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New FBI post homecoming for 'Tall Elk'

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The FBI's "Tall Elk" is heading for Chicago.

Agent Richard Held, 62, who was named "Tall Elk" when he became an honorary Sioux Indian, takes over as special agent in charge of the bureau's big Chicago office next week.

A native Chicagoan, he is coming home from Minneapolis after three decades with the FBI around the country.

He will not lack friends here.

"DICK HELD is one of the most competent and outstanding agents in FBI history," said Marlin Johnson, former head of bureau here and now a vice president of Canteen Corp. "I'm confident he'll do a tremendous job here."

Held, who is 6 feet 5 1/2 inches tall, was made as an honorary Sioux 10 months ago at Fort Yates on the border between North and South Dakota.

"We intermingled our blood," says Held, who was the only white man present among 400 at the ceremony.

BUT HELD DIDN'T "intermingle" well with draft resisters. His persistent surveillance in Minnesota earned their en-

nity, and the derisive nickname "Mighty Mouse."

He worked on several major cases in the Minneapolis area, including the kidnaping last summer of socialite Mrs. Virginia Piper.

Held is a graduate of the University of Washington, where he studied accounting. He also worked as a trooper for the Washington State Police.

DURING HIS FBI career he has encouraged citizens to telephone or visit FBI offices.

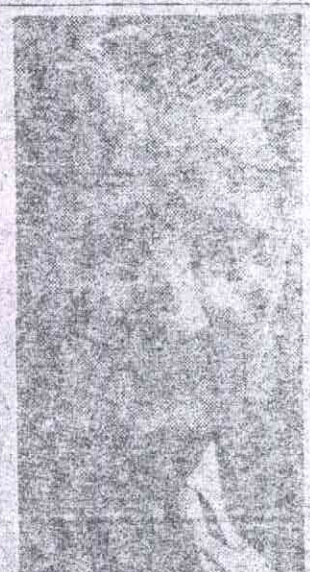
"We'll listen to anybody who has anything to say," he said. "We encourage the public to report anything unusual to us."

He has praised women for their help to the FBI and law enforcement officials.

"Women usually are more conscious of their responsibilities than men, and will come right out and tell you an answer when they are asked," Held said in an interview. "Women also are willing to volunteer information."

Held succeeds Roy K. Moore, who now heads the FBI office in Jackson, Miss.

HELD AND HIS wife, Liz, have five children. A son, Richard, 30, is an FBI super-



Richard Held
An honorary Sioux

visor in Washington, D.C. Another son, William, 26, is a West Point graduate and an Army captain at Fort Carson, Colo.

Their daughter, Barbara, 24, was recently married. Betty Ann, 21, and Bruce, 20, have been students at the University of Minnesota.

Acting FBI Director L. Patrick Gray III is sending another top executive to Chicago to assist Held. He is Hunter E. Helgeson, 49. He will serve with William A. Meincke, 47, as a top assistant to Held.

The appointment of Helgeson, an attorney, is part of a move by Gray to expand executive supervision in several large offices. Helgeson is a native of Crookston, Minn., and earned a law degree at the University of Minnesota after Navy service in World War II.

In recent years Helgeson has been a supervisor of general investigations at Washington headquarters.