

News

PY Fn79 has been joined by 1192.

Summaries of papers read at the meetings of the American Philological Society and the Archaeological Institute of America, in New York, 28-30 December, 1959.

Jaan Puhvel, "Mycenaean mo-ro-pa₂ and Vedic brahmán- : a confrontation."-- This paper proposes to discard Palmer's current interpretation of the Mycenaean title mo-ro-pa₂ as mo(i)roppās 'share-holder', and also criticizes Mühlestein's more recent connection with brábēs 'umpire'. Combining the conclusions of Ruipérez (Minos 4, 1956, 157) that mo-ro-pa₂ is a priestly title, and the well-sustained arguments of Thieme (Zeitschrift der Deutschen Morgenländischen Gesellschaft 102, 1952, 91-129) that Skt. bráhma- originally meant 'formulation' and is etymologically cognate with Gk. morphé rather than with Lat. flāmen, mo-ro-pa₂ is shown to belong to the same group of words and to be an archaic epiclerus of the priestly order, like the Indic caste designation brahmán-. In this context consideration is given to Dumézil's views that a reflection of Indo-European social class divisions lingers on in pre-Cleisthenic Ionian tribal structure.

H. D. Ephon, "Enkomi Tablet Two: Intimations of Argonautica (Mycenaean Poetry)"-- From the transliteration of the second Enkomi tablet according to the values which I gave the signs, with a set of spelling rules comparable to those of Linear B, it is possible to reconstruct the Mycenaean Greek of a large percentage of the text. Context thus obtained provides the most important check of the validity of the solution. If the percentage of acceptable "Greek" is less than that obtained from Linear B, if the language is less Homeric, the solution is--and should be--automatically suspect.

The Cypro-Mycenaean syllabary of the Enkomi tablet No. 2, with Ventris' numbering (Documents, 62)

	a	e	i	o	u
-	55	56	58	44	
b	17	41	27	20	21
g	14	49	42	32	18
d	28	19	35	36	16
w	45	51	54	37	4
z				40	46
j	47	39	53	12	
l	23		38	10	24
m	22	2	8	9	31
n	6	43	48	50	15
q		5	1	25	34?
r	30	7	33	3	
s	29	11	26	52	
ai	- 57				

The percentage of recognizable "Greek" and of "Homeric Greek," it turns out, is greater than that obtained from Linear B and higher than could be expected. Why the decidedly-higher percentage? Because we are dealing with poetry (note the metrical scheme of the strophe)! Because we are dealing with a dialect which was closely related to Homeric and Attic Greek!

The dialect of Cypro-Mycenaean was related to the ancestor of Attic-Ionic. Under certain circumstances "Ionic eta" had already replaced long a.

The most interesting portion of the text and the best contextual proof lie in the following lines: (1-2) (|ai-ne-|da gu-||wo si-|ma-ga wa||[na-ga-do| .. || .] a-|go-so a-|| ||la-| jo-jo o-||mo-se | = ainetans guons tīmāka

wa[naktos ...] Argohos alāioio. omosse ...) "The renowned travels, I sing, of the lord of the wandering Argo." (5-7) "I will set free...Medeia, queen of the lofty city...beautiful, rich, untouchable, majestic, and the widow..." (10) "...bringing D. to the Peloponnesus." [Second strophe:] (11-12) "'Jason,' Idaia said, 'let us move the watch-fire..., lord of the Argo.'" (19-20) The key words, "whipped, Idaia, fetters, sons" should be compared with the incidents described in Diodorus Siculus iv.43.3-4 and 44.2. Note also the interesting "of Mycenae by race" (16) and, "And the mighty Ajax" (95).

Sp. Marinatos, "Some Historical Hints from the Excavations at Pylos" -- The similarity in construction and use of the tholos-shaped chamber tombs found in Cephallonia and in the Volimidia necropolis at Pylos suggests a close historical connection between the two regions. This suggestion is reinforced by comparison of the handmade pottery of Cephallonia and Pylos, and by the peculiar continuity of religious observance at the tombs in both places. Holes were opened in the roof of still-sealed tombs to receive offerings. This cult persisted for centuries throughout the Greek period, and in Cephallonia even into Roman times. From the legendary and from the historical period further evidence of the connection of these regions is found. The connection of the bowmen Messenian Eurytos and Iphitos, with Cephallonian Odysseus in particular (with the quantity and excellence of arrowheads excavated at Pylos) and the journey of Telemachos specifically to Pylos may be mentioned. Historical connections are seen in the help given Aristomenes by a Cephallonian friend, and Aristomenes' noble defense of the same, during the Messenian Wars, and in the transfer by Athens of Messenians to Cranii in Cephallonia, 421 BC. It is possible for us then to postulate the existence of a close relation between Pylos and Cephallonia. Cephallonia received the Mycenaean (LH III) culture just about 1400 BC; earlier traces have not been found as yet. As far as we can judge today it is likely that people from Pylos colonized the island. It seems probable that a really strong and recognized sentimental connection between the two districts continued from Mycenaean times through antiquity.

