

The De Freitas and Camacho properties were subsequently passed into the hands of the Sisters of Mercy who sought to relocate their convent and school from the Charlestown area. This Roman Catholic order decided to move from Charlestown because that area was to be designated an industrial site.

The hunt for the new site proved to be quite a venture, and the fact that the Sisters wanted both the High Street property and the Duke Street property - both prime pieces of real estate - raised considerable concern. A group of "Conscientious objectors" who possibly feared that the Sisters were taking over the area (the Mercy Hospital having been established in nearby Parade Street in 1944) tried to block the Sisters' purchase of the Duke and High Street properties. The Sisters launched a campaign of prayer and public awareness in rebuttal. For instance, they pointed out that the ringing of the Angelus at 6:00 a.m., noon and 6:00 p.m. would cause no more disturbance than did the military bugle calls at nearby Eve Leary at similar hours (Menezes, 1992:2).

RIGHT: THE CHAPEL
of the High Commission in the
1980's.

BELOW: SISTERS OF THE
Sacred Heart Convent, Kingston -
1969.

Finally, the Sisters of Mercy succeeded in purchasing the High Street property and negotiations began for the purchase of the Duke Street property. The lands were assessed at \$3,500 and \$9,240, respectively, while the house on the High Street property was

