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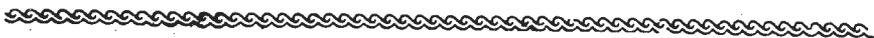
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"This is the place I was telling you about."



From the President

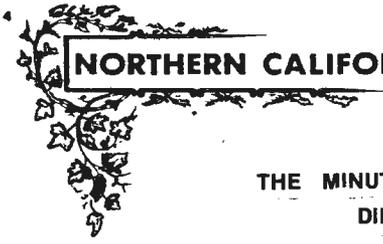
We are almost to the end of our (present) year and a new crew will be ushered in Saturday, June 20th.

Since this will be my last message I want to thank everyone for the terrific support in all our ventures, financial and social, with special thanks to those who marched in the St. Patrick's Day parade in the downpour, to Linda Souza who offered her home for our Christmas party and had the great idea of having an auction, to Mary Major and Carol Gabriel for all the work and effort getting our all-breed match together, to Greg Shaw for the AKC communication concerning our future Specialty, to Jayn Morgan for the match flyers and a very special feeling of gratitude for Agnes Tara who with such caring comes through for the homeless hounds who pass her way - "Thanks for all of us, Aggie!" A final thanks to all of you who support our club with your entries, good will and hard work.

And so it was a good year, and now how about the next?

"Go gettum nikwic!!" (NCIWC)

Richard Heskett



NORTHERN CALIFORNIA IRISH WOLFHOUND CLUB

THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The April 10th meeting of NCIWC was called to order by President Richard Heskett at 7:40 P.M. in the Wawona Meeting House, San Francisco. Present were: Linda Souza, Pat Holmes, Candi Decker, Richard Heskett, Yvonne Heskett, Greg Shaw, John Fitzpatrick, Ken Taylor, Russ Greene, Paula Silverman, Jack Matthews and Patrick (?) were guests. Since there was not a quorum, the business meeting was conducted informally. The minutes of the previous meeting were read. The treasurer's report showed \$1595.65 in the treasury. Candi Decker supplied an update on her dog-fighting article in the last Bugle. Possibilities for an AKC specialty show were discussed. Suggestions were offered on ways to improve meeting attendance. It was tentatively decided to have the next meeting - which will be our general meeting and annual dinner - on June 20th, the Saturday of the Cow Palace week-end.

After the meeting was adjourned, everyone joined in a round table discussion on nutrition and vitamin supplementation in regards to temperament and behavior control. Some grooming demonstrations were also conducted.

Respectfully submitted

Paula Silverman
Secretary



THE SAINT PATRICK'S DAY PARADE marchers, damp but brave, have been awarded a big THIRD PLACE in the "Best Novelty Unit" category. The prize is \$25.00, and the admiration of us all!!



AND

Ken Taylor and Major Acres Iongraidh take great pride in announcing the successful completion of the first leg on their CD degree.



THE SHOWS

CHINTIMINI K.C.
March 7, 1981

Corvallis, Oregon
Judge: Rex Vandeventer

BOB: Ch. Shaw of Limerick - Linda Souza
(Group II - Dr. Gerda Kennedy)

WD, BOW: Destiny Mohr of Limerick - Janet Souza
finished championship

RWD: Finn McGee - Sharkey

WB, BOS: Destiny's Sheelin MacDonal -
Langendoerfer & Spalding

RWB: Mistress Disa of Kileen - Anderson/Francis

WILLAMETTE VALLEY K.C.
March 8, 1981

Salem, Oregon
Judge: Dr. G.M. Kennedy

BOB: Ch. Shaw of Limerick - Linda Souza
(Group I - Rex Vandeventer)

WD: Finn McGee - Sharkey

RWD: Erinwood Golden Clovis - Anderson & Adams

WB, BOW, BOS: Tura Lura of Glocca Morra -
Herring

RWB: Lilliput Little Nell - Little

OAKLAND K.C.

