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Commissioner of Indian Affairs Glenn L. Emmons announced today that he has accepted “with regrets’ the resignation of William R. Olsen, effective May 12, as Area Director of the Interior Department’s Indian Bureau at Juneau, Alaska.

Mr. Olsen, who leaves the Bureau to enter private business, has been in charge of the Bureau’s Alaskan operations since February, 1954. He was born at Loring, Alaska, in 1920 and has spent his whole life in the Territory. Prior to his appointment as Area Director, he spent eight years in private law practice and served a six-month term as municipal judge of the city of Anchorage. During this same period from 1046 to 1954 he was also active at various times as president of the Anchorage Junior Chamber of Commerce, national director of the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce, chairman of the Anchorage chapter of the American Red Cross, and chairman of the World War II Alaska Veterans Board. He is himself a veteran of World War II having served in the army from 1940 to 1945.

No successor to Mr. Olsen as Area Director at Juneau has yet been named.