



GEN. ITSCHNER

Chief Of Corps To Tour Area Projects Today

Maj. Gen. E. C. Itschner, chief of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers and a party of five will arrive by plane at 10:25 this morning and will head immediately for the Bruces Eddy dam site on the North Fork of the Clearwater River.

The stopover here is part of a hurried inspection trip of Northwest dams, rivers and storage projects. The party will be taken in army cars to the dam site and Orofino later for lunch. The army officials will then leave for Walla Walla this afternoon for a meeting there tonight.

Gen. Itschner and staff will be met at the Lewiston Airport by Ted Dufour, president of the Lewiston Chamber of Commerce, and Roy Huffman, representing Mayor D. K. Worden. They will go to Orofino with the engineers.

In the party are Col. W. T. Leber, corps executive officer at Washington, D. C.; Col. Allen Clark, division engineer at Portland; Col. Myron Page Jr. district engineer at Walla Walla; Col. Paul H. Symbol, soon to replace Col. Page at Walla Walla as district engineer, and William Zinc, civilian engineer at the Walla Walla District.

Last night the officials met with civic leaders at Richland. Before arriving at Lewiston an aerial inspection of the Lower Snake River dam and storage projects will be made. After departing from Lewiston at about 2 p.m. today Gen. Itschner and party will make an inspection of Ice Harbor Dam construction and then go to Walla Walla.

Tomorrow the party will fly down the Columbia River to Portland, inspecting The Dalles, John Day and Bonneville dams.

At Bruces Eddy the group will be met about 11:30 a.m. by Mayor A. B. Curtis, Raymond McNichols and Ben Baer, president of the Orofino Chamber of Commerce. Curtis said yesterday the Bruces Eddy tour will include a look at the proposed storage area.

A luncheon is planned at the VFW Hall at Orofino at 12:40 p.m.



DISCUSSES AND LISTENS—Maj. Gen. E. C. Itschner, chief of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, yesterday discussed the Bruces Eddy dam site (top photo) at an informal luncheon at the VFW Hall at Orofino. He later listened (bottom photo) to detailed accounts of fish and wild-life habitat studies of the Clearwater River drainage area. At the luncheon were (top) left to right at the table Col. W. T. Leber, corps executive officer; Harry Hughes, managing-secretary of the Lewiston Chamber of Commerce; Orofino Mayor A. B. Curtis; and Robert Werner and Robert Oud of Orofino. At the conference table left to right were Roy Huffman of Lewiston; Curtis; Col. Leber; Frank Frost of Orofino; John W. Roach, civilian engineer with the corps at Washington; William Bird of Orofino; the general; Col. Myron Page, Walla Walla district engineer and Col. Allen Clark, Portland division engineer (both partially hidden); and Col. Paul H. Symbol, Col. Page's replacement at Walla Walla.