

Arab Official at Ephrata Club Session

EPHRATA, Wash. — Ahmed A. Talaat, deputy director of public relations for the United Arab Republic's High Dam Ministry, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Kiwanis Club Thursday night.

Talaat was here for a two-day study of the Columbia Basin Project, on his four-month tour of the United States as a participant in the international visitor program of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

W. E. Rawlings, manager of the Columbia Basin Project, was program chairman for the Kiwanis session.

Talaat described the high Aswan Dam project on the Nile River and its potential impact on the economy and development of Egypt and the United Arab Republic.

Negotiations for the project began in 1953, he said, and completion is expected by the end of next year. Total cost of the dam is expected to be about \$1 billion he said, but its value to the UAR will be incalculable.
