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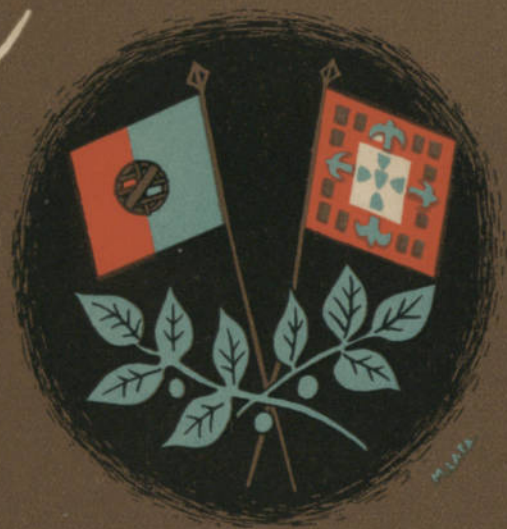








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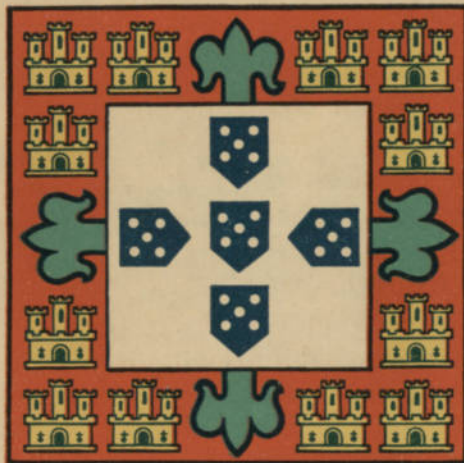
*Preparing for life...*

According to the ethics of the Portuguese State, education belongs to the family, the basis of the social structure. This principle is clearly stated in the Political Constitution of the Portuguese Republic. It is incumbent on

parents to educate their children since this is a duty imposed on them by Christian morality, which leaves its mark on the whole social structure of Portugal.

Indeed the whole organisation established by the State for purposes of education is to be understood only from this point of view: «to offer every facility to parents to fulfil their obligations of instructing and educating their children, by cooperating with them», as is prescribed by the Constitution.

It was therefore in this spirit of defending and cooperating with the family that in 1936 the «*Organização Nacional Mocidade Portuguesa*» (Portuguese Youth Movement) was brought into



being. This organisation deals with youth in general, whether at school or not, and aims at stimulating and developing physical fitness, the formation of character and love of country. In brief the object of the *Mocidade*

*Portuguesa* is to prepare the younger generation for life—a life which is richer and fuller—by helping the Family to play its full part.

We may define it in the words of Dr. Marcelo Caetano, when he was National Commissioner of the *Mocidade*: «It is a movement which aims at the fullest possible shaping of the character of youth and seeks to give young people physical fitness, moral health and a civic consciousness inspired by the highest patriotic ideals and translated into practical terms.

«And it thus gives a reply, by constant effort, to the question which at every step it puts to itself: *how to become the perfect Portuguese?*»

For this reason the *Mocidade Portuguesa* is not:

- a section of a political party;
- a work of catholic action;
- a military organisation;
- an organisation for sport and physical education;
- a school subject, an hour to be filled up on the timetable, a new subject in the school syllabus.

But it is solely and exclusively a *National Organisation* which in the closest cooperation with Family, School, and Church, *prepares for life*.

The pages of the present album if they were to be shown to someone entirely ignorant of the work of the Organisation and unaccompanied by this brief introduction, with the illustrations bereft of their titles, would at once give a simple motto of the happy optimism: Joy in living. Or perhaps, expressing it in

words we have already used. «*Preparing for life*»!

In the youth of Nation, as Salazar himself has said, the Country has the pledge of its salvation and the basis of its greatness. And those who have eyes to see will believe this as they look over this summary of the following activities of the *Mocidade Portuguesa*, collected during its every day life, in its work, its encampments, its games, which bring together and make brothers of boys of every social class «from the capital to the provinces, from the city to the village and the countryside: in physical fitness, devotion to duty, love of family, work and the land, in the consciousness of personal usefulness and responsibility, in discipline and patriotic devotion.

Such is the undeniable lesson to be drawn from the present publication.



If we so desire life will always be smiling, healthy: LIFE



In camp in the open air.

The camp is our city...



... and in the evening under an awning of flowering branches, a well-deserved rest as we breathe in good pure air.



In moments of ease, the newspaper of the M. P. is read — a newspaper without crimes and fratricide wars...

