

Metropolitan



Salma Khan addressing the concluding session of the 3-day National Convention on Women and Poverty, organised by Women for Women, at the APD auditorium yesterday. Dr Neelima Ibrahim and Matiur Rahman are on her left. —Star photo

Steps taken to rebuild parts of Ctg Port

Shipping Minister A S M Rob yesterday said that the government has taken steps for reconstruction of the parts of Chittagong Port damaged by the cyclonic storm of 1991. Talking to BSS, the minister said that the Executive Committee of National Council (ECNEC) has approved the rehabilitation programme of jetties number one to six. The ECNEC meeting, held recently, was presided over by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. The damaged jetties have been creating problem to anchoring of ships and, thus, hampering speedy loading and unloading of the goods. The minister said Tk 20 crore will be spent in the rehabilitation works. The expenses will be met from our own resources, he added. The minister said the government has taken programmes for the rapid development of inland navigation facilities throughout the country. Rob said two hundred pontoons will be supplied to Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) for extension of inland navigation facilities. One hundred pontoons will be built up by our own resources and World Bank will finance another one hundred.

UNICEF press confce cancelled

A UNICEF press conference, scheduled for 6 pm today, has been cancelled, says a press release.

Notice

Our feature item *Dhaka Day by Day* could not be carried today due to space constraint. The inconvenience to the readers is regretted.

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Russian envoy meets Kibria

Ambassador of the Russian Federation to Bangladesh Edward S Shevchenko called on Finance Minister Shah A M S Kibria at his secretariat office yesterday, reports BSS. They discussed matters of mutual interest with particular emphasis on strengthening the economic cooperation and trade between the two countries. The finance minister said, Bangladesh is now a suitable place for foreign private investment. He called for availing of the opportunities given by the present government to the foreign investors. They also discussed foreign investment in the energy and the garment sectors in Bangladesh.

US musicians to perform today

Timothy Schwartz and Daniel Weiser, the renowned US classical musicians of the 'Upper Valley Duo' arrived in the city Saturday on a six-day visit, sponsored by USIA, reports UNB. Pianist Schwartz and violinist Weiser of the Duo will give an invitational public performance at the National Museum auditorium today. Bangladesh television will tape the Duo's performance for a later broadcast and Bangladesh Betar will interview the musicians.

CU exams

CHITTAGONG, Oct 28: The examinations of the students of first and second year-1995 Honours (integrated) of the Department of Oriental Languages, University of Chittagong will begin from December 14 and 15 next respectively, a university press release said here today, reports BSS.

What's on today . . .

Seminar on tourism: A seminar on 'Role of tourism industry in environment development', jointly organised by Lions Club of Dhaka Presidency and Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation, will be held. Chief guest: LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Zillur Rahman. Venue: Hotel Abakash, Mohakhali. Time: 10 am.

Opening of Anjuman service-centre: The inaugural ceremony of a new service-centre of Anjuman Mufdul Islam will be held. Chief guest: LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Zillur Rahman. Venue: 106, Kakrail. Time: 3 pm.

Talk on renewable energy: A talk on 'Renewable energy: Resource and prospect in Bangladesh' will be given by Dr Raisul A Mahmood, Chief, Population Studies Division, BIDS, at the 8th general meeting of Asiatic Society of Bangladesh. Venue: Society seminar room, 5, Old Secretariat Road (Nimtali), Ramna. Time: 5 pm.

Rapport training course: A day-long mid-level management training course on 'motivation' will be held. Venue: Bangladesh Institute of Administration and Management. Time: 9:30 am.

Rotary Club of Ramna: In observance of 'Vocational month', the club will hold a certificate and award presentation ceremony. Venue: Leads Corporation Ltd Office, Adamjee Court Annex-2, 115-120, Motijheel C/A. Time: 5 pm.

Rotary Club of Dhaka New City: The weekly meeting of the Club will be held. Venue: Gulshan Club. Time: 7 pm.

Weather

Heavy rains forecast

Heavy rain falls are likely at a few places over Dhaka, Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong divisions in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB. Met office said moderate to moderately heavy rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at most places over Dhaka, Chittagong, Barisal, Khulna divisions and at many places over Sylhet, Rajshahi divisions. Day temperature may fall by 2-3 degrees Celsius during the period across the country. The country's highest temperature 27.2 degrees Celsius, was recorded at Kutubdia and the lowest, 21.0 degrees, at Sylhet, Comilla and Khulna. The sun sets today at 05:21 pm and rises tomorrow at 06:04 am.

