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HF 13 Possible Observation of the Coexistence of Superconductivity and Long-Range Magnetic Order in NdRh_6B_6 , SmRh_4B_4 and TmRh_4B_4 .* † H. C. HAMAKER, H. B. MacKAY, L. D. WOOLF, Z. FISK and M. B. MAPLE, U. of Calif., San Diego— The ternary rare earth compounds NdRh_6B_6 , SmRh_4B_4 and TmRh_4B_4 have been studied by means of critical field, low temperature heat capacity and static magnetic susceptibility measurements. Features in the upper critical field and heat capacity data suggest the occurrence of long range magnetic order in the superconducting state. The temperature dependence of the static magnetic susceptibility of NdRh_6B_6 follows a Curie-Weiss law with an effective moment $\mu_{\text{eff}} = 3.6 \mu_B$ and a Curie-Weiss temperature $\theta_p = -6.2 \text{K}$ between 20 K and room temperature. However, magnetization vs. applied field isotherms show a greater tendency towards saturation than would be expected for an antiferromagnet. *Supported by US DOE/Ey-76-S-03-0034-PA227-3 (HCH, HBM, LDW, MBM). †Supported by NSF/DMR77-08469 (ZF).