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Owen D. Morken, 57, a native of Minnesota who has served in the Bureau of Indian Affairs almost 30 years, has been appointed Area Director for the Bureau at Minneapolis, Commissioner of Indian Affairs Robert L. Bennett announced.

Morken's appointment is effective October 6.

He succeeds Glenn R. Landb1Qom, who has been Area Director since January, 1966 and who will transfer to a position in the Division of Economic Development of the Bureau in Washington.

Born at Bemidji on February 24, 1911, Morken was graduated from Bemidji State College in May 1934 with a Bachelor of Education degree.

He was employed by the Minnesota State Highway Department from May, 1934 to January, 1939 and a month later began his career with the Bureau of Indian Affairs of the Department of the Interior, as a Civilian Conservation Corps superintendent at the Consolidated Chippewa Agency in Minnesota.

He served in progressively responsible positions in the Minneapolis, Phoenix, Navajo, and Aberdeen areas of the Bureau and became Area Director at Juneau, Alaska, in January, 1966. He was transferred to Washington in April, 1968 as an Assistant to the Commissioner in the capacity of an advisor on Alaskan affairs.

Morken is a widower.

He has one daughter and three grandchildren. The Minneapolis Area includes Indian communities with a Federal re1ationship in Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Iowa.