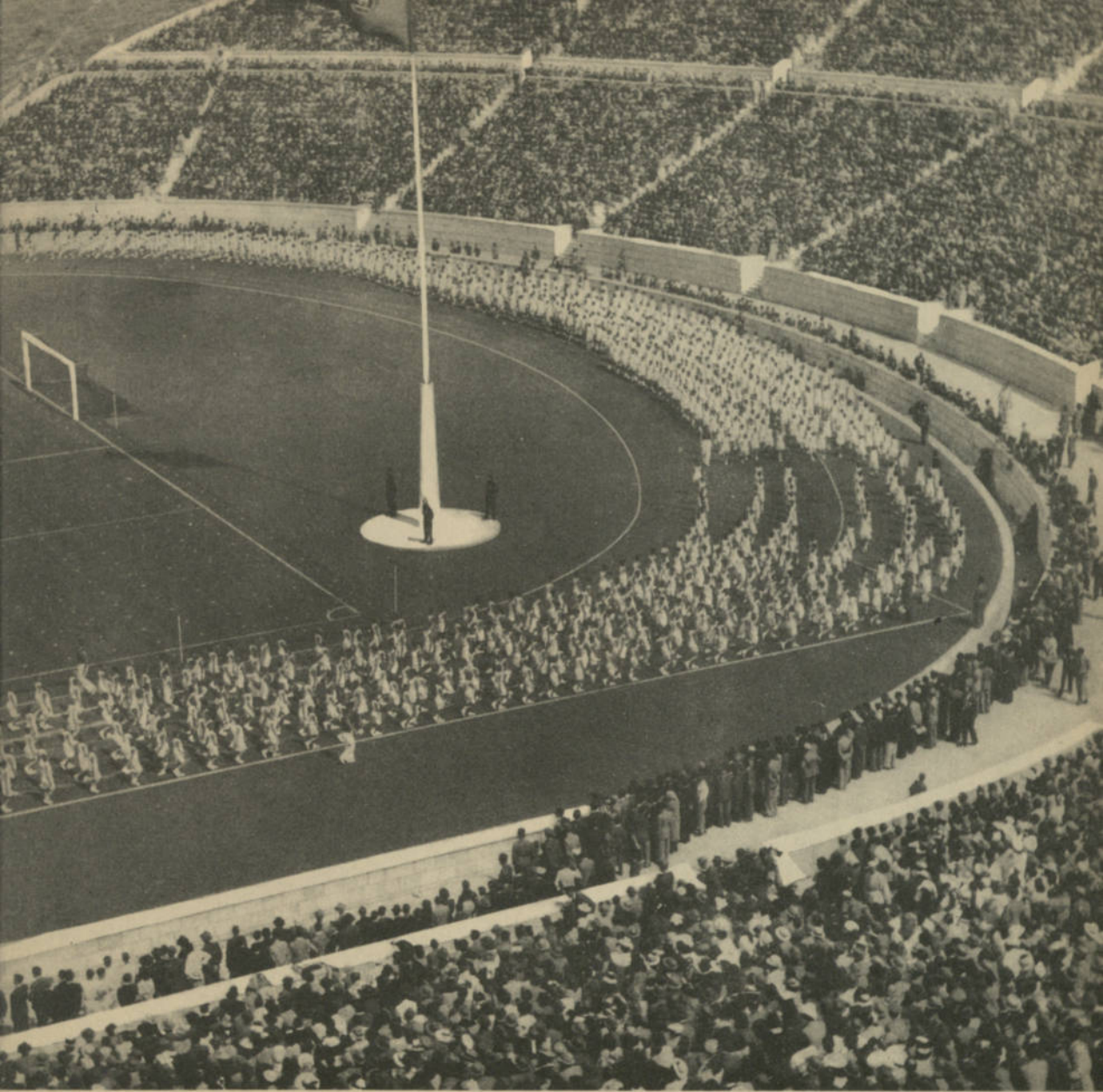


... and in easy conversation, the senior officer (graduado) has no difficulty in getting himself listened to.



This is the way to train healthy bodies for the service of  
healthy ideals. Unfurling the colours...





... the "Mocidade Portuguesa" marches past in the imposing  
National Stadium.



The "Flame of Youth" pierces the darkness of the night . . .



... and at times during vigils of wondrous dreams lights up the  
walls and battlements of the ancient castles of Portugal.



A man should be self-sufficing . . .



... he should even know how to cook



But man does not live by bread alone!  
This young man took part in one of the Poetical Competitions  
(Jogos Florais) and won a prize . . .

