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TOP INDIAN BUREAU OFFICIALS TO VISIT OKLAHOMA INDIAN AREAS

The three top officials of the Bureau of Indian Affairs--Commissioner Philleo Nash, Deputy Commissioner John O. Crow, and Associate Commissioner James E. Officer--will travel extensively through Indian areas of Oklahoma, consulting with Indian leaders and visiting Indian families in their homes, during the week starting March 4, the Department of the Interior announced today.

On the afternoon of Sunday, March 4, the three officials will attend a meeting at Ponca City with representatives of the Pawnee, Otoe-Missouri, Ponca, and Tonkawa tribes in western Oklahoma and the Potawatomie, Sac and Fox, Iowa and Kickapoo tribes of Kansas. In traveling to the meeting from Oklahoma City by automobile Sunday morning, they will go through Guthrie and Perry and visit Indian families in their homes.

On March 5 through 7 they will meet with all ten Area Directors of the Bureau of Indian Affairs at Oklahoma City for a periodic review of Bureau programs and policies.

On the afternoon of Thursday, March 8, the three men will meet at Concho with Cheyenne and Arapaho representatives and that evening Commissioner Nash will be principal speaker at a chamber of commerce banquet in El Reno. In the morning they will travel by automobile through Geary, Watonga and Clinton to visit additional Indian families in their homes. On this trip they will be accompanied by Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Chairman Woodrow Wilson.

On Friday, March 9, the three officials will meet in the morning at the Riverside School in Anadarko with representatives of the Caddo, Wichita and Delaware tribes and in the afternoon with Kiowa, Comanche and Apache tribal members at Lawton.

On Saturday, March 10, a morning conference will be held at Shawnee with representatives of the Potawatomie, Sac and Fox, Iowa and Kickapoo tribes of Oklahoma and an afternoon meeting will take place at Pawhuska with Osage tribal members.

The three officials will return to Washington Sunday, March 11.

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