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Secretary of the Interior Fred A. Seaton announced today that Paul B. Murphy, food specialist with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, is being assigned to emergency duty with the American Red Cross in Austria as director of a program for feeding Hungarian refugees.

The Indian Bureau food expert is scheduled to fly to Salzburg, Austria, on his new assignment Monday, December 3.

Engaged in the food business for many years, Mr. Murphy was chairman of the United States delegation to the International Food Conference in London in 1951, He later served as food consultant to the Civil Defense Administration. In July 1954 he joined the Bureau of Indian Affairs as field representative of the Commissioner. In May 1956 he was assigned to the Bureau's Branch of Education as food service specialist.

In this capacity he developed plans for the use of the “master menu” system of food service, beginning last September, in the Bureau’s day and boarding schools on the Navajo Reservation and other reservations of New Mexico and Colorado.

This system of mass feeding, now a standard operation with the United States Armed Forces and many public and private institutions, insures the maintenance of an appetizing, daily menu of high nutritional content while providing controls for the prevention of waste and spoilage.

All cooking continues to be done at the schools, but much of the preparation of meats and vegetables is concentrated in a central commissary at Gallup, N. Mex., in order to promote uniformity of quality and to increase efficiency of handling,