

Seaton Arriving Here Aug. 24

WASHINGTON (Special to the DAILY NEWS)—Interior Secretary Fred Seaton is scheduled to arrive in Guam on August 24 after visiting Hawaii and American Samoa.

Seaton, who will be accompanied by Anthony Lausi, chief of the Interior's Office of Territories, will be in Guam through August 27, returning after a tour of the U.S. trust territories in the Pacific.

They are scheduled to leave the area September 1 on their return trip to Washington via Hawaii.

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LET'S HOPE IT DOESN'T RAIN

No doubt, everyone including officials, is looking forward to the visit of Interior Department Secretary Fred Seaton, and it is rather unfortunate that he will be here for only three days.

We don't believe the Secretary will be able to learn all that he ought to know about the island and its various problems in 72 hours, some of which no doubt will be taken up by the usual social fanfare which an official of his stature deserves.

But Mr. Seaton, after all, has a tremendous area to cover during this trip—Samoa, the Trust Territories and Guam—and his points of interest are pretty widely scattered, which means a great deal of time is spent in travel. Moreover, the Pacific islands of the United States are not his only responsibility and it is understandable that he cannot be away from Washington too long.

Nonetheless, he will at least find that a great deal of progress has been made here since the territory became partly self-governing under the Interior's supervision, perhaps much more than had been anticipated.

For one thing, he will see a brand new multi-million-dollar hospital structure which any community would like to have and which the Guam government never before had. He will find a prosperous business condition with indications that prosperity will continue. Some of our school buildings are first class; there are plans to replace temporary ones, made possible by Federal assistance; and some communities have presentable municipal buildings. Our highways, too, have been improved, and improvements are expected to continue.

All this represents some of our grand physical assets, and if Agana landowners on whose properties the gallant *tangan-tangan* blooms abundantly don't raise Cain about the enforcement of an old law requiring them to de-jungle their lots or else, the Secretary and his party might be treated to some examples of beautification if it is accomplished before they arrive, even if the government reneged on prohibiting parking on the Marine Drive strip where a phase of beautification had been started.

Oh, well, Mr. Seaton and his party can always look at the wondrous sunset and up at the blue skies yonder. We hope they'll bring their raincoats and umbrellas.

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