Hurricane is 'no problem'

Natives and tourists disagree on nature of storm

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BRIL BEACH, Jamaica — Hedonists and

nes don't mix. nen 150 international tourists — including earned that what's been called the greatest of the century was bearing down on them, ursuit of euphoria was replaced by churn-machs and sweaty palms.

main concern was discerning what was and what was fact and gathering more in-tion about Hurricane Allen, which hit a Wednesday.

ril Beach on the southwestern coast of this ean island is a resort geared to people who ting away from everything. People here desire to communicate with the outside - especially tourists, mostly from the Untes and Europe, who are on all-too-brief

re are a lot of palm trees and banana trees sofwater near the inlet on which our hotel, tion of two-story bungalows, is located

urricane hits this island, we're in trouid a 22-year-old native who carried a canoe selling seashells on the beach. Known Bob, the native recalled stories his grand-told him about killer storms of the early

use of so little communication with the the first news that the storm was headed ame Tuesday morning, when the hotel

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management brought the tourists together and told us the storm would be a severe one.

They told us the storm was heading toward Kingston, on the opposite side of the island, and told us to tape our windows, save candles and fill bathtubs with water, in case water supplies were

The first real sign for me came when one of the natives became a little shaky and canceled a sailing class when he peered out into the ocean and saw whitecaps forming, apparently a rarity in the

My friend Tim and I came here to sail and play tennis, but if we tried to get on a boat now, we might wind up in Caracas. The wind has been really gusty, and it's making us nervous. In the morning when we played tennis, the gale force winds would send the ball back over the net to us.

Most of the tourists here do not really seem to

recognize the seriousness of hurricanes

we don't believe in hurricanes. A problem is not a

problem until it becomes a problem."

While Yankees unfamiliar with the destructive potential of hurricanes adopted a lackadaisical posture, several of us from Texas and some people from Miami tried to catch flights back to the states. But we will be stranded here because all flights have been grounded.

A hopeful trip to the U.S. Embassy proved

Some tourists have left for Montego Bay, which is 60 miles away. But because the roads are lowlying and through dense brush, many were advised to bear out Hurricane Allen in Negril

Many of the nearly 100 villagers, most of whom are too young to remember the last major hurri-cane, have tried to remain calm and entertain the tourists. However, as the wind gusts have gotten stronger, their efforts have been less enthusiastic.

Many villagers have tended to their gardens, undisturbed, although many were seen bringing down coconuts that would be scattered by the

Like the natives, hotel managers have adopted the slogan, "No problem." The natives, predominantly descendants of Spanish, African, Chinese and British settlers, are dependent on tourists and bauxite mining for their livelihoods.

But I can't criticize their "No problem" atti-

When we were at the airport in Houston, Tim and I read in the paper that Hurricane Allen was brewing in the Atlantic and might head for

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Our reaction: "No problem.

Aggie tidbits

When Texas A&M College students first enrolled in the 1870's, each student was required to have 'two pairs of shoes, seven shirts, seven collars, one comb, etc." He had to purchase two uniforms and a forage cap, and it was mandatory that long hair, whiskers, and moustaches



awyer restores rights brainwashed youths

United Press International LEM, Ore. — Lawyer Peter especializes in the field of "demming" young people caught morthodox religions.

my personal exposure to it ates me more than most

eys," he says. office has been burglarized, al files ransacked, his personal usiness checks stolen. His 1976 arns were audited by the state "tip" - incorrect - that he heating. He often gets late-telephone calls and "I've re-l death threats."

this, says the 31-year-old because of his "deprogram-work, done to legally remove from their associations with groups as the Unification hand other religious organiza-

- who says he is not a "denmer" himself - took an inin the matter in 1975 when his er brother was "deprogram-out of the Unification Church Patrick of San Diego. "Dening" means changing the ions or set of beliefs a persons

> that episode, Rudie has his legal business to work such religions. So far he's

handled about 20 "deprogramming" or "cult" cases, often for parents who want to bring home adult children who are members of unorthodox reli-

'I see myself as restoring their constitutional rights," Rudie said.
"The freedom not to be brainwashed is implicit in the constitutional

guarantees we have."

The work has brought him attention, not always positive. The Oregon State Bar has recommended the Oregon Supreme Court reprimand Rudie for his conduct in two cases involving persons associated with religious groups. The bar, however, said Rudie broke no law and a major action, such as a suspension of his license, would be "inappropriate."

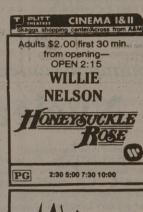
Among his cases was a much-publicized trial in 1979 involving a \$2 million award to a Portland, Ore., woman who claimed the Church of Scientology defrauded her.

Through his efforts a young New York man is no longer a member of the Hare Krishna organization, but a second-year law student at Columbia University. An Oregon woman charged with kidnapping her 32year-old daughter was found innocent. Rudie was her attorney.

There are other, similar cases, which have helped fashion a national

reputation for Rudie. He offers, he says, a special experience in obtaining temporary guardianships over others. The time he spends on "deprogramming" cases is "probably far more than half. Income-wise, it's probably for loss than 10 presents

probably far less than 10 percent. "It's not a money-making proposition if you go on the basis of time spent," he says. "In all the guardianship cases I've done, I've made less than \$7,500." Calls from the East Coast, from other western states where he has worked, continue to come in. "I get calls frequently, I'd say on the average about one a week," he says.



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as having a crook as president than a Democratic leader who economy slip into shambles, se than having as the Republi-ndidate an old actor who dyes rand had a hard time remembering cue lines?" asked tavern own-

Kimsey said Tuesday it was decided to try to re-elect Nixon this year because of the lack of choices presented by the major parties.

Noting that the price of a glass of beer has risen from 40 cents to 60 cents since Nixon left office, Kimsey said "it's time to return to Mr. Nixon and all the cheap times he repre-

Kimsey said Nixon has yet to make an appearance at the event, although he's been invited every year.

"We always offer to pay his fare to Fort Collins and we tell him that he can have all the beer he can drink and all the girls he can pick up.



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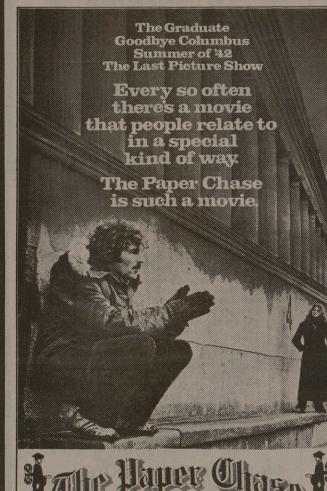
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