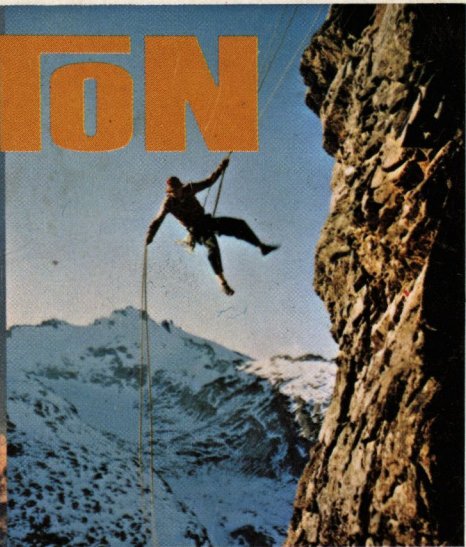


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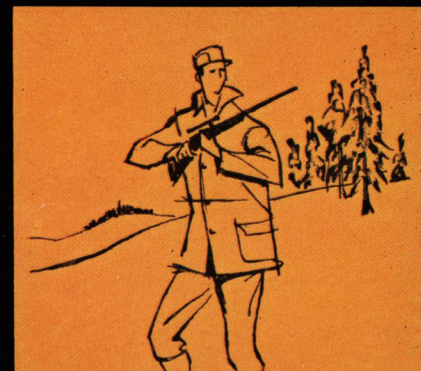
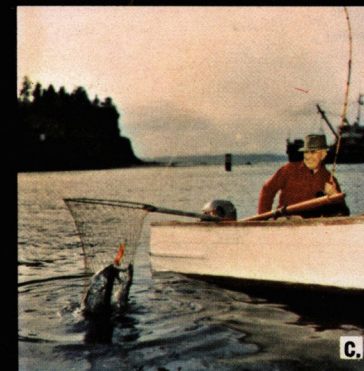
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adventure state



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PACIFIC OCEAN. When Washingtonians are ready to play in their wonderful, chock-full-of-adventure state, they are faced with a myriad of choices. But the playgrounds of Washington are so accessible that morning is soon enough to decide. The day's adventure may be searching for Indian artifacts in desert country, climbing a glacier-clad mountain, canoeing a white water stream, fishing for a 40-pound salmon, or hiking in a vast wilderness as unspoiled as when Lewis and Clark found their way West.

The Ocean is always a good bet. The choice is whether to head South where there are 20-mile-long sandy bathing beaches lined with resorts or North to the Olympic Peninsula and the last remaining wilderness beach in the original 48 states. Near the Olympic National Park Ocean Strip you can still watch Indians fishing with hand nets and dugout canoes modernized by out-board motors.

A. Glass floats lost by Japanese fishermen are cast ashore with driftwood.

B. Shipwrecked schooner "Intrepid," blown ashore by Pacific storms.

C. One that didn't get away; a real adventure in salmon fishing.

D. Digging for elusive razor clams near Long Beach.

E. North Head Light guards North Beach Peninsula and Columbia River.

F. Moist ocean breezes blocked by Olympic Mountains annually dump 140 inches of rain on the Hoh Rain Forest.



puget sound country

It is impossible to strike out very far in any direction without meeting some form of Washington's most plentiful commodity—water. The natives put it to good use, boasting more boats per capita than anywhere else in the U.S. Water adventuring is endless, from weaving among the 172 islands of the vast inland San Juan archipelago to scouting the octopus-like arms of Puget Sound. Exciting white water rivers tempt the foldboater and canoeist. Within Seattle's city limits are various-sized lakes for picnicking, fishing, water skiing and swimming.

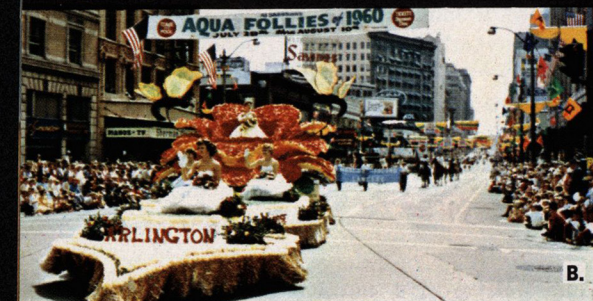
Highways don't stop at shoreline; they continue on floating bridges, suspension bridges and the largest fleet of ferries in the U.S.A. They all compete for right-of-way with tramp steamers, barges, log tows, one stern-wheeler and ocean liners.

And there's the vertical type of water, ignored by Puget Sounders, rain. It is responsible for lush rain forests, huge prosperous tree farms and the nickname "Evergreen State."

