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News

A bulldozer widening the road leading past the houses excavated by Wace up to the Lion Gate at Mycenae uncovered more houses on the other side of the road. The excavation of these has been begun by Mr. Verdelis, and will be continued with the help of Prof. Marinatos. Three houses have appeared, of the same period as those already excavated. In them are found fragments of fresco, pottery, including stirrup jars (LH III B), and some further Mycenaean (Linear B) inscriptions. From the southern-most of the three houses, in the SE corner there are two complete tablets, and about 15 fragments. Among the words already read and reported there seem to be two names already known from the tablets of the House of the Oil Merchant (Au102). (Clipping from the Kathemerini, 8 February 1958 and by the kindness of several correspondants)

Photographs of further tablets from 1955 received in February 1958 permit the tentative transcriptions of the following fragments:

Frl214 (?)            1 -re OIL  
Un1250                1 PIG+KA            1 SOW 2            (part of Un1189?)  
Frl251                Wa-na-so-I  
Xal252                1-2 DI            2  
Xal253                1-ti-ja-nol            (or ] -ti-ja-no-se-wa- [ )  
Frl255                1we-ja-re-pe            OIL+PA  
                      -nu-wi-jo                QT 1  
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Among the Haghia Triada tablets (Linear A) two new joins have  
been made: HT 30+77, barely adding new material to the text; and:  
HT 95+149 (=113 bis). Of this the new text of the obverse begins (i  
the L transcription):

30-93-95-74 . 42 (HT figs. 28 and 149)

30-84 10 76-25-92 10

and the reverse begins:

52-93 . 31-55 10 (HT figs. 29 and 334)

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News

Under the direction of Prof. Meriggi of the University of Pavia, arrangements are rapidly being completed for the "2o Colloquio internazionale di studi mino-micenei" to be held at Pavia the 1st-5th of September 1958.

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### News

The 2<sup>o</sup> Colloquio Internazionale di Studi Mino-Micenei was held at Pavia 1-5 September 1958. About twenty persons were able to attend. Prof. P. Meriggi, the Collegio Ghislieri, and the University of Pavia were the hosts; P. Chantraine was chosen to preside. The papers presented and discussed had approximately these titles: J. Chadwick, Questions générales (Textes, syllabaire, idéogrammes), P. Chantraine, Conséquences du déchiffrement du mycénien pour la philologie homérique, E. Bennett, Sur les "mains" des scribes de Pylos, O. Landau, Sur les noms de personne mycéniens, E. Risch, L'interprétation des tablettes O-KA, H. Mühlestein, Quelques mots mycéniens, C. Gallavotti, Sur le nom du cheval et les labio-velaires dans mycénien, W. Merlingen, Deux observations concernant PY Tn316, M. Doria, Quelques problèmes phonétiques apres les tablettes mycéniennes, C. Milani, Sur les textes de Pylos 1957, V. Georgiev (read by Muhlestein), L'origine des écritures crétoises, L. Palmer (read by Chadwick), Luvien et Lineare A, P. Meriggi, Sur le déchiffrement de la minoenne, P. Dikaios, Les fouilles et les inscriptions chypro-minoennes d'Enkomi.

The VII Congresso Internazionale di Archeologia Classica, at Rome and Naples, 6-13 September 1958, included in its program several papers touching Minoan and Mycenaean studies, though none obviously dealing with script or language. Among these were N. Platon, Problèmes de restauration des ruines minoennes, Sp. Marinatos, Problemi della civiltà pre-ellenica, D. Levi, Gli scavi di Festòs e la cronologia minoica, F. Matz, Die Katastrophe der mykenischen Kultur in Lichte der neuesten Forschungen, F. Schachermeyr, Die Kulturbeziehungen zwischen dem anatolisch-vorderasiatischen Bereich und dem Ägäisländern in Stein-u.