March 22, 1981

Judge: Dr. William S. Houpt

WD, BOW, BOB: Gilla Machree Tahg of Tara Hts.
Heskett

RWD: Featherlane Briscoe - Eimer

WB, BOS: Rivendell Morgan LaFey - Silverman

RWB: Aoncu's Buidhe Bidtsia - Tara/Greby

SEQUOIA K.C./TULARE
Judge: Hobart Stephenson

March 27, 1981

WB,BOW,BOB: Siobhan Cu - R. Binder
BOS: CH. Shaw of Limerick - L&C&J Souza
WD: Connemara's Wildwind Eagle - S&J Wandruff
RWD: Singing Swords Irish Prince - D. Kaufman

SUN MAID K.C./FRESNO
Judge: Mrs. Florence Savage

March 28, 1981

BOB: CH. Shaw of Limerick - L&C&J. Souza
WD,BOW: Carroy Kerry MacCool - R&L Rosebrock
RWD: Destiny Michael MacDonal - S. Tierney
WB: Singing Swords Oaken Shield - L&P Hatcher
RWB: Siobhan Cu - R. Binder
BOS: CH. Carroys Liath Cu Moscail - Rosebrock

KERN COUNTY K.C./BAKERSFIELD
Judge: Mrs. John B. Patterson

March 29, 1981

BOB: CH. Shaw of Limerick - L&C&J Souza
WB,BOW,BOS: Siobhan Cu - R. Binder
RWB: Destiny Merit MacDonal - S. Tierney
WD: Destiny Michael MacDonal - S. Tierney
RWD: Destiny Maxim MacDonal - S. Tierney

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SALINAS VALLEY K.C.
Judge: Glenn Fancy

April 4, 1981

BOB: CH. Shaw of Limerick - Linda Souza
BOS: CH. Carroys Liath Cu Moscail - Rosebrock
WD: Rivendell Niall Pendragon - Silverman
RWD: Timberlane Dunnigan - Turnage
WB,BOW: Siobhan Cu - Binder
RWB: Rivendell Morgan LaFey - Silverman

SANTA CRUZ K.C.
Judge: Frank Sabella

April 5, 1981

BOB: CH. Shaw of Limerick - Linda Souza
(Group 3 - Joe Tacker)
BOS: CH. Carroys Liath Cu Moscail - Rosebrock
WD: Erindale Beauchamp of Triston - Applearbor
RWD: Rivendell Niall Pendragon - Silverman
WB,BOW: Ronor's Royal Ann - Northcott
RWB: Siobhan Cu - Binder

SACRAMENTO K.C.
Judge: Mary Major

April 12, 1981

WD,BOW,BOB: Gilla Machree Tahg of Tara Hts -
Heskett
RWD: Rivendell Niall Pendragon - Silverman
WB,BOS: Rivendell Morgan LaFey - Silverman
RWB: Aoncu's Buidhe Bidtsia - Tara/Greby

WINE COUNTRY K.C.
Judge: James R. White

April 17, 1981

WD,BOW: Connemara's Wildwind Eagle - Wandruff
RWD: Major Acres High Class - Gabriel/Major
WB: Cari Alayne of Home Again - Cromer/Cohee
RWB: Carragheeh of Tara Hts - Tara
BOS: CH. Castlemaine Nona McD - Russell
BOB: CH. Lygon of Limerick - Hays

CHIEF SOLANO K.C.
Judge: Mrs. Eileen Pimlott

April 18, 1981

WD,BOW: Rivendell Niall Pendragon - Silverman
RWD: Major Acres High Class - Gabriel/Major
WB: Aoncu's Buidhe Bidtsia - Greby/Tara.
RWB: Cari Alayne of Home Again - Cohee
BOS: CH. Castlemaine Nona McD - Russell
BOB: CH. Shaw of Limerick - Souza

SIR FRANCIS DRAKE K.C.
Judge: Frances Messinger

April 19, 1981

WD: Lochlin of Tara Hts - Tara
RWD: Rivendell Niall Pendragon - Silverman
WB,BOW: Rivendell Morgan LaFey - Silverman
RWB: Russell's Katie Maire RV - Sanford
BOS: CH. Russell's Siobhan RV - Sanford
BOB: CH. Castlemaine Donnchad of D - M.Shaw

SAGA

of urethral stones in my old wolfhound.

by Janet Souza

Several months ago I noticed that Mac was having difficulty urinating, going from a stream to a trickle to droplets very quickly. We went to our vet immediately and, with great difficulty, catheterization was performed. A medical regimen followed and, up to this past weekend, worked well.

