

# New Juneau Director Replaces Robert Bennett

Owen D. Morken, career employee of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, will take over as new Area Director for the Bureau at Juneau January 2, 1966, Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall announced recently.

Morken has been assistant area director for economic development at Aberdeen, South Dakota, since the spring of

1962. At Juneau he succeeds Robert L. Bennett, who is now the Deputy Commissioner of Indian Affairs in Washington, D.C.

"I believe that Mr. Morken's experiences in helping tribes to program judgment funds and in working with the Indian people, their neighboring communities, and local and State governments have demonstrated his ability to handle the important Alaskan assignment," Secretary Udall stated.

"These are all very important to the Tlingit-Haida people, who are awaiting settlement of their claim, and to the other native people of the State, whose future is an integral part of Alaska's future as a State."

Morken is a native of Brainerd, Minnesota and a social science graduate of Bemidji State Teachers College. He joined the Bureau of Indian Affairs in the Civilian Conservation Corps program in 1939.