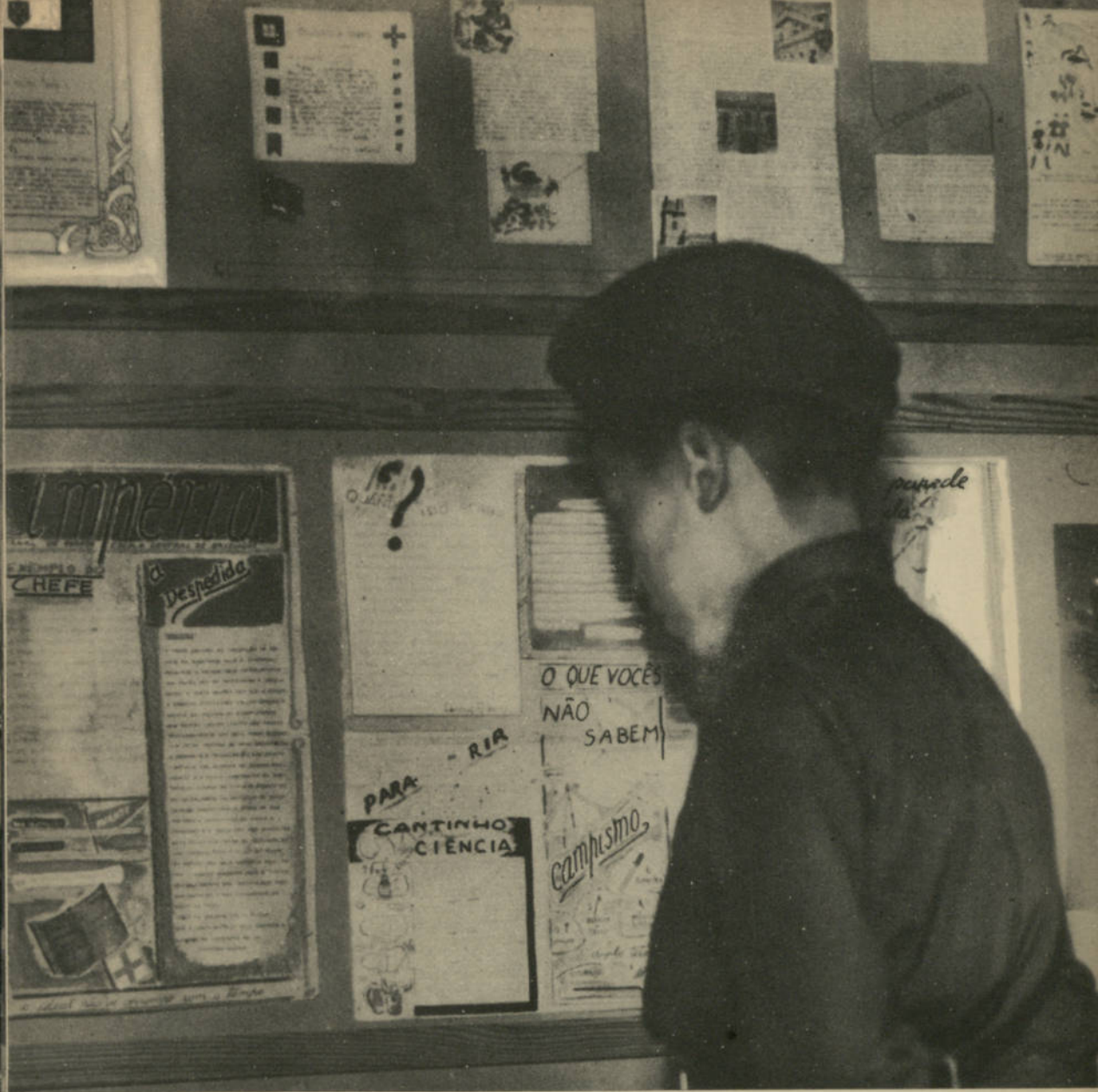


... and this one is taking part in the Campaign of Goodwill, gathering together unwanted articles; these will be transformed as if by magic into comforts for the needy.



The Exhibitions for Aesthetic Education (Salões de Educação Estética) stimulate the artistic tendencies of youth...