For a few days preceding Monday he was urinating more often and for longer periods than usual. On Monday morning it was noticed that he had a decreased stream and the vet was called. The girl gave us an appointment time for late in the day. By the time we arrived his stream was down to droplets and not many of those.

The vet first tried to catheterize him but the blockage was so complete that it was impossible to pass the catheter. An emergency surgery was recommended and, on being told that it was minor, under local anesthesia, and would take 25 minutes, accepted.

Mac will be 8 years old in June of this year, is in relatively good shape for his age, but being a wolfhound my vet was very reluctant to anesthetize him. He was given mild sedation and a local anesthesia was applied to the prospective surgical area.

The planned procedure was to make an opening below the anus into the urethra, opening a hole to relieve the pressure and to empty the bladder. The name of the procedure is perineal urethrostomy. It eliminates future use of the penis but the choice was death by complete obstruction of the bladder or surgery.

Unfortunately, when the opening was made, the urethra, which should have been bulging with urine, was nowhere to be found. After probing for what seemed an eternity, actually almost an hour, it was determined that general anesthesia must be administered and further, deeper searching must be done. When the urethra was found, it was packed so solidly with small gravelly stones that it was imbedded in surrounding tissue. By the time the surgery was completed, the dog had been under anesthesia for approximately 2½ hours and the vet wanted him off of the table as quickly as possible. He sealed off what bleeders were obvious and, in order to close quickly, left some to close themselves.

Mac was brought home directly following surgery and a vigil was kept all night. It wasn't a good night for either dog or owners but he did make it through. The next day following surgery he urinated, had a bowel movement, drank water but did not eat. He was oozing blood from the incision. The next morning the oozing blood had increased to a slow but steady stream. He was returned to the doctor's office and IV's were started. It was necessary to reopen the wound and seal off all bleeders. The dog's blood was not clotting as expected and it was thought that possibly he was a bleeder. He had never had a cut or incision in his life so it was not known prior to the surgery. The reopening and closing was done under sedation through the IV.

He tolerated the surgery very well but that night was much less responsive than previously. It was decided that if any further treatment was necessary he would not be put through it. He was very depressed, and so were we.

Thursday did not start off well. He had not eaten a meal since Monday morning, he was not drinking enough water, he was still bleeding slightly, and he was attempting to urinate, even though an indwelling catheter had been placed. A small meal was put into him, ice packs were placed to try and stop the bleeding, which was decreasing, and then extreme swelling took place. The indwelling catheter had to be removed, as the dog was expelling it, and immediately following removal he relaxed considerably. Cool cloths were placed often for the swelling, another meal was put into him, and we fell into bed. He laid very quietly on the rugs by the bed all night, in fact so quietly that he was checked often to be sure that he was breathing.

Friday morning he was back on his feet, wagging his tail (slightly), drinking a more acceptable amount of water, still not eating, going outside to potty (looking a bit perplexed at the stream going out behind him instead of under him), and the bleeding was all but stopped.

The doctor saw him that afternoon and was very pleased with how well he was doing at that point.

We read about the different things that can happen to our dogs, particularly our old ones, but you have to live through the experience to really understand what the articles are about. We are still not out of the woods but have high hope for more time with our MacIntosh.

Janet Souza

March 20, 1981

Dear Editor:

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With reference to the problem of vicious dogs attacking dogs whose owners keep them leashed I can suggest two similar solutions. For the ten years that I have had my IW I have carried a spray can of HALT and can testify that it does the trick. I only had to use it once when a strange stray dog rushed us. A blast of HALT in the face stopped him in his tracks. He blinked a couple of times, pawed at his face and ran away without a sound.

The other solution is to take the police course, pay a small fee and get a certificate to carry Mace. HALT is a pepper product which will not injure as Mace might and merely makes the animal or person sprayed very uncomfortable for about 30 minutes - so uncomfortable they can think of little else. HALT is legal in California without a certificate. In a case such as Candi Decker mentioned (Hounds' Bugle Feb. 1981) I would unhesitatingly spray the vicious dogs and if their owners looked like they would attack me I would also spray them.

