



Judith Anne Ford finds the Miss America crown almost too much to bear

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The winner, a rival in black and some ribroast ribbing

Once again it was that Most Special Night in Atlantic City—the Miss America finale—and raising the event to new heights of implausibility was Judith Anne Ford, 18, of Belvidere, Ill. Without dislodging a tress of her blond hairdo she displayed the routines (preceding page) that already had won her the title of junior national trampoline champion. It was the judges' turn to flip and they proclaimed her Miss America. There were dissents—not to Miss Ford in particular but to the whole concept of the pageant. While one group calling itself the Women's Liberation Front demonstrated (right) on the boardwalk against "the cattle auction," Negroes in Atlantic City called attention to the all-white history of the event by staging a pageant of their own, to show that black is beautiful too.



Sandra Williams, 19, becomes Miss Black America

An objector offers a meaty criticism

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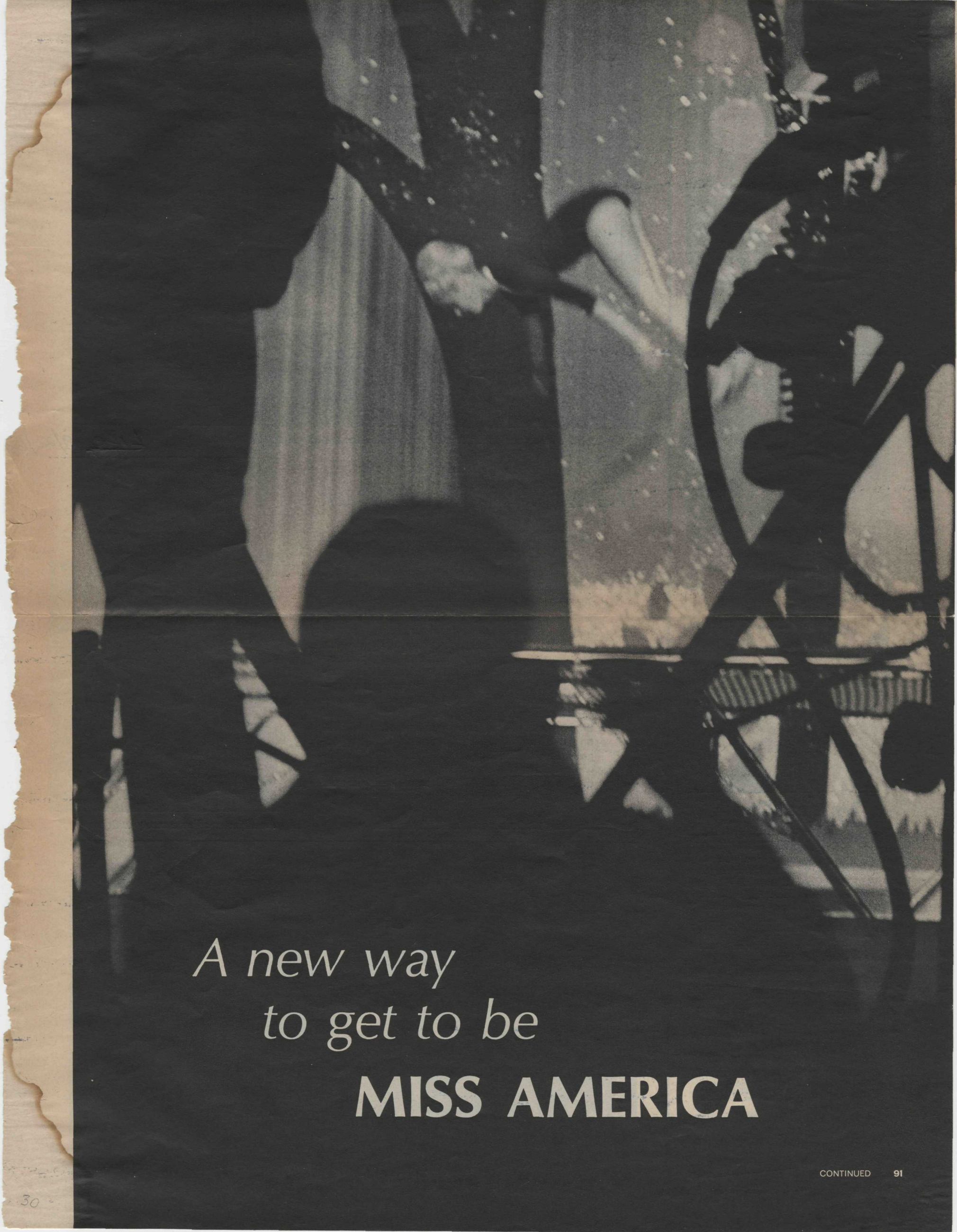
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