

Seaton, Fast Becoming Recognized As Pacifier, Returns From Alaska

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Washington — Secretary of Interior Fred A. Seaton has just returned from a triumphal tour of Alaska, demonstrating a talent that is fast becoming recognized for pacifying and pleasing many of the groups and people that simply got sore at his predecessor, Douglas McKay. It was Seaton's first visit to Alaska, and, as the Anchorage Times observed, "he became the first cabinet officer of the United States ever to come to the territory in the winter." This broke a 46-year-old precedent

Around Hollywood

Hollywood — (UP) — Hollywood's busiest guessing game these days is who is "The Great Man?"
"We had nobody in mind when we made that picture," announced producer Aaron Rosenberg in his office today with the manner of a man who often has to have an answer ready for that question.
Rosenberg, with director-star Jose Ferrer, turned out the film, "The Great Man," from the best-selling book by Al Morgan. It's the first intriguing film to be released this year.

"The Great Man" tells about a television idol who has a folksy, lovable approach that has endeared him to millions; when he dies, a lowly disc jockey, played by Ferrer, has to produce a program about the celebrated star," Rosenberg said.
Unhappiness Discovered
In the course of looking into the great man's life, Ferrer finds out the idol was a miserable, unhappy cuss who was difficult to work for and loved no one.

As in the case of "Citizen Kane" and "The Barefoot Contessa," persons who've seen the picture have been speculating in fan letters, columns and conversation as to the real-life model of the main character.
"People always ask me that leading question," sighed Rosenberg. "They say, is it Berle, Godfrey or Jackie Gleason, but honestly, we didn't have any specific character in mind. I guess you could say the great man is a cross section of many people in television. It could be many people you see on your

'Killer' Kane of Saipan Fame Killed

Augusta, Ga. — (UP) — Capt. William R. (Killer) Kane, 45, skipper of the aircraft carrier Saipan and Navy football star of the 1940s, was killed in an emergency landing attempt Tuesday.
Cmdr. N. R. Bacon, Kane's executive officer on the Saipan and co-pilot of the TV2 jet trainer, was hospitalized for observation at Ft. Gordon, Ga. He received slight injuries.
The Navy at Pensacola, Fla., where the officers were based, said the plane was making a routine training flight from Norfolk, Va., when it developed electrical trouble. A jet interceptor was rushing from Turner Air Force Base, Ga., to give aid when the crash occurred, the Navy said.
Kane, originally from San Rafael, Calif., was a much decorated carrier pilot during World War II. He is survived by his wife and two children, who live in Pensacola.

Britain, America Said In Accord on Defense

London — (UP) — Defense Minister Duncan Sandys today announced "full accord" with the United States on Anglo-American defense objectives, including "particular" cooperation on guided missiles.
Sandys disclosed to the House of Commons what was omitted from the official communique on his discussions with American defense officials in Washington last week: The United States and Britain would pool missile research as they pooled atomic developments during World War II.
The defense minister said experts now are working out the details for the supply of "certain American weapons." According to unofficial reports, these include the U.S. latest intermediate range missiles.

Defense Department To Draft 13,000 in April

Washington — (UP) — The Defense Department has announced that the Army will draft 13,000 men in April.
The April call will bring to 2,193,430 the number of men drafted since the Korean War started.

that Interior Secretaries inspected this northern territory in the summer and looked over the Virgin Islands or Hawaii in the winter.

Persuaded Eisenhower
Behind Seaton's wintery junket was the fact that in the short time he has been in the cabinet, he has persuaded President Eisenhower to come out for Alaskan statehood — and before he is called to Capitol Hill to testify on statehood legislation, Seaton needed the experience of a personal inspection of Alaska to be better equipped to support his case.

This in itself offers the most significant contrast between the way he has handled the matter and McKay's method. McKay went to Alaska in July, 1954, and told Alaskans one reason they wouldn't get statehood was

their "belligerent attitude." He told Alaskans to start acting "like ladies and gentlemen."

For carrying on in typical Charlie Wilson fashion, McKay made big, bold headlines which read: "McKay Chastises Alaskans."
Quite the opposite, Seaton went north to "look and listen" to what Alaskans had to tell him. He didn't make many bold headlines with what he said, but the editorial commentary told the story of his impact.

"Most Able Secretary"
Seaton is the "most able Interior Secretary in history, recognizing the fact that there have been able men before him," de-

clared the publisher of the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner. He predicted "more accomplishments in the next four years for Alaska than in any previous time in the territory's history."

The Anchorage Times, Alaska's largest daily which used to blister McKay at least once weekly, said: "Secretary Seaton won the hearts as well as the minds of everyone he contacted. . . . We have been unable to find even one person who came away from a meeting with anything other than a most favorable impression. Alaskans discovered the secretary is the man they have awaited these many years to occupy this office which

holds such tremendous powers over the fate of Alaska."
An Alaska columnist put it this way: "Any way you looked at him, Seaton, with his concern and interest in the territory, is quite a change from former 'Great White Father' Doug McKay, who toured Alaska with the attitude of a haughty spirit hound by the demand and desire for concrete answers that Alaskans put to him."

Would Isolate Section
Seaton seemed to be preparing Alaskans for a type of statehood bill that won't be altogether to their liking, probably one that will chop off the northwest portion of the territory, which is closest to Siberia, and isolate this section for strictly military purposes. He advised them to take what they can get, or be outnumbered by the enemies of statehood if they start wrangling over terms in the bill.
Later this month, Seaton flies to Hawaii. The Eisenhower administration has always favored statehood for the Pacific territories.

marshalling the administration and leaders in Congress to try to put it across. If he succeeds, he may well be the favorite son candidate at the GOP convention in 1960, for already he has the backing of the Anchorage Times for president of the United States.



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