



## QUESTIONS OF FLESH AND FLAG

TOM WESSELMANN,  
"THE GREAT AMERICAN NUDE VIII"

Are you aroused by this picture?  
Do you tremble feverishly at the sight of an American flag sharing paint with what appears to be a reclining nude woman?  
Do you sweat with anticipation at the seductive possibility of a Constitutional amendment which would render such prurient desecration of Old Glory a criminal act?  
Do you also think another amendment should ban all pornography or questionable art — which would eliminate once and for all public financing of expression you don't like or understand?  
Are you really the majority?  
Is this what you actually think — that art and expression should be regulated, and that the flag is a symbol not only revered but deified?  
Do you really wish for artists to be criminals? Or for people to be imprisoned for burning a flag or making love on one?

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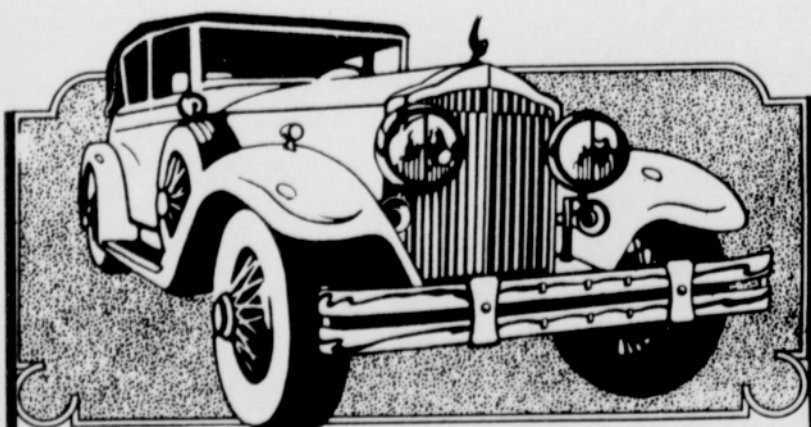
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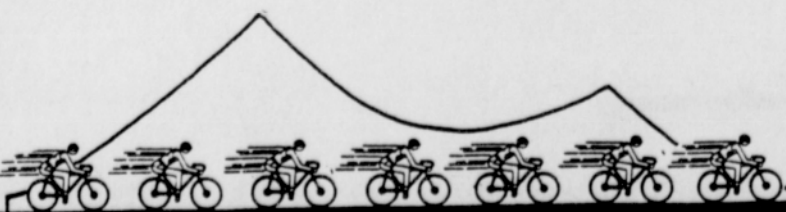


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