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Seán O'Leathlóbhair wrote:

>> "Speech therapists" don't claim to be teaching their victims any  
>> particular accent; they claim to be "getting rid of" their victims'  
>> accents.  
>  
> So what does a person with no accent sound like? If your "no accent"  
> American comes here then he suddenly will have an accent. Around  
> London, I have no accent but if I travel north then suddenly I do. I  
> acquire an accent somewhere before reaching Birmingham.

Walter Cronkite, Johnny Carson, David Letterman; Dwight D. Eisenhower,  
Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, Ronald Reagan.

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