

JOHN WALLACE STEVENS, Commissioner of Indian Affairs and devoted worker for the rights and dignity of his people. A Marine Corps veteran of the Korean Conflict, he has devoted his adult life to the search for solutions to the problems of Maine Indians and to the problems of the poor of all races in Washington County. His record of creative, constructive leadership has placed him in the forefront of those striving to bring the Indian to his full dignity and individuality within American society. In 1955 he was elected to his first two-year term as Governor of the Peter Dana Point Reservation, a position in which he continued to serve until he was named Commissioner of Indian Affairs. He was instrumental in establishing the State Department of Indian Affairs, which he now heads. In 1966 he led a successful appeal to prevent the closing of the elementary schools on the reservations, and his influence was crucial in the campaign to secure funding for the construction of new schools on all three reservations. He has worked patiently with and given strong support to Bowdoin's Upward Bound program and has been invaluable in making the College's Bermuda North program the most successful on-reservation volunteer effort ever mounted on behalf of the Passamaquoddies. Few men have contributed more persistently and more creatively to the development of human relations in this state.

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