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Thomas H. St. Clair, industrial development specialist with the Bureau of Indian Affairs at Portland, Oregon, has been appointed superintendent of the Papago Indian Agency, Sells, Ariz., the Department of the Interior announced today.

The new superintendent will take office July 23. He succeeds Harry W. Gilmore who has been in charge at Papago since 1955 and now moves into a position as program officer in the Indian Bureau's area office at Phoenix.

Born at Steilacoom, Wash., in 1915, St. Clair first came with the Bureau in 1956 as relocation officer at the Northern Idaho Agency, Lapwai, Idaho. After one year he was promoted to relocation officer in the Bureau's field relocation office at Los Angeles and a year later was transferred to the industrial development position at Portland. Before joining the Bureau, he served eight years with the Employment Security Department of the State of Washington and eight years with the United States Army, achieving the rank of lieutenant colonel. He graduated from high school in Tacoma, Wash., and later attended the College of Puget Sound in that city.

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