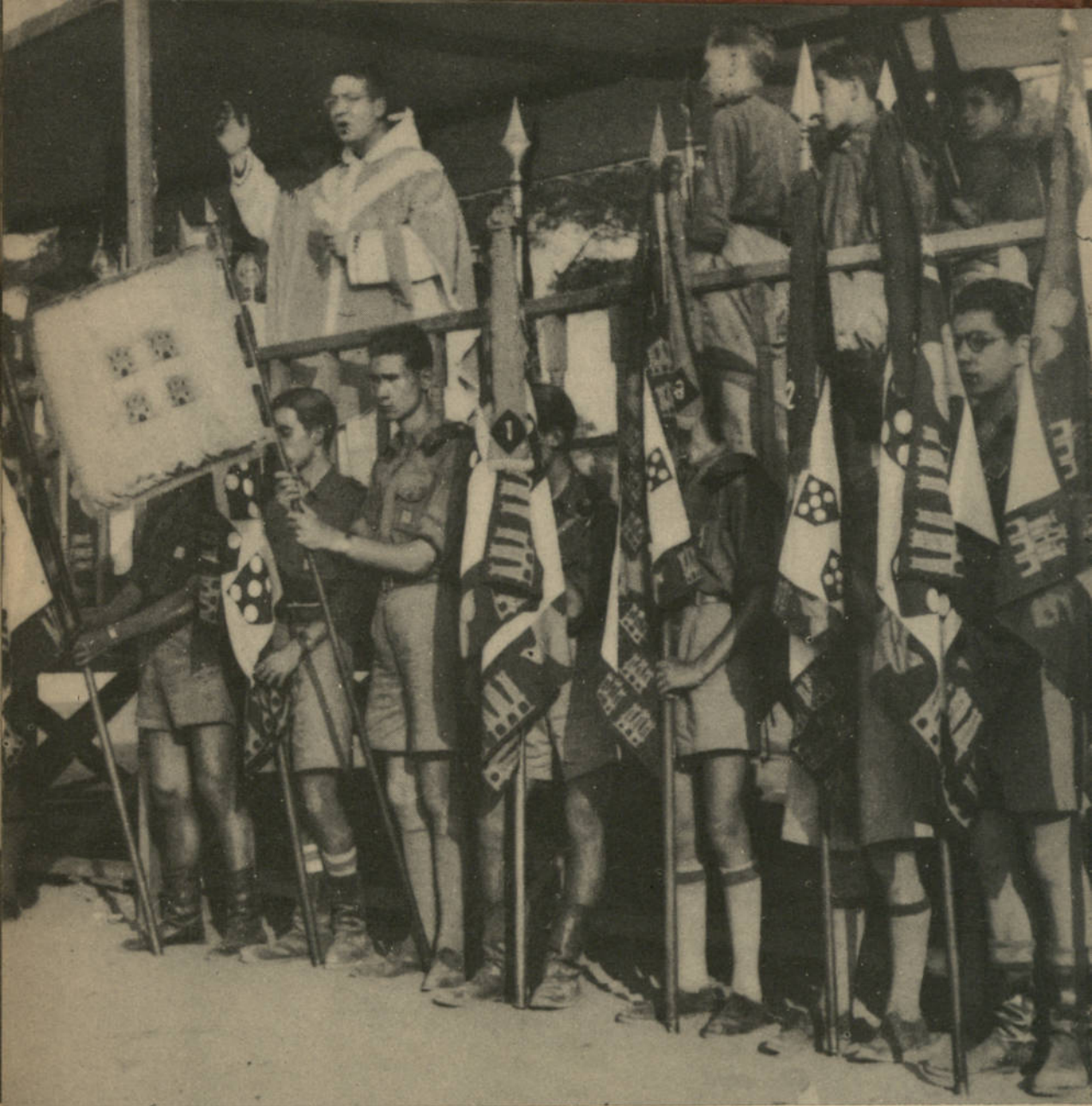
... and in the "Jornal de Parede" they can try out their first flights of literary fantasy.



The talents of playwright and actor are put to the test in  
the "Theatre of the Mocidade"...



... and the cheerful songs of Portugal are the sign that — Here comes the Mocidade.



Above all: "Love God! . . . ."



... and thy neighbour as thyself'.



No efforts are spared so that the boat may be as clean as a new pin.