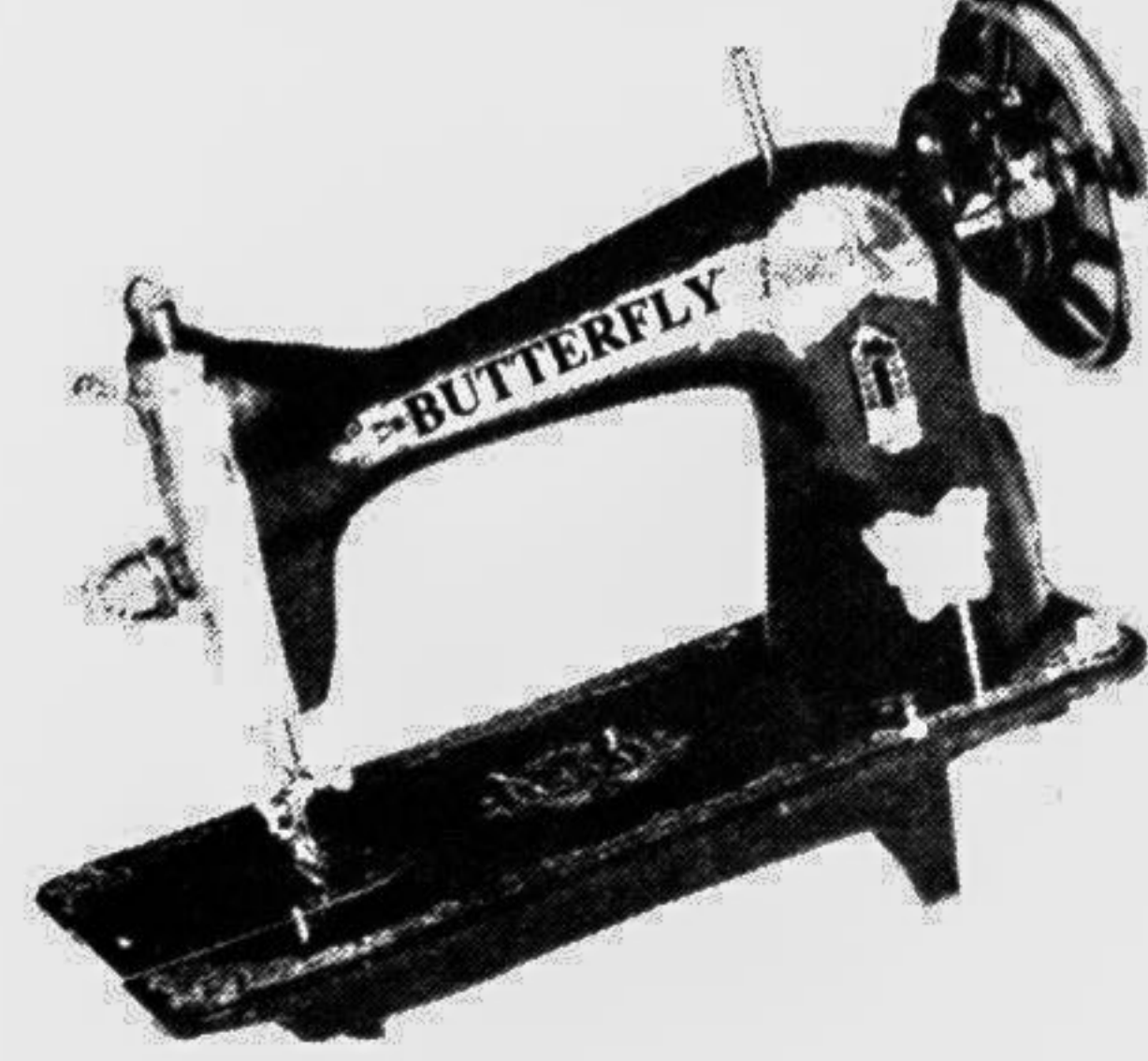
Bangla novel shortlisted for Irish award

The Bangla novel, 'Sultan' by Hasnat Abdul Hye has been shortlisted for the International IMPAC Dublin Literary Award, says a communication made by the Award committee to the publisher of the novel, Bangla-German, Sampreeti, says a press release. The prize-giving ceremony will be held in the Irish capital in middle of next year. Professor Kabir Choudhury, the translator of the book, and the author are expected to attend the ceremony.

