

HEW Appoints 3—

Indian Health Advisory

The Department of Health, Education and Welfare announced today the appointment of three new members to the Indian Health Advisory Committee for three-year terms.

The nine-member Committee advises the Secretary and high-ranking HEW officials in their efforts to improve health care for American Indians and Alaska Natives.

Two of the new members, Mrs. Jennie Rose Joe and Mr. Howard Tommie, are Indians.

Mrs. Joe is a nurse consultant for Indian health care to the California State Health Department. Before joining the health department, she served with the Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland, and at the Santa Fe Indian Hospital in New Mexico.

Educated at the Navajo Indian Reservation and the University of New Mexico, Mrs. Joe earned her MPH (Master of Public Health) degree at the University of California.

Currently she is President of the Indian Nurses of California and is on the Board of Commissioners of the Navajo Health Authority for the Navajo Indian Reservation.

Mr. Tommie was born on the Seminole Indian Reservation and attended the Chilocco Indian School in Oklahoma. Since 1971,

he has been Chairman of the Seminole Tribe of Florida.

Mr. Tommie is also President of the Association of American Indian Traditional and Cultural Activities.

The third new member is Dr. Garrick A. Bailey, an authority of Indian Affairs and a professor in the University of Tulsa's Department of Sociology and Anthropology.

Some of the significant recommendations made by the Committee since its organization in 1956 have dealt with the construction of hospitals and sanitary facilities and improved nutritional health and mental health programs for Indians.

The Committee has strongly endorsed the Department's position of providing for maximum involvement of the Indian people in defining their health needs and setting health priorities for their local areas.