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AMERICAN TECHNICAL RESEARCH EMPHASIS NOTED BY U.A.R. VISITOR

WASHINGTON, May 23 -- United Arab Republic public relations expert Ahmed M. Talaat says he was considerably impressed by the American emphasis on technological research he observed during a four months tour of the United States.

The Deputy Director of Public Relations for the U.A.R.'s High Dam made the comment Monday in an interview in which he summarized the highlights of his first visit to the United States.

"I expected to see heavy industrialization in this country," he said.

"What was interesting to me was the widespread research work carried on by governmental agencies, private businesses, and private foundations for technical development purposes. This, after all, is the only way to develop a country."

Mr. Talaat said he thinks that much of this research could be shared with other developing countries. He cited desalting and atomic energy for peaceful purposes as two areas of research exchange which could benefit the U.A.R.

Mr. Talaat's American visit began early in February and carried him to virtually all areas of the United States. His itinerary was particularly directed to American dams and conservation projects and especially in reference to handling public relations problems which might arise in the U.A.R.'s operation of its new Aswan High Dam.

The Egyptian visitor noted many similarities of purpose between the new Aswan Dam and the U.S. Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA).

Both operations, he said, have a common multiple-purpose such as irrigation, electric power generation, anti-water pollution, and the use of lakes for recreational purposes.

Mr. Talaat was considerably impressed by one statistic he gathered at TVA: the cost of TVA electrical power is so low that farmers in the area pay less for 24 hours use of it than they would pay a farm worker for one hour of work.

The UAR official said he was impressed by the "very friendly" reception he got on his tour. This was especially noteworthy, he said, in the western areas of the United States.

He noted with a smile that he had probably seen more of the United States than the average American has seen -- "just as Americans who visit the United Arab Republic probably see more of it than average Egyptians."

Mr. Talaat will conclude his American visit with a 10-day visit to New York City. He plans to depart for home June 6.

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37 U.S. TEACHERS TO STUDY IN CAIRO, DELHI

WASHINGTON, May 23 -- Some 86 American teachers will learn at first-hand about the culture, history and languages of various foreign countries under study grants from the U.S. Government.

The grants, announced this week by the U.S. Office of Education, are designed to improve instruction in international studies in U.S. schools and colleges.

Thirty-seven educators received awards under the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act. Eighteen will attend a six-week seminar during the summer at the American University in Cairo and will visit places of historical and cultural interest in Egypt. Nineteen social science educators will study the history, geography and social and economic life of Southeast Asia at the educational resources center in New Delhi this fall, and will spend another two weeks traveling in India.

Grants were awarded under the Fulbright-Hays Act of 1961 to 49 teachers, 24 of whom will attend courses during the summer at the University of the Americas in Mexico City. This will be followed by a week of travel in that country.

The remaining 25 teachers will participate in a summer seminar at Haile Selassie I University in Addis Ababa, and will then visit Kenya, Uganda and the Sudan.

The grants cover travel costs, tuition, educational materials and a 400 dollar personal allowance for each participant.

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