

Ahmed M. Talaat, Deputy Director for Public Relations of the United Arab Republic's High Dam Ministry will arrive at the Columbia Basin Project headquarters building in Ephrata Thursday to begin a two day study of the Project.

His itinerary on the Project includes a guided tour of Grand Coulee Dam and a close look at the irrigated lands of the Project.

In his country, Talaat is responsible for making arrangements for visiting dignitaries and briefing them on the objectives of the Aswan Dam Project.

This dam will be the largest rock-fill dam in the world in size, storage capacity and electric production and is expected to irrigate a million acres of desert land and to also provide water for the irrigation of another 700,000 acres now watered only during flood season.

His four month visit to the United States has been arranged by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs International Visitor Program. While here, Talaat will present a slide show on the Aswan Dam to the public following the Kiwanis meeting at the ERC in Ephrata at 7:30 p.m. Thursday.