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# Aswan Dam Speaker Scheduled

An authority on the Aswan Dam and problems of development in Egypt will be offered in lecture here April 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the ERC, according to Clarence Bagnall, president of Ephrata Kiwanis, sponsors of the session.

Speaking and showing movies of the dam and his country will be Ahmed M. Talaat, director for public relations of the United Arab Republic's (Egypt) High Dam Ministry. His illustrated lecture will follow the regular Kiwanis meeting and will be open to the public.

Talaat, an author of several publications, is in the Columbia Basin to study the project. He is a participant in the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs International Visitors Program, which brings leading officials of other countries to the United States to gain first-hand knowledge of this country and its people.

The High Aswan Dam, begun in 1960, will be the biggest rock-fill dam in the world in size, storage capacity and electric production. The project is the largest of Egypt's schemes to increase agricultural production through irrigation. It will bring water to 1-million acres of desert land and year-around irrigation for 700,000 acres now watered only in flood time.