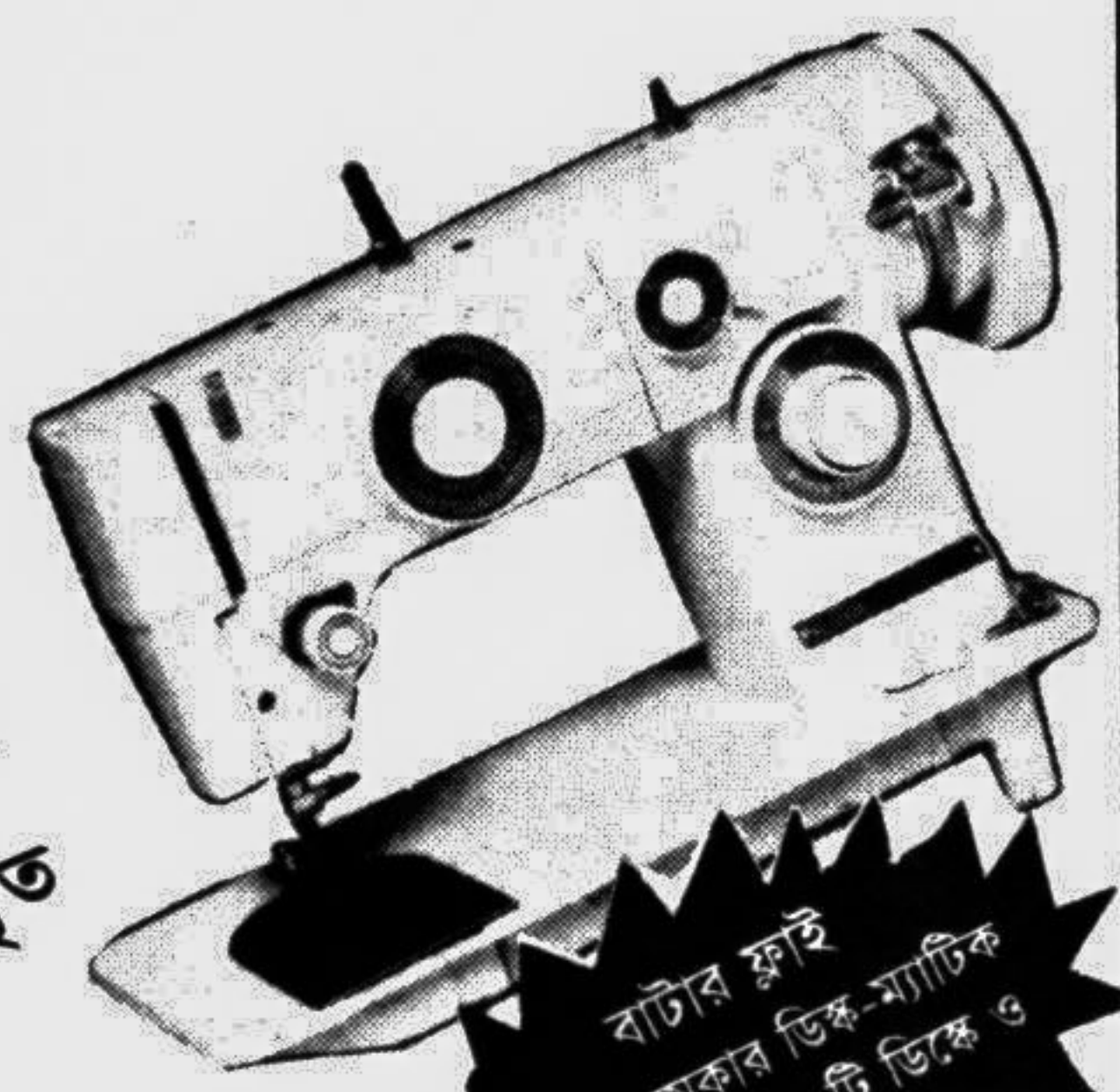
British Army chief visits Comilla

The visiting British Army Chief General Sir Charles Guthrie visited Comilla Cantonment yesterday, reports UNB. Comilla Area Commander Major General Muhammad Sahool Afzal received the distinguished guest on his arrival at Comilla, said an ISPR press release. The British Army Chief visited the local army division, Mainamati Museum and War Cemetery.

