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OLSON APPOINTED UNITED PUEBLOS AGENCY SUPERINTENDENT IN NEW MEXICO Appointment of Walter O. Olson as superintendent of the United Pueblos Agency, Albuquerque, N. M., was announced today by Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall. He succeeds Guy C. Williams, a Federal career employee, who is retiring.

Olson has been tribal operations officer with the Bureau of Indian Affairs' Area Office at Phoenix, Ariz., the past year. He joined the Bureau in June 1940 as a trainee in the Southwest field training program under a Rockefeller Foundation grant, National Institute of Public Affairs. In 1941 he was named assistant superintendent, United Pueblos Agency at Albuquerque.

After two years of military service, Olson returned to the Bureau of Indian Affairs in 1946 as assistant superintendent of the Zuni Agency in New Mexico, and two years later was named associate area director of the Window Rock Area Office in Arizona. His service with the Bureau was again interrupted in 1952 by an l8-month assignment with the Technical Cooperation Administration as deputy assistant administrator for the Near East and Africa.

Olson returned to the Bureau in December 1953, first as superintendent of the Mescalero Agency in New Mexico, and later as assistant area director of the Gallup, N. M., area office.

A native of St. Anthony, Idaho, Olson holds Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees from the University of Idaho.