- A. Quiet beaches for family camp-outs on Puget Sound.
- B. Indian war canoes race annually at Lummi Island by Bellingham.
- C. Tugboats guide logs through Deception Pass near Anacortes.
- D. Ferryboat "Evergreen State" winds through Wasp Passage, San Juan Islands.
- E. 1000 boats from kayaks to floating palaces parade on Opening Day of yachting season, Seattle.
- F. Lake Sammamish. Water skiing was pioneered in Washington.



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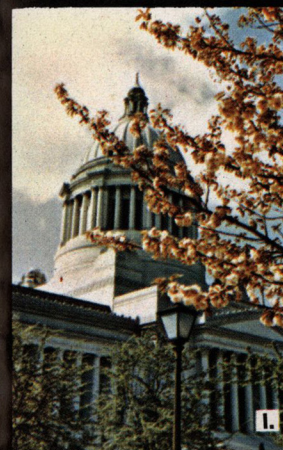
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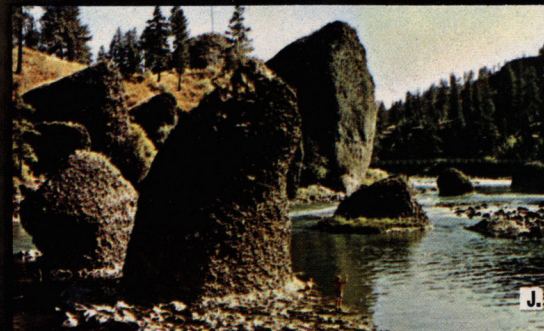
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cities and festivals

Adventurers built the cities of Washington and urbanites still work hard and play hard. Big time rodeos, logging shows and plowing contests perpetuate bragging of pioneer skills. Festivals commemorate every good harvest and every pretty blossom. Industry has grown faster than the cities; airplane building and steel fabrication are more important now than frontier jobs of mining, logging or fishing.

Culture has also come of age. The University of Washington is a national leader in music, art and theatre. Their first "Theatre in the Round" some 20 years ago started a national trend. Seattle has an excellent symphony orchestra and distinguished artists and entertainers . . . the first space-age World's Fair.

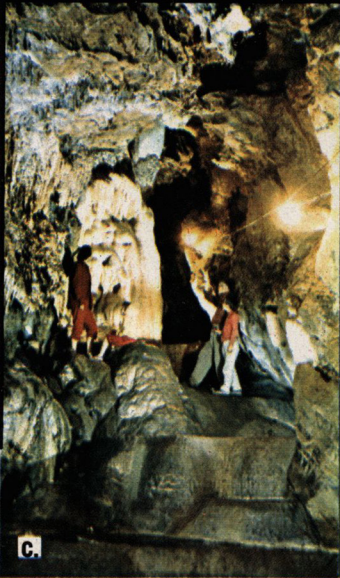
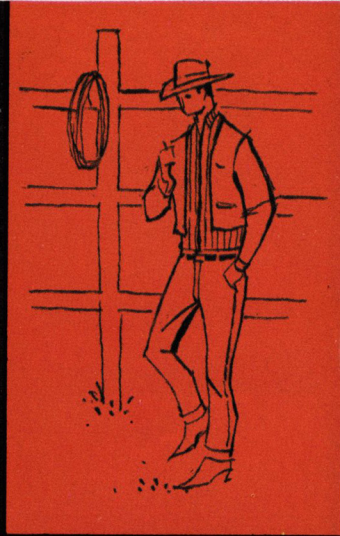
- A. Commercial fishing boats winter at Fisherman's Wharf, Seattle.
- B. Seattle's Seafair features pirates, Aqua Follies and boats.
- C. Annual Seafair Unlimited Hydroplane Race on Lake Washington.
- D. The Naval Shipyard dominates Bremerton's Puget Sound waterfront.
- E. Tacoma on the "Inland Ocean" has typical mountain view, Mount Rainier.
- F. Longview on Columbia River is super seaport for Orient and Alaska.
- G. Yakima in mid-state is center of fruit growing industry.
- H. The championship Ellensburg Rodeo reflects pioneer exuberance.
- I. State Capitol at Olympia bordered by cherry trees and formal gardens.
- J. Bowl and Pitcher in a Spokane park. Hub of Inland Empire.
- K. Lumberjack "tops" a tree at the Shelton Forest Festival.

inland empire

"East is East and West is West" might have been coined especially for Washington. Running almost dead center down the state, the Cascade Mountains rise like a cloud-scraping dam, keeping most of the moisture on the west side. The protected eastern half is dry and warm, with desert-like beauty and fantastic rock formations.

