

In February 1961 the late President Kennedy appointed Mr. Crow to serve as Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs, pending the subsequent nomination and appointment of Philleo Nash, the present Commissioner of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Following Dr. Nash's nomination as Commissioner, Mr. Crow was named Deputy Commissioner of the Bureau, the post which he holds today.

Among the many contributions of significance which Mr. Crow has made to the Indian Bureau and to the Indian people it serves, one in particular demonstrates the quality of his competence and efficiency.

The 83rd Congress passed Public Law 671 "to provide for the partition and distribution of the assets of the Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation in Utah between the mixed blood and full blood members; and for termination of Federal supervision over the property of the Tribe; and to provide a development program for full blood members of the Tribe." The law was new in concept in Bureau operations, and there was no precedent upon which to rely for guidance. Mr. Crow developed procedures and made careful explanations to the Indian people involved, with the result that the provisions of the law received the greatest possible acceptance, with minimum friction. His successful administration of the provisions of the Act won him a \$500 Special Act or Services Award in recognition of the important contribution he made.

A native of Salem, Missouri, Crow was raised in Commerce, Oklahoma, and graduated from the Commerce High School. Later he attended Haskell Institute, an Indian school operated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs at Lawrence, Kansas.

He was an exceptionally fine athlete, starring particularly at football, and his Haskell coach was the famous Lone Star Dietz. His proficiency as a football player brought him to the attention of the old Boston Redskins team, and as a result, he came close to choosing a career in professional football over one with the Federal Government. In the fall of 1934, after a few months on his first job with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, he signed on with the Boston team and gave serious consideration to remaining with it. However, when the football season was over, he returned to his Bureau job at the Fort Totten Agency.

Crow is the fourth employee of the Department of the Interior to receive the National Civil Service League Award since 1956, and the second staff member of the Bureau of Indian Affairs to receive it. Clifford W. Seibel, an Assistant Director of the Bureau of Mines, was presented with the award in 1956 and three years later Conrad Wirth, who recently retired as Director of the National Park Service, was honored. Mrs. Clara B. Gonzales, Reservation Principal of Bureau of Indian Affairs schools at Zuni, New Mexico, received her award in 1961.

Deputy Commissioner Crow, this year's winner, is married and has one child. He makes his home in Alexandria, Virginia.

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