

# **Robert L. Bennett Becomes BIA Acting Dep. Commissioner**

Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall announced recently that Robert L. Bennett, Area Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Alaska, would be transferred to Washington, D.C. as acting Deputy Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Bennett is filling in the job vacated by John O. Crow: former Deputy Commissioner, who has been transferred as Assistant Director of the Bureau of Land Management for lands and minerals.

Bennett was named Area Director of the Bureau in Juneau, Alaska, in December 1961. He is a veteran of 29 years' service with the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

An Ojibwa Indian and a native of Wisconsin, Bennett served as assistant area director at the Bureau's office at Aberdeen, South Dakota, from 1953 to 1961.

He first came with the Bureau in 1933 and served in Utah and Ouray, Navajo, and Consolidated Ute Agencies, and in the Washington headquarter office.

A 1931 graduate of Haskell Institute, Lawrence, Kansas, Bennett holds a law degree from Southeastern University, Washington, D.C.

Bennett's new position will become effective November 1.