Indian Affairs - Office of Public Affairs

Media Contact: Tozier - Int. 4306 | Information Service
For Immediate Release: February 23, 1956
Print PDF

Appointment of Kenneth F. Lee and Dr. Ebbe Curtis Hoff, both of Richmond, Va., as members of the Indian Bureau's special commission to study alcoholism in selected Indian areas of the Southwest was announced today by Commissioner of Indian Affairs Glenn L. Emmons.

Mr. Lee, who is Director of the Division of Alcohol Studies and Rehabilitation of the Virginia Department of Health, and Dr. Hoff, Medical Director of the same Division, will join Rev. David A. Works, North Conway, N.H., the commission chairman, and Ernest A. Shepherd, Avon Park, Fla,., whose appointments to the study commission were announced Feb,. 2. Former Missouri Congressman O.K. Armstrong, whose appointment was also announced Feb. 2, has subsequently indicated that pressure of personal affairs will make it impossible for him to serve.

Mr. Lee has been in his present position since 1948. Before that he served for over 18 years with the Virginia State Department of Education, first as district supervisor of physical education and health, later as assistant director of adult education, and from 1936 to 1948 as area supervisor of vocational rehabilitation. For a period of several months in 1933 and 1934 he was superintendent of a CCC camp for the Bureau of Indian Affairs. A native of Richmond, he received a bachelor's degree from the University of Richmond in 1927 and a master’s degree from New York University in 1933,

Dr. Hoff, like Mr. Lee, has been in his present assignment for the past eight years. His career before that time included teaching positions at Oxford University in England, Yale University School of Medicine, Sarah Lawrence College, and the Medical College of Virginia. In 1939 and 1940 he was assigned to a number of hospitals in the defense area of London, England. From 1940 to 1943 he was a research assistant in aviation medicine with the National Research Council attached to the department of physiology at the Yale School of Medicine, From 1943 to 1946 he served in the medical corps of the United States Naval Reserve, first as lieutenant commander and later as commander. He was born at Rexford, Kansas in 1906 and was graduated from the University of Washington with highest honors in 1928. He holds numerous degrees from Oxford University including a doctorate in medicine and a doctorate in philosophy.