



**GETTING READY**—Graceful Tenley Albright, 19, of Newton Center, Mass., holder of the national women's figure skating title, performs a neat leap as she trains at Grosinger, N. Y. Once holder of the world title, Tenley is preparing for the forthcoming world championship at Davos, Switzerland.

### New Bonneville Office Opened

Portland — (U.P.) — Bonneville Power administration's new Portland area office, which will supervise operations in southwest Washington and western Oregon, was opened today.

BPA administrator William A. Pearl said transfer of the former area office from Eugene, Ore., to Portland would make the field headquarters more available to seven large industrial customers and three major utilities in this area. A district office will be maintained at Eugene.

An area operation and maintenance staff directly under the Portland office will occupy the former Vancouver, Wash., district office building with headquarters at the J. D. Ross substation.

Pearl said establishment of the Portland area office completes the reorganization of BPA offices now located at Portland, Seattle and Spokane, and district offices at Eugene,

Wenatchee, Walla Walla and Kalispell.

### Indians Confer With Engineers

Portland — (U.P.) — Yakima Indians may be resuming negotiations for settlement of claims against the United States government for damage to Celilo salmon fishing caused by construction of The Dalles dam.

A large representation of the Yakima tribe conferred in Portland yesterday with the Corps of Engineers. The conference was not open to the press, and a joint spokesman said no statement would be issued.

Umatilla and Warm Springs Indians last year accepted a government offer of about \$24,000, 000 to settle all claims, but the offer was not acceptable to the Yakimas.

The recent decline in Columbia river salmon runs, particularly during the fall season which was the most important to Indian fishing at Celilo, has been advanced as a factor leading to the resumption of negotiations by the Yakimas.

### SIDEWALK SHRINKS

Waterbury, Conn. — (U.P.) — It may take several days to put in a 180-foot sidewalk, but only a few minutes to shrink it to 80 feet. The public works board found it would cost more than \$1,000 for the proposed section, voted to build only 80 feet.

## Traffic Congestion Creates Big Headaches In Major Cities; Planners Seek Solution

Editor's Note: Traffic congestion and inadequate parking space are probably the biggest headaches facing city planners in America. The reason is simple: There are 23,000,000 more cars and trucks on the road today than there were at the end of World War II. Figuring out what to do about it is not so simple. The United Press has surveyed 20 major cities to find out how they are tackling the problem. This is the first in a series of three dispatches.

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New York — (U.P.) — American cities are locked in a monumental traffic jam and it is going to cost billions of dollars to untangle it. A staggering sum already has been spent on expressways and parkways, underpasses and overpasses, new bridges and viaducts, and municipal parking lots. But city streets still are choked with automobiles. Finding a parking place is still a long-shot proposition in the business district of most U. S. cities.

A survey of 20 major cities indicates traffic officials are trying frantically to keep up with the demand for more and more parking space and faster and smoother traffic arteries. But almost everywhere, the cities are running behind.

Only one city—Indianapolis—reported any kind of satisfaction about the traffic problem. There, the city has kept pace with its growth by invoking one-way traffic on certain streets, by use of parking meters, by providing private and public parking lots

as the demand arose.

Motorists creep like snails through downtown Boston. Atlanta admits its traffic problem is bad and growing worse. Los Angeles and Pittsburgh describe their dilemma as "acute." Philadelphia wants to get rid of its trolleys, but then what will happen to the people who ride trolleys?

New York built the Lincoln Tunnel under the Hudson river 17 years ago to make it easier for automobiles to get into Manhattan. Now a parking lot is

being built near the New Jersey entrance to try to get motorists to stay out of Manhattan.

Traffic volume has increased 60 per cent since 1941 in Washington, D. C., a city laid out carefully 150 years ago by a French engineer who had never heard of a one-way street and expected an eventual population of 100,000. Washington's population now is more than 800,000.

Milwaukee rejoiced last year when major league baseball moved to town, but now is wondering what to do about the fact

the baseball stadium draws even more cars to the most congested part of town.

In 1945 31,035,000 cars and trucks were registered in the United States. This year the registration stood at 54,495,000.

