

Path of the Hurricane-

July 4th. '57.

America-- Like a bombshell, Hurricane "Audrey", born in the Gulf of Mexico- the first of the season- burst upon the waterfront at Lake Charles, Louisiana.

And in a matter of seconds, trees were bent double, and buildings ~~XXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ collapsed like a pack of cards- before the writhing blast. SOUND.

Here's a drive-in cinema that was forced ~~XXXX~~ out of business; ~~the~~ the huge screen ~~XXXX~~ was ripped to shreds by the howling 100 m.p.h. gale. Even car windows were shattered.

Following the hurricane, torrential rains swept across <sup>the border</sup> Texas - some 35 miles away.

Meanwhile, the remote Louisiana coastal town of Cameron was completely overwhelmed by a 20 foot tidal wave- which destroyed bridges and tossed boats ashore like corks.

Though thousands of cattle were drowned, many were saved and brought to higher ground.

But the human death roll was near the 500 mark, with thousands homeless, after the worst disaster in the area for 100 years.