



# The VW Camper

► Outfitted in house trailer fashion, the Volkswagen Camper Bus is assuming a truly revolutionary position in the realm of the mobile home as the result of efforts by the German Westfalia Camping Box Company.

In their production of the Deluxe Camping equipment for the VW Kombi they have fully utilized practically every inch of the vehicle. With its plywood interior and conveniences, it has

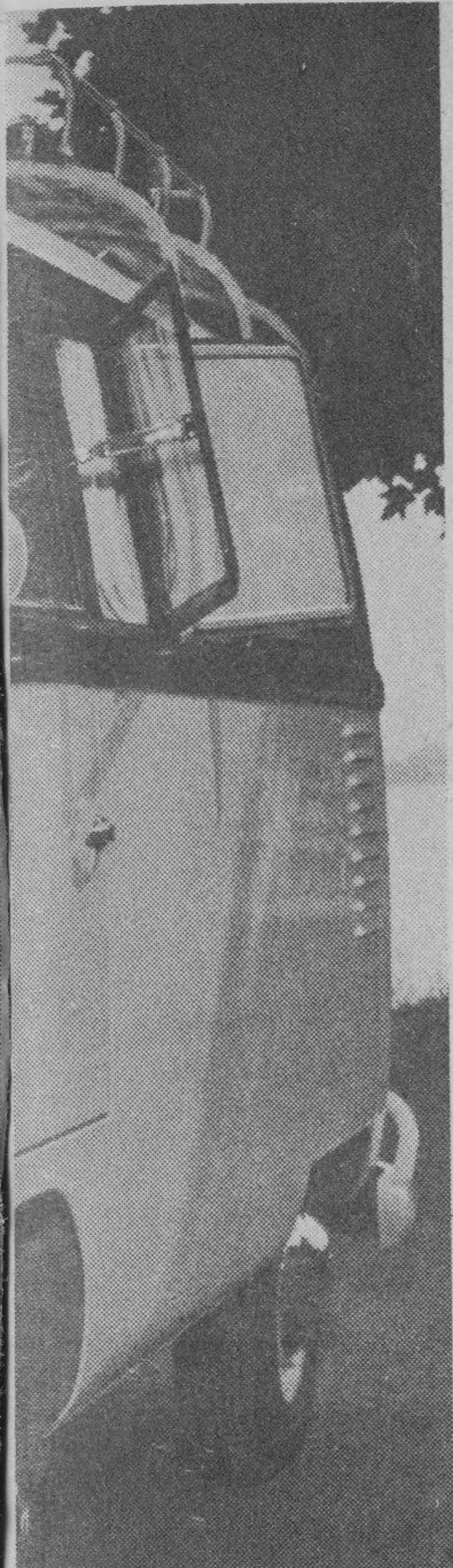
captured the imagination of Americans wherever it is seen. Basically, here is what the Deluxe Camping Equipment offers.

The Kombi is ordered from the VW factory without the two rear seats and minus paint. Starting with this empty unupholstered vehicle, Westfalia covers the inside area behind the driver's seat with plywood from floor to ceil-

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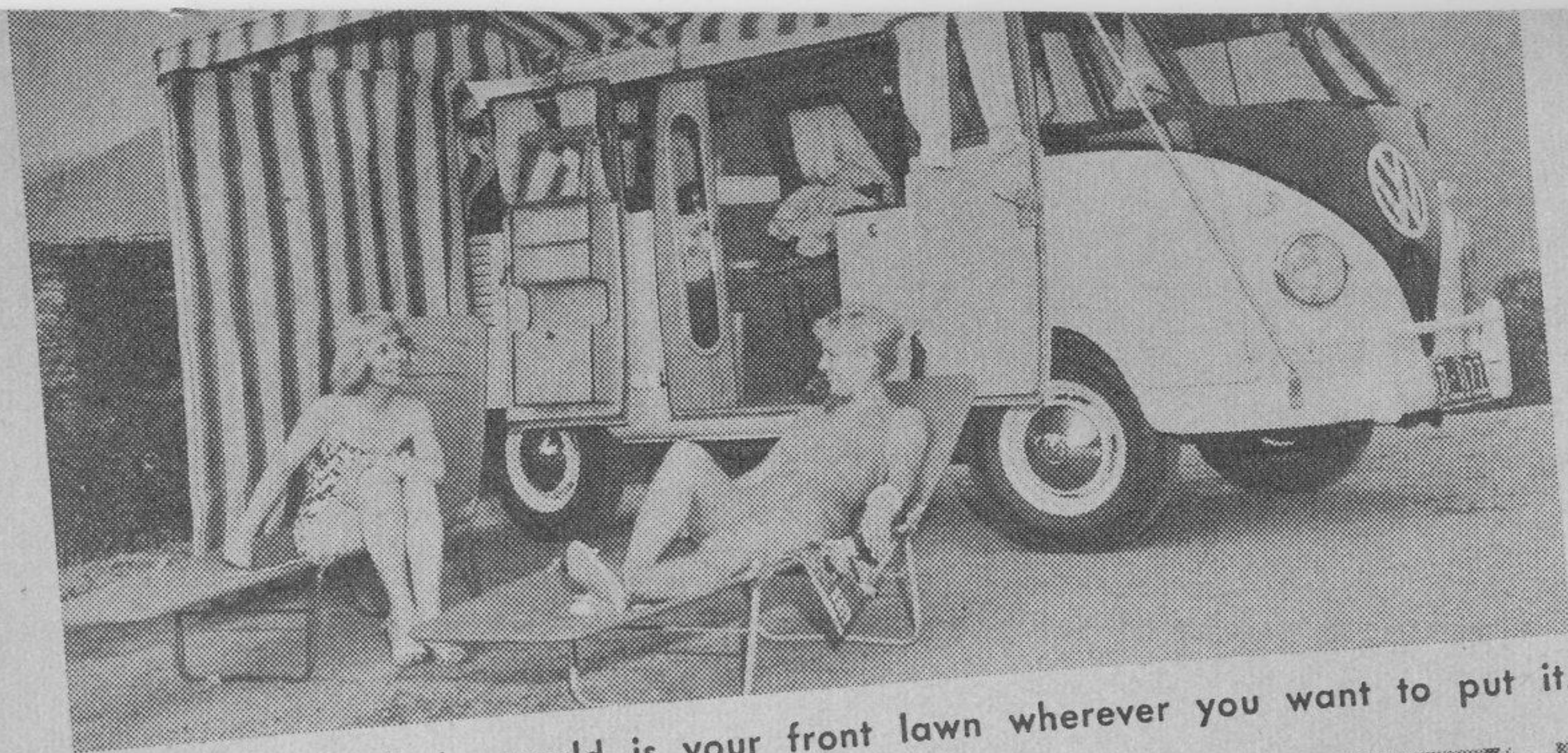
The VW Kombi Westfalia probably crams the greatest amount of luxury into the smallest possible space; and with a pleasing price-tag, too.

