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"That's if there is no war. If we actually go to war, and win, the potential profits are staggering. Royal jewels, ceremonial masks, oil fields, strategic minerals, full sets of plate armor with gold-embroidered over-jupons of silk, not to mention ransom.

"War or no war, it couldn't miss. Any administration that can claim it has put the Pentagon on a paying basis could get re-elected forever.

"In the case of war, it would be a little tough on the losers, I admit. But as we all know, the time has come to stop gearing our economy to the loser."

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Letters to the editor

Stalinists 'out of closet'

Once again, Christian Stalinists have come out of the closet, carrying the "upright" banner of religious repression in order to impose their morality on all of us sinful heathen.

Broadening their hate-base, not unlike the Klansmen do every so often, they have turned their wrath against a basic form of human expression and creativity — music. (*Fahrenheit 451* now a musical?)

Yes, ye sinners, rock music will make you "... excited and angry and wanting to terrorize the town. It puts hate in your heart," according to the "prophet" Melvin Fitzsimons. The "right honorable" Toby Tyler even went so far as to say "... it is impossible to be a Christian and still enjoy rock music." Toby, do you realize how many people in the world are now without a religion?

Rest well though, for these incidences of inquisition-like tactics are on the wane and those of us who are enlightened know that the "Christian-right" is not. Thus, from Grand Island, the "book-burning" capital of Nebraska, comes another in the series of what psychologists call "basic foolishness."

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CIA needs full secrecy

The saying goes "curiosity killed the cat," and that is exactly what America has done to the CIA. The Central Intelligence Agency's purpose is to keep abreast of developments in other countries related to our national interest. Many other countries have similar operations.

They, however, operate under strict secrecy. Now I am not advocating that an uncontrollable secret operation be in operation as some might believe. A nation as great and international as ours has security interests beyond its own borders in order to maintain ours and our allies' positions in the world.

Our enemies have interests contrary to ours and as long as we deprive the CIA of its full capabilities through the publication of plans (via the Freedom of Information Act) and other restrictions, we only endanger our own country.