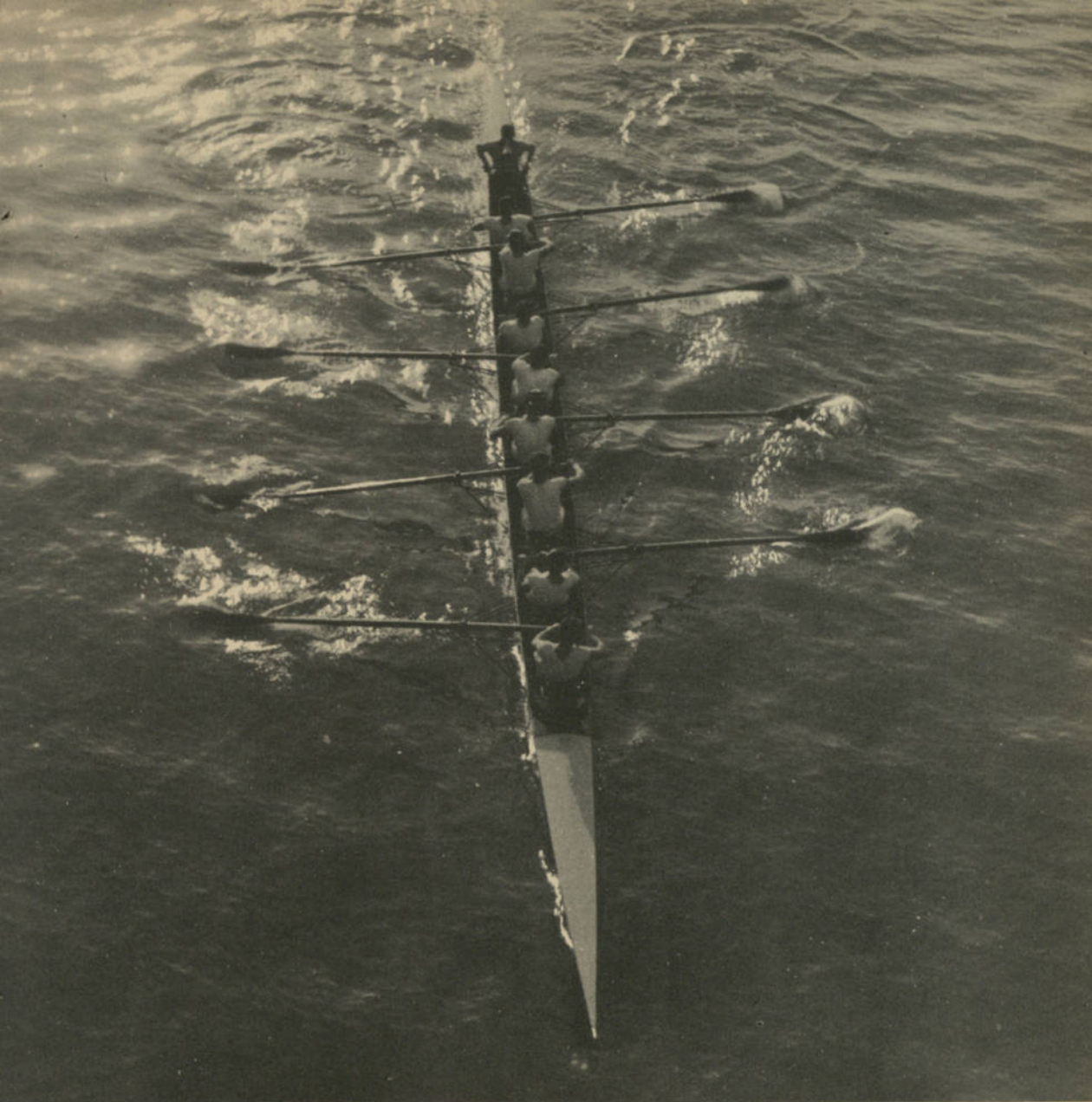


On the Tagus the white sails beckon to Lisbon . . .



... and with them the Mocidade learns how to make the sea obey.

