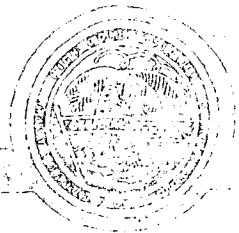


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RED CROSS REPRESENTATIVES IN SAIPAN

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SAIPAN, M.I. (September 17)...Robert M. Pierpont, Deputy National Director of Disaster Services, American Red Cross, Washington, D.C. and Milton J. Whitton, Red Cross Liaison Representative to the Trust Territory, Guam, visited with Trust Territory officials and interested Saipanese citizens today to discuss the formation of a chapter of the Red Cross in the Trust Territory.

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In order to form a local chapter of the Red Cross, there must be a petition from 30 local leaders to the National Association. The American Red Cross would be receptive to the development of some type of Red Cross structure in the Trust Territory according to Mr. Pierpont.

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The American Red Cross has supplied disaster assistance to the Trust Territory in the past, providing food, clothing and medical supplies on an emergency basis to disaster victims. Disaster relief will continue whether or not there is a local chapter of the Red Cross formed in the Territory.

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A local chapter of the Red Cross is a local volunteer organization which conducts campaigns to raise funds to support its activities in a specific locality. The American Red Cross does not

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subsidize local chapters, except in the case of disaster relief, which is in the form of a grant according to Pierpont.

Local chapters can provide training in first aid, water safety, life saving, home nursing, mother and child care. Some local chapters have youth programs.

The two Red Cross representatives emphasized that their visit was purely of an exploratory nature. They felt that all the districts should be given the opportunity to become acquainted with the Red Cross and that additional personnel would probably visit the Territory in the future for this purpose.

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