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A major reorganization of the central office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Washington, D. C., was announced today by Commissioner Glenn L. Emmons.

One part of the move involves the reassignment of Carl W. Beck, Assistant to the Commissioner, who has had general supervision over the Bureau's voluntary relocation program and the work of stimulating industrial development around the reservations since last summer. Because of the rapidly growing importance of both of these programs, Commissioner Emmons explained, Mr. Beck will now devote full time to the industrial development activity.

The other phase of the reorganization involves the creation of a new Division of Tribal Programs and Relocation Services under the supervision of Assistant Commissioner Thomas M. Reid.

In the move the Bureau's Branch of Relocation is being renamed the Branch of Relocation Services and its headquarters staff is being transferred from Denver, Colo., to Washington, D. C. The new division will also include a Branch of Tribal Programs which will take over the functions connected with tribal government and related matters and will need up the work of developing, cooperatively with the tribal groups, programs aimed at improving the Indians' economic and social status.

Charles F. Miller will continue in direct charge of the relocation work. Homer B. Jenkins, who has been acting chief of the Bureau's program coordinating staff, will be chief of the Branch of Tribal Programs.

The newly created division is the fourth major organizational unit in the Bureau's Washington office. The other three are the Division of Resources under Assistant Commissioner E. J. Utz, the Division of Community Services under Assistant Commissioner Selene Gifford, and the Division of Administration under Acting Assistant Commissioner F.H. Massey.

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