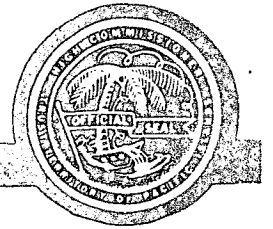


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Palau

Saipan, Mariana Islands, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands,
Mar. 9 . . . Mr. Ralph Burns, Disaster Assistance Coordinator
(Region 7), President's Office of Emergency Planning, arrived in
Palau today to conduct an on-the-spot survey of damages inflicted
by Typhoon Sally, which unexpectedly swept over Koror and Babelthup
on March 2. He arrived in Saipan yesterday morning to confer with
Deputy High Commissioner Martin P. Mangan who headed a six-man
typhoon survey team to Palau last week.

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Mr. Burns will gather first-hand information on the extent of
typhoon damage and make recommendations whether Palau could be
eligible for Federal disaster assistance. He is expected to return
to Guam on Sunday, March 12.

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Mr. Burns' office is located in Santa Rosa, California.

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