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(Above) No need to phone ahead for motel reservations with this outfit.  
(Left) On the VW Westfalia Kombi "Afrika," windows open to all sides.  
(Below) The tent-canopy mounts directly into fittings on the Westfalia.

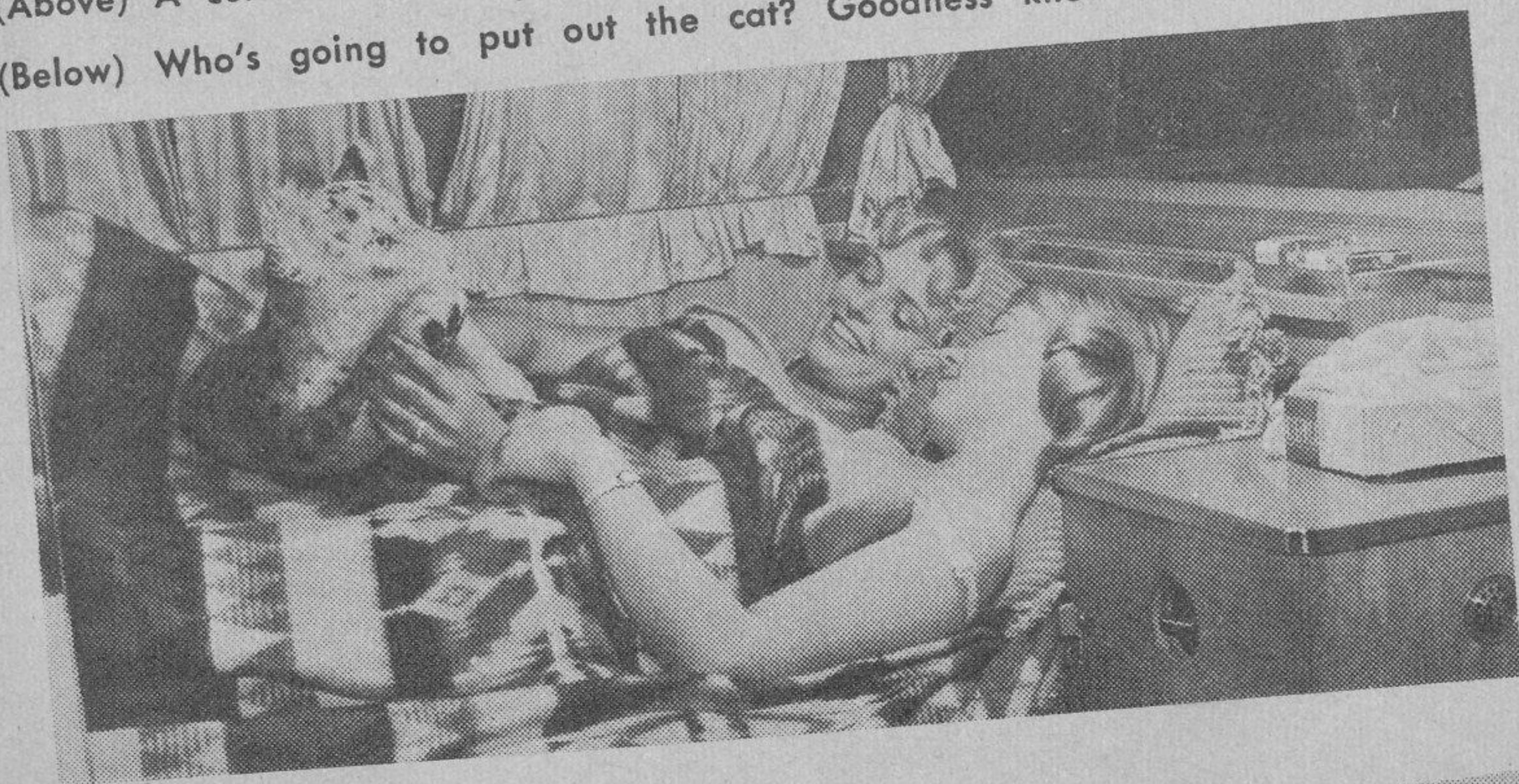




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