

James Howell Named Equal Employment Opportunity Officer for BIA

James P. Howell, 51, former superintendent of the Tuba City Agency, Tuba City, Ariz., has been named Equal Employment Opportunity Officer of the Department of Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs, Commissioner Louis R. Bruce announced. Howell is of Cherokee Indian descent.

In announcing the appointment, the Commissioner said Howell's post will involve the recruitment of Indians for

Bureau jobs and improving the capabilities of all Bureau employees, as well as issues centering around discrimination.

"In the light of the Bureau's recently strengthened Indian preference policy, Howell's job will be innovative, critical and sensitive," Commissioner Bruce said. "We are fortunate to have him in the post."

Howell joined the Bureau in 1946 at Haskell Institute, now Haskell Indian Junior College, Lawrence, Kansas.

He served in posts at the

Potawatomi Agency, Horton, Kansas; Western Washington Agency, Everett, Wash.; Fort Belknap Consolidated Agency, Harlem, Montana; and as assistant area personnel officer at the Aberdeen Area Office, Aberdeen, S.D.

He was superintendent of the of the Fort Berthold Agency, North Dakota from 1963 to 1966. He became superintendent of the Tuba City Agency in 1966 where he was serving at the time of his new appointment.

Howell is a graduate of Has-

kell Institute, and has attended the University of Kansas at Lawrence; George Washington University, Washington, D.C.; and Everett Washington Junior College.

He is also a graduate of the Department's management training program, a member of the National Congress of American Indians and a veteran of World War II.

Howell is married to the former Norma Green, a member of the Iowa Indian tribe. They have four children.