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Commissioner of Indian Affairs Morris Thompson today announced the appointment of James P. Howell, 53, enrolled member of the Cherokee Nation, Okla., to the post of Superintendent, San Carlos Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs, with headquarters at San Carlos, Ariz.

Howell moves to this field position from one of Equal Employment Opportunity Officer of the Bureau in Washington, D.C., a position he has held since August 1972.

"Howell is a graduate of the Department of the Interior's fifth management training program," Thompson pointed out. “He has been the Superintendent of the Fort Berthold (North Dakota) and Tuba City (Arizona) Agencies of the Bureau and will now hold a similar position at San Carlos. The Bureau is fortunate in having dedicated career people of this type.”

Howell began his Bureau career in 1940 with the Potawatomi Agency, Horton, Kans. In 1949 he moved to Haskell Institute, now Haskell Indian Junior College, Lawrence, Kans., from which he had been graduated.

He became the Administrative Officer of the Western Washington, Agency, Everett, Wash. in 1956, and held the same post at Fort Belknap Agency, Harlem, Mont. beginning in 1957. He became Personnel Officer of the Aberdeen Area Office, Aberdeen, S. Dak. in 1961 and Superintendent of the Fort Berthold, Agency, North Dakota, in 1963. He moved from North Dakota to Tuba City Agency, Ariz., on the Navajo Reservation, in 1966.

Howell has attended the University of Kansas at Lawrence, Kans., George Washington University, Washington, D.C., and Everett, Wash. Junior College. He is 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 of Oklahoma. They have four children.