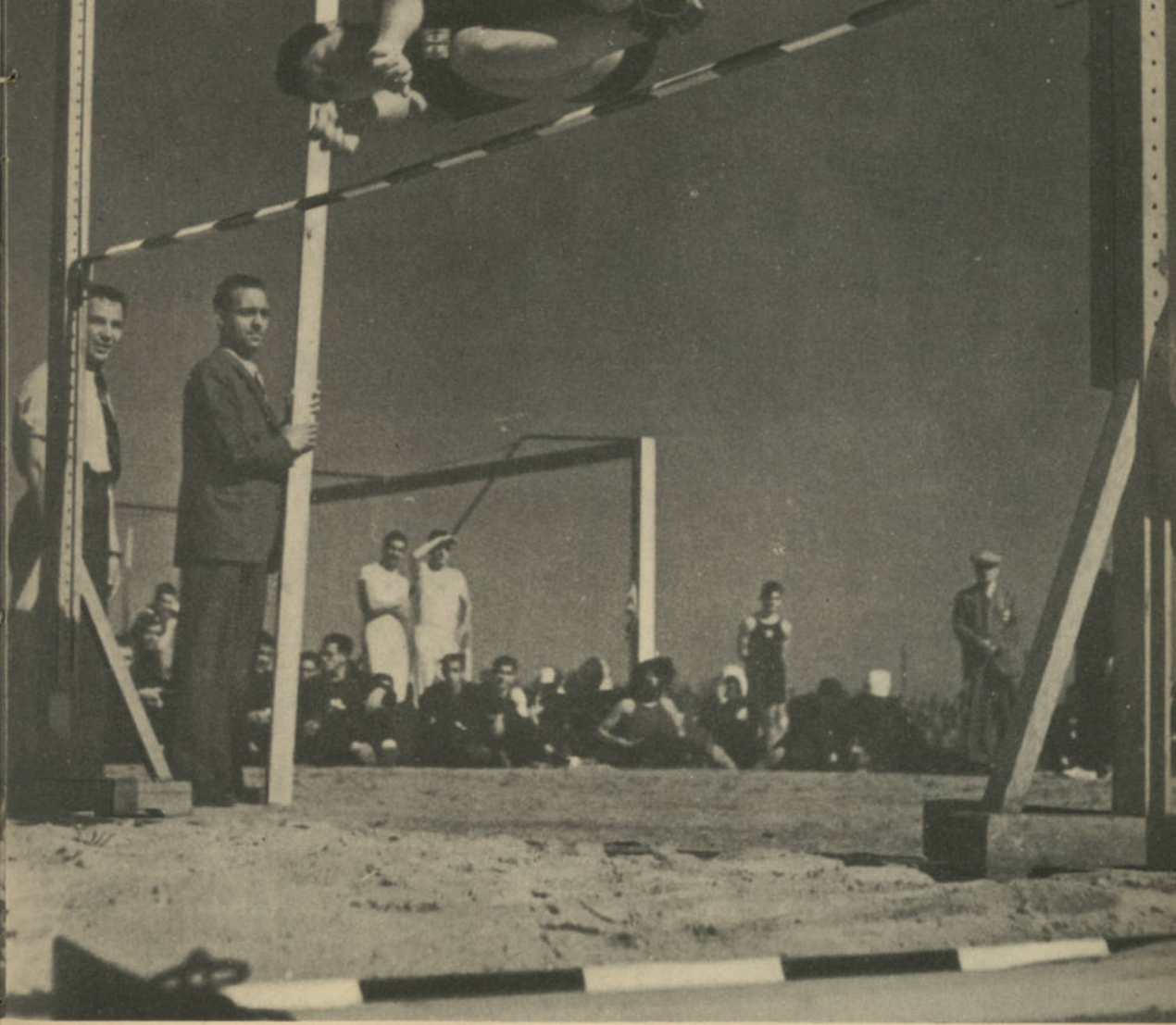




"To row is to say to the Ocean : get back ; here comes a man".



To stimulate physical fitness : but to do away with the paltry spirit of  
competition . . .



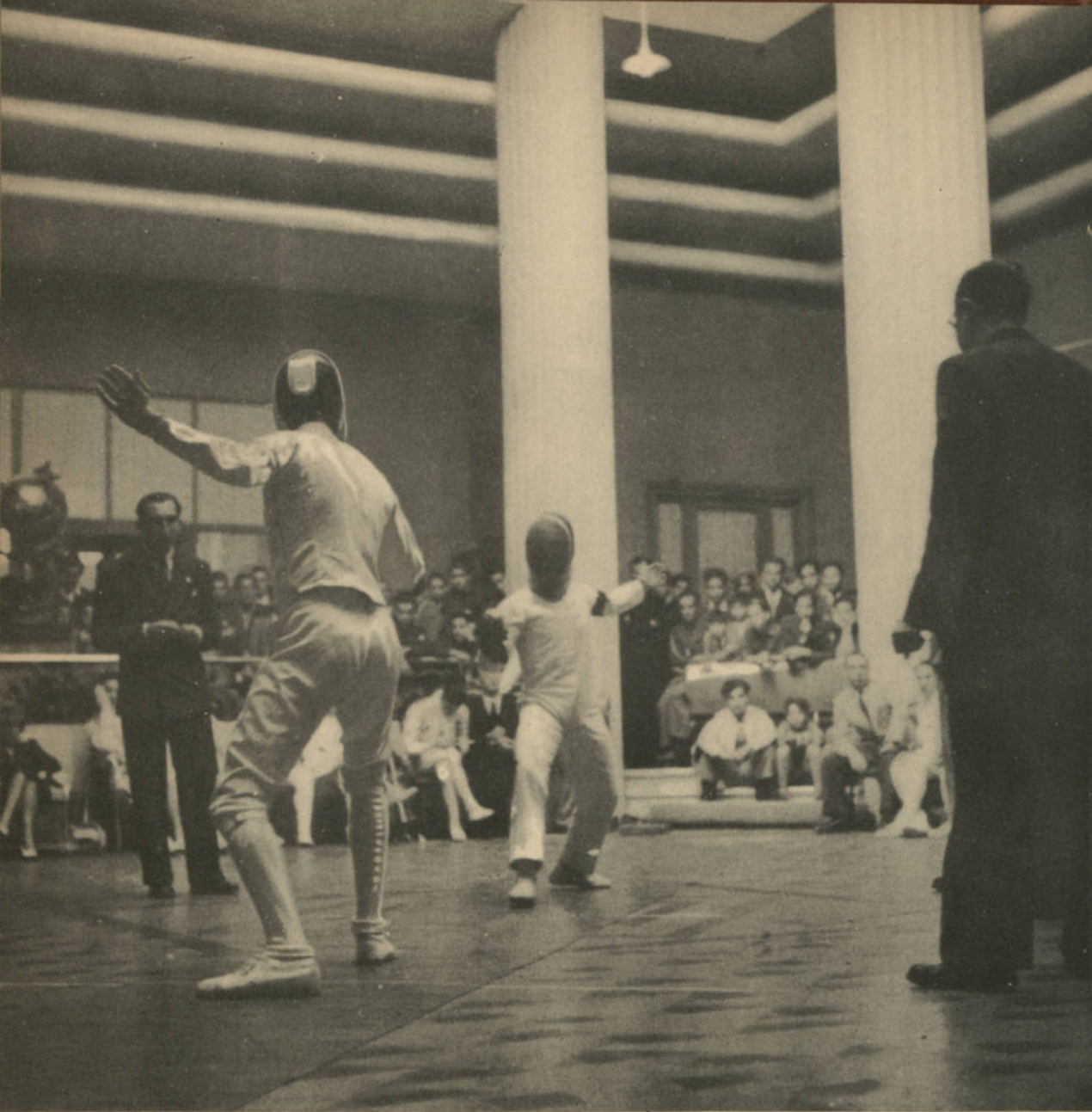
... by winning with generosity and by keeping one's good humour  
even when beaten.



