

COME AGAIN, MR. SECRETARY

Secretary Seaton's familiarization tour of the Pacific Islands under his office's administration has concluded in this area.

Undoubtedly, the tour has been quite taxing on Mr. Seaton and his party. Island-hopping is no bed of roses, and the accommodations in the islands outside of Guam are not exactly plush. This has been no junket in the ugly sense of the word and the implied pleasantries that go with it.

But we hope the secretary's discomforts from physical exertion have been lessened by the knowledge that his visit is much appreciated by the people of this territory who now recognize the personal interest he has in our problems, some of which are not easily disposed of.

And for our part, we are pleased that he has found we have made progress under the Department of Interior in many ways despite the tremendous difficulties we have had to endure and which we still are endeavoring to resolve.

We do not believe we are being unreasonably presumptuous in saying that henceforth the people of Guam can expect an even more sympathetic understanding of our needs and desires from the Secretary and his staff who surely must have acquired a wealth of information about conditions here.

Mr. Seaton, of course, did not come here with only a hazy idea of Guam, even though this was his first visit. But we're sure his trip was prompted by the belief that it is necessary for him to see things for himself, knowing that problems are better understood and more effectively solved by intimate acquaintance with them, rather than by remote-control speculation.

The people of Guam should be grateful for the Secretary's visit, which is unprecedented. We hope it will not be his last one, and when he does return again may he find here new developments, new progress made with the assistance of his office rendered wisely and effectively because he knows us and our island better for having been among us.

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THE SECRETARY'S VISIT

The Secretary of the Interior of the United States, Mr. Fred A. Seaton, accompanied by Mr. Anthony Lausi, Director of Territories under the Interior Department and party, were on Guam for a few days at the beginning of the week. The Secretary and his party are taking the opportunity to see Guam and the Trust Territories at first hand, and their future course of action with regard to these areas will undoubtedly be influenced by what they have seen and heard in this part of the United States. They came, of course, with very much information gathered over the years; but this opportunity to see at first hand the things they have read and heard about is bound to be of great value to them and to the inhabitants of the places which they are visiting. They have had the chance to see the extent of military installations, the circumstances and conditions of the civilian inhabitants, and the physical make-up of the territories. They will undoubtedly leave with good impressions regarding much that they have seen and, unfortunately, will remember one or the other incident which tended to demonstrate that we, like every place, have a certain number of impossible people and circumstances. We know that they are sufficiently informed about such persons and conditions so that they will not be influenced unduly by them in judging the rest of us. Understandably no action will be taken on suggestions and requests made to the Secretary until he can return to his desk and consider these in the light of the best interests of our country and its goals. The territory should be pleased that the head of the Department of Government under which we exist as citizens of the United States, has favored us with this visit; and we can hope that the future will see the fruits of what personal contacts with the territory and its people have accomplished. It remains for us to wish the Secretary and his party a safe journey back to Washington and to express our gratitude for their visit.

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