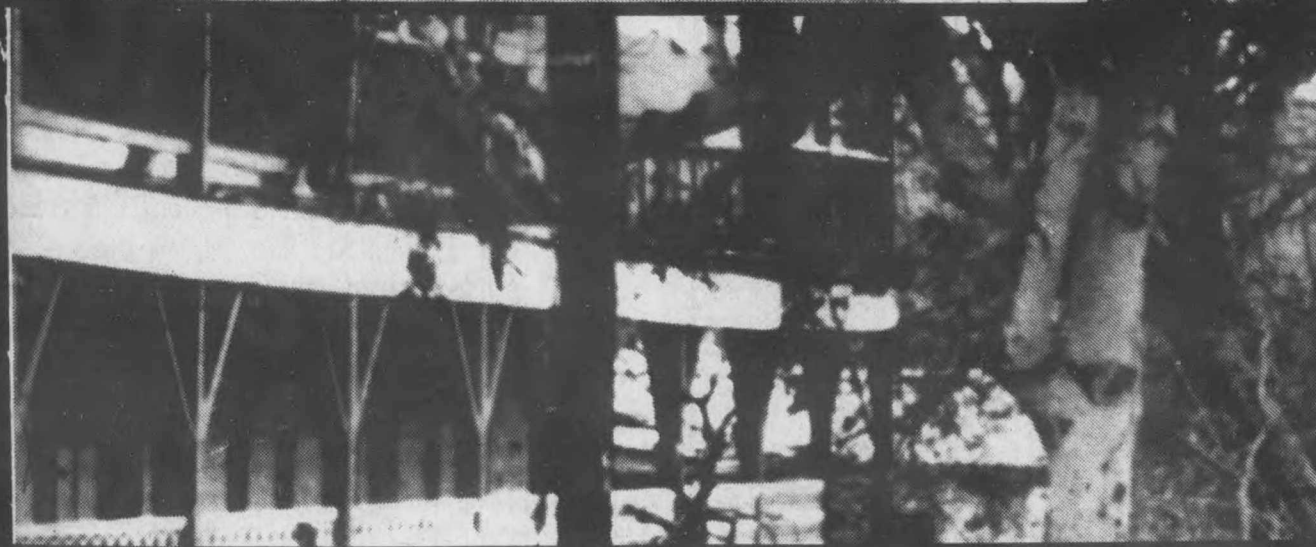
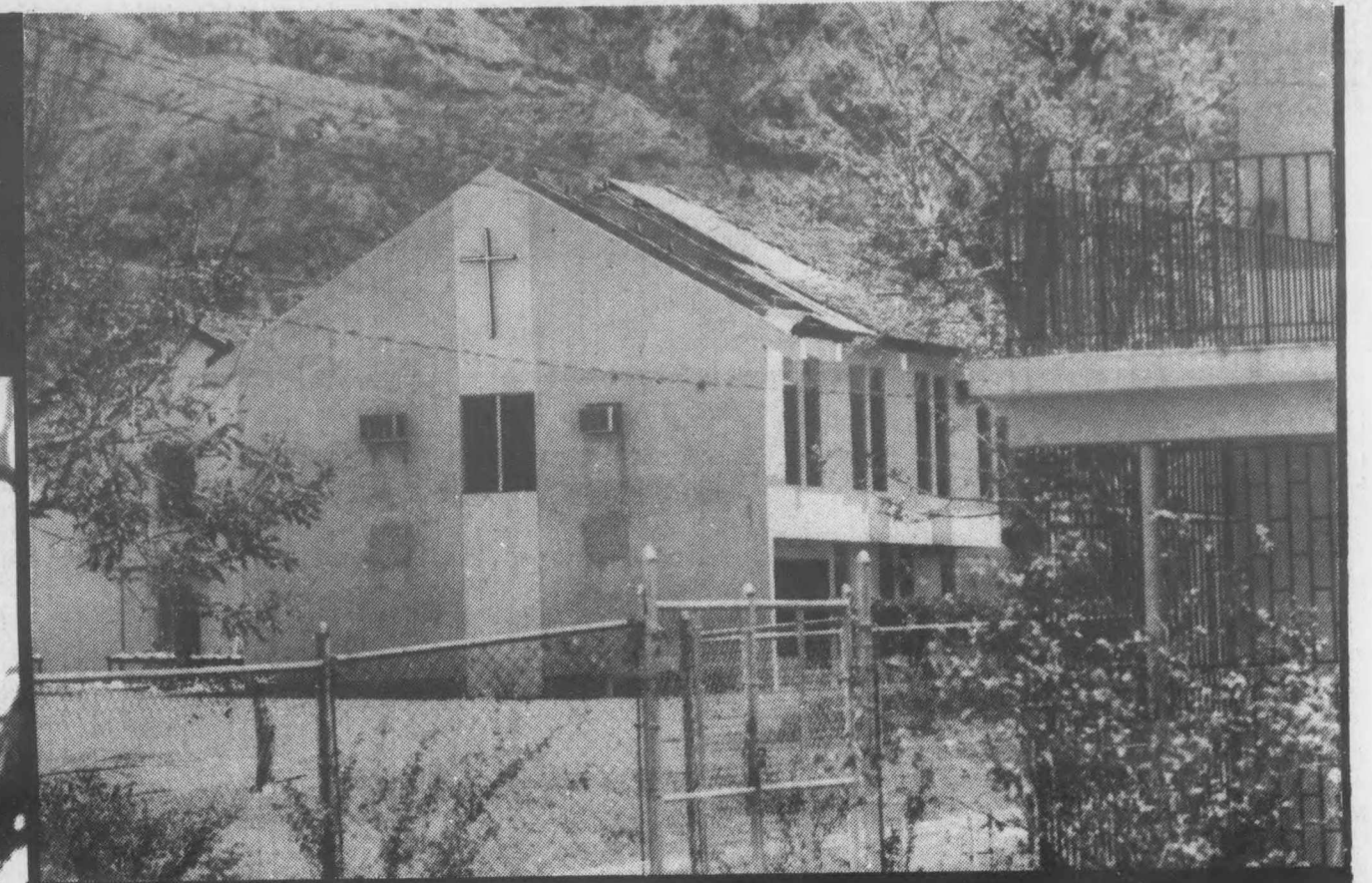


THE CALM AFTER ...

KINGSTON AFTER GILBERT



*strong winds
destroy our home
many are dead
tonight it could be you
and we are homeless
homeless
the moonlight's fading on a midnight lake.
("Homeless" Ladysmith Black Mombazo)*



UNB Survey Engineering student Calvin Thompson fresh from Jamaica, captured graphically a sense of the devastation caused by Gilbert. For those of us who have an imaginative mind and who have a vivid recollection of some of the places represented in these pictures, the destruction is startling. For instance, the avenue shown in the large centre picture was once lined by a thick canopy of trees. The stark nakedness that we now see is reflective of the extent of the storm.

Calvin, a Jamaican, maintains that despite the striking chaos that seems to be shown here, there is a tremendous demonstration of human fortitude and humour being expressed by the traditionally resilient Jamaican people. Jokes abound, and people are determined to make up for the time and money lost.

That is always good to hear, isn't it? Indeed.



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