

Garden City sari shop has charm of Far East

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Hong Kong is headquarters of one of Garden City's newest shops.

Though the name is India Sari Palacet, the store is part of a chain operlated from the Far East.

Located in such places as Singapore and Kuwait, India Sari Palaces are not only for Indian women, but for any jwoman who wants to wear a glamforous sari made of silk from exotic places such as Kashmir or Benares.

There are five stores in the U.S. The newest opened in Garden City in July. New York City has two, and Chicago. Los Angeles and Houston each have one.

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Manager of the Garden City store is a young bachelor. Pishu Vaswani, from Poona, India.

Six years ago, Vaswani was attending college in Poona, planning to, major in science. He decided travel had more appeal and accepted an offer from a family friend to go into the sari business. the sari business.

He went first to Hong Kong, and came to the U.S. about three years

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because the materials they can buy here are better than those they can usually obtain in India. His colorful stock of materials includes synthetics from Japan, which are good, and inexpersive for every-day use, according to Vaswani. Silks come from France and England, as well as India. He also expects to get some cottons from India.

FOR PEOPLE who are homesick for India, the shop also has a wide variety of Indian music on casettes. For people returning to India per-manently or for visits, he stocks electrical appliances with 220-240 voltage, used in India and Europe.

These include radios, tape record-ers, hair dryers and rice cooking pots. He also has converters which can be used on U.S. appliances.

The store, located at 28241 Ford Road, is open every day, except Tuesday, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.



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