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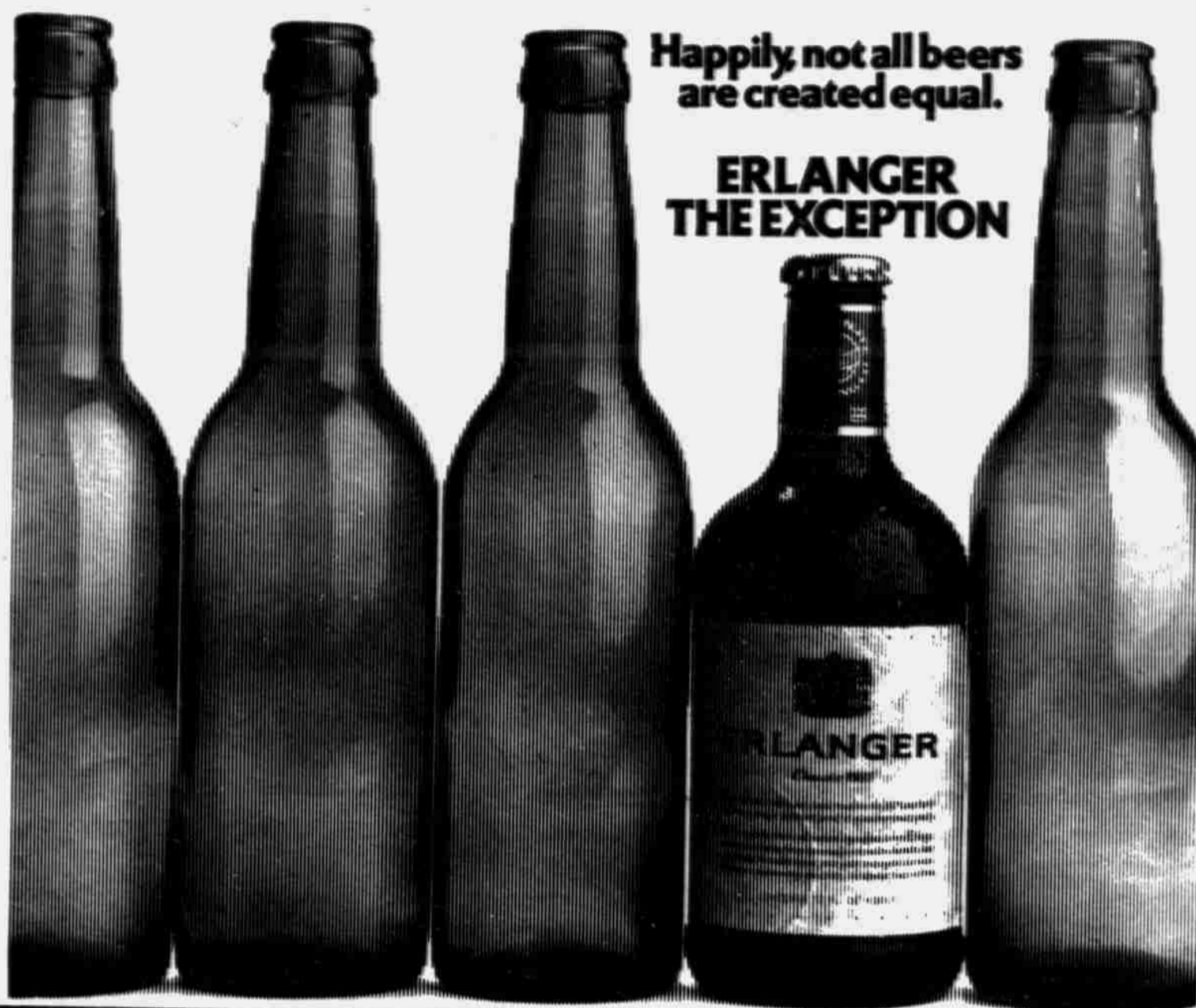
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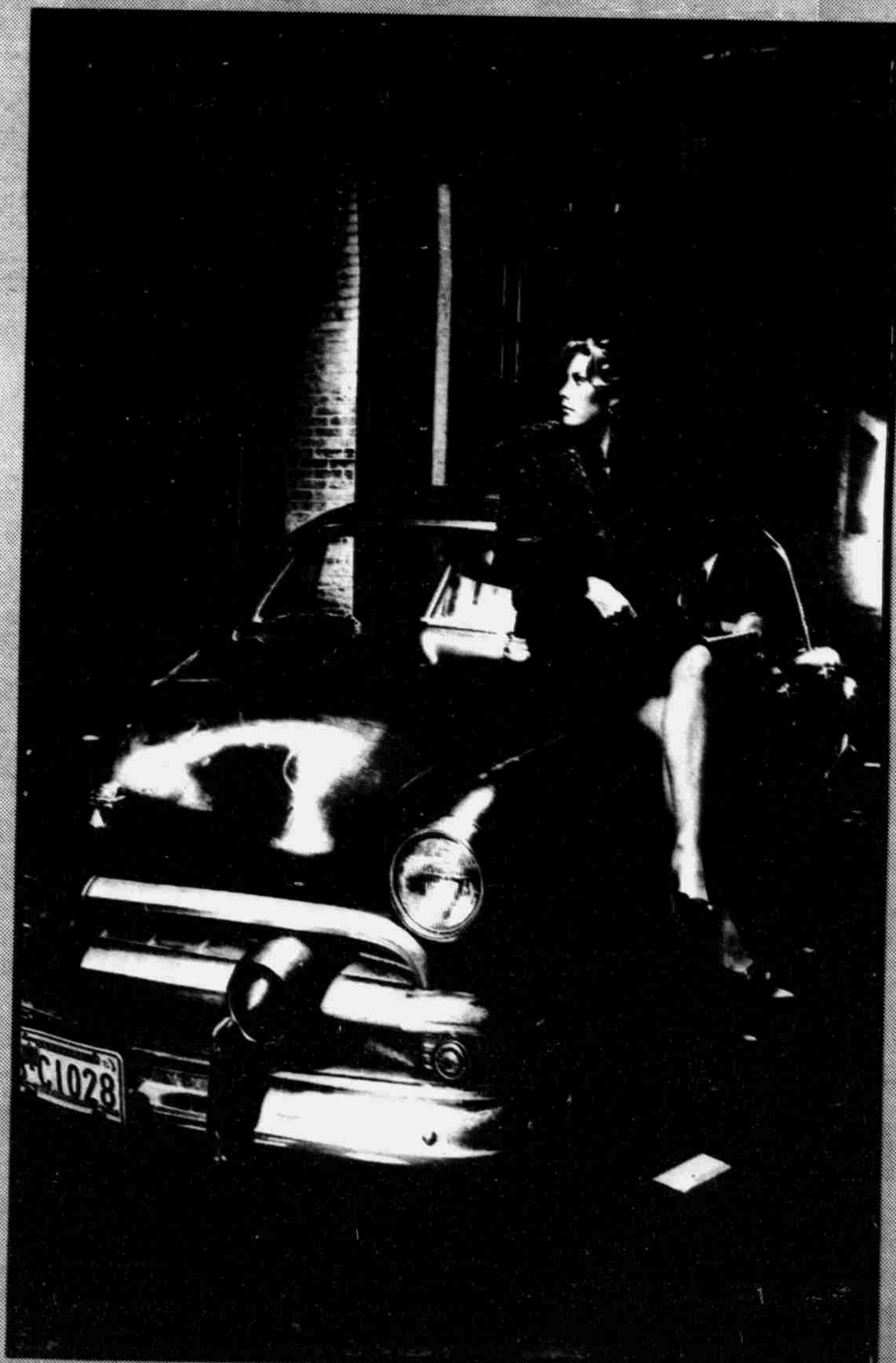
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