

GUAM NEWS

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KUAM ON THE AIR

The Guam KUAM is back on the air, apparently operating on its own auxiliary generator. Here are the highlights of the 8:00 a. m. news broadcast by Bob Jordan of the KUAM.

The Department of the Interior has declared Guam a "major disaster area" and various officials from government agencies are flying to Guam to consult with Acting Governor Manuel Guerrero and other local leaders.

The Red Cross is also flying a team of disaster specialists to Guam. Acting Governor Manuel Guerrero has appointed Judge Shriver as "Coordinator for all Red Cross Activities" on the island. The teachers in Guam are being assigned to the Red Cross in order to rehabilitate Guam as soon as possible.

All schools in Guam will be closed indefinitely. School buildings are still being used for shelter in many areas, where hundreds of people are reported to be homeless. Six casualties have been reported thus far. There is still no water or power available on the island. Water distribution centers have been established at certain key points throughout the island, and all residents are warned not to drink any water except that issued from the water distribution center. Some 1000 utility poles need to be replaced, according to Navy Public Works, and many hundreds of other poles need to be reset. Fourteen Navy planes from Barbers Point in Honolulu are flying in generators and water purifying plants to Guam.

The Guam Memorial Hospital is about 90% unuseable, but temporary emergency treatment is being administered there.

The RCA, whose office building reportedly was severely damaged, is now back in operation, temporarily occupying the Guam Congress Building.

The Chamber of Commerce and other local leaders have met, and the merchants of Guam have assured the people that an ample supply of food will be available as soon as possible.

With the KUAM and RCA back in operation, contact with the outside world is now established, and the newspapers throughout the USA and the world are now carrying stories on the typhoon disaster brought about by merciless Karen. Reporters from the United Press, Associated Press, Honolulu Advertiser and other papers are already on the island; others are on the way.

Offers for assistance and aid from neighboring areas, including the Trust Territory, are being made to the Government of Guam.

EVACUATION TO SAIPAN UNDERWAY

Some 50 persons--women, children and students--were evacuated from Guam to Saipan on the DC-4 and SA-16 planes late yesterday afternoon. This morning, the M / V RAN ANNIM also brought in three families and 14 crew members of the HOPE. Still some more, including some Saipanese students, are expected to arrive this afternoon on the plane.

The District Administration and the Headquarters are providing temporary accommodations for the evacuees. The Saipan Hotel and unoccupied quarters
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SAIPAN ON FOOD RATION

As a result of the extensive damage inflicted by "Miss Karen" in Guam, Saipan has been put under food ration temporarily until further notice. Sale of certain food items, such as rice, coffee, sugar, carnation milk, and other items of necessity, are now being limited in the local stores. At the Community Store, customers are limited to \$10 worth of assorted items each day until further notice.

However, there is no need for alarm as this is only a precautionary measure. Actions have been already taken
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on the Capitol Hill, as well as the former NAVAD houses, have been made available to the "Karen" stricken victims from Guam, most of whom are dependents of TT personnel in Guam--- including PML and Pan American families, official TT passengers who were stranded in Guam and several students.

SAIPAN ON FOOD RATION (continued)

to procure necessary food items from Japan, and the M/V MILITOBI, which is currently in Japan, will be loaded with food cargo for the Territory in the next few days. In the meantime, however, it is necessary that everyone cooperate in order to alleviate any possible food shortage.

ANOTHER YACHT CALLS AT TRUK

For some reason, the newly completed Truk Dock recently has become the port of unscheduled vessel. This time, a 36-foot, 10-ton capacity MYONIE called unexpectedly yesterday at the Truk Dock after the vessel was blown off course by Typhoon Karen. The owner of the vessel is Albert H. Gehrman of Wisconsin, who is also the skipper of the vessel. The only crew members are the skipper himself and his wife. Sailing from Fiji, their last port of call, they were enroute to the Philippines when they were forced to stop at Truk to repair damage sustained during the storm.

JUST BEFORE PRESS TIME

Just before press time, the HQ NEWS was informed of the specific names of items now being rationed at the local stores as well as at the Community Store.

Rice, 10 lbs. per family per day; coffee, 1 lb. (can) per family per week; sugar, 5 lbs. per family per week; milk, 2 cans per child under 3 years of age; flour, 5 lbs. per family per week; and salt 1 package per family per week.

Until further notice, these are the items now being rationed.....