The art of riding well in every kind of saddle . . .



... even that of Pegasus to conquer the air.



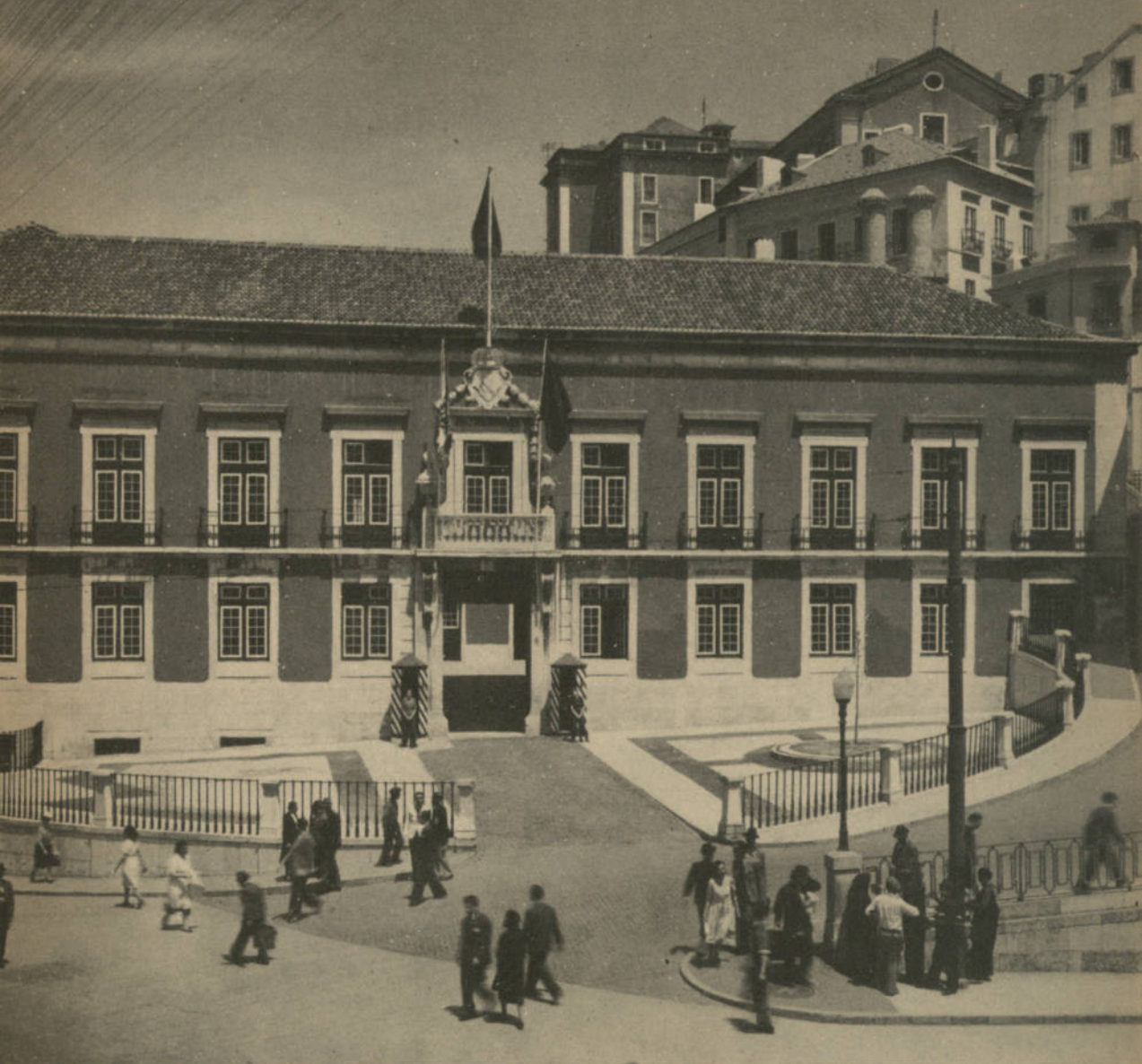
"To serve thee, arms to deadly war inured..."