The enclosed item in Today's Animal News might be of interest. It is my firm belief that no decent human would indulge in dog fighting or go to see a fight. They should be firmly suppressed.

Very truly yours,

Ruth Loesch

The article Ruth sent is a chilling account entitled A Typical Dogfight. Too long to reprint in the Bugle, it is must reading for those who think that these fights aren't as horrible as they've heard

or that the owners have a shred of kindness or love for their dogs or even that the "winners" are allowed to survive for long. The article is in the April 1981 issue of Animal News, 2002 Fourth Street, Santa Rosa, 95404.

— the Editor

"No one has the right to pit one animal against another. No one has the right to cause suffering on another living creature or to place that creature in a position that will cause certain injury or death. Don't be fooled by the misconceptions about this activity. The truth is that many fighting dogs die a violent death in the pit or at the hands of their owners who will sometimes kill an animal that has lost a match. Surviving dogs may be permanently crippled and few fighting dogs survive more than six matches. The question remains: how can any human being turn an animal against its own kind. It seems that we are lowering another species to our own human standards of killing one another."

Richard Ward, Executive Director
Peninsula Humane Society



Dear Editor,

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I picked up a copy of -

Simon and Schuster's Guideto Dogs
by Gino Pugnetti (ed. by Elizabeth
Meriwether Schuler) "A Fireside
Book" copyright 1980 \$8.95

in a local bookstore and, of course, immediately flipped to #317 Irish Wolfhound. There I found a picture of an IW, symbols (used throughout) indicating that the breed is gentle with children, can live outdoors and hunts by scent (?). A brief description of the breed's history, physical characteristics and particular good or bad features (in the author's opinion) is included. Although symbolically depicted as being gentle - I quote from the printed description:

"It is also a formidable guard dog,
since the wolfhound can kill a man
by grabbing him by the throat."

Though I'm certainly not anxious for a lot of people to decide they want an IW because they're described as being terrific dogs, I also don't want the breed's character and temperament slurred in this fashion. It's hard enough to convince people I meet when walking my dogs that they are gentle despite their size, I can't imagine trying to persuade someone of that once they read this book!

I suggest to everyone else who feels as I do about this character assassination that they write, expressing their indignation, to the publisher in the hope that the next printing will delete that portion of the description. The address is:

Simon and Schuster Bldg.
Rockefeller Center
1230 Avenue of the Americas
New York, N.Y. 10020

Sincerely,
Paula Silverman



Often, there are bills being presented in the California Legislature which are of interest to or should be of concern to NCIWC members. Following are just a few of the many which deserve attention and letters, letters, letters - brief and to the point, expressing your feelings pro or con - to the bill's author, to your state senator, to your assemblyman and to the hearing committee members when known.

SB 49 - Senator Marz Garcia

This bill prohibits the killing of dogs and cats for the purpose of eating them. It is in trouble because of its racial overtones, and needs a great deal of pro-animal support with no anti-asian flavor.

SB 58 - Senator Alan Robbins

This bill prohibits the carrying of animals and children in the backs of open trucks - unless they are secure. It is in limbo at the present and has little chance without a lot of pressure (letters) because the Farm Bureau and the Cattlemen's Ass'n. oppose it.

AB 616 - Assemblyman Chet Wray

People assume, when leaving a pet overnight at a veterinary hospital, that an attendant will be present to care for it or rescue it from fire, etc. Often, no one is there. This bill requires the veterinarian to inform his/her clients if no one is present overnight. Its author needs letters describing experiences of owners' animals left at hospitals overnight needing human assistance. The bill is being stoutly opposed by veterinarians.

SB 616 - Senator Barry Keene

This bill permits the shooting of dogs chasing wildlife (deer, elk) and raises the penalty of allowing dogs to run loose and chase livestock and wildlife to a misdemeanor.

Please write your state assemblymen and senators. Address your letters to the author of the bill and your local legislators, c/o the Capitol Building, Sacramento, California 95814.



YOUR LETTERS COUNT!

. . . .

