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Commissioner of Indian Affairs Morris Thompson today announced that he has appointed Ignatius L. Billy, 57, a Pomo Indian of Hopland, California, to be Personnel Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Washington, D.C.

"Billy comes to his post with a wealth of experience in all fields of personnel administration," Thompson pointed out. "He demonstrates the development of expert capabilities by American Indians in many professional fields."

Graduated from high school at Hopland Junior College at Riverside, California, Billy received the AB degree in political science from the University of California at Berkeley.

He has held specialist positions in every field of personnel administration in the Veterans Administration and the Department of the Interior. Billy has served in staff specialist positions as well as in personnel officer positions. In 1963 he was appointed a senior Employee Management Relations Specialist in the Office of the Director of Personnel of Interior. Since 1969 he has been the senior Labor Relations Officer in Interior.

Billy served in the United States Army in this country and in the Western Pacific Theater from 1942 to 1946. His service began as a private and ended as Captain, Medical Administrative Corps.

The new Bureau of Indian Affairs Director of Personnel and his wife, Maude, reside at 6223 19th Street, N., Arlington, Virginia. Their four children, Glen, Madeline, David and Susan are at other places in this country and abroad.