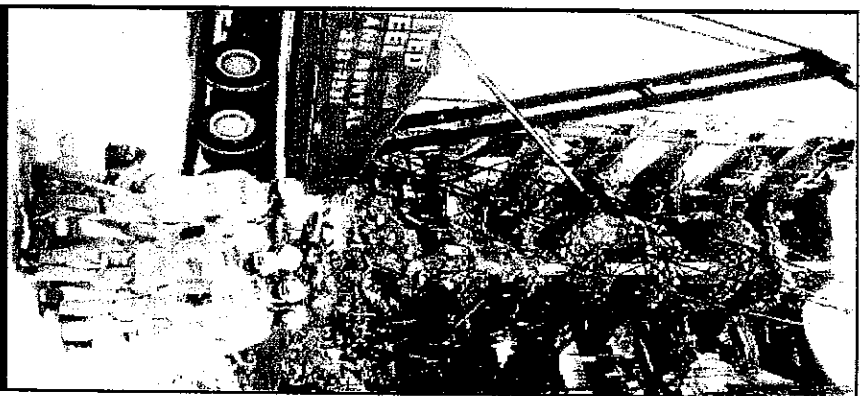
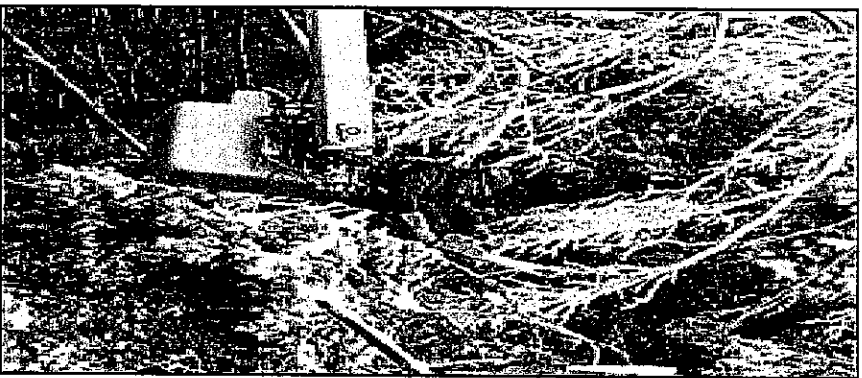
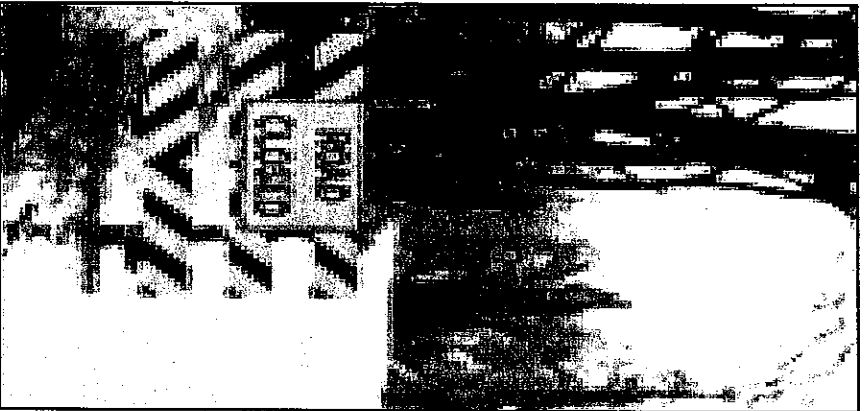
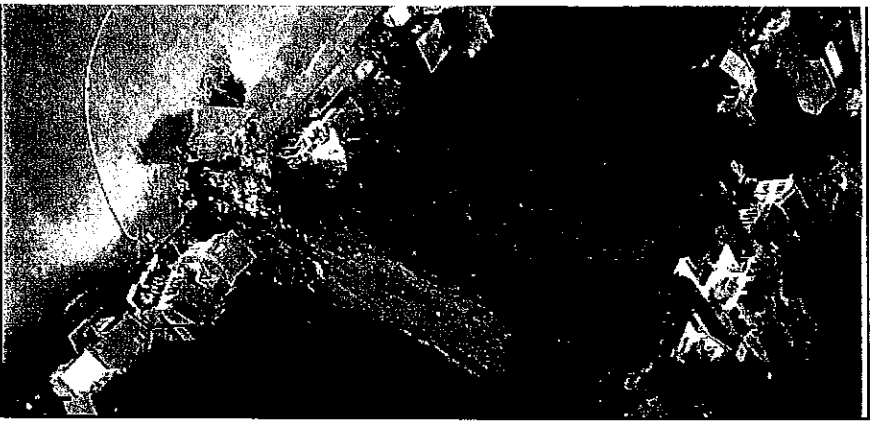


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What Constitutes a Disaster?

- A Disaster is . . .
  - an event, caused by either human or natural phenomena, that requires response actions to prevent or minimize loss of life, or damage to property and/or the environment.

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## **Why Should You be Prepared?**

Being prepared for a disaster cannot be the concern of only earthquake prone Californians and those who live in the part of the country known as "Tornado Alley."

All of us, at any moment, are prone to find themselves in a disaster type situation.

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Disasters are serious events that generally have unpredictable outcomes.

The best way to be prepared to deal with a disaster is to have the knowledge of how to prepare, what to do during and how to recover from an event.

You can never be fully prepared, but you can increase your odds for survival by staying informed and following a few simple and effective guidelines.