«Braço às armas feito...» (From «Lusiadas» C. X. 155)

— lesson in chivalry ...



... and the Portuguese flag everywhere leads on.



The Home and Headquarters of the Mocidade : Palácio da  
Independência.





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LIMITADA, E A IMPRESSÃO  
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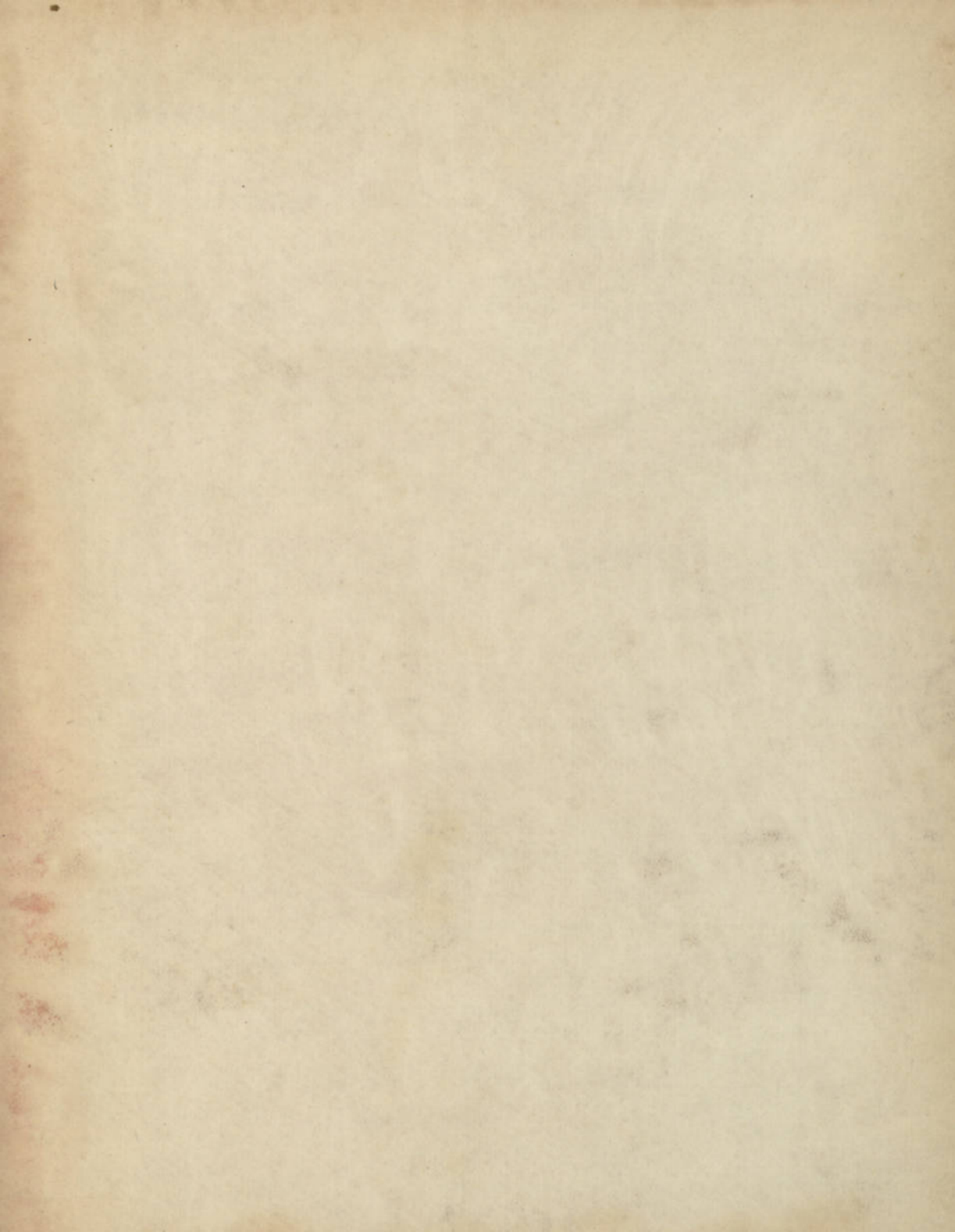


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