

See it Now:
“The Secret World of Danny Kaye”

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with Danny Kaye

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How Sweet it Was – Television: A Pictorial Commentary caption:

“In 1957, Kaye appeared in a “See it Now” programme entitled “**The Secret World of Danny Kaye**”. In it the comedian visited with children all over the world to demonstrate the work being done by UNICEF. The show had great emotional impact, and was ample proof that true artistry could overcome the problems posed by language and geographical barriers.”

Excerpt from profile of presenter Edward R Murrow from the same source:

“Edward R Murrow led television news out of infancy and into maturity, ushering it from the confines of the newsroom into the whole wide world. When he died in 1965, Murrow’s long-time associate Fred W. Friendly said, “His standards will continue to be those by which we measure ourselves”. They are the standards Murrow set with his pioneering “See it Now” series, which enriched the lives and improved

the minds of millions of Americans from 1951 to 1958. "See it Now" was television's first news-documentary series, combining film footage and live commentary to tell its news stories - creating a form which has been used ever since by television documentarians. After "See it Now" was cancelled in 1958, Murrow, disgusted with television's "decadence and escapism" appeared much less frequently on the medium. He left it completely in 1961 to become head of the United States Information Agency..."

[no listing in "Halliwell's Television Companion", "History of Television", "Television's Greatest Hits" or "25 Years of ITV - 1955-1980"]

No further information currently available. Towards the end of his life Kaye (1913-87) was appointed "roving ambassador" for UNICEF, but this programme presumably predates that appointment. He was succeeded, I believe, by Audrey Hepburn, who died in 1993. For a glimpse of Kaye the actor charming small children, see "**HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN**".

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