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RECORD GRAIN

CARGO LOADING

ON WEST COAST

Cargill Makes Four-State  
Export of Barley From  
Portland, Seattle

PORTLAND, ore., -- The largest cargo of a single grain in U.S. maritime history was loaded this week at the Cargill operated municipal elevator here for shipment to Poland aboard the "Penn Challenger," huge new oil tanker.

William H. Fisher, Pacific Northwest manager for Cargill, Incorporated, said the total cargo -- 1,423,000 bushels, or 30,500 long tons, of barley -- is divided between Western barley from Washington, Oregon and Idaho and "two row" barley from Montana. The cargo is valued at \$1½ million, Fisher said.

He said roughly half will be loaded in Portland and the remainder taken from the Cargill elevators at Seattle.

Fisher, who said the cargo approximates in volume one-tenth the annual barley production of Idaho, quoted a spokesman for the Polish buying mission to the U. S. as saying the Montana grown product will be "pearled" for human consumption in soups and cereals, while the Western variety will be used for production of animal feeds. Barley and other grains are received by Poland under provisions of the U.S. Government's Public Law 480 which

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provides for sales of American surpluses to certain food-hungry countries, he said.

The Polish government has contracted to buy 120,000 tons of U.S. barley, one-fourth of which will be aboard the "Penn Challenger" when it arrives in Poland in mid-February.

Loading will be completed about Jan. 20, at the six-million bushel Seattle elevator, also operated by the Cargill firm.

The "Penn Challenger," largest ocean-going vessel ever built on the Pacific Coast, was completed recently at Bethlehem Steel's San Francisco yard. Owned by the Penn Tanker Co., the ship is registered as a U.S. vessel with Wilmington, Del., as its home port.

It's present voyage under charter to the Polish government is the vessel's maiden run. Designed mainly for transport of petroleum products, the "Penn Challenger" has a dead weight of 32,650 tons, a length of 661 feet (more than one-and-a-half city blocks), a beam of 90 feet and a draft of more than 34 feet.



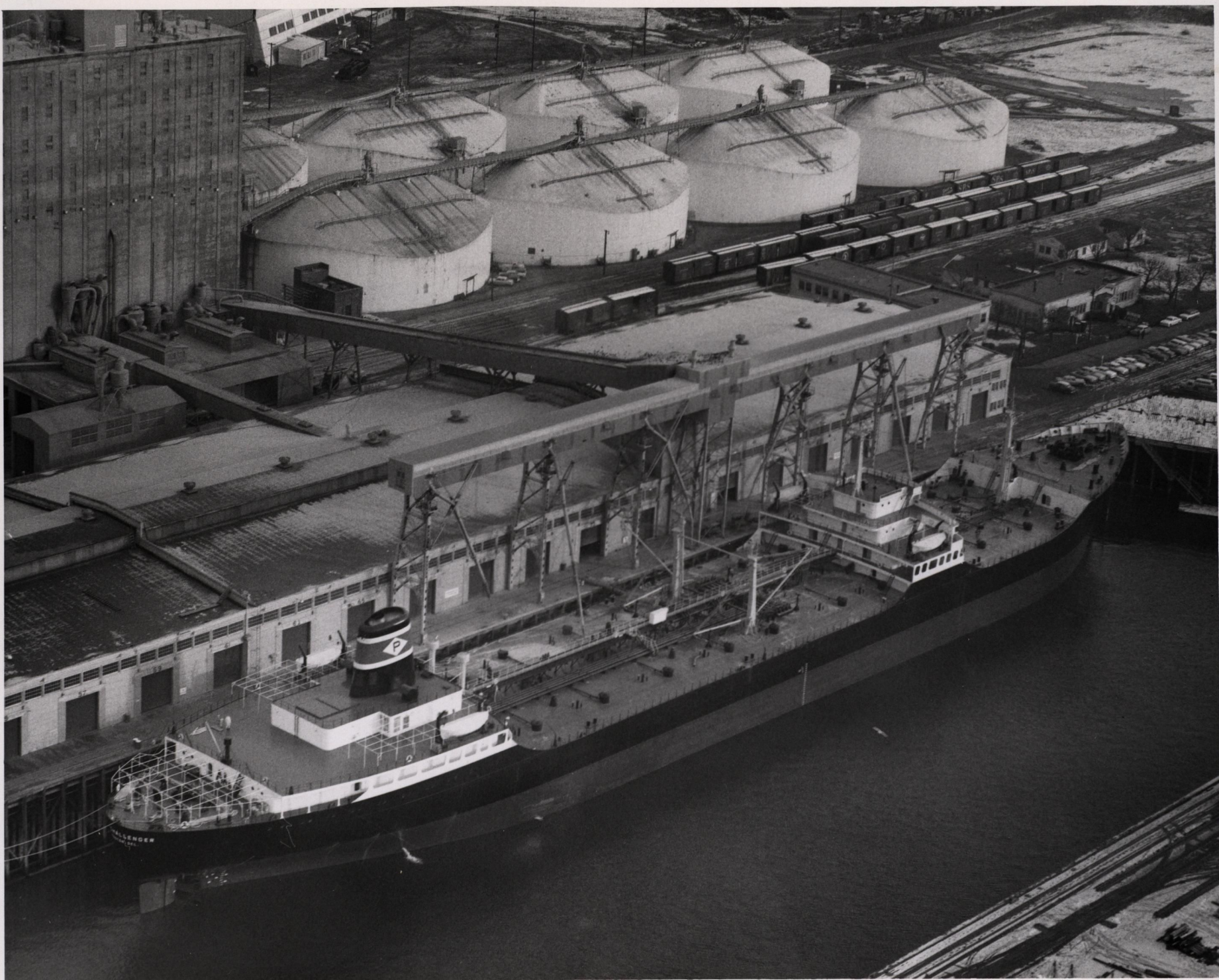
BIGGEST GRAIN CARGO in U.S. maritime history is loaded aboard newly commissioned "Penn Challenger" at Portland terminal of Cargill, Inc. Nearly 1½ million bushels of barley from Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana is being supplied by Cargill's Portland and Seattle elevators for delivery to Poland under special U.S. program which permits food-hungry countries to purchase surplus American foodstuffs. Tanker, built by Bethlehem Steel at San Francisco, is largest ever constructed on Pacific Coast. This is vessel's maiden voyage.

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