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Appointment of Martin P. Mangan, Alexandria, Va., as Assistant Commissioner of the Bureau of Indian Affairs in charge of legislative work was announced today by Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall.

In his new post, Mangan will have prime responsibility for planning and coordinating the legislative program and legislative recommendations of the Bureau.

Mangan, 40, has been with the central office of the Bureau in Washington, D.C., since 1951, and is assuming the duties of H. Rex Lee, recently appointed as Governor of American Samoa.

He joined the staff as an analyst in the Branch of Economic Development and two years later was appointed program officer in the Program Division. In 1957 he was promoted to chief of the program planning and coordination section in the Branch of Tribal Programs. Since February of this year, he has been on special and roving assignments for Acting Commissioner John O. Crow.

A native of Binghamton, N. Y., he was graduated from public schools there and held several industrial jobs in that city. He was awarded a State legislative scholarship in political science at the University of Wisconsin where, following World War II, combat service in the Marine Corps, he received his A.B. degree with honors in 1947. He also did graduate work at Harvard University.

In 1949, he was appointed to the staff of the War Claims Commission and served with that agency until he joined the Bureau of Indian Affairs.