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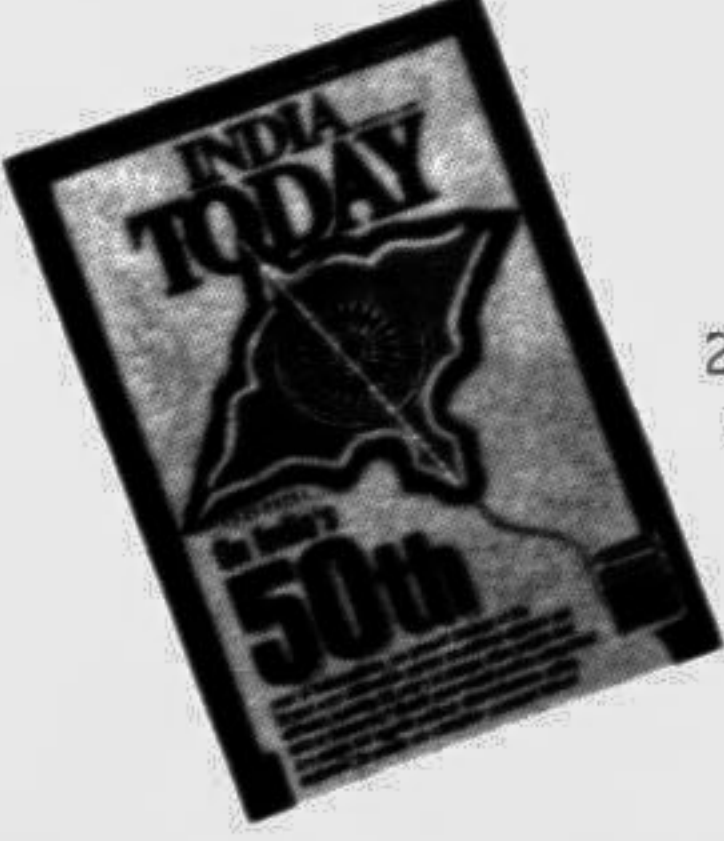
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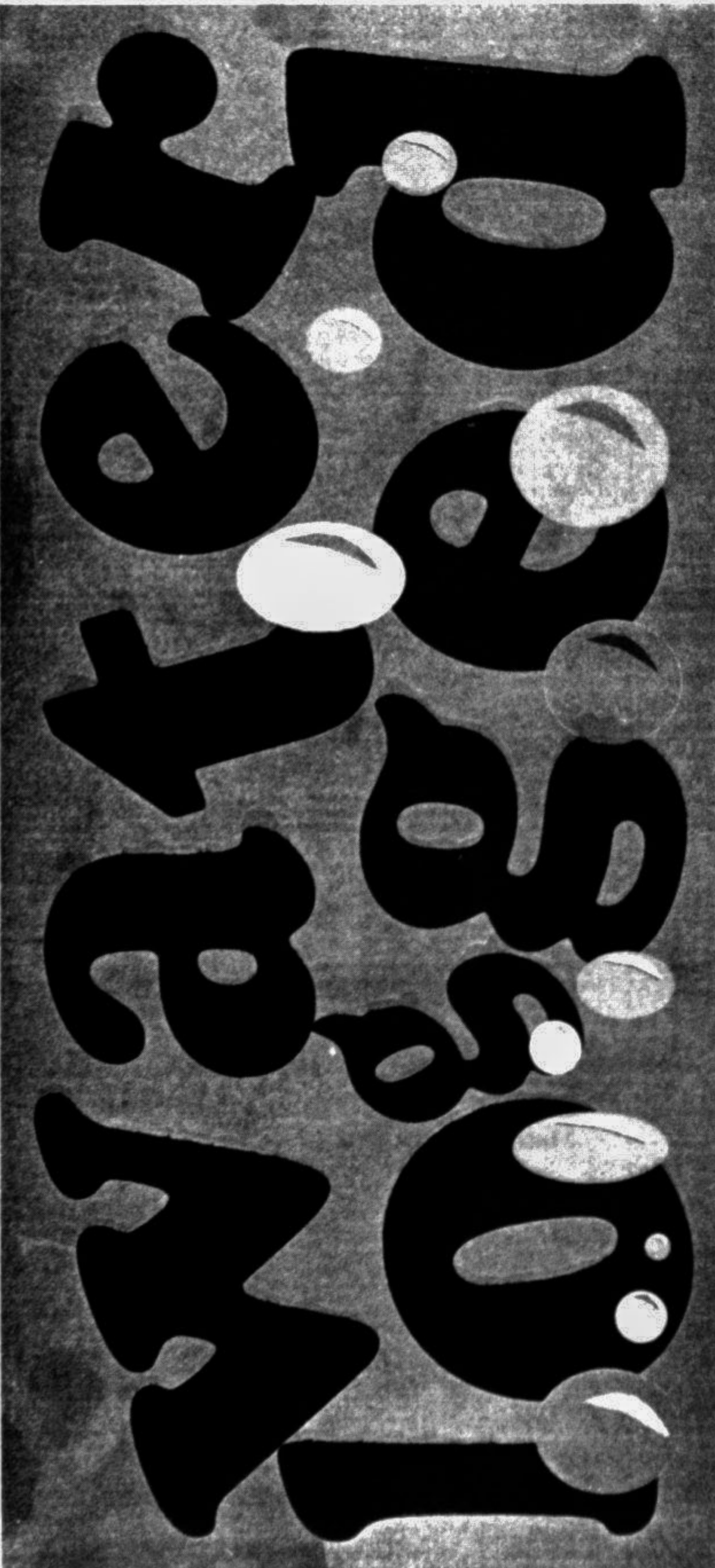


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