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Appointment of Peru Farver, a veteran of 44 years' service with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, to head the Bureau's work in tribal affairs was announced today by Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay.

Mr. Farver, a Choctaw Indian, first entered the Bureau service in 1910 as a teacher at Union Agency, Muskogee, Okla., and has been superintendent at Fort Hall Agency, Fort Hall, Idaho, since August 1953. In the years between he held a variety of assignments and was superintendent at Tomah Agency, S. Dak.; Red Lake, Minn.; Cheyenne River, S. Dak., and Belcourt, N. Dak.

In his new position in Washington he will be under the supervision of Miss Selene Gifford, Assistant Commissioner for Community Services, and will coordinate the Bureau's activities in connection with tribal government, tribal budgets, and tribal enrollment.

A successor at the Fort Hall Agency has not yet been appointed.