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The Department of the Interior today announced the appointment of E. Reeseman Fryer, Chantilly, Va., as Assistant Commissioner of the Bureau of Indian Affairs in charge of resource programs.

A native of Mesa, Arizona, and career civil servant, Fryer formerly served with the Bureau from 1936 to 1942 and from 1948 to 1950. In his new post he will have nationwide supervision of the Bureau's realty, land operations, forestry and roads programs. He succeeds E. J. Utz who retired in August.

Fryer's earlier service with the Bureau was as general superintendent of the Navajo Agency at Window Rock, Ariz., from 1936 to 1942, as chief of the division of Indian resources in 1948, and as superintendent of the Carson Agency in Nevada from 1948 to 1950.

Since leaving the Bureau 11 years ago he served as assistant administrator of the Technical Cooperation Administration in the Department of State from 1950 to 1953, as vice president of International Development Service (a nonprofit private agency) from 1953 to 1955, as assistant to the president of Westinghouse Electric International, Inc., from 1955 to 1957, and as vice president of Developments International Corporation for the past four years.

During the 1940's he was assistant director of the War Relocation Authority in 1942 and 1943, chief of the North African Mission of the State Department's Office of Foreign Relief and Rehabilitation from 1943 to 1945, and director of the agricultural department of the Corporacion Boliviana de Fomento under contract with the Bolivian Government from 1945 to 1948.

Before joining the Indian Bureau for the first time in 1936 he served for several years with the Soil Conservation Service of the Department of Agriculture in New Mexico and Arizona. He attended the University of Washington from 1925 to 1928 and was awarded a teaching fellowship in Land Use Administration at Harvard University in 1938.