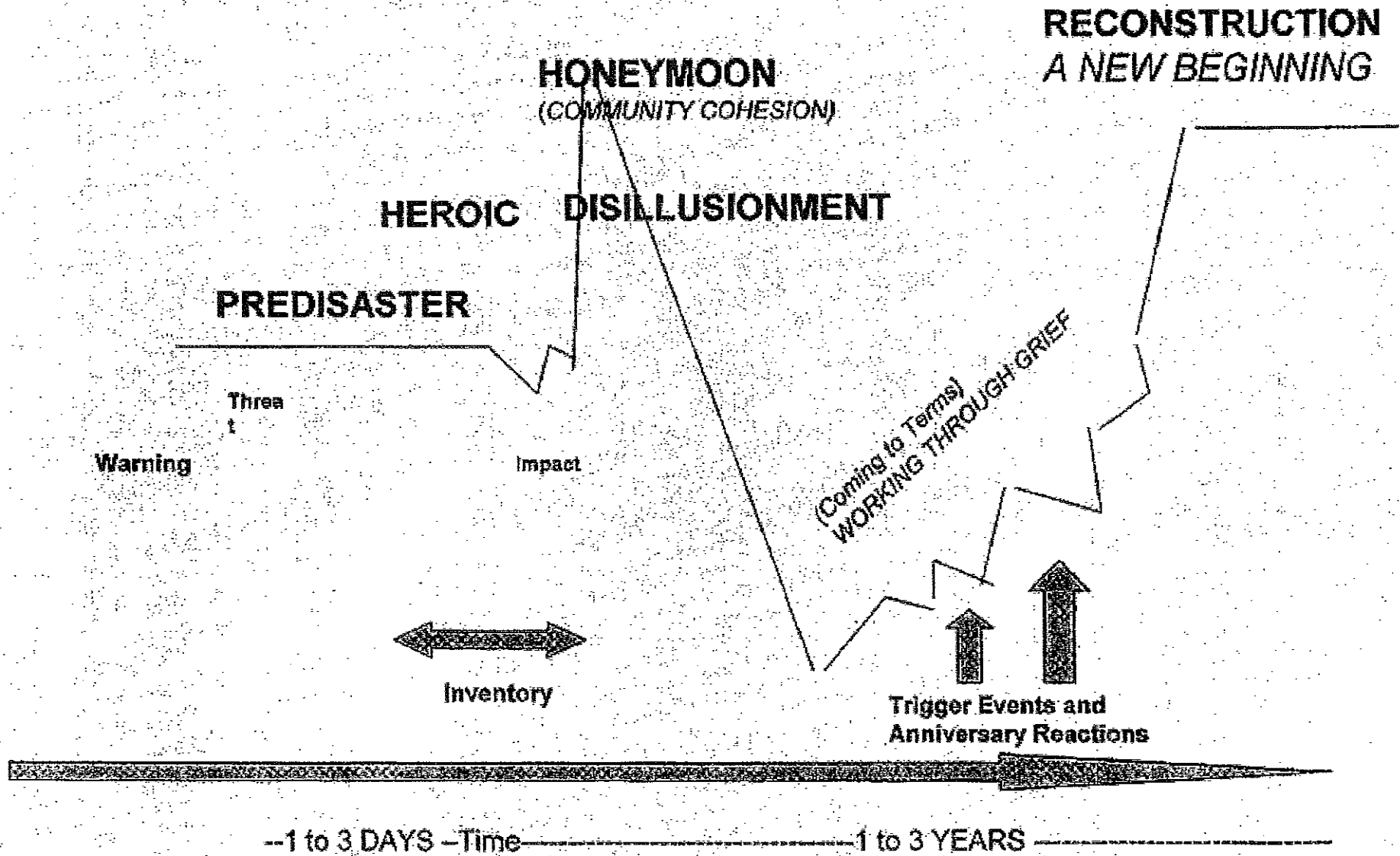


# Phases of Disaster



<b>PRE-INCIDENT PHASE</b>	<b>PRE-IMPACT PHASE:</b>	The majority of persons make some effort to prepare for the potential impact of a disaster. Others become indifferent and deny that there is any impending danger and still others become anxious and somewhat disorganized. A few persons remain quite calm and focused.
	<b>WARNING PHASE:</b>	During this phase a greater proportion of persons tend to become agitated and over-react but a few continue to remain calm and purposeful.
<b>IMPACT PHASE</b>		Persons tend to be fearful and they attempt to cope by either giving up, running away, or rescuing others.
<b>POST-INCIDENT PHASE</b>	<b>HEROISM PHASE:</b>	During this phase, efforts are made to survive and recover property. This is a time of great altruism and overwork with possible irritability and exhaustion.
	<b>HONEYMOON PHASE:</b>	Persons tend to share their experiences. Good outcomes are anticipated and hope and elation prevails.
	<b>DISILLUSIONMENT PHASE:</b>	Disappointment occurs when aid is not as readily forthcoming as was anticipated and some people are seen as less fortunate than others. Depression often follows.
	<b>REBUILDING PHASE:</b>	People need to accept that they must depend on themselves if they are going to move on and rebuild their lives. Failure to do this leads to bitterness and animosity.