- You might like to know about the Political Animal Welfare Action Committee (PAWAC), a new organization created to support legislators and political activities that will benefit animals. For further information, contact PAWAC, Fort Mason Center, Building B, San Francisco, CA. 94123 (phone: 885-2679).



With dog-bite incidents on the increase nationwide, naturalist Roger Caras is predicting "that within two decades you will see the bureaucratic supervision" of dog ownership. "Size will be the first restriction. Urban areas will most likely put a restriction of 25 pounds on a dog. ---Responsible dog ownership (is) the only way that dog ownership can possibly continue in our crowded and stressed environment."

PLANTS POISONOUS TO CHILDREN AND ANIMALS

<u>Plant</u>	<u>Poisonous Parts</u>
Bittersweet	bark, leaves, seeds
Castor Bean	seeds, foliage
Crocus	all parts
Daffodil	bulbs
Daphne	bark, leaves, flowers
Dumb Cane	all parts
Foxglove	leaves
Golden Chain	leaves, seeds
Hemlock	all parts
Ivy, English & Baltic	berries, leaves
Jimson Weed (Thorn apple)	ALL PARTS, EXTREMELY DANGEROUS
Larkspur	young plants, seeds
Lily of the Valley	leaves, flowers
Marigold	all parts
Marijuana	resinous substance
Mistletoe	white berries
Monkshood	all parts
Oleander	ALL PARTS EXTREMELY DANGEROUS
Philodendron	all parts
Pointsetta	all parts
Poison Ivy	all parts
Potato	unripe tubers, sprouts
Rhubarb	leaf blades
Fern	



Travel Time

In a new booklet, *Vacation Time: Traveling with Your Pet*, the society offers advice to people who plan to take their furry friends on trips.

A cat or dog unfamiliar with car travel can become restless or frightened and possibly even cause an accident, the society advises. Also, leaving an animal in a closed car can be dangerous to the creature's health, because animals require more oxygen than people. During summer months, an animal in a closed-in car can suffer fatal heat stroke.

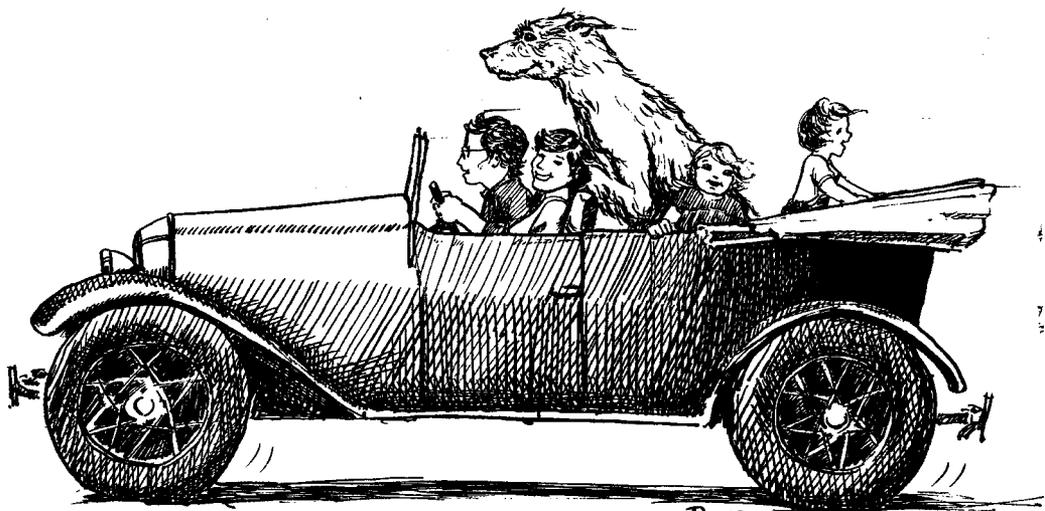
The booklet, written by Jennifer Hill Bassing, offers helpful pointers on preparing a dog or cat for car travel. It also

discusses details involving air travel and foreign travel with pets.

For a free copy of the booklet, write: Public Information Office, Peninsula Humane Society, 12 Airport Blvd., San Mateo, CA 94401.

