

Editor Appointed to Interior's Arts and Crafts Board

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Howard Rock, editor of the Tundra Times and artist, has been appointed to a four year term as a commissioner on the Indian Arts and Crafts Board of the U. S. Department of Interior. He will serve under the chairmanship of Vincent Price, movie

actor and art collector, who has headed the agency 13 years.

The board was created during the Eisenhower administration under guidance of Roger Ernst, then Under Secretary of Interior. Ernst is now president of the Association on American Indian Affairs, Inc., of New York.

Designed initially to upgrade Indian craft that had been "dying on the vine", the board is viewed by Interior as a "hub of ideas." Its thrust is economic betterment and backers feel it has helped in reawakening Indian cultures.

"It is a conceptual board," Vincent Price explained last week at a meeting in Los Angeles. "One of the main functions is to arrange small grants and award scholarships."

It is not, however, a funding organization.

Newly appointed to the agency with Rock, is Paul Haldeman of Los Angeles. They will serve with Royal Hassrick of Virginia and Lloyd New of New Mexico.