E. L. Bennett, "Palaeographic Evidence and Mycenaean Chronology" -- Although earlier and later stages in the development of a certain few Linear B signs can be detected at Knossos, Mycenae, and Pylos, these are generally of no use in an attempt to establish the chronological relations of their respective varieties of the script. In each place there exist at the same time widely different styles and forms of the script. It is the similarity, however, of the three collections of archives in the presence in each of hands and of individual forms representing two or more opposed and continuing traditions of writing which is more important historically. A conclusion about their dates is not likely to be demonstrable; but at least they seem not contemporary. But their similarity indicates that in the times when our surviving records were written communication among the centers of Mycenaean civilization was probably very extensive, and was maintained by large numbers of reading and writing persons. Those of the governing and officiating classes, to which our scribes belong, were very mobile, so that in each place might be found, as they are, scribes trained in different places, schools, or traditions.

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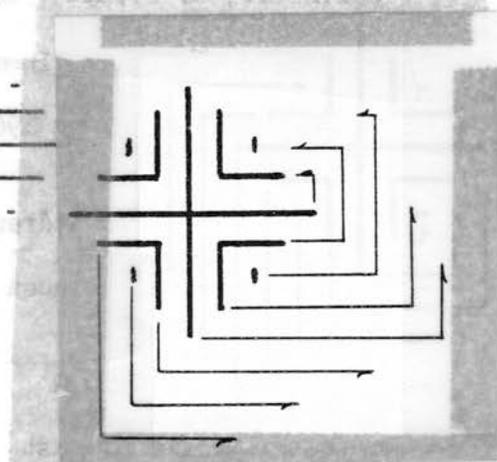
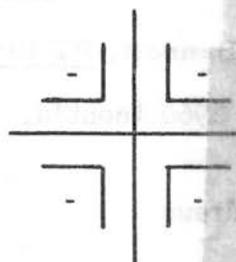
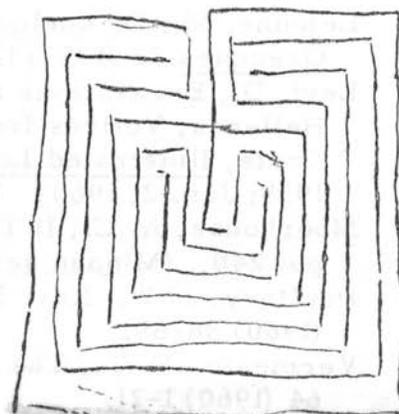
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News

PY Xn1130 should be cancelled since it is a part of An614, as shown PT II 62. Eall15 has been joined to Ab584. We are greatly indebted to Mabel Lang for the discovery and testing of these and other recently reported joins of the Pylos tablets in the National Museum in Athens.

In connection with recent discussion about the possible mention of stimulating drugs in Mycenaean tablets (PY Sb1314; cf. Merlingen, Athenaeum 46 [1958] 413-14, Die Sprache 4 [1958] 96-97), Sp. Marinatos reports an observation made by Dr. P. Kretikos, professor of Pharmacology in the University of Athens. Dr. Kretikos observed that the poppy-capsules decorating the head of the "Poppy Goddess" found at Gazi, Crete (Marinatos, Arkhaiologikē Ephēmeris 1937 1 278ff; cf. also Marinatos-Hirmer, Kreta und das Mykenische Hellas, 102, Nr. 128) bear some perpendicular incisions very similar to the incisions made even today to collect the juice from which opium is made.

Errata: p. 82, read M. F. Galiano, Madrid. p. 83, s.v. Combellack, and p. 84, s.v. Whatmough, read Classical Philology 55 (1960). The diagram drawn on p. 83, lower right is incorrect. A corrected version, to be pasted on p. 83, is supplied herewith.

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News

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The Mycenaean number of Archaeology, detailed below, is pleasant news. We owe many thanks to the editor, Gladys Weinberg, for the idea of such a number, and for its very successful production.

