

# Kennedy Talks of Future of Area along Columbia

Port of Morrow's industrial site is the finest site in the State of Oregon owned by a port commission or a development corporation.

Port Kennedy, executive director of the Mid-Columbia Planning Council, who spoke to the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce Monday on the future of the area which has frontage on the Columbia River from Cascade Locks east.

county of some 50 acres, but the county has no port commission, he said.

The Willow Creek site is a good one, and there is a "very tiny" site at Blalock.

"Land and water are compatible in Morrow county," the director declared. "Things can be accomplished unlike any other place in the State of Oregon."

Kennedy discussed waterfront sites, navigation and touched on industrial finance in his talk.

He described a waterfront study that had been made of the river and mentioned various industrial sites available.

The Port of Hood River is doing a fine job on fill sites, he declared. First large site up the river is Dallesport in Washington, opposite The Dalles. A total of 7,000 acres is available there. This is very good waterfront land but very rocky and hard to fill, Kennedy said.

From this point, there are very few sites until the mouth of Willow Creek. There is a small site at Rufus in Sherman

derway.

Relative to navigation, Kennedy said that a brochure had been issued by Mid-Columbia Council in May to show the necessity of replacing the locks at Bonneville Dam and raising the Bonneville pool from 74 to 82 feet above sea level to promote navigation. The increased pool would also increase power generation. Proposal is to enlarge the locks to 690 ft. by 96 feet and 40 ft. depth. Hazardous approaches also should be eliminated, he said.

At the same time he pointed out that the 77-mile John Day dam pool will be the finest navigable stretch on the Columbia.

"It would handle the Queen Mary," he declared.

The Umatilla reservoir of the John Day dam will be longer than The Dalles dam and Bonneville dam pools combined.

now 90 million persons in the United States under 25 years of age — approximately half the population. It is vital to provide basic industries to support them, he said, since it is impossible for them to find employment in service industries alone.

Kennedy, who worked with the State Department of Planning and Development in negotiating for the Boeing tract and development, said that he has faith in the future of the company here.

"Boeing picked up contracts recently for no other reason than sheer excellence of performance on previous contracts ... This is a great company," he declared.

Kennedy said that when he was working on the Boeing project he found that there were "no finer people anywhere" than those in Morrow county.

"If they said they would do something, they did it," he declared. Spirit of agencies in the county has been an outstanding example of cooperation, he added.

The speaker was introduced by President Herman Winter.



"Wait—I'll go ask her just what my opinion is—"

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