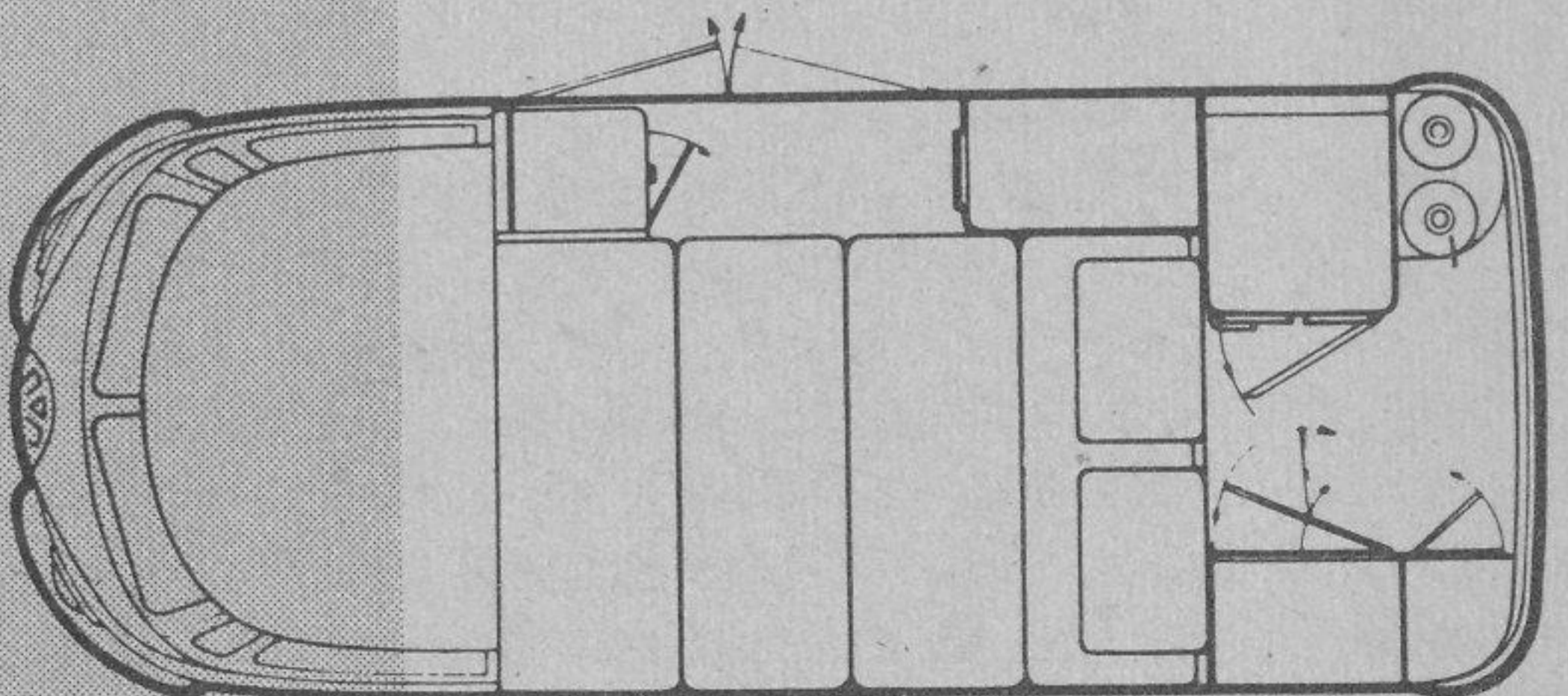
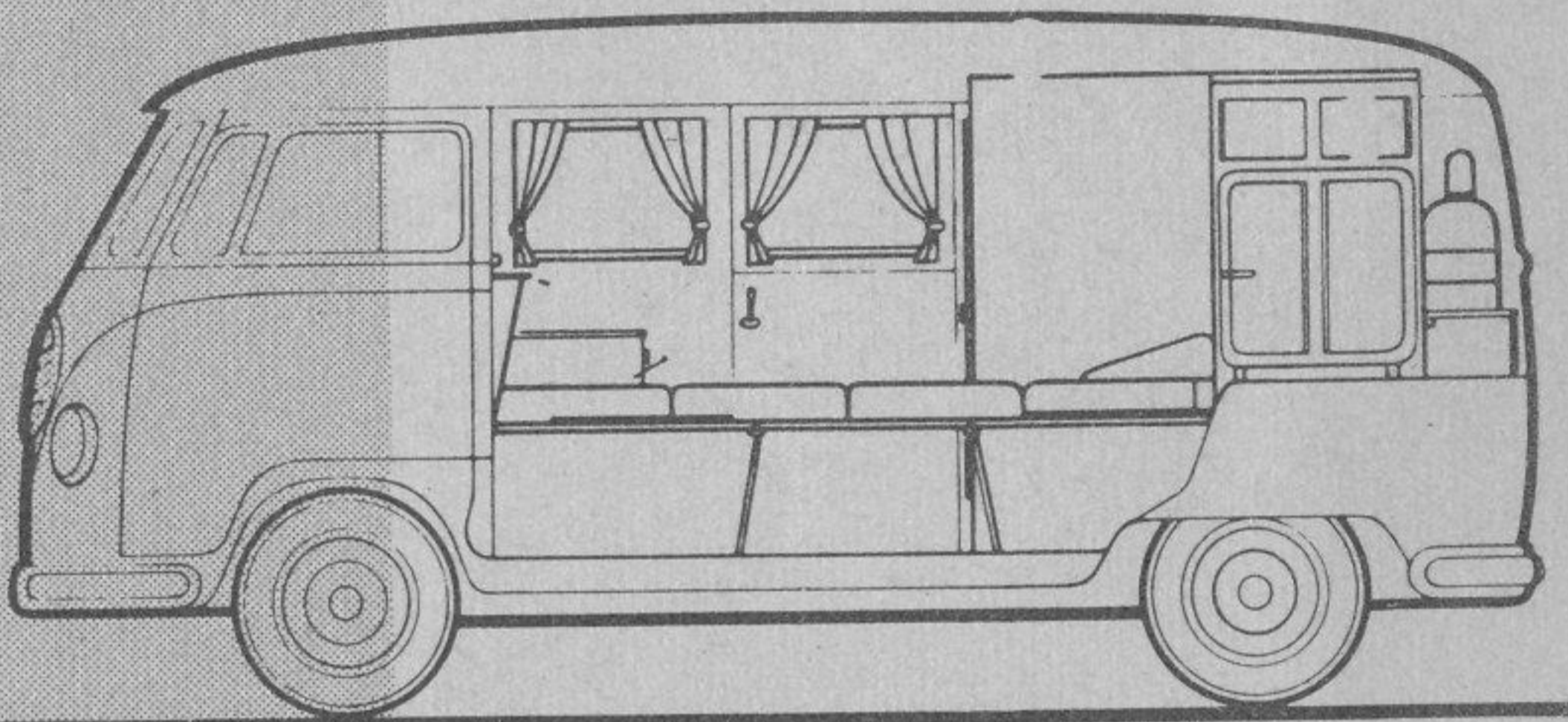
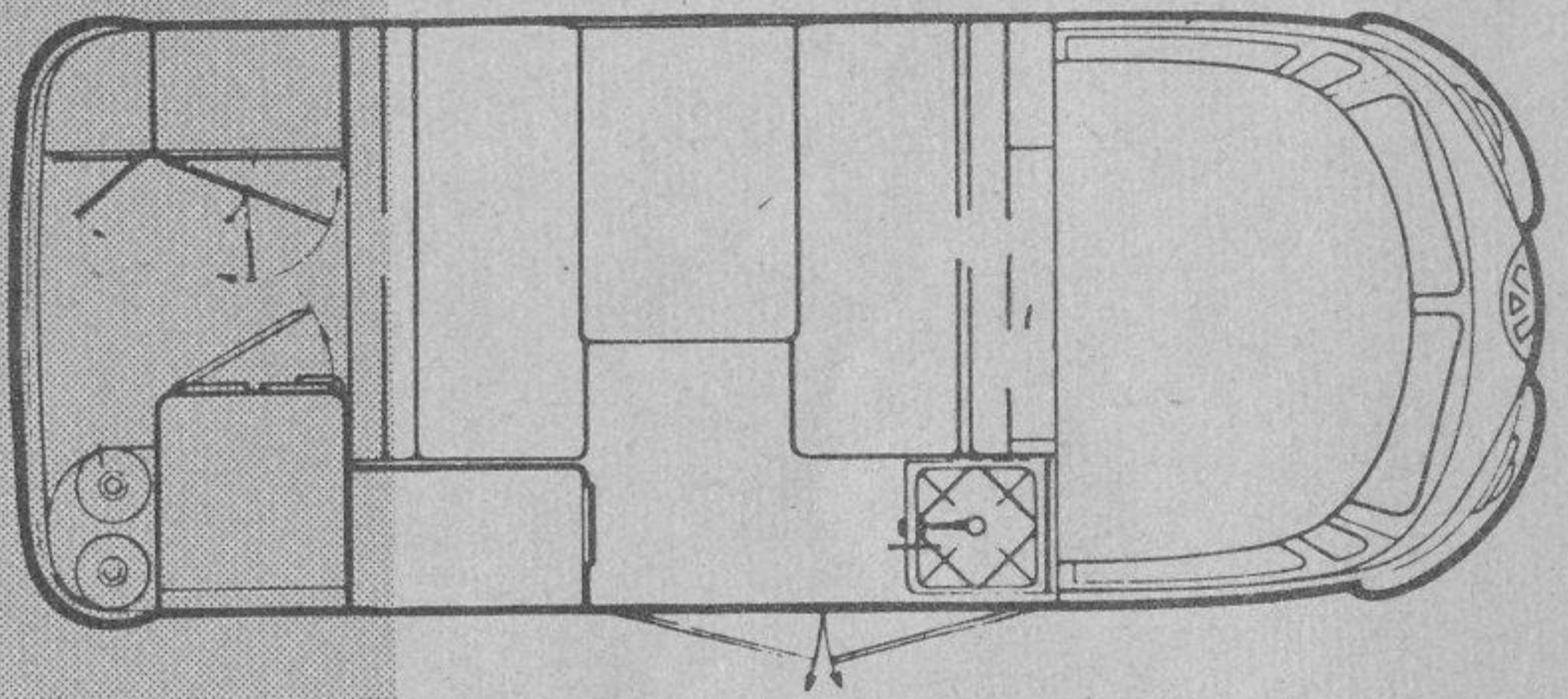
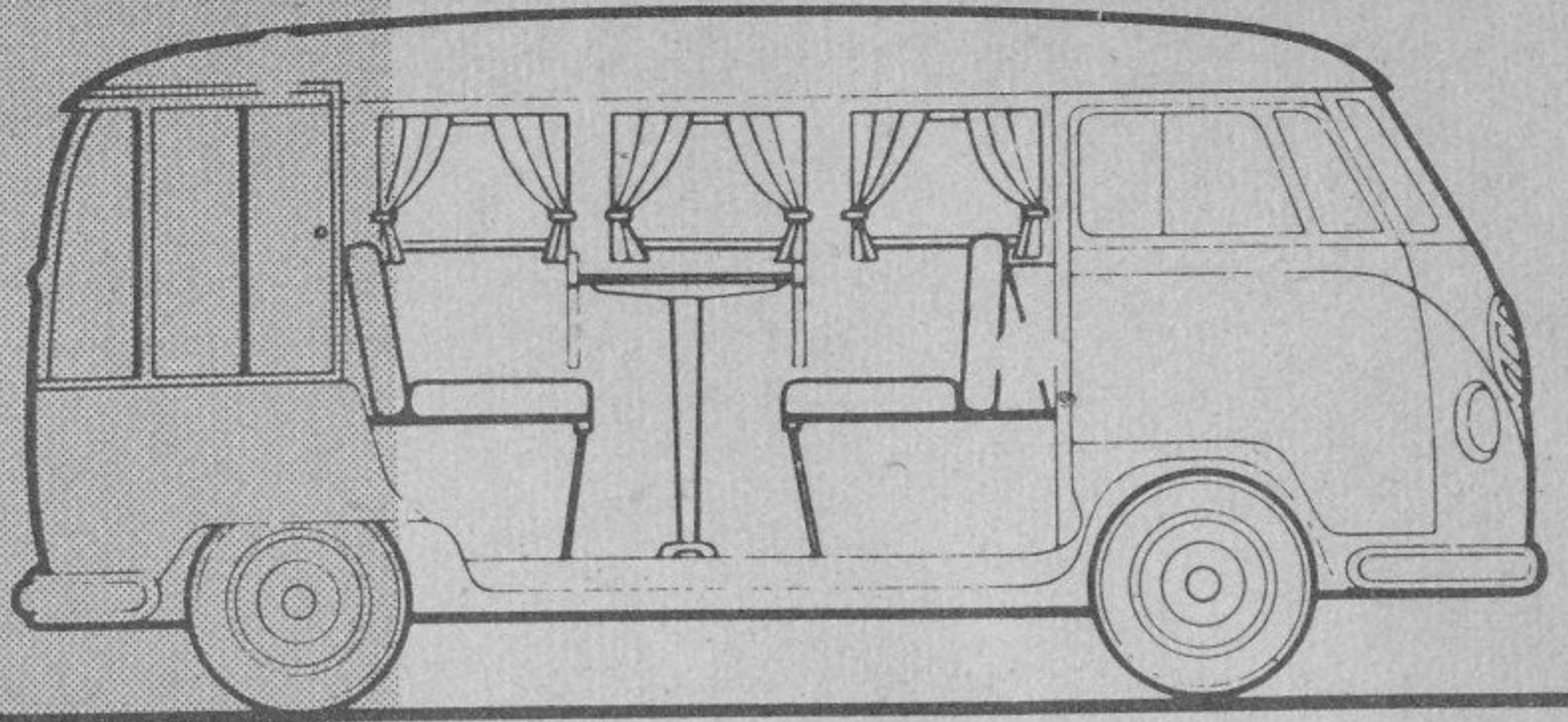