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News

J. Chadwick reports that one of the four fragments of Linear B tablets found during the excavation at Knossos by the British School at Knossos in 1959 is the central section of another "Armour" tablet, similar to S 8100. The HELMET ideogram is, however, in this case clearly recognizable, and the following word is o-pi-ko-ru-[-], not e-pi- as tentatively read on 8100.

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Dr. Paul Åström, Director of the Swedish Institute at Athens, writes, 4 June, 1960: "I take the opportunity to inform you that the eforos of Argolis, N. Verdelis, and myself, in a joint Swedish-Greek expedition, have found a Mycenaean bronze corslet in a chamber tomb at Dendra dating from just before 1400 B.C. (Myc. III A: 1). The tomb also contained bronze greaves, a bronze helmet with cheek-pieces, what may have been a bronze shield, bronze vases, boars' tusks, &c. It may interest you to know that the bronze corslet is not unlike the ideogram for corslet in Linear B. It consists of plates giving the same horizontal lines as on the ideograms. It covered the shoulders as is indicated by the ideograms." A report of the discovery appeared in the newspaper VIMA, 22 May, 1960.

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The philological arguments for the comparative date of the language of Mycenaean Greeks at Knossos, Mycenae, and Pylos seen in different spellings or forms of the same words, if they can be distinguished from regional differences of dialect, and are not simply due to scribal variations in orthography, are not likely soon to be met with a uniform and generally accepted answer. Even then philological (i.e. linguistic) evidence properly bears little weight in archaeological arguments.

The history of the Palace at Knossos will be better tested by small supplementary excavations, which have been in progress for some time with this end in view, than by debate about the conduct of the original excavation. Still, the re-examination of the contemporary notes of the excavations will be of great help, and should by all means be undertaken, especially if the grounds for the inevitable discrepancies among the Day-Books, the Preliminary reports, and the final publication in the Palace of Minos can be discovered. Particularly valuable for Linear B studies would be the publication (perhaps in a few microfilm copies?) of those Day-Books in question. These might provide evidence for the determination of the find-spots of the tablets and for their original numeration. As it is now, any attempt to fix the identity of tablets found in this or that spot, with few exceptions, leads either to hopeless confusion or to a doubtful guess. Some tablets in the Iraklion Museum bear three or four different pencilled numbers, and are assigned other numbers in SM II. Such repeated changes in numerations, which can not often be traced, make the identification of tablets recorded as from particular find-spots (e.g. in SM II) unreliable, and leave serious doubts about the original groupings of many texts. It would be worth a great deal, even without a hint of the present controversy, to have available the best possible reconstruction of the record of discovery of the inscribed tablets from Minos' Palace, and of their subsequent fortunes.

Somewhat similar questions have been raised about the time and place of finding of certain tablets and fragments from Pylos in connection with an earlier controversy. Some indications may, of course, be found in the excavation reports, in the publications of the texts, and in other articles. But these indications are not sufficient, and a full record of all the steps from the discovery of the tablets, their numeration, their cleaning, their recording in photograph and copy, and the joining of their fragments to their publication is being prepared, and should be of some assistance in their interpretation.

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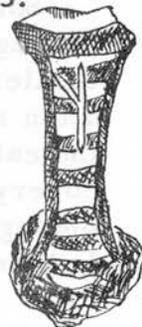
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Please send requests for the maps of Mycenae mentioned on p. 102 only to Mrs. Wace or to E. L. Bennett. Miss Clay's name was included in error, and we would apologize for the inconvenience caused by this mistake.

Since a library cannot hope to have available copies of all periodicals, nor a Mycenaean Collection offprints of all Mycenaean articles, there are bound to be gaps in the list of materials available. However, the University of Wisconsin Library and Nestor's offices between them can make available all the articles listed in Studies in Mycenaean Inscriptions and Dialect except the following Desiderata:

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* sa also 54. 52 - final s. 37 probably me. 50 possibly we as well as le. 47 possibly ma as well as me.

	a	e	i	o	u
-	53	56	32	16	57
j	38	12		39	
k	20		40?	11	
l	3	50			31
m	27*	47	43		
n	5	25		6	1
p	4	26	41	17	21
q		22	58	27	
r	45	36		28	
s	49*	51	19		
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w		24*		44	42
x	7	23			

