A Tour of Carlos Bulosan’s Los Angeles

Places Still Here, Others Not:

1. Start at 3rd St. at Figueroa St. – Take bus shuttle up the hill to this corner. Bulosan lived at 1026 West 3rd, with his brother, Aurelio. The Harbor Freeway was built over the site.

2. Los Angeles Public Library - Bulosan used LAPL as his “office”. He went often, most days as soon as the Library opened he would go directly to his favorite rooms, Literature or Fiction. Only the Children’s Room retains the past look of these rooms.

3. Biltmore Hotel - When Bulosan sold an article, he would treat friend to drinks at the hotel bar, according to Feria.

4. Pershing Square – Bulosan walked by on 6th to frequent a nearby bookstore.

5. Clifton’s Cafeteria – Bulosan said “I like the singing waiters and waitresses there. They make me forget my fears and hangers”, according to Morantte. Second floor retains the past look. End the tour with food at Clifton’s.

6. L.A. County Hospital – Bulosan had a 2-year battle with tuberculosis in 1937-1938. (now County-USC hospital)


A Walking Tour (visit interactive online)