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Appointment of Leon V. Langan, Gallup, N. Mex., and Thomas M. Reid, Albuquerque, N, Mex., as consultants to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs Glenn L. Emmons was announced today by Acting Secretary of the Interior Ralph A. Tudor.

Mr. Langan, a native of St. Louis, Missouri, has been for the past three years secretary and general manager of the Gallup Chamber of Commerce and also of the Intertribal Indian Ceremonial Association. Prior to that he was engaged in the merchandising of Indian arts and crafts and for two years owned and operated a soft drink bottling and distributing organization in Gallup. During the war he was employed for one year in a civilian capacity at the St. Louis Ordnance District and later served two years in the Navy. Before the war he worked for two years as a sales engineer with the Binkley Manufacturing Co., Warren town, Mo., and for two years with the Emerson Electric Manufacturing Company of St. Louis as a special assistant to the works manager.

Mr. Reid during the past two years has been agricultural attached at the American Embassy first in Guatemala and then in Cuba. Prior to that he served for four years as Chief of the Quarantine Division with the United States mission for the eradication of the foot and mouth disease in Mexico and for four years conducted his own ranching business in Valencia County, N. Mex. From 1933 to 1943 he was a county agricultural agent in New Mexico and served for 2 1/2 years of this period as State extension agronomist.

Mr. Langan will accompany Commissioner Emmons on his forthcoming trip to the Indian areas of Oklahoma September 5 to 12.

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