

# Seaton Impressed By Progress He Has Seen In Pacific Islands

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**SECRETARY OF INTERIOR** Fred A. Seaton said yesterday he was "very much impressed" with the beauty and the continuing political and economic progress of the islands he recently visited, and added that he is "quite satisfied" with the performance of Samoa's Gov. Peter Tali Coleman, the first native Samoan to be appointed to that post. Coleman succeeded

Governor Lowe.

Seaton and his traveling party, including Anthony Lausi of the Office of Territories, Dept. of Interior; A.M. Edwards, associate solicitor; Miss Leola Tise, secretary; and Seaton's son, Donald, arrived here yesterday afternoon aboard a Transocean two-engine plane from Truk.

**THE 47-YEAR-OLD** secretary has been touring the Pacific islands for the past two weeks. He is scheduled to stay here until Tuesday when he and his party will leave to visit other Trust Territory islands. He is expected to return here Friday for two days and leave at 9 a.m. Sunday for Hawaii, his last stop before returning to the mainland.

Seaton said the trip was his first actual on-the-spot visit to the Trust Territory islands and his first visit here. He said he

had read a lot about the islands but that "you must see these islands to actually appreciate their beauty."

**ASKED WHETHER** there has been any progress made by Trust Territory islanders, Seaton said there is continuing progress, considering that it was not long ago when these people came under the care of the Trust Territory.

Seaton would not comment on whether these islands or Samoa would get U.S. financial assist-

ance in the foreseeable future.

"I would rather not make any comments or recommendations until we have completed our trip and study the matter," Seaton said.

**HE SAID HE IS** quite aware of the problems of Guam from talks he has had with Governor Lowe and Guam legislators. He said he expects to learn more about the island during his brief stay here.

Seaton and his party did not appear to show any physical strain from their island-to-island trip.

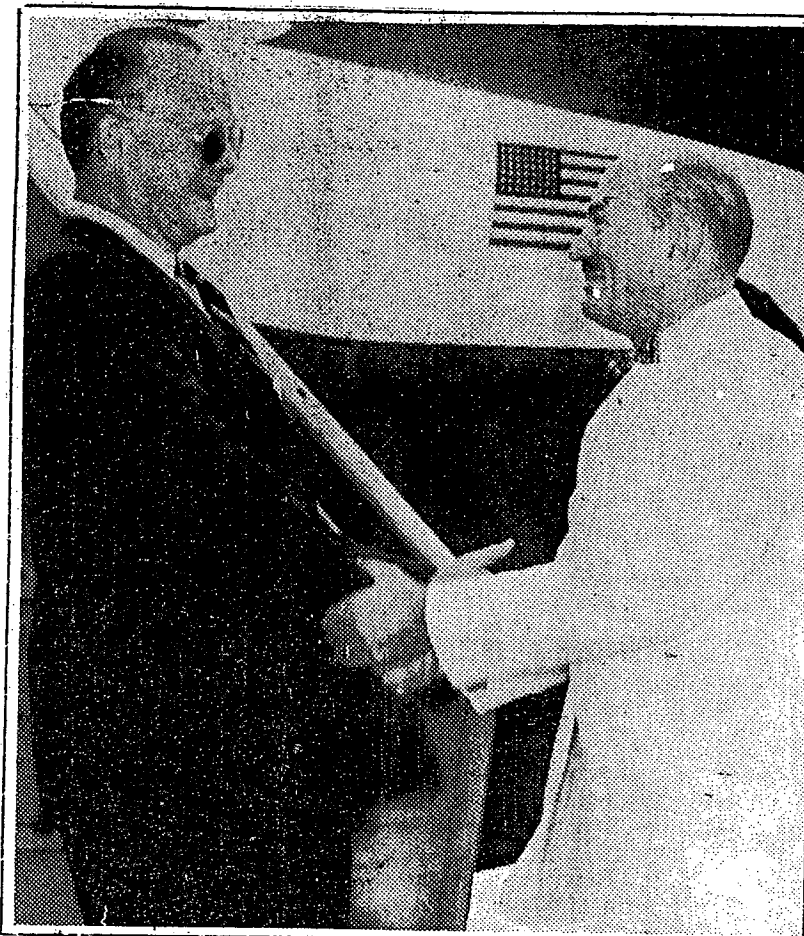
"I feel fine and I'm enjoying the trip," he said.

One of the many sights which impressed him, he said, was the "naval display" by what he called the "Trukese navy." He said the fleet was comprised of 15 canoes doing complicated formations.

**SEATON IS** staying with Governor and Mrs. Lowe at the Government House on Tutujan. He is scheduled to tour the island today. Tomorrow he will be honored at a luncheon given by the Legislature and the Judiciary at noon at the Panciteria Far East, Tamuning. A discussion of local problems will follow. There will be a meeting later with department heads, and in the evening there will be a reception given jointly by the Governor and the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory at the Government House.