(Above) A curtain snaps into place to give the effect of a 2-room apartment.  
(Below) Who's going to put out the cat? Goodness knows it's a rough life.



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(Above) Seats and dining table in place. (Below) Converted into two beds.

way of doing things, or where the film went into more detail than time can allow in a one week course. Distributors do make changes in the training material when the local conditions warrant it.

The end of the class is enlivened by an excellent group lunch at one of the finer restaurants in the section. No lengthy speeches, just good food and the best Muenchener Lager. Class is over ! ! ! ●

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ing. Other plywood items made in their carpenter shop are the wardrobe, cupboards, window-box type seats, optional butane gas stove and ice box.

The two rear seats face each other. Underneath them is storage space accessible by lifting the hinged seat tops. In the space between the two seats is a table which is double hinged so that it may be utilized in three positions. It can be snapped to the ceiling to keep it out of the way, lowered as a table with hinged leg extended, or it may be dropped to the level of the seats, bridging the gap between them, making the base for the bed.

To make up the bed, the two back cushions are merely lifted out and laid across the table top, giving the sleeper a six-foot, three-quarter cushioned bed plus another three feet of floor space reaching to the rear door. The floor area over the motor is exactly level with the bed.

Above the table on either side of the center window are two special plastic lamps which give off a warm indirect light to the interior.

On the left of the double door is a roomy wardrobe high enough for dresses or jackets to hang full out and completely closed in by a nearly full length door. Attached to this door is a long mirror.