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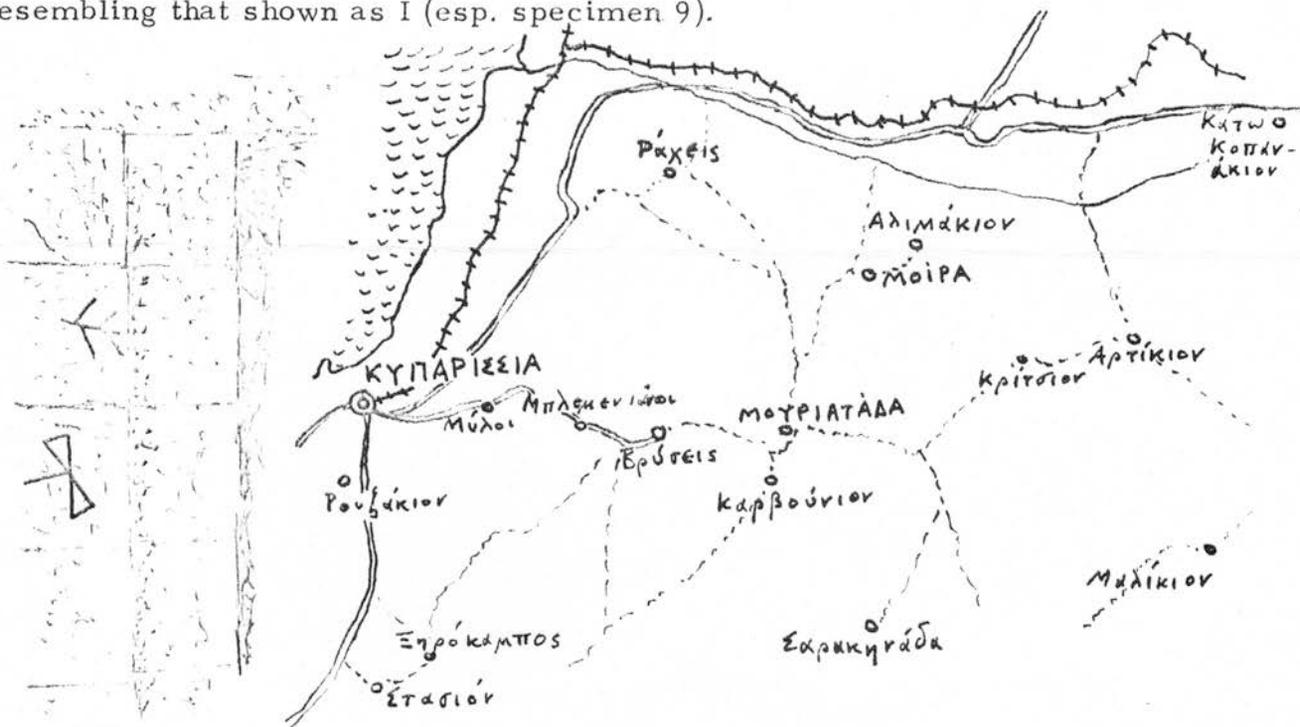
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S. Marinatos has kindly supplied many further details to add to the report of the discovery of a tholos tomb near Kyparissia. He writes:

"In the Messenian aulon, where the previous investigations of Valmin were not without success (e.g. Malthi-Dorion, Bodia, Kopanaki) I found an entire Mycenaean stronghold near the village Mouriatada, 9 km. to the east of Kyparissia, in a mountainous district. There were abundant traces of Cyclopaean constructions, among which were a megaron with a beautiful floor of plaster and another similar construction which may well be a temple. A tholos tomb, well preserved, but plundered, was excavated there. I called the site tentatively 'Amphigeneia.'

About 8 km. to the north-west, near the village of Moira, the tholos tomb appeared. It is a magnificent monument, a tholos 12 m. in diameter, with the facade in ashlar masonry of poros, and with two Minoan A signs, which are mason's marks, I believe. It is of course plundered. It will be excavated next year, as the huge lintel is a danger. The interest of the tomb is that, although a member of the third category of Wace's classification at Mycenae, it contained in the dromos and in the filling of the tholos as far as it has been excavated, only LH I/II and matt-painted pottery, together with the coarse black, partly incised local ware, the so-called 'Adriatic' element of Valmin."

The two signs appear, each on a separate block of the ashlar masonry, on the left door-jamb, facing the dromos and slightly below the lintel. The upper sign is a 'branch' sign, nearly resembling that identified in F. Chapouthier, Les Ecritures Minoennes au Palais de Mallia, Catalogue des signes muraux, pp. 76-82 as VI (esp. specimen 2), while the lower is a 'double-axe' sign, resembling that shown as I (esp. specimen 9).



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