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Robert L. Bennett, Commissioner of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, has announced the appointment of new superintendents for three field Agencies.

Jose A. Zuni, a Pueblo Indian from Isleta, N. Mex., and former superintendent of the Consolidated Ute Agency, Ignacio, Colo., will move to the position of superintendent of the Nevada Agency (mainly Paiute, Shoshone and Washo Indians) at Stewart, Nev. His appointment becomes effective June 26, 1966.

Zuni will fill the vacancy created by the transfer of Dale M. Baldwin to post of Director for the Portland, Oreg., Area last March.

Employed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs since September 1949, he has held administrative positions in the Gallup, N. Mex., Area Office and the United Pueblos Agency, Albuquerque, N. Mex.

He holds an A.B. degree in Business Administration from the University of New Mexico and has served as Lieutenant Governor of his home Pueblo of Isleta. From 1942 through 1945 he was with the United States Air Force in the South Pacific.

Theodore C. Krenzke, formerly a specialist in social welfare with the Bureau's area office in Juneau, Alaska, has been named superintendent of the Cherokee Agency in North Carolina. No effective date has been yet determined for his appointment. He succeeds Don Y. Jensen, who recently transferred to the Aberdeen, S. Dak., Area Office to become Assistant Director for Economic Development.

Krenzke, a native of Minnesota, began his career in Indianapolis, Ind., as a probation officer with the Marion County Juvenile Court and a social caseworker with the Lutheran Child Welfare Association. He joined the Bureau in January 1956, as a social worker at the Blackfeet Indian Agency in Montana. In 1958 he accepted a position with the Dakota Boys' Ranch Association at Minot, N. Dak., but later rejoined the Bureau in 1960 to take the Juneau, Alaska, post. His special responsibility in Alaska was an overall child welfare program in the Juneau area.

He received a Master of Arts degree in Social Services from Indiana University in 1954.

Joseph F. Otero, who has been administrative manager for the Mescalero Agency (Apache) in New Mexico, will transfer to the Zuni Agency as superintendent. The effective date of his appointment has not been determined.

Otero, who joined the Bureau in August 1953, as a soil conservation specialist, was employed in field offices on the Navajo and Jicarilla Apache Reservations until January 1960. He later served as land operations officer for the Consolidated Ute Agency, Ignacio, Colo., and in January 1963 transferred to the Fort Peck Agency (Assiniboine and Sioux) at Poplar, Mont., in the same capacity. He has been with the Mescalero Agency since October 1965.

Otero received a B.S. degree from New Mexico State University in 1953. Between 1946-1949 he served

with the United States Air Force.

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