On the right of the double door optional equipment may be installed. Standard equipment at present is a wash stand and small bar. Inside the

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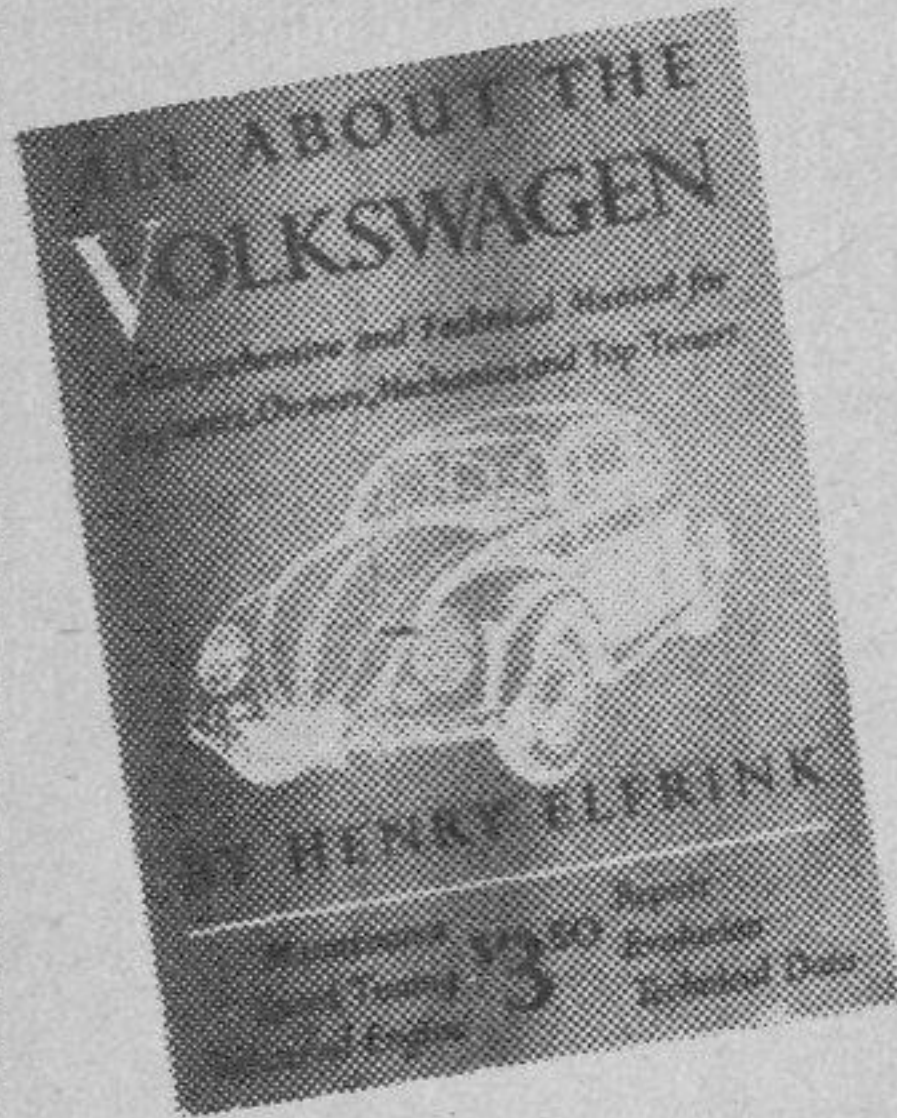
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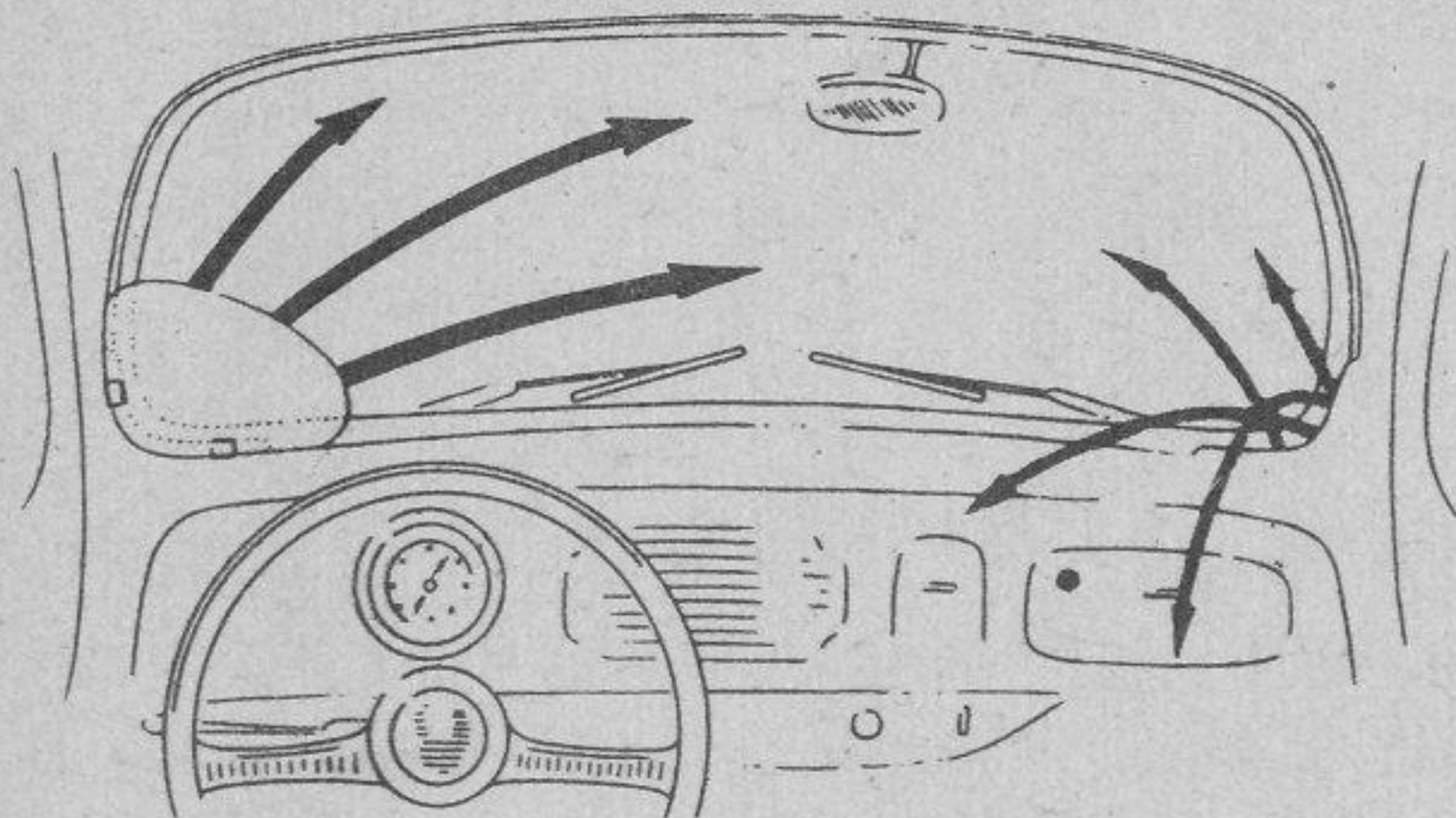
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wash stand is the outlet and switch for the water supply. Water is stored in a plastic tank under the seat just behind the driver and is forced through a plastic tube by an electric pump. Optional equipment in place of the wash stand is a butane gas stove with cylinder. Standard cooking equipment is a two burner gasoline stove which also fits under the seat.