Almost every city has a full-time traffic engineer trying to untangle the snarl and keep it from getting worse. The solutions the engineers come up with are varied. Most of them cost money.

The problem is one of too many cars and not enough streets, but it falls into two principal fields—how to keep traffic moving and where to put cars when they're parked.

Tomorrow: How U.S. cities are untangling their traffic jams.

### Top Traffic Safety Expert Announced Knife-Fork Speaker

James A. Pryde, chief of the Washington state highway patrol and one of the nation's top experts on traffic safety, will be the December speaker for the Rogue Valley Knife and Fork club, it was announced today.

His talk will be the evening of Monday, Dec. 13, at the Rogue Valley Country club. Attendance at the meeting is limited to members of the club, except by special arrangement with the club's secretary, Mrs. O. A. Eden.

**Won National Acclaim**  
Chief Pryde, a 20-year veteran of police work, has won nationwide acclaim for the work his patrol force has done in recent years in holding down traffic accidents and fatalities in Washington. The stiff enforcement policy which he has inaugurated has been the subject of considerable debate and controversy, but it has "paid off" in lives saved, according to traffic safety experts.

Arrangements for his talk were made with the cooperation of the offices of Gov. Paul Patterson of Oregon and Gov. Arthur Langlie of Washington.

Members of the club's board of directors pointed out that Chief Pryde's talk will come two days before "Safe-Driving Day," Dec. 15, proclaimed by President Eisenhower, when an attempt will be made to make one day traffic-death free throughout the nation.

The nationally-known radio program, "Could This Be You?" is produced through the cooperation of Chief Pryde's office, and has done much to promote safety-consciousness, particularly on the West Coast.

**Governors Assist**  
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### Portland Lays Off Public Works Crews

Portland — (U.P.) — The Portland public works department released 65 employees yesterday despite last minute action by the AFL Oregon Public Employees council.

An appeal to the city civil service board by the council was rejected, and the layoffs put into effect as scheduled. The union had tried to distribute the economy move through all city departments, instead of having it confined to the public works department.

The civil service board upheld a long-standing policy that employees cannot cross departmental lines to exercise seniority rights.

The layoffs were ordered as an economy measure to prevent a budget deficit within the department. Most of the employees were laborers.

### Thief Practiced What He Heard

Frankfurt, Germany — (U.P.) — An Army chaplain, Capt. Ralph E. Smith, of The Dalles, Ore., ruefully disclosed today how he preached himself out of \$20.

"My subject was 'The Parable of the Talents,' and I urged every man and woman to develop to the utmost the one talent he or she possesses," the Methodist chaplain said.

"But while I was speaking someone developed his one talent in the chapel office where I hung my jacket. He emptied my wallet of \$5 and 63 German marks, about \$15."

### Workman Killed in Fibre Plant Mishap

Longview, Wash. — (U.P.) — James E. Peake, 52, Kelo, died in an accident at the Longview Fire company plant here yesterday.

Kenneth Jacobson, safety inspector for the State Department of Labor and Industries, said cause of death could not be determined.

He said Beale was working with a high pressure hose and it appeared the nozzle might have broken loose and struck him on the head. A fellow worker, Francis Yoke, Longview, had been handling the hose with Peake. He left for a moment and returned to find Peake's body on a walkway.

Jacobson said there was evidence of a head injury. There were no witnesses to the accident.

### ASTORIA BOY WINS

Chicago — (U.P.) — Timothy J. Bagley, 17, Astoria, Ore., was named one of two forestry award winners at the 33rd annual 4-H Club Congress here yesterday. The other winner was Larry Snydergaard, 19, Hillsdale, Wis.

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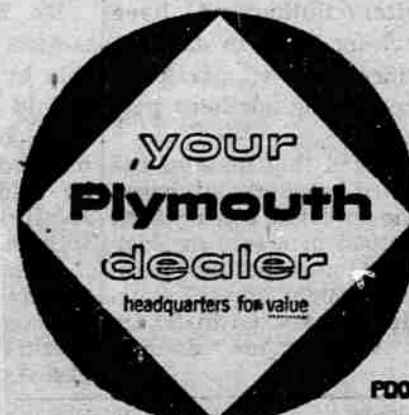
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