Where western Washington depends on precipitation, the eastern half has irrigation. The Columbia River, crossing the state diagonally, along with its tributaries has been harnessed by a score of dams. Huge reservoirs offer fishing and boating where sagebrush grew just a few years ago. Wheat, peas, cattle and dude ranches flourish in the Inland Empire. Those willing to sift the hot sands are often rewarded with petrified wood and Indian artifacts. Roads wind among lava cliffs up the dry coulees made 50,000 years ago by the wandering Columbia River.

- A. Irrigation pattern, new look of the Inland Empire near Quincy.
- B. Indians in native costumes at the Ellensburg Rodeo.
- C. Exploring in Gardner Caves State Park, near Metaline Falls.
- D. Okanogan County cattle ranch on slope of Cascade Mountains.
- E. Irrigated apple orchards in Wenatchee Valley near Cashmere.
- F. Wheat harvest in rich Palouse hills near Colfax.
- G. Pea harvest in Walla Walla's Blue Mountains.
- H. Grand Coulee Dam, largest concrete structure in world.



mountain adventuring

There are unlimited spectacles in Washington's wilderness mountains; a thousand miles of trails for the adventurer, whether he prefers the armchair, western saddle or nailed boots.

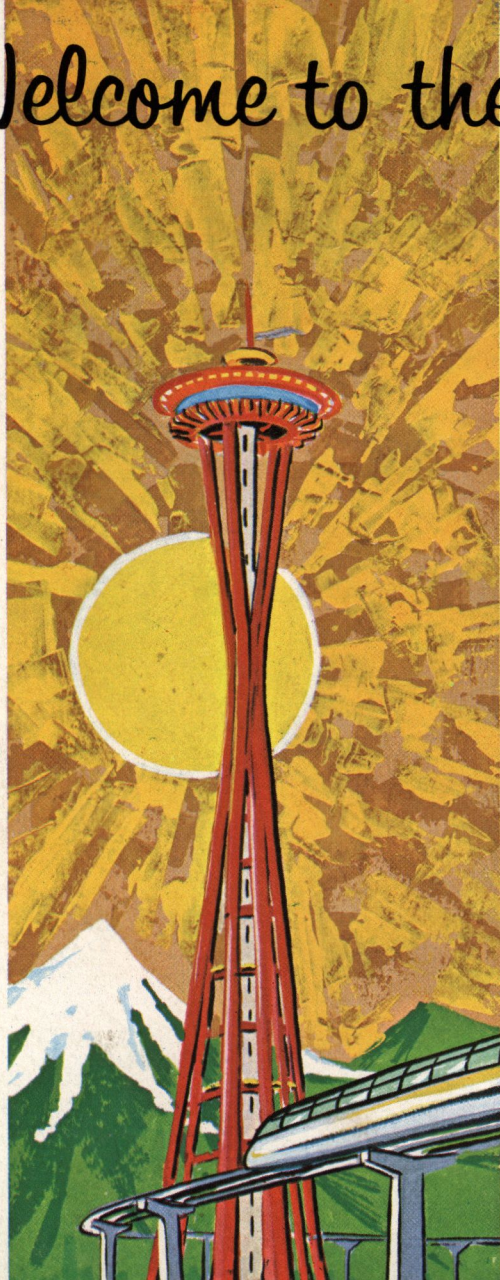
The mountains can be penetrated by boat on fifty-mile long Lake Chelan and on the reservoir of Diablo Dam. Highways lead to the alpine meadows of Mount Rainier National Park, where the explorer can bivouac at a resort hotel. A newly paved highway climbs to an unbelievable viewpoint atop knife-like Hurricane Ridge in Olympic National Park. Without even stepping from his car a visitor can drink in 8000-foot glacier-clad mountains on one side, on the other, watch toy-sized ocean liners a mile below sail the Straits of Juan de Fuca.

In the almost-untapped Cascade Mountains are hundreds of active glaciers on peaks too numerous to count. These mountains should some day be the greatest tourist attraction in the West; some areas as virgin museums of nature, others perhaps with Swiss-type funiculars and chalets.

- A. Mt. Baker Recreation Area, favorite for ski touring.
- B. Dude ranch near Cle Elum takes riders into Cascade Mountains.
- C. Early snowfall doesn't stop hunters above Methow Valley.
- D. Fishing below Snoqualmie Falls, a stone's throw from Seattle.
- E. Mile high Hurricane Ridge Lodge in Olympic National Park.
- F. 14,410-ft. Mount Rainier, where flowers and glaciers meet.



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