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Dhaka Day by Day

Wandering in Wonderland

by Naina Shehjeen Ahmad

First the stalls were erected. Then came the games and the rides. Soon the signboard could be seen being hauled up. Finally, one fine morning, Wonderland was open to the public.

Wonderland is an amusement park. It is a private venture undertaken by some enterprising people who have attempted to bring the delights of Disneyland to our city. It may not provide for the most modern facilities. The horses of its merry-go-round may look more like foals and fillies, the revolving tea cups may be rusty and ready to fall part, but it is certainly very popular among all classes of

out where one can sit and enjoy the view of a muddy bank strewn with discarded tissue, straws or polythene bags. The muddy pond has also been used — small mechanized boats connected to a central beam are made to slowly isolate in the water.

At the far end of the park is the train ride through the "Ghost Tunnel." The long train leaves its platform and chugs through about a hundred metres into a darkened tunnel. A gorilla behind wisps waving its arms and various other apparitions will keep you



people, particularly children. As a result, during weekends one may not be able to move about in the crowd because of the long queues at each game site.

The southern side of the park attracts the youngsters to the electronic game stands. The north houses the various rides from where children's excited squeals can be heard. All along the outskirts of the park stand the refreshment booths. Here there are chains set

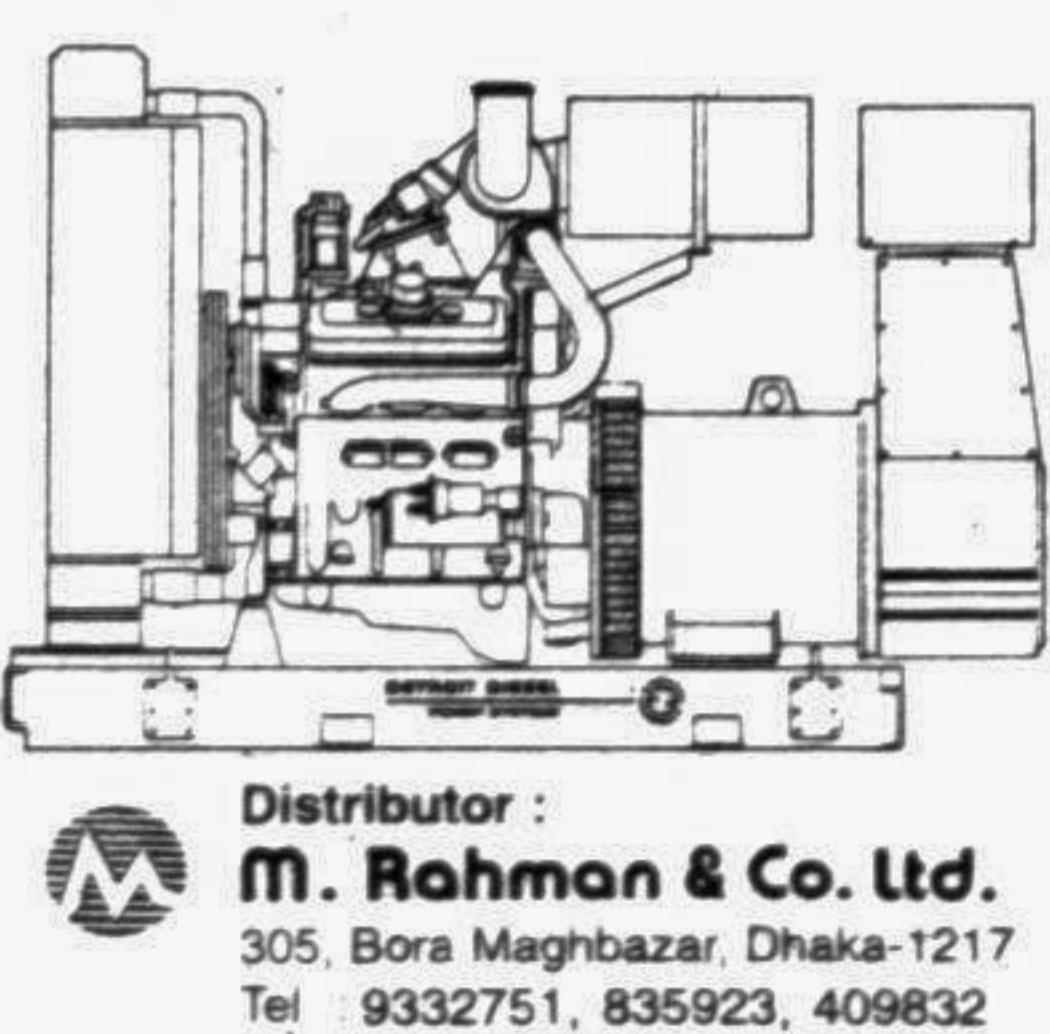
company until the train glides out of the small tunnel into the sparkling daylight.

Taking into consideration its space constraint and other restrictions, we may as well turn a blind eye to the many shortcomings of the park. At least this is a place where the whole family can enjoy themselves. With an improvement in maintenance, the park will be a source of greater joy one day, hopefully!



Italian envoy to Bangladesh Raffaele Miniero called on Post and Telecommunications Minister Mohammad Nasim at his office in the city yesterday. — PID photo

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By Staff Correspondent
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