



**BRIEFED ON BRUCES EDDY**—Maj. Gen. E. C. Itschner, chief of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (at right with hands on hips) yesterday inspected the Bruces Eddy dam site from the roadside during a hurried trip to the proposed project site. Pointing to the high canyon which bounds the dam site was Mayor A. B. Curtis of Orofino. Others viewing the North Fork of the Clearwater River were, left to right, Raymond A. McNichols of Orofino; John W. Roach, corps civilian engineer from Washington, D.C.; Roy Huffman of Lewiston; and Col. Allen Clark, division engineer of Portland (between Curtis and the general). Government cars waited in the background to move the party along the proposed reservoir area. The site is one mile upstream from Ahsahka.



# Party Has To Hurry To Keep Pace With Engineers' Chief

When a two-star general's pilot lands the official's party 15 paces from idling cars it strongly indicates there is work to be done.

A 55-year-old Army general stepped from the plane, shook hands with several official greeters and began setting the pace yesterday for a whirlwind excursion into north central Idaho. With him was a party of five officials of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Lt. Gen. E. C. Itschner and party stopped briefly at the Lewiston Airport at 10:35 a.m. and with state police leading the way stepped from staff cars at the site of the proposed Bruces Eddy Dam on the North Fork of the Clearwater—51 miles and one hour later.

The top man of the corps was briefed along the route by Roy Huffman, Lewiston, Idaho vice president of the Inland Empire Waterways Assn. and one-day mayor of Lewiston representing Dr. D. K. Worden, and Col. Myron Page Jr., chief of the Walla Walla district of the corps.

Orofino officials pointed toward the sheer, solid rock canyon walls which would support the dam structure. They drove 10 miles from Orofino upstream to Elk Creek where the reservoir storage area would begin.

Then it was a hurried trip to Orofino and lunch and finally a breather. The party departed Orofino at 2 p.m. and were on a plane headed for Pasco by 3 p.m.

This was the brisk pace maintained by the general. He was on a tightly-scheduled tour of the Northwest. He came here from Wenatchee yesterday morning and was entertained at Walla Walla last night after driving to the Bruces Eddy site and later the Ice Harbor dam site on the Lower Snake River.

In the party were Col. Allen Clark, division engineer of Portland; Col. W. T. Leber, corps executive officer from Washington, D.C., Col. Paul H. Symbol, who will replace Col. Page Aug. 6 as chief engineer at Walla Walla; William Zinc, civilian engineer of the Walla Walla district; and John W. Roach, civilian engineer of the Washington office.

They were met at Lewiston by Ted Dufour, president of the Lewiston Chamber of Commerce, and Huffman. Harry Hughes, secretary of the chamber, went with the group to Orofino and the dam site.

At Orofino were Mayor A. B. Curtis, Ray McNichols, Judge Ben Bear, president of the Orofino Chamber of Commerce; William Bird, Robert Werner, Robert Oud and Frank Frost.

## Chief Since 1956

Gen. Itschner was named chief of the corps of engineers Oct. 1, 1956, after serving as division engineer at Portland from April 1952 to March, 1954. He is a 1923 graduate of the U. S. Military Academy. Since March 1954 Gen. Itschner has had the responsibility for supervision and investigation, planning, construction and maintenance of federal river and harbor flood control multi-purpose projects.

His tour in this area took him some 120 miles in about five hours. He had viewed the dam site previously as division engineer at Portland.

The general will leave this morning from Walla Walla by plane for The Dalles, Ore., on his tour of Northwest projects. On the flight to The Dalles he plans to view the Columbia River where extensive relocation work will be required during construction of John Day Dam. He will later drive to the John Day site.