For pet lovers planning trips around the United States and Canada, hotels and motels listed in AAA TourBooks generally mention whether pets are permitted. Also, the Gaines pet food company has published a handbook, *Touring with Towser*, which lists lodgings that will accept pets. To get a copy, send a dollar to Gaines Research Center, Department T, P.O. Box 1007, Kankakee, IL 60901.

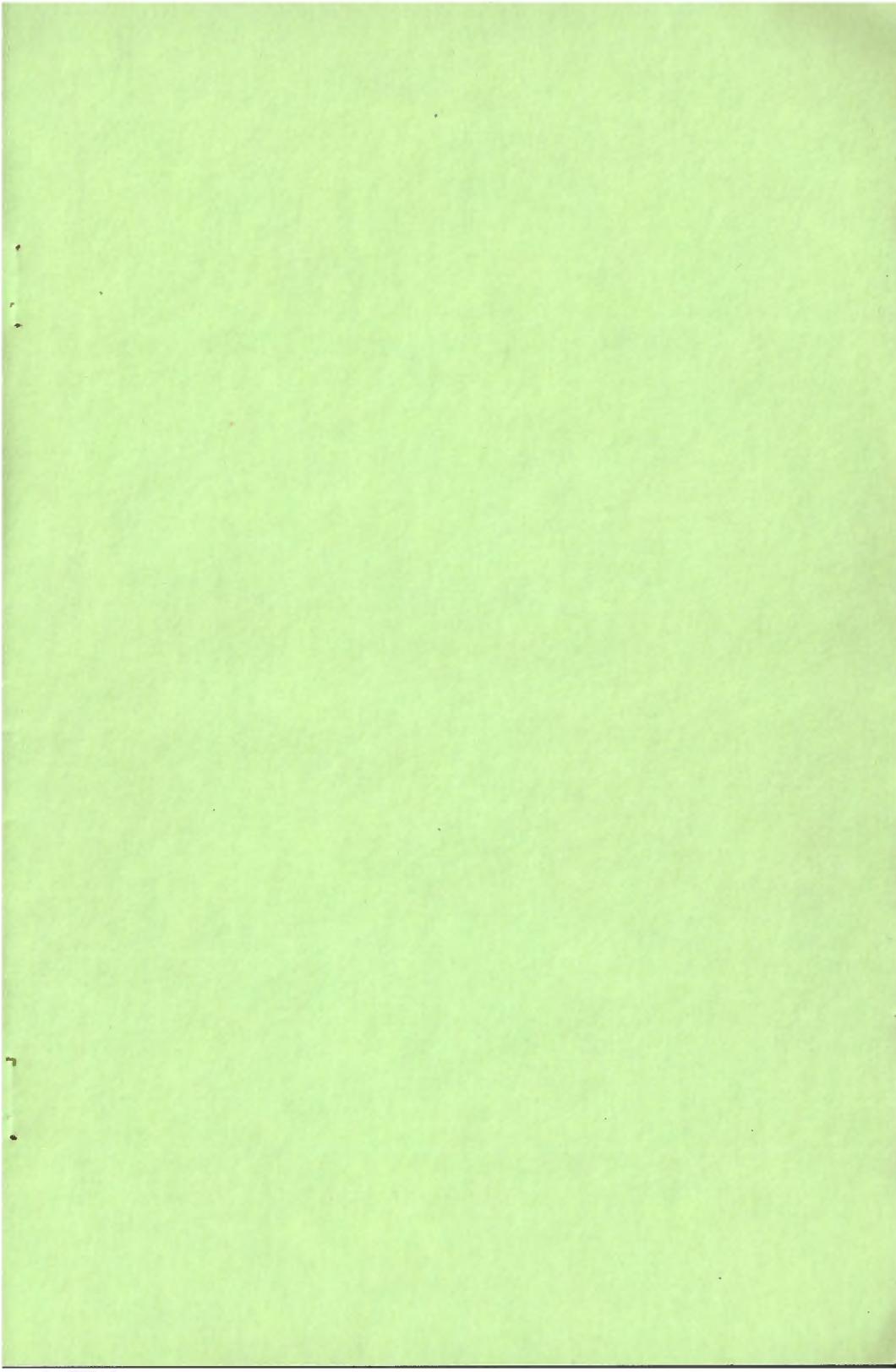
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