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\secondprinting[<token list> parameter]
\headline      [ <token list> parameter]
\footline      [ <token list> parameter]

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These parameters contain, respectively, the current headline (header) and the current footline (footer). The plain T_EX output routine places the headline at the top of each page and the footline at the bottom of each page. The default headline is empty and the default footline is a centered page number.

The headline and footline should both be as wide as `\hsize` (use `\hfil`, p. ‘`\hfil`’, for this if necessary). You should always include a font-setting command in these lines, since the current font is unpredictable when T_EX is calling the output routine. If you don’t set the font explicitly, you’ll get whatever font T_EX was using when it broke the page.

You shouldn’t try to use `\headline` or `\footline` to produce multiline headers or footers. Although T_EX won’t complain, it will give you something that’s very ugly. See page ‘`bighead`’ for a method of creating multiline headers or footers.

Example:

```
\headline = {\tenrm My First Reader\hfil Page \folio}
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produces:

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My First Reader                               Page 10
(at the top of page 10)

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Example:

```

\footline = {\tenit\ifodd\pageno\hfil\folio
              \else\folio\hfil\fi}
% Produce the page number in ten-point italic at
% the outside bottom corner of each page.

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