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Appointment of Leonard O. Lay, relocation specialist of the Bureau of Indian Affairs at Minneapolis, Minn., as superintendent of the Bureau's Turtle Mountain Agency at Belcourt, North Dakota, effective July 9, was announced today by the Department of the Interior. He succeeds Herman P. Mittelholtz who was recently named superintendent of the Minnesota Indian Agency, Bemidji, Minn.

Born at Greentop, Mo., in 1911, Lay joined the Bureau of Indian Affairs in 1952 as relocation officer at the Standing Rock Agency, Fort Yates, North Dakota. Three years later he moved to the comparable position at Turtle Mountain and in 1956 was promoted to his present post at the Bureau's Minneapolis area office. Before coming with the Bureau, he held a number of positions in South Dakota both in private business and with the State government which involved extensive contacts with Indian people.