Looking in from the rear door on the right side is a cupboard enclosed by double doors with ample space. The area across from the cupboard can be used for either luggage space, ice box or refrigerator. Standard equipment is an icebox in this position.

The two seats and back rests are neatly upholstered. Overlapping curtains are fitted over each window with a longer one separating the rear compartment from the driver area. This encloses the living area in complete privacy.

A most important feature is the metal hinged trap door in the roof of the Kombi which can be adjusted to various heights or opened completely. This can be used for ventilation, sight-seeing, sunshine and access to the large luggage rack located on the back half of the roof.

The surprise package to the whole unit comes enclosed in a small bag the size of a potato sack and a canvas container the size and shape of a golf bag. This is the tent which gives the Kombi a second room nearly once again the size of the vehicle.

The tent can be assembled by one person in about eight minutes. The framework anchors to the Kombi at four points. There are two special fittings on the roof and two on the bumpers. Pipes made of aluminum screw together to make this frame and once attached, the vehicle may be moved about to follow the sun or change camping location with tent attached.

The roof can be used alone as a veranda-like affair or the panels can be quickly snapped onto the two sides and the large front panel assembled in a

matter of seconds. Plastic zippers make the corners secure while metal tent pegs hold down the bottom edges of the tent.

For a few extra dollars the so called Africa Model of the VW Kombi (as shown in the pictures) can be requested. With the Africa Model, all of the front and side windows will open which is most desirable for camping. In addition, this model has power ventilation by means of an electric fan installed in the overhead airscoop of the Kombi.

Westfalia has a standard cream and red paint job for the camper but by special request they will give you the combination desired.

The fact that this vehicle is tagged as a station wagon gives it the freedom of an ordinary car. With it you can stop anywhere you like whether on Broadway in NYC or by a peaceful lake in the country. Unless the tent is erected, you cannot be classified as a camper and it is definitely not a trailer.

Ideal for hunting, fishing, camping or long distance driving, the low cost

operation and the convenient mobility of the VW Kombi is fast becoming the vacationists dream car.

Additional features on my Camper are as follows:

- A Siwa electric refrigerator.
- Blaupunkt Koln radio with 2nd speaker in rear and separate volume control.
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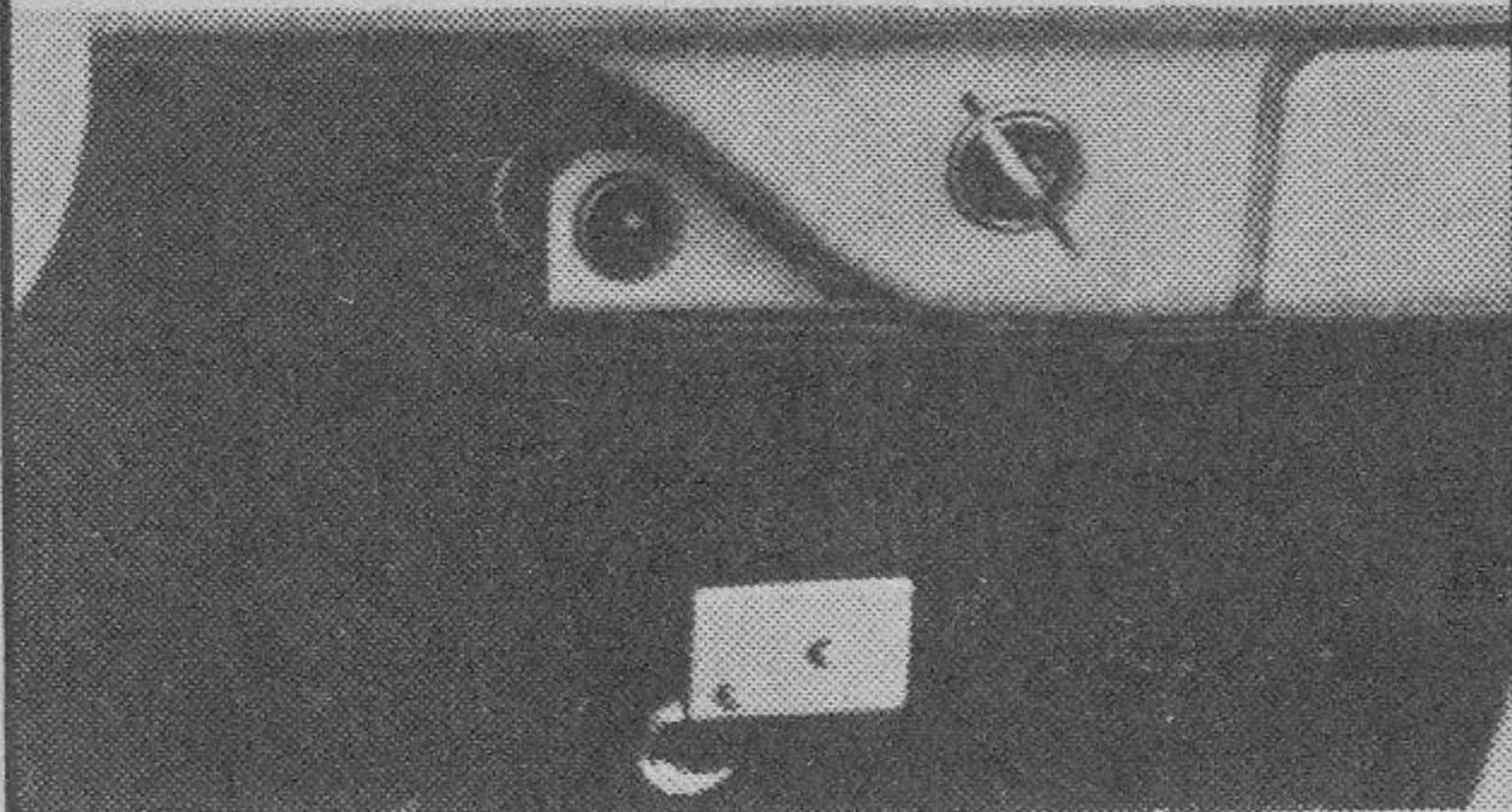
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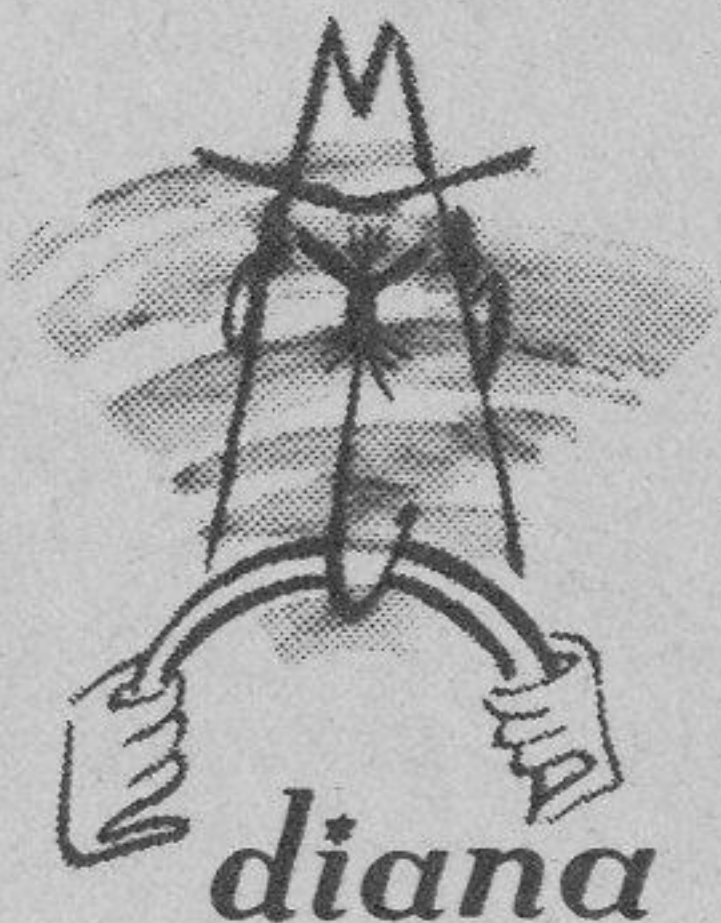
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drives the front wheels through to half shafts.

One feature which we didn't particularly like is the gas tank (5.5 gallons) mounted up front with the engine without a firewall separating the two. Though we know of no cases of fire in this mark, imagination runs riot with the thought that five gallons of gas, gas fumes and spark are all under the same hood! No gas gauge is included, but there's a reserve system similar to the VW's with the addition of a reserve warning light on the dash board.

So we hop in. It's a two-door sedan and the doors are large and entrance is easy. The first thing that struck us was the seating. The two separate front seats look expensive and feel good. Perhaps a little too soft, but shaped nicely with a raised portion under the knee. Each seat is individually adjustable and the back rests infinitely adjustable for rake by means of two screws with lock nuts. Unfortunately we never did get a chance to try out the back seat because with the front seats adjusted all the way back for our maximum comfort, there is absolutely no leg room in the rear seat. Even our three-year old son had to ride with his legs up on the back seat. So as far as we're concerned, this is a two-seater with large luggage space in the jump seat in the back. Fortunately the front seating is such that there is ample leg room. The rear-seat back-rests folds down, incidentally, for access to the trunk from the inside as well as outside.

Everything inside is smallish, but not too small. One round gauge containing speedometer, odometer, high beam indicator, two individual turn signal indicators, and a battery warn-