

UDALL HONORS BURKE RILEY

The Department of the Interior has announced in Washington, D.C. that five of its Pacific Northwest and Alaska employees have been named to receive the department's highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award, at ceremonies December 11 in the nation's capitol.

Among them was the well known Alaskan Burke Riley of Juneau, regional coordinator for the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Riley became regional coordinator and chairman of the department's field committee in Alaska in 1961. He brought to his assignment extensive experience in Alaskan affairs.

This included service as administrative assistant to the territorial governor, secretary of the territory (a Presidential appointment), membership in the territorial legislature and state constitutional convention.

Just prior to joining the department, Riley served as executive assistant to the first governor of the new state.

"This broad background," reads Secretary Udall's citation, "coupled with his high intelligence, good judgment and diplomatic skills have made him an outstanding representative of the Department in the difficult period of transition from territorial status to statehood."

Burke Riley was cited for his

outstanding work after the devastating earthquake in Alaska in 1964.

"... He has played a key role in a number of committee programs, including the successful effort to encourage the training and hire of natives by the Federal Government in Alaska.

"In recent months, he has contributed significantly to the intensive search for a realistic solution to the native lands claim problem.

"For his dedication and skill in representing Alaska in the department and the department in Alaska, Mr. Riley is granted the Distinguished Service Award of the Department of the Interior," concludes Secretary Udall's citation.

Burke Riley is married to former Doris Bartlett, daughter of Vide and Sen. E.L. (Bob) Bartlett.