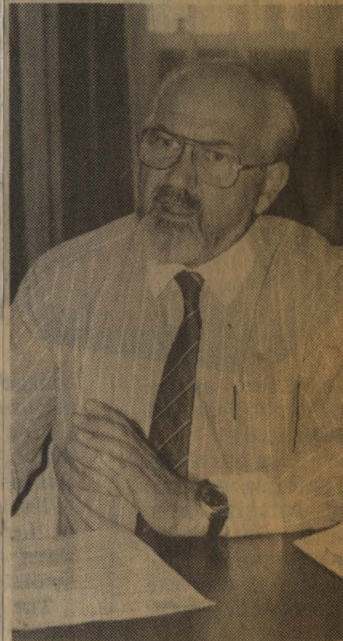
Another council member, Mrs Waveney Jenkins, said the Feb 28 date would be from 9pm to 3am.

It would consists of games, food, entertainment and dancing, among other activities.

Entertainment will range from a string quartet to a swinging disco, from light operatta to jazz, from mime to music hall.

Entry will be through donations at \$60 per head.

Invitation cards can be obtained from the Trust office (Tel: 2939860); Peter Stuyve-



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