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Stanley M. Speaks, a member of the Chickasaw Nation of Oklahoma, has been appointed Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs' Anadarko, Oklahoma area, Commissioner of Indian Affairs Ben Reifel announced today.

The Anadarko area includes the western half of Oklahoma and the State of Kansas. Speaks whose appointment was effective January 16, has been Superintendent of the BIA agency at Anadarko, one of the area's five agency offices.

In the 1974-75 school year Speaks was the Acting Superintendent of the Intermountain Indian School at Brigham City, Utah.

He was the Supervisory Guidance Counselor at Intermountain for five years and has worked in various Indian education programs with the BIA since 1959.

Speaks, 43, is a graduate of Northeastern State College, Oklahoma, where he also earned a Masters' degree in education.

Speaks has been actively involved in Indian youth programs, particularly scouting. He was chairman of the 16th American Indian Tribal Leaders' Seminar on Scouting in 1972-73. He is also a member of the Rotary International.

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