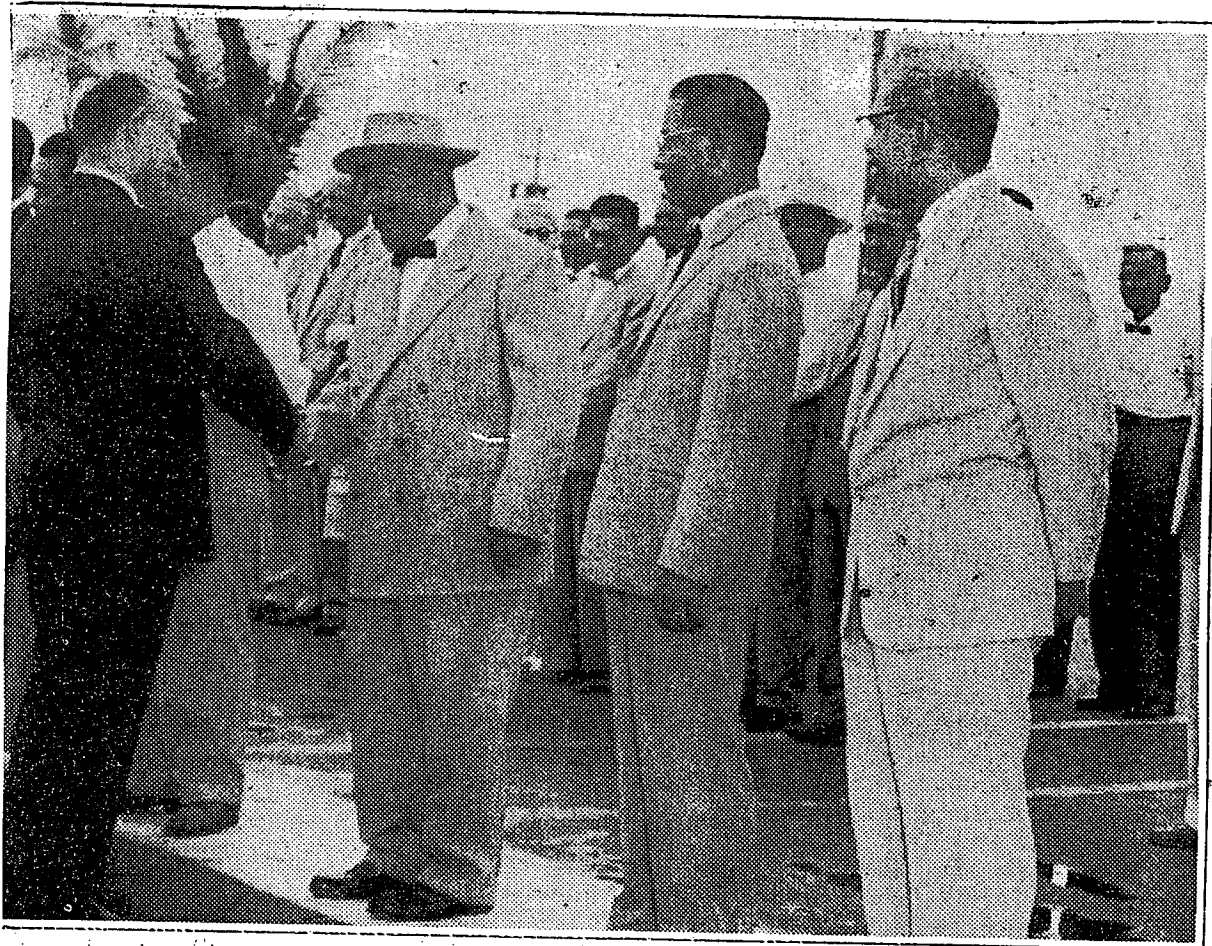
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*SECRETARY FRED SEATON, left, of the Dept. of Interior, is greeted by Governor Lowe, as the visiting official walks down the ramp of the Transocean plane which brought him and his party yesterday afternoon after a tour of the Pacific Trust Territory. A large gathering of officials met the Secretary at NAS Agana.*

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**THE SECRETARY GREETS** Island Court Judge Jose C. Manibusan while Judges Joaquin C. Perez, center, and Francisco G. Lujan, await their turn to meet the visitor. Also at the airport to meet the secretary were Speaker Antonio Won-Pat, Guam Legislature; Judge Paul D. Shriver, District Court; Secretary and Mrs. W. T. Corbett; Radm. W. B. Ammon, ComNav-Marianas, and Mrs. Ammon, and Maj. Gen. C. W. Schott, commander, 3rd Air Div., SAC, and Mrs. Schott. Seaton and his party will be here for three days and then return again next Saturday before leaving for the mainland.

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