Bronzezeit, Sp. Marinatos, Gli scavi di Pylos, J. Papadimitriou, Le tombe di Micene, L. Lacroix, A propos de découvertes récentes: la technique de l'incrustation dans l'art créto-mycénien, O. Broneer, The Isthmus of Corinth & the end of the Bronze Age.

It is reported that further discoveries of tablets have been made this season at Pylos in Prof. Blegen's excavations, and at Phaistos in those of Prof. Levi.

The William L. Bryant Foundation has made a generous contribution toward the cost of the Mycenaean Bibliography with the result that the expenses of the first 30 pages are met. For this and succeeding issues the University of Texas has agreed to lend its support, with the very agreeable results not only that its continuation is ensured, but that its circulation may be freely increased to include those interested in Minoan and Mycenaean studies in Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, and South America. Such encouragement has led me to choose a name, apparently not yet taken by a periodical. Although this NESTOR cannot hope to live three generations, we may justify his name if we proclaim as his the generations of the Bronze Age in the Aegaeon, whether they be Middle, Late, or Sub-; I, II, or III; or Helladic, Minoan, and Mycenaean. And while we must concentrate on script and language, we would not neglect archaeological and other aspects of these ages. It is hoped that this NESTOR may continue to prove useful to all, and serve as a vehicle of communication among us. Therefore any and all assistance, such as notices of new books, or offprints of articles, especially those missed in recent issues, news of new discoveries, and all the like will be gratefully received. Please send such information, and names and addresses of those who would probably find NESTOR useful, to

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### News

Prof. A. J. Beattie kindly reports that in Athens he has re-examined PY Ael34 and Sh736, among other tablets. Of Sh736 he says, "the ideogram ... is simply not there. There are certainly three or four scratches where the ideogram should be ... but between these scratches there is merely a space where the ideogram has been removed through damage." In Ael34, he would prefer to read ☉††† 78-5-2-11-60, with the sign 60 accidentally damaged by a scratch across the top part, or at least ☉††† 78-5-2-11-39 (i. e. "qe-to-ro-po-ra" or a very doubtful "qe-to-ro-po-pi").

Prof. C. Gordon has kindly sent the schedule of his Seminar at Brandeis University in July on THE ORIENTAL BACKGROUND OF THE GREEK EPIC, which included much else of interest and an examination of the Linear A materials to discover what part Akkadian factors have in the Haghia Triada tablets. In August, at Iraklion he examined the Linear A tablets from Mallia, Knossos, Phaistos, and Haghia Triada, and was at Phaistos when the Italian expedition (under Dr. Levi) found a Linear A tablet in the area of Haghia Fotina. Prof. Gordon says that there probably should be distinguished within the Linear A corpus smaller groups of different periods and types. Here the tablets of Haghia Triada would appear as distinct from the rest. From this historical conclusions might follow.

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### News

At the 24. Versammlung Deutscher Historiker (25-27 September 1958) in Trier, a session was devoted to the theme "Das Griechentum im 2. Jahrtausend v. Chr." in the section "Alte Geschichte." These papers were presented: F. Schachermeyr, Die mykenische Kultur und ihre Zentren im Lichte der archäologische Neufunde; A. Heubeck, Ventris' Entzifferung von Linear B - ein Kartenhaus?; J. Kerschensteiner, Zu den Linear-B-Tafeln: Frühe griechische Schriftlichkeit.

At the VI. Internationalen Kongress für Namenforschung (24-28 August 1958), these pertinent papers were presented: A. Heubeck, Die Entzifferung der griechische Linearschrift B und das vorgriechische Substrat; A. G. Tsopanakis, Ueber die mit iphi - und amphi - zusammengesetzten Personennamen bei Homer.

At the next annual meetings of the American Philological Association and the Archaeological Institute of America in Cincinnati, a joint session on Mycenaean Studies has been planned for the morning of Monday, December 29, 1958. Papers will be read by Jack L. Benson, Thalia Phillis Howe, Saul Levin, and George Mylonas. In another session George P. Goold will read a paper on "Homer and the Greek Dialects."

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