

United Fund—Red Cross Helped Typhoon Victims

Your Fair Share United Fund contribution works many wonders which Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Porter, Peace Corps Volunteers, didn't realize until disaster struck Rota, a small island in the Marianas. They wrote: "We live on an island populated by 1200 people. Usually we have no need for aid, but in November, 1967 Typhoon Guilda destroyed most of the homes and crops here. There is an office of the Red Cross in Guam which services Guam and the entire of Micronesia. The Navy and Red Cross were the first people here after the typhoon bringing medical aid, needed supplies and knowledge of how to start rebuilding.

"The man in charge of the Red Cross office stayed a few days working on short and long range needs. We were almost out of food and he made sure

that more than ample food was supplied. We did a survey of housing (80 per cent were destroyed) and he attempted to get tents. Food and clothes were sent from Guam. He returned later to check on further needs.

"This was the first experience we have had of this nature and we were very thankful for the aid we received. Without it, the hardship would have been greater than it was. We cannot say that we use the services supported by the United Fund, but we know the helpless feeling of destruction and isolation after a typhoon, the joy in knowing aid is available, and the meaningful work that follows. The value in the Red Cross for us, is that even though we did not know it was out here, it came with aid when we needed it most."