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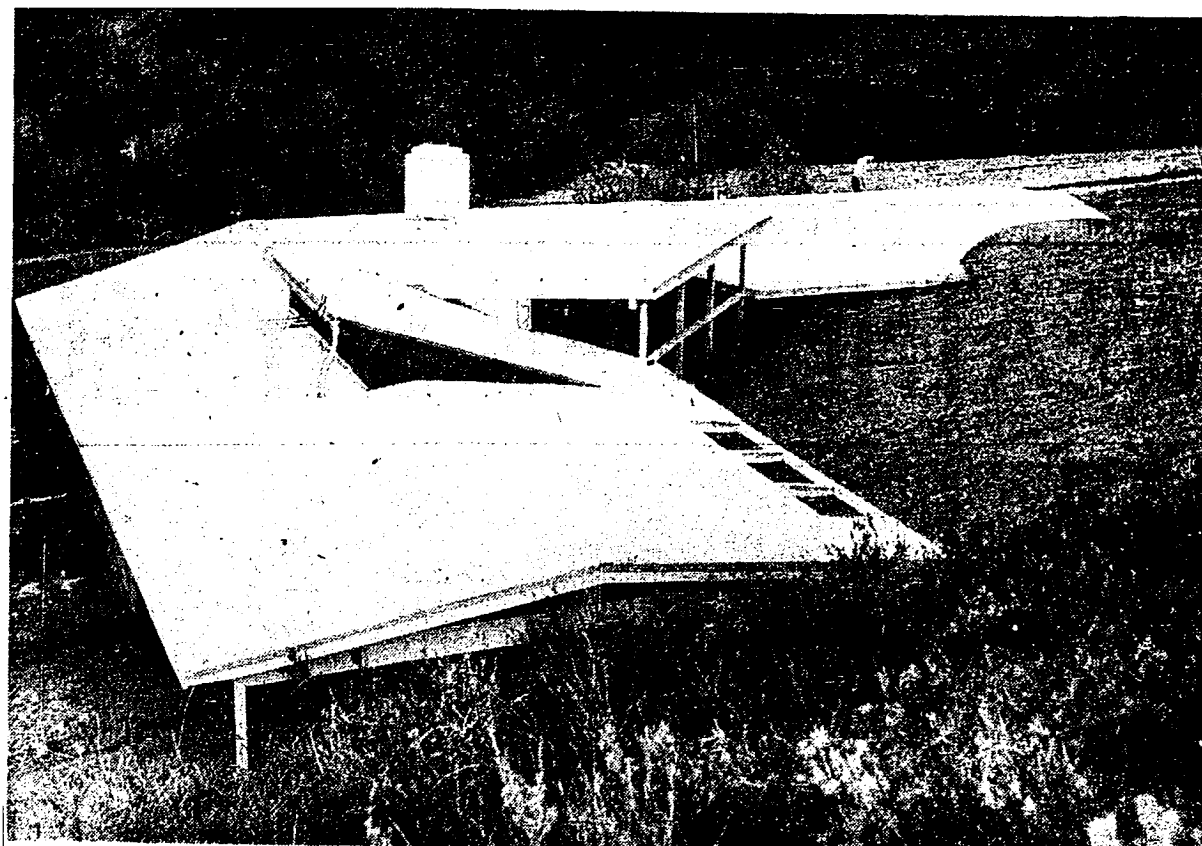
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**JUST THE THING**—Bill Burns and George Roberts paddle up to evacuation center at Reseda American Legion

Hall on Reseda Blvd. where more than 180, men, women, children found shelter after being driven from homes.

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**TIDE OF MUD**—This is the expensive home of Mrs. Mildred A. Lovejoy, 3054 Buckingham Road, Chevy

Chase Canyon. It is all but covered with decomposed granite after Figueroa St. collapsed, about 300 feet above.

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**INTERIOR**—Dennis Paradis, 14, sits in living room of Mrs. Mildred A. Lovejoy's home in Chevy Chase area.

Such damage from landslides and soil that seemed to move like a living thing occurred elsewhere in city, too.

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"I heard rushing noises and then like lava the dirt came down . . ."

Crumbling hillsides from uncompleted subdivisions above poured tons of decomposed granite and debris yesterday upon the home of Mrs. Mildred A. Lovejoy of 3054 Buckingham Road, Chevy Chase Canyon, covering it to the roof.

In a mad torrent down the slopes from the Flintridge Hills above, the granite ripped huge gaps in Figueroa St. and Chevy Chase Drive.

**Road Damage Estimated**  
Damage to the roads is estimated by County Road Commissioner Sam R. Kennedy at \$50,000.

One home, at 3631 Figueroa St., Flintridge, could be reached only by a sliver of street that survived the flood damage.

Both Figueroa St. and Chevy

Chase Drive were completely blocked to traffic.

Mrs. Lovejoy, a widow and sister of Tom Dunigan of the Times advertising department, was alone at her home when she noticed the first indications of danger.

**Window Caves In**  
"Pebbles began to hit the windows," she said. The back bedroom window caved in and I grabbed my insurance papers, checkbook and income tax report. I pulled my car out of the car port just as the dirt began pouring in."

Neighbors near the Lovejoy residence said they heard a sudden roar at about 2 a.m. as Figueroa St. collapsed. Within minutes the home, about 300 feet below the upper street, was covered.

Granite and debris rose to five feet in many of the rooms. Neighbors and Boy Scouts came to help remove valuables.

"It could have been a lot worse," said Mrs. Lovejoy.